September 10, 2015

TO: ACHD Commissioners, Director Wong, Deputy Directors

FROM: Ryan Head, AICP, Planning & Programming Supervisor

SUBJECT: 2016-2020 Integrated Five-Year Work Plan (IFYWP) Comments Work Session
Commission Work Session – September 23, 2015

Executive Summary
On August 12, 2015, Staff presented to the Commission the initial draft of the FY2016-2020 IFYWP. Following the meeting, the draft was released for public and agency comments. In addition to posting the plan on the ACHD website, the initial draft was transmitted directly to Ada County, Boise, Boise School District, COMPASS, Eagle, Garden City, Kuna, Kuna School District, Meridian, Star, and West Ada School District. Further, Staff sent the plan to each of the official neighborhood associations in Boise and to the Community Liaison in Meridian for distribution.

At the work session, staff will review in detail the comments received and staff’s proposed response for inclusion in the final draft.

Facts & Findings
A complete summary of comments and proposed responses can be found in Attachment 1. All official correspondence received is found in subsequent attachments. A few individual comments received were sent to COMPASS as part of their outreach effort on the FY2016-2020 Transportation Improvement Program. These comments were included with this comment period for the IFYWP.

Policy Implications
ACHD develops the annual update to the IFYWP in close coordination with its agency partners and the public. Public and agency input into the initial draft is essential to ensure an open and transparent process and the proposed plan of projects is informed by those it will serve. IFYWP adoption is planned for October 28, 2015.

Fiscal Implication
The IFYWP reflects the FY2016-2017 ACHD Budget as the first two years of the Plan. As the budget was adopted on August 26, 2015, staff is only recommending changes to project phases outside of the budget years. These changes will be reflected in the final draft and in future budgeting processes.

Attachments
1. Summary of Comments Received
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## Summary of Comments Received

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<td>Expressed appreciation for programming of Ustick and Ten Mile projects and cooperation on Pine Avenue project.</td>
<td>No response needed.</td>
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<td>Request ACHD keep a contingency to mitigate traffic impacts in north Meridian due to increased traffic caused by SH 16. Highlight interim signal treatments as a potential option.</td>
<td>All funds are currently accounted for through the IFYWP process. Three miles of Ten Mile programmed in IFYWP.</td>
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<td>Keep intersection of Meridian/Chinden and Locust Grove/Chinden in the IFYWP. Encourage ongoing dialog with ITD of the importance of the Chinden corridor to the transportation network.</td>
<td>List projects as UF in the IFYWP. Removed originally due to ITD modifying the scope of potential intersection improvements on Chinden. Staff to continue to engage ITD on Chinden.</td>
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<td>City of Boise (David Bieter, Mayor)</td>
<td>Expressed appreciation for acceleration of Kootenai, Vista / Federal.</td>
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<td>Requested that the construction phase of 3 community programs projects not be delayed from 2018 to 2019. Indicated projects have been requests since around 2010. Requested projects remain in 2018 and that needed funding come from outside community programs.</td>
<td>Projects were delayed in order to balance the program to Commission-approved spending targets.</td>
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<td>Requested that in the future ACHD prioritize Community Programs and Capital Projects in one combined list.</td>
<td>ACHD Commission has not adopted a cross prioritization methodology due to technical and financial implications.</td>
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<td>Provided feedback on new priority area, requesting evaluation prior to proceeding.</td>
<td>Staff concurs. Will be discussed during evaluation period in FY2016.</td>
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<td>Ada County (Jim Tibbs, Board Chairman)</td>
<td>“Thank you for considering our requests and incorporating them into the FY2016-2020 IFYWP.”</td>
<td>No response needed.</td>
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<td>City of Eagle (Bill Vaughan)</td>
<td>“We reviewed it and it appeared to be consistent with our prior request.”</td>
<td>No response needed.</td>
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<td>Kuna School District (Brenda Saxton, Transportation Coord.)</td>
<td>No comments on the draft.</td>
<td>No response needed.</td>
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<td>West Ada School District (Miranda Carson, Transportation Liaison)</td>
<td>No comments on the draft.</td>
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<td>City of Kuna (Wendy Howell, Planning and Zoning Director)</td>
<td>No comments on the draft.</td>
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<td>COMPASS (Toni Tisdale, Principal Planner)</td>
<td>Various technical edits.</td>
<td>Revise plan as appropriate.</td>
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<td>East End Neighborhood Association (Tiffany Robb, President)</td>
<td>Concerned with Broadway/Ave B and Idaho/Warm Springs not being included in the plan.</td>
<td>Project is included. Sent the page with the project information.</td>
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<td>Requests that we add the Warm Springs/Walnut Pedestrian Signal to the plan.</td>
<td>To be completed in 2016 using in-house forces and equipment.</td>
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<td>Recognized St. Luke’s expansion decision is still pending and that once resolved, additional projects may be added to the IFYWP.</td>
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<td>Irene Fike (Comment on Budget)</td>
<td>Requests ACHD construct the Glenwood couplet.</td>
<td>Project to be built through development.</td>
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<td>Jaylene Groeniger (Comment on TIP)</td>
<td>Remove SH 16/Beacon Light Signal from the plan.</td>
<td>Project is needed to improve safety.</td>
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<td>Roberta Scott (Comment via Tellus)</td>
<td>Signalize and make safety improvements at SH 69 and Lake Hazel.</td>
<td>Project listed as UF. Working with ITD to accelerate.</td>
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<td>Paul Werner (Comment on Budget)</td>
<td>Requests bike lanes on Floating Feather east of Linder.</td>
<td>ACHD to consider adding bike facility as part of a future maintenance project.</td>
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<td>Redesign the Eagle/State intersection. Preserve needed right-of-way at the intersection when the southwest corner redevelops.</td>
<td>ACHD awaiting further input from the City of Eagle on desired improvement at intersection.</td>
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September 8, 2015

