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TO: Commission, Director, and Deputy Directors  
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SUBJECT: Northwest Boise Neighborhood Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan  
Status Report for September 9, 2015 Pre-Commission Meeting

Executive Summary

The draft Northwest Boise Neighborhood Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan is complete and will be published for public comment on September 9, 2015. The primary purpose of the Plan is to identify key pedestrian and bicycle improvements to facilitate greater mobility throughout the Northwest Boise area. Projects from the Plan will be prioritized by the City as part of the countywide community programs process and be subsequently programmed in the Integrated FYWP.

During the September 9th staff update, staff will provide a brief summary of the plan highlights and identified projects and recommendations.

Facts & Findings

Major sections of the Plan include an introduction describing how the plan will be used, a review of existing plans and policies relevant to the area, a review of conditions and demographics, a needs analysis based on travel characteristics, recommended projects, and an implementation strategy. The Plan was developed with extensive input from the city, stakeholders and the public. Specific public involvement tools included direct outreach to stakeholders, a traditional open house, an online survey, and an interactive mapping tool that allowed citizens to make location specific comments. A total of 462 comments were received during the public input phase. Of those, 334 of the comments were received via an online map tool. The Public Involvement Meeting was held on May 7, 2015 and was attended by 38 stakeholders from the community.

Fiscal Implications

The Northwest Boise Neighborhood Plan is a project identification tool and does not commit ACHD to building specific projects. Projects will be evaluated and programmed as part of the IFYWP and budget process, in close coordination with our City and School District partners.

Policy Implications

The Northwest Boise Neighborhood Plan supports ACHD’s continued efforts to provide safe and accessible transportation options to people of all abilities. Neighborhood plans are an outgrowth of ACHD’s Community Program and Complete Streets Policy and are fully supported by ACHD partner agencies. The Northwest Boise area was approved for planning when the Integrated Five Year Work Plan was adopted on 22 October 2014 and projects will be incorporated for adoption in future iterations of the IFYWP.