

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING WITH CITY OF BOISE

HIGHLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

Date:	May 14, 2018	Time:	2 PM
Location:	3775 Adams St. Garden City, Idaho 83714		
Attendees:	<u>HNA Traffic Committee</u>	<u>CITY</u>	
	Tom Seacord – Chair	Hal Simmons	
	Dean Nygard – Area 1	Zach Piepmeyer	
	Dave Rucklos – Area 2	Leon Leston	
	Jolie Strohmeyer – Area 3	Elaine Clegg	
	Chris Wuthrich – Area 4 (no show)		

1. Tom Seacord and Dave Rucklos met with the City of Boise Planning Dept Staff and Council Member Elaine Clegg to discuss the attached agenda.
2. Key outcomes of the meeting include:
 - a. **ACTION ITEM:** City will provide clarification on the definition of sidewalk with emphasis on interpretation of candle protected areas that ACHD established as a pedestrian safety measure.
 - i. HNA residents are concerned as to the implications of homeowner responsibilities and liabilities regarding these areas.
 - b. **ACTION ITEM:** HNA Traffic Committee will provide City (Zach Piepmeyer as point person) a draft survey for Highland View Drive for their Public Relations Department staff to review with the objective of refining the questions so as to avoid confirmation bias. (Refer to **Attachment 2**)
 - i. Because ACHD seems has indicated that they have placed the permanent extruded curb on hold due to safety concerns and the appropriateness of this type of mitigation on a street like Highland View Drive, the intent of this survey will be to provide ACHD data indicating what support there may be for appropriate pedestrian and speed control mitigation.
 - ii. HNA Traffic Committee plans to deploy the survey on Highland View Drive and affected residential streets draining to Highland View Drive.
 - iii. City indicated that they didn't believe that ACHD thresholds for support from the ACHD policy manual (§5104.2.1) applied because the mitigation was already approved and identified as necessary and prudent background mitigation. Instead, the policy manual thresholds are to establish new traffic calming measures.
 - c. **ACTION ITEM:** City will review and provide comments on the draft Highland View Drive survey.
 - d. **ACTION ITEM:** City will provide traffic engineering manual that provides a “toolbox” of ideas for traffic mitigation measures. (**COMPLETE – refer to Attachment 3**)
 - e. **ACTION ITEM:** City will meet with ACHD to:

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- i. Indicate that the City views the Highlands Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Plan, developed in response to the Highlands Cove development, as a priority and request that ACHD work with the HNA Traffic Committee to resolve the remaining items on the mitigation plan, including (pending completion of the Highland View Drive survey) identification of appropriate mitigation for pedestrian safety and speed control on Highland View Drive;
 - ii. ACHD work with the HNA Traffic Committee to develop a concept and act upon a motion to restrict further unplanned/un-zoned development that would result in additional traffic to a substandard collector street like Highland View Drive. Council Member Elaine Clegg indicated that her impression of past discussion with ACHD was related to CIP project prioritization, not existing approved mitigation and therefore, existing approved mitigation projects are still a priority.
 - f. **ACTION ITEM:** HNA Traffic committee to propose Highlands Elementary Bond Project construction traffic mitigation measures to City of Boise.
 - i. City staff indicated their ability and a willingness to condition the School District's project approval with construction traffic mitigation measures.
 - g. **ACTION ITEM:** City to provide HNA Traffic Committee with information regarding how to effectively change the routing used for navigation applications (e.g., google maps) to avoid sending traffic the wrong way through the W.Braemere Diverter.
3. Other general discussion:
- a. HNA can request use of mitigation funds for solar powered radar signs on Highland View Drive or other streets, like the one installed on E.Braemere.
 - b. HNA Traffic Committee also discussed and the City noted the HNA's concerns regarding the lighting of the crosswalk at Camels Back Lane and 15th Street and the changes in speed signage from Hill Road to 15th Street (to Park Hill) to Highland View Drive (above Park Hill). It is HNA Traffic Committee's understanding that ACHD has noted these concerns during our April 6, 2018 Meeting and is prepared to act on them.