Jim D. Hansen
Commission President
Ada County Highway District
3775 Adams Street
Garden City, ID 83714

RE: Initial Draft of ACHD’s 2016-2020 Integrated Five Year Work Plan

Dear Commissioner Hansen:

The City of Meridian appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the Initial Draft of the 2016-2020 Integrated Five Year Work Plan (IFYWP). Compiling and prioritizing a list of capital, operational and maintenance projects in Ada County is an enormous undertaking and the City commends ACHD on the work that went into preparing the IFYWP. As a testament to your programming and efficiency efforts, the City of Meridian has just a couple of comments related to the Initial Draft of the IFYWP.

Understanding the budgetary constraints ACHD faces, the City is thankful that some of the key projects in our community are on-track for construction in the next few years. Specifically, seeing roadway and intersection projects along Ustick Road and the Ten Mile Road corridors listed in the IFYWP is reassuring. The City is encouraged about all the Community Programs projects that are being constructed in Meridian and the fact that these projects are listed in the IFYWP with other capital and maintenance projects. We want to also thank the District for working with us on Pine Avenue, between Meridian and Locust Grove.

Improving Pine Avenue will help to enhance a key regional corridor for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists traveling between Downtown Meridian and Boise. In addition to its regional significance, this project also has direct impacts on access into the City of Meridian’s Downtown and it connects directly to the City’s growing pathway network. The City is excited to partner with the District and the Meridian Development Corporation, and look forward to the reconstruction in 2018.

With the recent connection of SH-16 to Chinden Boulevard, it is clear that the roadways in North Meridian have realized additional traffic. While we understand that neither the SH-16 Extension nor Chinden Boulevard are ACHD facilities, the impacts the SH-16 connection have had and will continue to make on the local roadway network need to be addressed. Many motorists try to
get from the SH-16/Chinden intersection to I-84, whilst traversing across roadways that currently have stop-controlled intersections and railroad crossings. We respectfully request that ACHD keep some contingency resources to potentially divert to mitigate traffic impacts in North Meridian. The interim intersections ACHD installed at Black Cat/Cherry, Ten Mile/Victory and Locust Grove/Victory have worked very well and we believe other intersections in North Meridian may make good candidates for this type of treatment as well.

Last year, we were encouraged to see two intersections along Chinden, at Meridian and Locust Grove roads, listed in the IFYWP. In the Initial Draft however, the District is proposing to remove these projects. Hopefully the programming, design and construction of these intersection projects can be left in the program and coordination with ITD can progress. Please consider leaving these two intersection projects in the IFYWP and emphasizing with ITD how important these improvements are to the transportation network. Let us know what, if anything, the City can do to assist you in working with ITD so projects along Chinden are constructed in a timely manner.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our comments and requests related to the Initial Draft of the 2016-2020 IFYWP. Please feel free to contact Caleb Hood, 884-5533, if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Tammy de Weerd
Mayor

Charlie Rountree
City Council President

Keith Bird
City Council Vice President

Joe Horton
Council Member

Luke Cavener
Council Member

Genesis Milam
Council Member

David Zarembo
Council Member

cc: ACHD Commissioners
Rod Ashby, Transportation Planner, ACHD
September 11, 2015

Jim Hansen, President
Ada County Highway District
3775 Adams Street
Garden City, ID 83714

Re: ACHD’s FY 2016-2020 Integrated Five Year Work Plan
Comments on Initial Draft

Dear President Hansen:

The Boise City Council recently reviewed the initial draft of the Ada County Highway District’s proposed FY 2016-2020 Integrated Five Year Work Plan and approved the following comments and requests:

First, thank you for advancing the construction of Kootenai Street from Vista Avenue to Federal Way. This project is an important improvement to a key connection for the Central Bench, the Vista Neighborhood and Southeast Boise. Your effort to expedite it is greatly appreciated.

