

Appendix C – Additional Comments

From:
To: [Projects](#)
Cc:
Subject: ATTN Brooke Green: Collister Drive Study
Date: Thursday, June 10, 2021 11:29:42 AM

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Hello Brooke

I will be traveling during the time of your June 24 virtual meeting regarding Collister drive, so I want to provide input via email.

I strongly believe ACHD MUST provide safe travel for school children walking along Collister from Catalpa grade school to the community library in the Collister shopping center. The east sidewalk between Catalpa and State Street is already more than 50 completed. The non-completed part of this walking path often requires children to walk too close to traffic when the kids are walking on the street side of parked cars. This is dangerous and MUST be remedied. I have encountered far too many near misses during my 21 years of driving north on Collister from State Street. (Especially a problem in winter as snow requires children to walk in the street).

If you have questions, I can be reached at _____ .

Regards

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Date: Thursday, June 10, 2021 12:09:36 PM

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I won't be able to attend the virtual meeting. I'm not sure what ACHD is thinking about for Collister, but my main message is to PLEASE don't widen the road by adding a turn lane, extra lanes, or wide parking areas. ACHD has had a tendency to do this (such as on 36th) and it is wasteful, makes the street less pleasant to be on, encourages speeding, and often is little used (such as on 36th).

Thanks,

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I'm unable to attend the virtual meeting. I live off Collister Dr. I walk, bike and drive this street everyday. People speed on this road as there are no speed bumps or roundabouts to slow them down. I also rarely see police patrolling this area. Also sidewalks and curbs in this area would be helpful for walkers and bikers to be off the street and provide safety.

Thanks

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Collister Drive needs sidewalks. I don't have any suggestions to deal with the increased traffic, but I would like at least to feel safer as a pedestrian. I like to walk to the park on Catalpa, and would walk to the library instead of driving if it weren't such a long trek on the side of the road.

Thank you,

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Date: Thursday, June 10, 2021 4:33:43 PM

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Sir,

I would like to add a suggestion from the upcoming Collister meeting.

We live in the northern part & think a great improvement could be made by simply adding kerbs & sidewalks.

Most of the residents (but not all!) take care of their property but sidewalks would greatly improve things we think.

Many Thanks,

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A roundabout at Collister and Hill Road would be good because of the amount of traffic that goes through that intersection. However, I recognize that idea is too late given the relatively new residence at the SE corner and the new residential construction that will go up at the NE corner.

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Subject: RE: Attn: Brooke Green, Collister Drive Study
Date: Thursday, June 10, 2021 5:05:10 PM

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Brooke,

Thank you for your reply and acknowledgement of my concerns.

I forgot to mention that I would be in Donnelly working when you are having the meeting on the 24th which is why I sent the original message.

Best,

From: Projects [mailto:projects@achdidaho.org]
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2021 2:32 PM
To:
Subject: RE: Attn: Brooke Green, Collister Drive Study

Dear

Thank you for providing your feedback for the Collister Neighborhood Corridor Project. Your input is valuable. The Jun 24th Open House is the first of several outreach efforts where you will have an opportunity to provide your feedback. I have taken note of your concerns regarding the sight triangle at the corner of Johns Landing & Collister, I will forward that information on to the appropriate staff member. We captured your concern about the sidewalk gap and will take that into consideration as we move the Collister Concept Study forward. I invite you to please continue to follow the progress of this project at; http://www.achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_study_collister-drive-state-street-to-hill-road.aspx.

Thank you for your participation,

Brooke
Sr. Transportation Planner

From
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To: Projects <projects@achdidaho.org>
Subject: Attn: Brooke Green, Collister Drive Study

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Brooke,

Thank you for looking at potential Collister improvements. I provided input during previous surveys in regards to sidewalks on Collister. At that time, I was against any additional sidewalks on Collister itself, and I still feel that way.

There are however three associated items that I would like ACHD to address:

1. At the northwest corner of Johns Landing and Collister, the utility lot has landscaping that is growing into the sight line (looking North) for those wanting to turn from Johns Landing to Collister. Can ACHD contact the utility to have them reduce the size (trim) the landscaping so that safety is improved.
2. Adjacent at that same site, it appears that others have made an impromptu park and ride lot for the adjacent bus stop. Many times those vehicles are large trucks, which also block the view of traffic coming from the north. Not sure what can be done, but ACHD might want to look at that.
3. When the east side of Johns Landing was reconstructed some years ago, better sidewalks were put in on the south side where it meets with Collister. The north side of Johns Landing was un-improved. I have written in the past on this item, to no avail, but will try again here. Please install a sidewalk on the North side of Johns Landing between Collister and Maplewood. This is needed to better protect our students who are required to ride a bus and need to walk from the Johns Landing neighborhood to the bus stop on the west side of Collister just North of Johns Landing.

