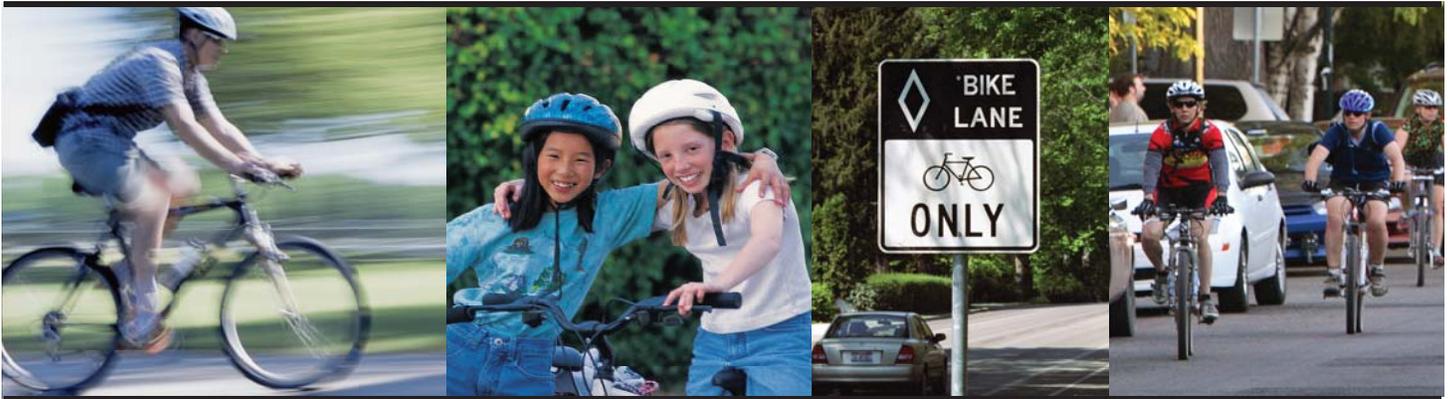


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## Project Description

- Provide strategy for enhancing and expanding existing bicycle facilities
- Identify bicycle facility deficiencies
- Identify standards to enhance safety
- Identify connections between on-street system and off-street pathway systems
- Develop a Bicycle Facility Design and Designation Guide
- Develop education and outreach strategies for both bicyclists and motorists.



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Why is the Roadways to Bikeways Master Plan needed?

The public roadways in Ada County serve the cities of Boise, Eagle, Garden City, Kuna, Meridian, Star and the unincorporated areas of Ada County, yet there has never been a full-scale Bicycle Master Plan for the region.

Roadways to Bikeways will provide a comprehensive strategy to enhance and expand the bicycle facilities with the goal of creating connectivity throughout the county where bike lanes, routes and paths (such as the Greenbelt) exist in isolation or are absent.

### What work has been done so far on the Plan?

- The effort began in April 2007 with a survey asking cyclists about their cycling habits and preferences. More than 2,000 people completed the survey!
- Bicycle counts were conducted over a three-week period at strategic locations around the county and miscellaneous fieldwork was completed.
- The team interviewed various agencies (school districts, cities, law enforcement, etc.) to gather information on concerns and needs regarding bicycle facilities.

### Why aren't bicycle facilities included on every roadway today?

ACHD plans for bicycle facilities as part of most road projects, a commitment that has helped double the miles of bikeways over the past decade. Currently, there are 164 miles of on-street bicycle lanes in Ada County with 23 more planned for 2007. ACHD spends about \$1.7 million a year on cycling facilities -- primarily in the form of lanes on new or expanded roads.

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While we would like to see bicycle facilities on every roadway, new and old, several factors come into play, two being: 1) limited funding makes it necessary to prioritize where these facilities go and 2) sometimes design issues and the roadway configuration make bicycle facilities impractical.

### **When will the Plan be completed?**

The plan will go to the ACHD Board of Commissioners for adoption in early 2008.

### **How and when will the Plan be implemented?**

The Plan will guide bicycle facility planning for the next 10-15 years and implementation could happen in many different ways. The first step will be to prioritize the needs indicated by the plan. More than likely, most facilities will be added as roadways are rebuilt. However, items that are relatively simple, such as re-striping applicable roads to accommodate bike lanes, could happen in the next couple of years.

## **Glossary**

### **Bikeway**

Bikeways are distinguished as preferential roadways accommodating bicycle travel. Accommodation can take the form of bicycle route designation or bicycle lane striping.

### **Bicycle Routes**

Bicycle routes are on shared roadways that accommodate vehicles and bicycles in the same travel lane. The most suitable roadways for shared vehicle/bicycle use are those with low posted speeds (25 MPH or less) or low traffic volumes (3,000 ADT or less).



*Bicycle Route: Bergeson Street, Boise*

### **Bicycle Lanes**

Designated exclusively for bicycle travel, bicycle lanes are separated from vehicle travel lanes with striping and also include pavement stencils.



*Bicycle Lane: Boise Avenue, Boise*

### **Multi-Use Paths**

Multi-use paths (pathways) are used by various non-motorized users, including pedestrians, cyclists, in-line skaters and runners, and have their own right-of-way separated from the roadway. This plan will look at connections to multi-use paths, but does not address them directly, as they are the responsibility of the county and cities' parks and recreation departments.

### **For More Information**

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*Thank you!*