November 28, 2016

TO: ACHD Commission

FROM: Christy Little, Planning Review Supervisor

SUBJECT: Boise Transportation Action Plan
Staff Report for December 7, 2016 Commission Meeting

Executive Summary

ACHD was transmitted a development application for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for the adoption of the Boise Transportation Action Plan.

The Plan is on the City’s website: [http://pds.cityofboise.org/media/413915/boisetap.pdf](http://pds.cityofboise.org/media/413915/boisetap.pdf)

Facts & Findings

ACHD staff reviewed the draft Plan in January 2016 and provided City staff with comments.

Fiscal Implications

None. ACHD is not committing any dollars to this Plan, beyond what is already programmed within ACHD’s IFYWP.

Policy Implications

None. This is the City’s planning document. ACHD has exclusive jurisdiction for roads and road rights-of-way as authorized in Idaho Code.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that in response to the development application, that the Commission authorize the President to sign the attached letter to the City.

Attachment:
Response letter to City
Honorable Mayor David Bieter
Boise City Council Members
City of Boise
150 N. Capitol Boulevard
Boise, ID 83702

December 7, 2016

Re: Transportation Action Plan/Comprehensive Plan Amendment CPA16-00006

Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

In January of 2016, the Ada County Highway District reviewed the draft Transportation Action Plan and provided written comments to you. As communicated previously, ACHD is hopeful that this plan is able to help the City of Boise prioritize its projects and coordinate with ACHD on viable transportation solutions based on broad public input and support. ACHD will continue to seek City input on projects and priorities on a yearly basis as part of the Integrated Five Year Work Plan (IFYWP) process. The IFYWP is ACHD’s primary mid-range planning and programming tool. ACHD is committed to building projects that are responsive to the unique demands and contexts within the City of Boise.

ACHD is responsible for the planning, design, right-of-way and construction phases of its projects. ACHD uses industry standard best practices throughout the project development and implementation phases to ensure that the final product is efficient, effective and safe for all users of the public right-of-way. At times, the City may have specific questions or issues related to the technical details of a project. These questions are best answered at the project team level where certified professionals and experts can carefully consider the best path forward. ACHD is committed to including City staff in the decision making process and facilitating robust discussion. ACHD has exclusive jurisdiction for roads and road rights-of-way as authorized in Idaho Code and ultimately the ACHD Commission makes the final determination on a project by project basis how ACHD will move forward.

There is little doubt that transportation demand will shift over time as new technologies, choices and options are made available. Responding to current needs and planning for future needs is a significant challenge that all transportation agencies face. ACHD welcomes constructive dialogue at the policy level on how these challenges can be met.

ACHD looks forward to continued coordination on transportation projects in the City of Boise.

Sincerely,

Kent Goldthorpe, President
ACHD Commission