Attachments:

- (1) Highlands Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Plan
- (2) Draft Survey for Highland View Drive
- (3) Email: ZPiepmeyer to TSeacord - Traffic Engineering Manual / Toolbox of Mitigation ideas
- (4) Meeting Agenda

ATTACHMENT 1

Summary of Approved Mitigation Measures⁽¹⁾

	Approved by Commission July 27, 2016	Cost	Status as of May 2018
HIGHLAND VIEW DRIVE			
1. Stop signs at Selkirk and Whidden	Installed; Traffic to monitor	\$500	Completed 7/12/16
2. Extruded curb protected path – north side, Parkhill to ~900' east of Selkirk	Design and contract out by our Design Section by Spring 2017. Some mailbox relocation, sharrows, shorter/limited candles	\$90,000	<p>According to ACHD 2/2018 correspondence with City:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PS&E Complete • ~6000' contract out. • Determine openings. Move mailboxes next to driveways? • Shorter candles requested by neighbors for aesthetics. • In-house design needed. • Sharrows on road as wells. <p style="color: red;">Per HNA Traffic Committee 5/2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACHD indicated 4/6/18 that extruded curb is on hold due to safety concerns and appropriateness for a street like Highland View Drive. • Sharrows not installed. • Candle installation causes pedestrian area to be unusable for strollers and in accessible for handicap residents. Confusion amongst neighbors regarding responsibility for cleaning this area.

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3. Crosswalks at several locations	Traffic to determine need after school is in session	\$2,500	Per ACHD correspondence with the City 2/2018: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very low pedestrian activity at new stop control at Selkirk and Whidden. Crosswalk markings not recommended.
UPPER BRAEMERE			
1. Stop signs at Balmoral & Chardie	Installed; Traffic to monitor	\$500	Completed 7/12/16
2. Radar speed sign	Traffic will order and install, Fall 2016. Work with neighbors on initial location. Potential annual relocation like Crescent Rim.	\$5,000	Complete - Sign installed WB on E Braemere E/O Crane Creek CC.
3. Crosswalks at several locations	Traffic to determine need after school is in session.	\$2,500	Per ACHD correspondence with the City 2/2018: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very low pedestrian activity at new stop control at Balmoral and Chardie. Crosswalk markings not recommended.
LOWER BRAEMERE			
1. One-way diverter, Curling to Ranch, right turn only	Traffic to design and install in next two weeks with candles and signage. Include candled walkway between Curling and Ranch. Coordinate with 2 homes in area.	\$2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candle diverter installed 8/24/16 Permanent diverter approved 5/17/17 by Commission. Completed summer 2017
2. Sidewalk, Ranch to Curling	If Diverter becomes permanent, install sidewalk <u>within</u> surplus roadway. Otherwise, a community project.	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed summer 2017
BOGUS BASIN			
1. Install sidewalk gap connections northerly of Curling	Community project. Suggest moving up in priority. Needs ROW and retaining wall.	TBD	To be completed in 2019 - Programmed as part of Community Programs project.

