March 28, 2016

TO: Commission, Director, and Deputy Directors

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SUBJECT: Main St and Fairview Ave Local Streets Improvements Plan
Status Report for April 6, 2016 Pre-Commission Meeting

Executive Summary

On August 26, 2016, the ACHD Commission adopted the FY2016 Budget, which included the development of a Main St and Fairview Ave Local Streets Improvement Plan. The purpose of the proposed Plan is to evaluate the feasibility of a lane reconfiguration for both Main St and Fairview Ave. It will identify cross sections for both Main St and Fairview Ave to accommodate on-street parking, sidewalk improvements and intersection treatments throughout the corridor, and also identify cross sections for new local streets within the plan area. At the April 6th work session, staff will review the schedule for the Main St and Fairview Ave Local Streets Improvement Plan and the results of the feasibility analysis for the lane reconfiguration portion of the project.

Facts & Findings

Staff conducted a feasibility analysis for various configurations (3 or 4 lanes, with and without new local roads) of the Main St and Fairview Ave couplet from Whitewater Park Blvd to 16th St. At the April 6th Commission meeting, staff will highlight the following:

- Current and forecasted traffic volumes
- Operational capacity and travel time estimates

In the following months, staff will conduct a significant public outreach effort. Key dates are:

- Week of April 7th, Stakeholder one-on-one meetings
- June 2, Public Involvement Meeting #1 – Main/Fairview Alternatives and Introduce Local Roads
- June 22, Commission Work Session
- July 21, Public Involvement Meeting #2 – Local Road Cross Sections
- August 9, Boise City Council Work Session
- August 10, Team Recommendation
- August 17, Commission Work Session
- September 10, Commission Work Session-Draft Report
- September 28, Commission Adoption Hearing
Policy Implications

This project was approved by the ACHD Commission as part of the FY 16 Budget adopted August 26, 2015. It is the City of Boise’s number one study request, and their number nine (9) roadway and intersection project request. This project originated from findings highlighted in the 30th Street Area Master Plan officially adopted within the City of Boise resolution 19725 (R-294-07). The Fairview Ave., Green Street Design Concept Design and Draft Downtown Boise Streetscape Standards Manual helped guide the Alternatives Concept development for Main and Fairview.

Fiscal Implication

Projects approved within this plan will be evaluated and programmed as part of the ACHD IFYWP and the budget process, in close coordination with the City of Boise. Recommended local road connections will be built through development.