



ACHD Open House • November 14, 2007 • Horizon Elementary School • 730 N. Mitchell



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

What's new?

- Draft bicycle network maps have been established – short and long term recommendations
- Created design guidelines for incorporating bike lanes and routes into the current and future roadway system.

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.

Why were two bicycle network maps established – the short and long term?

- The *short-term* bicycle network map mainly fills in the gaps of the existing bicycle system. Accomplishing these short term needs may be done more easily through restriping existing roadways, stencils and signage.
- The *long-term* bicycle network map creates an entire bicycle facilities system and will take longer to accomplish. It would be implemented as roadways are rebuilt, more robust funding is established and innovative partnerships are created.

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How were bicycle facility needs prioritized for the bicycle network maps?

The bicycle network is comprised of three types of facilities: bike lanes, signed shared bikeways, and bike boulevards.

- **Bike Lanes:** Bike lanes have been placed on a one-mile grid through the developed portions of the County, with exceptions based on existing conditions that may prevent the incorporation of bike lanes. Notable exceptions include Fairview Ave. and Franklin Road. In addition, some roads, such as Broadway, U.S. 20/26, and portions of Eagle Road are managed by the Idaho Transportation Dept. and are not under ACHD's jurisdiction.
- **Signed Shared Bikeways:** Signed shared bikeways, or bike routes, have been placed at the 1/2-mile mark between the mile grid of bike lanes, wherever a low-volume through street could be found. This is in recognition that many cyclists prefer not to ride with traffic on an arterial road. Wherever possible, north-south and east-west routes are identified.
- **Bike Boulevards:** Bike boulevards are located in specialized locations to emphasize bicycle routes with additional features that encourage bicycle use based on 1) projected heavy bicycle demand, 2) prioritizing accommodations for bicycles parallel to certain streets with heavy automobile traffic (i.e. Chinden), and 3) using input from other sources such as the Downtown Boise Mobility Study.

Please note that the prioritization of facilities within the bicycle network is still being refined using public input, funding strategies, partnership opportunities, and upcoming construction projects.

Special Projects

ACHD and the ACHD Bicycle Advisory Committee are beginning to work on several projects (i.e. assisting with public service announcements, researching funding opportunities, facility development, etc.). If you have time and interest in volunteering on a subcommittee please contact Kristin Lundstrom, ACHD's Pedestrian/Bicycle Program Coordinator.

For More Information

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Your Comments

*Please leave your completed comment sheet at the sign-in table. If you would like to complete it at a later date, please send it to ACHD, 3775 Adams Street, Garden City, ID 83714 or fax it to 345-7650 by **November 28, 2007.***

Thank you!

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 daily vehicle trips 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.