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2.Enhanced lighting at SW corner of Bogus/Curling	Traffic work with Boise to get this installed Fall 2016	\$3,000	Completed 11/28/16
3.In-pavement pedestrian sign across Bogus at Curling	Traffic to install after chip seal	\$300	Completed 9/16/16
4.Advance Warning Signage approaching Ranch	Traffic to do in next two weeks. Maintenance just trimmed vegetation at Ranch and Parkhill this week.	\$250	Completed 9/9/16
CURLING			
1. Install stop signs at Braemere, with ped ramp and crosswalk	Stop signs installed. Maintenance installing ramps in August. Traffic to put in crosswalk after chip seal.	\$2,000	Completed 7/12/16
2. Install interim candle-protected walking path, Braemere to Cashmere.	Maintenance will have complete by Labor Day, with Traffic striping/candles. Consider community project for more permanent curb, gutter and sidewalk.	\$15,000	Completed 9/27/16 NOTE: HNA area residents to not understand who is responsible for cleaning this area. Debris and snow in this area frequently forces children on bicycles and scooters into the street.
3. Stripe 6' walking path, Cashmere to Selkirk	Traffic will install after chip seal. Will not restrict parking	\$2,000	Not complete
4. Assess protected crosswalk treatment in front of school	P & P and Traffic work with School District – longer term item.	No data	Completed summer 2017
CASHMERE/WHIDDEN			
1.Stripe 6' path on north side of Cashmere (Whidden to Curling); Crosswalk across west leg of Cashmere/Whidden; Stripe 6' path on west side of Whidden (Cashmere to HVD)	Traffic will install after chip seal. Will not restrict parking	\$1,000	Completed 9/29/16

(1) Mitigation Plan developed in response to Highlands Cove development. Does not include mitigation related to the Highlands Elementary Bond Project.

ATTACHMENT 2

Tom Seacord

From: Zach Piepmeyer <zpiepmeyer@cityofboise.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 4:26 PM
To: Tom Seacord
Cc: Hal Simmons; Leon Letson; Amanda Brown
Subject: RE: FHWA Traffic Calming ePrimer

Tom, sorry. Had a spelling error in your email address.



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Subject: FHWA Traffic Calming ePrimer

Tom,

Nice to meet you yesterday. Here is a link to the FHWA's guideline on traffic calming practices. Check out "Module 3" (specifically section 3.1) for the toolkit of options. This module discusses the relative effectiveness of various treatments.

https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/speedmgt/traffic_calm.cfm

Let me know if you'd like to discuss any of these options.

Thanks,



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ATTACHMENT 3

DRAFT SURVEY – HIGHLAND VIEW DRIVE

Background

ACHD's data and peer review study indicated that speeds on Highland View Dr. routinely exceeded the posted speed limit, with an 85 percentile speed of 30 mph, or 10 mph over the posted speed limit. In July 2016, ACHD approved the Highlands Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Plan that included the following mitigation measures to address safety on Highland View Dr.:

1. Placement of an extruded curb to provide a safe walking path for pedestrians. As planned this would be located on the north side Highland View Dr., Parkhill to ~900' east of Selkirk. This would also include:
 - a. Some mailbox relocation.
 - b. Sharrow marker placement (i.e., shared bicycle-vehicle lane).
 - c. Shorter/limited candles.
2. Stop signs at Whidden St. and Selkirk Dr.
3. Crosswalks at several locations to be determined (possibly: Selkirk, Whidden, Wyndemere, Parkhill and W.Braemere).

The peer review report published by ACHD indicated that the stop signs were having little effect on speed and in May 2017, ACHD Commissioners motioned that the use of these stop signs for speed mitigation should be re-evaluated at a future date (e.g., after Highlands Cove construction was completed).

On April 6, 2017 the Highlands Neighborhood Association Traffic Committee met with ACHD Director Bruce Wong and Commissioner Paul Woods and confirmed that ACHD has placed the Highland View Dr. permanent extruded curb installation on hold indefinitely due to safety concerns and the appropriateness of this installation for the street's terrain. ACHD also indicated that because:

- The City of Boise does not currently view the Highlands Neighborhood as a priority, and
- They have received many differing opinions on the extruded curb from neighborhood residents

Despite the decision to mitigate pedestrian safety when faced with added traffic volume and speed, ACHD currently has no plan to devote more staff time to evaluate other mitigation concepts. However, ACHD has suggested that the Highlands Neighborhood Traffic Committee should seek the support of the City and Highlands View Dr. residents, which may compel them to devote the staff time required. Therefore – the following survey will be used to determine if ACHD and the City should support additional resources to pedestrian and traffic calming mitigation measures using the following criteria as a goal (ACHD's pre-requisites for traffic calming (§5104.2.1)):

- 75% of the residents on the collector street (Highland View Dr.)
- 50% of the residents on adjacent residential streets that drain traffic to Highland View Dr.