In the initial plan, ACHD proposed delaying the following three projects from 2018 to 2019:

- Collister Drive from Hillside Avenue to Briarhill
- Phillippi Street from Malad to Targee
- Holcomb Road from Eastgate to Amity

Since these projects have been city priorities since roughly 2010, we request that they not be delayed any further. To move them forward as quickly as possible, we also request that funding for them come from a source other than the community programs budget.

Also, in the future, we hope that ACHD project priorities could be combined in one master list rather than the separate project lists for capital projects and community programs. With a combined list, priorities are clear and projects proposed to be delayed are defensible.

The initial work plan draft identifies a new priority corridor in the Southwest Boise area. We think this is premature. Before choosing the next roadway segments for widening, we would like to discuss LOS metrics, how constructing Lake Hazel Road east of Cole Road can be part of the strategy, and have a recap of the previously completed transportation plans for Southwest Boise and South Meridian.
We also are very interested in discussing new and existing priority corridors and, as agreed at the recent joint meeting, we are planning for a more in-depth discussion with ACHD on the existing priority corridor of State Street and its next steps.

Thank you for your consideration of the City of Boise’s transportation requests for the District’s FY 2016-2020 Integrated Five Year Work Plan.

Sincerely,

Mayor David H. Bieter

cc: Karen Gallagher, Planning and Development Services
Ryan Head, ACHD
September 9, 2015

Via Email and U.S. Mail

Bruce Wong, Director
Ada County Highway District
3775 Adams Street
Garden City, ID 83714

RE: Initial Draft of ACHD FY 2016-2020 IFYWP

Dear Director Wong:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the FY2016-2020 Integrated Five-Year Work Plan. We appreciate the work that your staff has put into this year’s plan and their outreach to our agency. Thank you for considering our requests and incorporating them into the FY2016-2020 IFYWP. We look forward to working with ACHD and its staff in future endeavors.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Ada County Development Services at 287-7900.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF ADA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

[Signature]
Jim Tibbs
Chairman

cc: Megan Leatherman, Director, Development Services
    Ryan Head, AICP, Planning Supervisor, ACHD
September 10 2015

Ryan Head  
Supervisor, Planning & Programming  
ADA County Highway District  
3775 Adams Street  
Garden City, ID 83714

Re: ACHD Five-Year Work Plan Initial Draft

Dear Ryan:

Thank you for sending the EENA a copy of the Five-Year Work Plan Draft for our Neighborhood Association to review. We distributed it to all Board Members and gave them ten days to review and offer their comments. As of today, there were only a few comments and/or questions for you to consider.

First, we found no mention of the Intersection Improvements for WSA/Broadway/Main. The Board has had a couple of presentations from Rodney Ashby and Rosemary Curtin for them to gain the EENA opinions and suggestions. We were surprised not to see it on the LIST!

Secondly, Bob Bennett has asked that you add the Crossing Lights at WSA/Walnut to the Draft Plans. He has already spoken to you and also the City’s coordinator asking to have it added.

Other than those two, the only other pending issue is the St. Luke’s expansion which is yet to be determined by the ACHD and the City. Once there is an agreement resolved, we know that plans will be forced into the Five-Year Plan.

Again, thank you for keeping us in the “loop” on these important Five-Year Plans. Please contact me at 323-708-1888 or tiffany@tiffanyrobb.com if you have questions.

Cordially,

Tiffany Robb  
EENA, President
Ryan,
Thank you for your reply. I do appreciate ACHD consideration of my comments. Also, the recently redone section on Floating Feather Road adding sidewalk and a bike lane is a great improvement. I hope it can be extended all the way to Linder for the sake of safety along that section.

On another note, I have attended two Eagle City meetings regarding the Old State Street and Eagle Road intersection. My concern was and still is how the property of that old unused Chevron on that intersection will be developed. I personally believe that property could have been better used to mitigate the traffic mess at that intersection. In my opinion, for the greater good of the community, that intersection needs to be redesigned for transportation infrastructure improvements rather than all development.

It is my understanding that Eagle City URA recently voted against eminent domain on that property and will now let the owners sell it for development. Under this scenario, I strongly encourage ACHD to review any and all development proposals on that property along with the vacant for sale lot on the other side of the street ... to make sure adequate land for transportation infrastructure is available.

Paul Werner
Eagle resident

On Wednesday, August 26, 2015 2:59 PM, Tellus <Tellus@achdidaho.org> wrote:

Dear Mr. Werner,

Thank you for taking the time to provide comments on the FY2016 Draft Budget. Your comments will be shared with the ACHD Commission for their consideration during tonight’s public hearing. Your recommendations will all be considered as part of that process.