Thank you for considering these items.

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Date: Friday, June 11, 2021 1:08:33 AM

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Hello Brooke,

I won't be able to attend the meetings. I would like to see at least one side with a sidewalk and maybe some traffic calming on Collister. I would not like to see any expansion of the roadway. If there were room for a planting/tree strip, that would be great, but I wouldn't want the residents to sell land to make it happen.

Thanks for considering my comments.

Avery Foerster

From:
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 3:44 PM
To: Projects
Subject: ATTN Brooke Green: Collister Drive Study

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Comments about the proposed improvement of Collister Drive by ACHD.

I have been a resident of the Collister neighborhood for 13 years and use Collister Drive regularly, both by automobile and by bicycle. The bicycle-pedestrian lane is nice and wide, accommodating both bicyclists/pedestrians and vehicles. The only issue I see is that traffic needs to slow down. Any road improvement will only allow vehicles to travel faster. Perhaps another stop sign, at Bloom Street, or a 25 mph speed limit would help slow traffic down.

Thank you for taking my ideas into consideration.

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Hello -

I was unable to attend today's meetings due to work conflicts. Would you be able to share a recording or updates?

I walk, bike and drive Collister often. I'm a homeowner on Bloom. I would like to see more mixed transportation.

Thank you!

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Dear ACHD,

I will not be attending the virtual meeting today, but I live in the neighborhood and have some suggestions about how Collister Drive can be improved.

First, a good model for Collister Drive would be the nearby street of Castle. Collister would benefit from:

- Sidewalks on both sides of road
- Bike lanes on both sides of road
- Shoulder parking limited to just one side of road

Second, the 4-way stop intersections with Hill Rd. and Catalpa Dr. bog down traffic flow and confuse some drivers. Please consider installing round-abouts at these sites.

Lastly, the intersection of Collister with Johns Landing has poor visibility of oncoming traffic. When east-bound drivers on John Landing arrive at the intersection with Collister they cannot easily look north to see south-bound traffic on Collister. This is due to several factors:

- Overgrown vegetation around the pumping/electrical substation
- Telephone poles and support cables at corner
- Parked cars along Collister

I look forward to seeing what improvements are in store for Collister.

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Please email the survey monkey link and Brooke's email address.

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Hi,

I'll be unable to attend today's meetings, so thanks for the opportunity to offer feedback via email.

We are a family with kids and use Collister for walks and for bike rides in our way to the Library or the Greenbelt, we use both sides of the road on the way back and forth.

I'd like to see a similar approach to that street as Castle Drive has:

- Sidewalks on both sides
- Bike lines on both sides
- Parking allowed only on one side of the street (it could alternate by block depending how many houses have a driveway facing Collister)
- Removal of pedestrian and bikes obstacles:
 - o Vegetation overgrowth in pedestrian areas
 - o Garbage cans for days and forcing you to go into the road to walk around it,
 - o Construction signs that block the bike lane, forcing you to move into the road)
- Roundabout in Collister and Hill Road with pedestrian crossing

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collister needs sidewalks if not on both sides at least on one. it is a very dangerous to walk on collister especially around parked cars. kids going to school have to walk this path,,,,,not safe please, please please do a sidewalk before someone is killed.

From:
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Subject: June 24 meeting re Collister Drive
Date: Friday, June 11, 2021 5:36:21 AM

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How do we get a link to this meeting. I have lived here for 26 years, and no one seems to give a damn about what long term residents who have build this neighborhood think. Meetings are planned during OUR work schedules, seemingly to limit attendance.

I will take time off of my professional schedule to attend. How do I become included?

