TO: ACHD Commission  
Director Wong and Deputy Directors  

FROM: Ryan Cutler, Project Manager  

DATE: October 18, 2011  

SUBJECT: Mountain View Drive Concept  
ACHD Project No. 811004.010  
Staff Memo for Regular Agenda – October 26, 2011 Commission Meeting  

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Executive Summary:

The purpose of this memo is to seek a Go/No Go decision from the commission for Mountain View Drive based upon information obtained during the public involvement process and a previous work session. If the decision is to move forward, the selection of a preferred alternative is also requested. The Public Involvement Meeting (PIM) was held on June 9, 2011 and staff reviewed this information with the Commission on August 24, 2011. The alternatives included have estimated total costs of construction ranging from $130,000 to $1.8 Million.

Background:

Portions of the Mountain View Drive, Cole Rd to Ustick Rd project have been requested in the past for neighborhood enhancements and a safe route to school by citizens in the area. ACHD has also received a letter of support from the principle at Mountain View Elementary School. Mountain View Drive is classified as a Residential Collector on the Master Street Map. No improvements are scheduled for the road in the Capital Improvements Plan and this stretch of roadway has little re-development potential. This segment of Mountain View is identified on the Bike Master Plan adopted by the Commission on May 27, 2009 to be designed to accommodate shared bicycle facilities.

Civic facilities within the area include:

- Mountain View Park
- Mountain View Elementary
- Capital High School
- Post Office
- Boise Public Library

The total length of the proposed improvements is approximately 5,300 lineal feet and there are no public transportation stops or routes within the project limits. Riverglenn Junior High School does have bus stops along this stretch of roadway. Current traffic counts as of September 2011 show approximately 1,200 vehicles on this roadway stretch in a 24 hour period. Additional traffic counts (ADT) were completed on three local roads leading into the elementary school as part of local pedestrian connectivity. These roadways include:

- Kingston Rd east of Cole Rd- ADT= 465
- E Clement Street south of Mtn View Dr- ADT= 605
- Kelly Way south of Mtn View Dr- ADT= 210
Approximately 102 people attended the ACHD PIM held at Mountain View Elementary on June 9, 2011. During the PIM and through our online survey public comment results indicate the majority of the respondents to be in favor of some form of improvement to Mountain View Drive. However, a petition signed by 21 individuals in opposition of any improvements on the corridor was received after the PIM. Some of the individuals who signed the petition may have also commented on the survey. On August 6, 2011 ACHD also received a letter of support from the West Bench Neighborhood Association.

Screened Options:
The following table provides the listing of the screened options which were presented to the Commission, Boise City Council, and the public for comment:

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During the work session in August, the Commission requested some additional follow up to be done on internal roadways leading the elementary school to provide safer routes for pedestrians as possible inclusions with Mountain View Drive proposal. Kelly Way, Kingston Dr, and Clement Rd were evaluated as the possible roadways to be included. (Attachment #1) Full curb, gutter, and sidewalk on one side of the road are assumed based on right of way constraints. Preliminary results are as listed below:

- **Kingston Rd, Cole Rd to School** - $150,000 (Design, ROW, Construction)
- **Kelly Way, Mtn. View to Morton Rd** - $70,000 (Design, ROW, Construction)
- **Clement Rd** - ACHD staff feels that significant public outreach would be necessary due to impacts to private property for a successful project on Clement Rd. This would be best served as a stand alone project.

*The above roadways could be added to any of the alternatives.

Stakeholder Response:
Results from the PIM were discussed with our partner agencies and the following information was received:

- Boise School District – Supports pedestrian improvements
- West Bench Neighborhood Association – Supports pedestrian improvements, preferably sidewalks.
- Boise City Council – The Boise City Council would like special consideration to be taken for bikers. Council also requested further information on the ACHD prioritization process prior to making an official recommendation to the Commission. This information briefing will take place on October 25th at the Boise City Council meeting.

Public Involvement:
Residents along Mountain View Drive have received an ACHD thank you letter for attending or providing comments for this project and inviting them to the public meeting. Several emails concerning this proposal have been sent to ACHD since the last Commission meeting and are included with this memo. (Attachment 2) Staff anticipates a few citizens requesting time to provide comments directly to the Commission.

Policy Implications:
None
Fiscal Implications:
This project has not been given approval from the Commission and is not currently included in the Five Year Work Plan. Based on current programming, design could be funded in FY2013 at the earliest unless bid savings in 2012 allow for acceleration of design. Right of way acquisition and construction would be included in the program in years beyond 2013 based on priority unless otherwise directed by the Commission. A phased approach to the proposal could be taken to allow certain portions of the project or internal roadways to move forward before Mountain View Drive.

Alternatives:
1. Direct staff to move forward with the project and select an option from above
2. Direct staff to shelve project for a later date
3. Receive public comments and defer official decision until after Boise Council recommendation
4. Other, as directed to staff

Recommendation:
Alternative #1: Direct staff to move forward with Option 2, construct curb, gutter, and sidewalk on the south side of Mountain View Drive. In addition, staff recommends program improvements on Kelly Way and Kingston Rd no later than the construction of Mountain View Drive improvements and begin further evaluation of Clement Road.

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Comments: Since Collister has opted out of their project, does that bring the Mountain View Project higher up on the priority list? I'd love to see this project get underway. Thank you.

Mr. Cutler,

I am writing to encourage ACHD to move the Mountain View Pedestrian Project of sidewalk, curb, and gutter up on the list of future projects. I read in the local newspaper that the Collister neighborhood will not be using money that was proposed for sidewalks in that area of Boise so I am suggesting that the funds be used for the Mountain View sidewalks, a similar project that has already demonstrated majority approval in this area of Boise.

Mountain View Drive is used by students walking, bicycling, and driving to Mountain View Elementary, Fairmont Junior High, Capital High School & walking to bus stops for Riverglen Junior High School. It is getting darker in the mornings again which puts the students in the street in greater danger, so let's get this project on the calendar!

Thank you, Tamara Donovan 3301 Mountain View Drive Boise, ID 83704

Hello there,
I just wanted to take a minute to thank you for your work in our community & to tell you how important your job is. We truly do appreciate your efforts to keep our neighborhoods safe & functioning correctly. In that regard, I wanted to take this opportunity to ask you to spend the money Collister declined for sidewalks on sidewalks for Mountain View Drive, and the nearby streets already outlined.
Thank you again for your work & also for your consideration.

Sincerely,
~Joanne Wilcox 208-870-7832