For the purposes of this survey, we will collect responses from all "residents" on these streets, and note also the support of number of households versus the total houses on each street.

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Survey Questions

- 1. Name: _____
- 2. Address: _____

Based on the following scale, please respond to the following questions:

- 3. I believe Highland View Drive is safe and doesn't require mitigation to control speed or enhance pedestrian safety.

1 = Strongly Disagree; 2 = Disagree; 3 = Neutral; 4 = Agree; 5 = Strongly Agree

- 4. I believe the current pedestrian mitigation (candles) that was implemented on Highland View Drive is effective.

1 = Strongly Disagree; 2 = Disagree; 3 = Neutral; 4 = Agree; 5 = Strongly Agree

- 5. If future mitigation for Highland View Dr. is determined appropriate by subject experts, I expect to have the opportunity to comment on the proposed mitigation concepts before mitigation is approved by or implemented by ACHD.

1 = Strongly Disagree; 2 = Disagree; 3 = Neutral; 4 = Agree; 5 = Strongly Agree

- 6. Please share your experience and concerns:

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Streets to be included in Survey:

1. Collector Street: 75% consensus goal
 - a. Highland View Drive (houses)
2. Residential draining to collector: 50% consensus goal
 - a. Selkirk (28 houses)
 - b. Tweed Ct (houses)
 - c. Whidden (houses)
 - d. Wyndemere (houses)
 - e. Argyll (houses)
 - f. W. Braemere (houses)
 - g. Tartan Pl. (houses)
 - h. Heather Pl. (houses)
 - i. Harrison Hills Dr. (houses)
 - j. Parkhill Dr. (houses)
 - k. Parkhill Ct (houses)
 - l. Pashcal Ln. (houses)
 - m. Peregrine Pl (houses)

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1. Status of ACHD Approved Mitigation Plan (July 2016 and May 2017 approvals).
 - a. **Background:** Review Scope and Status of July 2016 & May 2017 ACHD Motions
 - i. Note: ACHD has placed the Highland View Drive extruded curb mitigation on hold due to safety concerns.
 - b. **Discussion:**
 - i. Protected pedestrian areas created by approved mitigation (i.e., candles) – discuss Boise Municipal Code definition of “Sidewalk” relative these areas:
 1. Refer to Boise Municipal Code 9-24 (Streets and Parkways)
 2. Refer to Boise Municipal Code 9-08 (Care and Use of Sidewalks)
 - ii. Need for different mitigation due to ACHD work stoppage on Highland View Drive approved mitigation and Highlands Elementary Remodel.
 - iii. City mitigation funds – spending priorities based on mitigation plan.
2. Action Required: City of Boise prioritization of Highlands Neighborhood Traffic
 - a. **Background:** ACHD has indicated (meeting on 4/6/18 mtg with B.Wong and P.Woods) that the City of Boise has not identified Highlands as a priority for traffic and as a result, ACHD does not consider different or new mitigation for Highlands Neighborhood to be a priority for staff time.
 - b. **Discussion:** Seek City commitment to provide ACHD appropriate direction to dedicate staff time to resolve Highland View Drive and study School Pre/Post Construction traffic.
3. “Overlay Agreement” Status
 - a. **Background:** Correspondence between E.Clegg and Highlands Neighborhood Association in early 2017 had discussed the concept of an “overlay agreement” that would restrict further zoning that would permit development to add traffic on Highland View Drive, East Braemere and Bogus Basin Road. The correspondence had implied that we would receive a status report on this by the fall of 2017.
 - b. **Discussion:** Status of “overlay agreement”