I also wanted to let you know that ACHD is in the middle of a comment period on its Integrated Five-Year Work Plan. This plan is what feeds individual projects into the budget as many projects take multiple years to design, purchase the required right-of-way, and prepare for construction. We will also review your comments as part of that comment period. Of note, the City of Eagle has requested that ACHD not plan for any improvements to the intersection of State Street and Eagle Road at this time. They are undergoing additional outreach and are expected to provide additional feedback to ACHD on their desires when that is complete. I would encourage you to reach out to City staff to see how you can be involved in that effort.

Thank you again for taking the time to participate in this process.

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"We drive quality transportation for all Ada County -- Anytime...Anywhere!"
Thank you for all the planning and work to improve the transportation needs in Ada County.

Budget Comments:

- West Ada school enrollment has a huge increase of 1,200 more students this year 2015! Cars and buses are lined up near all of these schools to drop off and pick up students along the side roads which is causing traffic issues on the roads near the schools. Please consider a budget to determine the schools causing the most problems so that more pull off parking by the schools can be added.

- Please budget to have another open house on the old State Street and Eagle Road intersection. This intersection is a traffic mess ... and needs to be finalized for infrastructure improvements. Traffic is getting worse at that intersection especially with all the approved building permits happening in Eagle.

- Continue to budget for open houses as this improves communication.

- Consider budgeting to expand the bike lanes on west Floating Feather Road all the way to Linder. All the new housing adjacent to this area on that narrow road with little shoulder is a huge safety issue for bikes and vehicles.

Paul Werner
Eagle resident
From: Irene Fike [mailto:imfike@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 9:32 PM
To: Tellus

I was not able to make it to the meeting, but I would like to make some suggestions. Mine is the Glenwood connection. Traffic on Cole Road is getting heavier, noisier and dirtier. It is a residential area but Trucks go through at any time of the day and night. It would be in my opinion easier on everybody to have Glenwood connected to Cole Road. Even make it a one way grid would help. I know some people will argue that it is to much trouble to go one block further to get to Cole Village. But I think eventually everybody will get used to it. Best idea yet, connect Glenwood to Cole in a two way grit.

Sincerely,
Irene Fike
New Message from Contact Us Web Form

From: Roberta Scott
Email: br0630@aol.com
Points of Reference or Closest Intersection: Lake Hazel Rd and Meridian Hwy (hwy 69)
Comments: The intersection at Lake Hazel Road and Meridian Highway (69) needs a traffic signal. Having lived near there for over 25 years, I have seen tragic accidents at that intersection. They have increased as the highway has gone to four lanes with a center turn. With lights at Columbia Rd and Amity Rd on this highway, it is time a signal be considered at Lake Hazel. Left hand turns at rush times are difficult and people take risks. Last year there was a fatality with a bicycle rider; two weeks ago a motorcycle was cut off and the rider was seriously injured. Please consider implementing this project. Myself and other neighbors hear this area support a signal being installed, and would be glad to testify at a commission meeting.

~~ End Message ~~
Good Evening,

My name is Jaylene Groeniger, I am the former chair of Friends of Beacon Light Road and current member. It was brought to my attention yesterday that there was a request from COMPASS for the public/community to provide feedback on the plan to add a stop light at Highway 16 and Beacon Light Road.

I am hoping that you will pass along my comments to the proper authority. I was unable to navigate through your website to the proper link to provide my comments.

I am asking that this project be removed from the 2040 Plan. I believe that our efforts to "constrain" Beacon Light Road to 3 lanes is possible and that we are very close to securing this road from expanding to the 5 lanes as has been planned for. Our City officials and the majority of ACHD are in agreement to constrain that road. To put a traffic signal at Beacon Light Road "promotes" traffic to traverse through that neighborhood to cut across to highway 55, when traffic should be pressured to take the existing highway road at State Highway 44 or to Chinden 20/26. These roads have been built to handle the growing population and should be used for the commuter traffic. "If" at some point in the future, decades from now, this becomes inevitable, then let that generation of folks make the necessary changes to correct the problematic roadway connectors. Release the funds, if there are any, and focus on the areas that need immediate attention and funding! We are struggling with State Transportation Funding as it is, and are unable to fund so many "more important" projects. Let's remain focused on those projects and leave Beacon Light Road alone.

Thank you for your time and for sharing my comments on this matter. There are many people that feel exactly as I do and were unaware of this outreach and the deadline for corresponding. Please know over 600 people have signed a petition voicing their desire to see Beacon Light Road "Constrained" at 3 lanes.

Thank you!
Jaylene Groeniger
208-949-1863