

Buffered Bike Lane Pilot Project

May 1- May 31, 2014

Starting May 1, 2014, the Ada County Highway District (ACHD) will convert one traffic lane to a buffered bicycle lane on Capitol Boulevard, Idaho Street and Main Street for a one-month trial. This will give motorists, bicyclists, and traffic experts an opportunity to “try on” the proposal before considering any permanent change.

Capitol Boulevard, Boise River to Bannock Street

- Remove one vehicle lane south of Fulton Street and north of Front Street
- Add a buffered bike lane

Idaho Street, 16th Street to Broadway Avenue

- Remove one vehicle lane west of 5th Street
- Add a buffered bike lane

Main Street, 16th Street to Broadway Avenue

- Remove one vehicle lane west of 5th Street
- Add a buffered bike lane

Your Comments

During the month of May, ACHD will be accepting comments on the pilot project. There are several ways to comment:

- Take the survey at www.achdidaho.org
- Send an email to tellus@achdidaho.org

After the pilot project is complete, public comments will be presented to the ACHD Commission for a decision.

In 2013, local agencies worked with the public to develop a plan to coordinate major roadway improvements that are proposed, planned or requested in the downtown area. Key proposals included converting some one-way streets to two-way, increased bike facilities, and mini roundabouts. It's part of the Downtown Boise Implementation Plan to help facilitate greater downtown mobility for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The pilot project is scheduled to last one month.

What is a buffered bike lane?

For this demonstration, the buffered bike lane will be an area for cyclists separated from the vehicle travel lanes by painted striping and vertical markers, and occasionally a vehicle parking lane. Please see the example below.



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