December 14, 2016

TO: Commission, Director, and Deputy Directors

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SUBJECT: Main St and Fairview Ave Local Streets Improvements Plan
Status Report for December 14, 2016 Pre-Commission Meeting

Executive Summary

During the December 14, 2016 work session, staff will provide a brief summary of the draft Fairview and Main Local Streets Improvements Plan. The draft Plan is scheduled to be released for public comment December 15, 2016.

Facts & Findings

The objective of the Plan was to determine the feasibility of reducing the number of travel lanes on Fairview Ave and Main St from four to three to allow for the addition of on-street parking and enhancement of existing bicycle lanes. The Plan also evaluated the expansion of the local street network between Idaho St and the area south of Fairview Ave.

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 that include operational and capacity analysis, concept development, an improvement plan, and an implementation strategy. The Plan has been developed with extensive input from the City, stakeholders and the public and included multiple ACHD initiated one-on-one meetings with property owners and businesses within and adjacent to the Plan area. Specific public involvement tools included direct outreach to stakeholders and multiple traditional open houses

Policy Implications

Funding for this planning effort was approved by the Commission as part of the FY 16 Budget adopted August 26, 2015. This project is the City of Boise’s number one study request in 2015 and ninth 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

Proposed projects based upon this Plan will be evaluated and programmed as part of the IFYWP and budget process, in close coordination with the City of Boise. Recommended local road connections will be built through development.