Thank you

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From:
Sent: Friday, June 25, 2021 6:43 AM
To: Projects
Subject: Collister Drive feedback

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Hello,

I was unable to attend yesterday's meeting, but I would like to see bike lanes and sidewalks down both sides of Collister Drive. Lots of families, including my own, bike up Collister Drive to bike in the foothills. We also bike down Collister Drive to go to the greenbelt or the ice cream shop! When cars are parked on the side of Collister, it is dangerous because we have to swerve our bikes into the road. Garbage day is also tricky for us when everyone has their trash cans on the street. In addition to biking, there are a lot of runners and walkers on Collister. I live on Clearview Drive in "clear view" of Collister and I get to see all kinds of action. If you would like more information, you may contact me through this email or at [redacted]. Again, I apologize for missing the meeting. Thank you for reaching out to the community.

Sincerely,

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Subject: ATTN Brooke Green: Collister Drive Study

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Good morning Brooke-

Collister drive is a major speed way. The noise pollution from motor cycles, hot rods, standard suvs and sedans all gunning their engines and literally blasting through the street after turning off of state st. Onto Collister Dr. is deafining. Semi trucks have now joined in on this scenario with their journey down the road from hill, at such speeds that they sound like a machine gun.

It's only 2 lanes and it's like drivers think they are on the interstate freeway. Crazy!

What can be done about this?

I was unable to attend the meetings. I am interested to hear about the solutions that are available.

Respectfully

From:**Sent:** Thursday, July 22, 2021 3:56 AM**To:** Projects <projects@achdidaho.org>**Subject:** Collister Drive Concept Study

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Good morning,

I am writing in response to your letter invitation to comment on the Collister Sidewalk proposal.

First, let me state my dissatisfaction by the communication to neighborhood owners, this is the second time I have seemingly been eliminated from your processes, then comments made "that you missed me", or "I failed to attend". I cannot participate in a process that is either not available to me, by way of timing during my work hours with no alternative available to me. Or, in this case, a letter that was mailed (post marked 7/19/21), arrived 7/21/21, with an expected date of response posted in that letter of 7/16/21.

I cannot respond to something I have not received, this is deceptive on part of ACHD.

Most of the residents of Collister do NOT wish to proceed with sidewalks for so many reasons. Let me start with the property damage it will do to my home. It will run the fence line, cost me thousands of dollars to replace fence and sprinkles, who pays for that? At the top of Collister it will encroach on set back limits, making it virtually impossible for people to sell those homes, and those sidewalks will literally be in their living rooms.

I have lived here for 26 years, and have watched the ongoing destruction of the neighborhood and surrounding areas. Growth is unavoidable, I am well aware of that, how we handle that growth is critical. Horses are a staple in this community and that is why most people live in this part of town. The old country part of Boise City, horses walk up and down the streets, children, pets, seniors. NOT ONCE have I witnessed any compromise to safety, right of way, or any other obstruction that sidewalks would fix! Not to mention the expense. I have had an ACHD rep say "you're not using your tax dollars". What I am seeing is we are being taxed so high, now it is almost like reverse psychology, "well now you should use it".

I do not support sidewalks being put in on Collister, I do not support the destruction of people homes and property that they have saved their entire lives for, and now this will seriously impair their retirement funding and in a LOT of cases force them to move from our neighborhoods. The very citizens that built this neighborhood and feel perfectly safe utilizing what is available to them for passage.

We might consider imposing traffic violations, and supervision. How many people come out of that bar at the end of Collister and travel our road at 60 MPH, a sidewalk will not do a thing to improve safety, a curb will be jumped by wreckless drivers. How about a light at the corner of Catalpa and Collister, again, not really necessary, but I watch people run that stop sign routinely with a police officer observant and no one does anything. How about imposing City of Boise clean ups for renters moving in and trashing our properties, which depletes those of us who keep our properties up? Those are far more useful, productive applications of those tax funds.

Hopefully, my thoughts and concerns will be observed. AGAIN, why do I continuously receive invitations to response, that are sent out after their due date. Good excuse to negate those comments by saying they have been received late, how many more of my neighbors are receiving the same invitation, which will not be counted.

If this is harsh, I can't apologize, it is honest and from the heart. If you want a citizen response, then listen to us please. There are alternatives without destroying the property, lives, retirements of people who built not only this neighborhood, but the City of Boise. Again, and I would like an answer to this, who pays for the damage and encroachment to my property. Are we living in a city that will just "take our stuff" for their own means and say "oh well", leaving us high and dry? This will literally destroy some lives because not only will we be able to absorb that financial damage, but we can't afford to relocate. We are destroying the esthetic value of Collister and Boise that attracted people here in the first place. If they don't like it, let's encourage them to go where they do like instead of destroying the lives and property of long term residents to meet their own needs.

Regards,