

**City of Boise**  
**Stakeholder Correspondence**

## Loucks, Molly

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**Sent:** Monday, July 01, 2019 4:36 PM  
**To:** Brooke Green  
**Cc:** Loucks, Molly; Thieken, Steve; Zach Piepmeyer; Ronald Johnson; Matt Petaja; Amy Snyder  
**Subject:** Boise comments on Orchard Street Realignment  
**Attachments:** orchard realignment memo to ACHD Jul2019.docx; ACHD\_Concept Design Comments\_Orchard Street Realignment\_June 2019.xlsx

Brooke,

Attached are the Boise City team's comments. The memo contains more explanation on the connectivity needs. I also attached a spread sheet for the ease of tracking review comments.

Please note that many of the mapping website show connections between the Airport roads that do not exist. I will work on a map.

Thank you,  
Karen



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**Subject:** RE: [External] Orchard Street Follow-up

Monday is fine.  
Thank you for the heads up.  
-Brooke

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**From:** Karen Gallagher <[KGallagher@cityofboise.org](mailto:KGallagher@cityofboise.org)>  
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Brooke,

Slight delay. We will have our comments sent over on Monday.

Apologies,  
Karen

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**From:** Karen Gallagher  
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**Subject:** RE: [External] Orchard Street Follow-up

Hi Steve,

We are meeting with Fire tomorrow, and plan to have our comments in by this week, which Brooke said was fine.

I will let Amy or Matt respond to the other two questions.

Thank you,  
Karen



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**Subject:** [External] Orchard Street Follow-up

Hi Amy and Karen,

Thank you for your participation/collaboration with us last week!

I wanted to follow up on a few things from the meetings:

1. You mentioned that there was a staff member at the Airport that could get more detailed information from DEQ regarding the location and contents of the landfill. How soon can we get that information?
2. Did you have the meeting with the Fire Department and get more feedback on fire service access needs?

3. Did you confirm that there was no geotechnical analysis performed for Orchard St. or the Aeronca extension beyond the boring logs? Were you able to track down any preliminary engineering design work had been done by the City on either roadway that you can share?

Thank you in advance for your responsiveness. The resolution of these items are definitely on the critical path of our schedule at this point.

Let us know if you have questions or need additional clarification.

Thanks again!  
Steve

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# MEMO

**TO:** Brooke Green, ACHD Project Manager  
**FROM:** Karen Gallagher, Transportation Planner  
**DATE:** July 1, 2019  
**RE:** Orchard Street Realignment Options

The City of Boise's Airport, Fire, and Planning and Development Services Departments reviewed the two concepts for the realignment of Orchard Street and recommend the following:

1. The extension of Aeronca to new Orchard Street and maintaining the connection of existing Orchard Street to Gowen in order to provide two unrestricted, public road connections south of Diamond Street to access the area currently served by Aeronca, Dorman, and Harvard.

While the consultant has raised concerns with cut-through traffic by-passing the Gowen/new Orchard intersection by traveling on current Orchard, then Aeronca to access Gowen, the city team finds the benefits of connectivity to current Orchard Road at Gowen far outweigh cut-through concerns.

The Airport property east of existing Orchard Street is a network of public roads maintained by the city with various levels of connectivity. Some of the connectivity is restricted by the fence enclosing the Guard's area. The existing network does not meet today's fire access standards, and the city is looking into internal remedies.

Kennedy Street extends from Aeronca Street and terminates in a dead end that is 2,300-feet from existing Orchard Street. This dead end would be exacerbated by 1,250-feet, if Aeronca were extended to new Orchard Street and the sole access to this area. The street connections are requested in order to not further compromise access to this portion of the Airport property.

2. A third public access road by extending Dorman to the new Orchard Street. Access restrictions are understandable, due to the proximity to the Aeronca and Gowen intersections. Please note the Dorman Street extension will impact the Airport's main storm water outfall.
3. Will a traffic analysis be used to determine lane configuration on these connections/intersections?

4. The city team prefers roundabouts at all major intersections (similar to what is proposed under Concept 1).
5. The city team prefers detached multi-use pathways along both sides of the new Orchard Street alignment. Other connectors (Diamond, Aeronca, Dorman, Harvard) should have standard attached or detached sidewalk and bike facilities per the ACHD Roadways to Bikeways Facilities Matrix, depending on classification and traffic speed/volume anticipated on those connections.
6. A bike/ped connection between the north end of the new Orchard Street alignment and the existing bike/ped facilities located north of the NY Canal needs to be incorporated into this concept/project.
7. Please add bike/ped facilities along Gowen within the boundaries of the project.
8. The city team requests good access management practices be implemented with the new Orchard Street alignment. No direct lot access should be granted from the new alignment.
9. The city team prefers roadside swales between the EOP and the MUP on each side of the new Orchard Street alignment.
10. The existing utilities along Orchard will need new easements with Boise City.



**Orchard Street Realignment Study**  
**Preliminary Concepts**  
**City of Boise**

No.	Sheet	Comment
1	Noth/South Connectivity	City requests a public intersection be maintained at the existing intersection of Orchard/Gowen (not just a fire/emergency access) .
2	East/West Connectivity	The City requests provisions for an east/west connection at Aeronca (primary, full access at Orchard) and an east/west connection at Dorman (secondary). Will a traffic analysis be used to determine lane configuration on these connections/intersections?  A roundabout/intersection at Aeronca should be planned/designed to have 4 legs (i.e. a future leg to the west of the new Orchard alignment)
3	Intersection Type	The City prefers roundabouts at all major intersections (similar to what is proposed under Concept 1)
4	Bike/Ped Facilities	City prefers detached multi-use pathways along both sides of the new Orchard Street alignment. Other connectors (Diamond, Aeronca, Dorman, Harvard) should have standard attached or detached sidewalk and bike facilities per the ACHD Roadways to Bikeways Facilities Matrix, depending on classification and traffic speed/volume anticipated on those connections.
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	Bike/Ped Facilities	Add bike/ped facilities along Gowen within the boundaries of the project.
6	Access Management	City requests good access management practice be implemented with the new Orchard Street alignment. No direct lot access should be granted from the new alignment.
7	Stormwater	City prefers roadside swales between the EOP and the MUP on each side of the new Orchard Street alignment.
8		1) We want Aeronca St. developed first. Aeronca St is more evenly spaced between Diamond and Gowen. There currently is more traffic on Aeronca St. and future airport plans show more development along Aeronca St.
9		2) There is less Airport property take with the traditional signal intersections.
10		3) Traditional signal intersections can be programmed to better handle the traffic surges associated with the Guard and UPS shift changes.
11		4) Dorman St. Extension will impact the Airport's main storm water outfall.
12		5) Dimond st. needs a signal to allow Airport construction vehicles (67' trucks) and UPS truck to make left turn onto relocated Orchard St.
13		6) The existing utilities along Orchard will need new easements with Boise City after the
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**From:** Brooke Green <Bgreen@achdidaho.org>  
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Can you please make sure this information is included with the comment matrix? Also, this reminds me that we need to add to the agenda specifics about bike connectivity over the canal.

Thank you,  
Brooke

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**From:** Karen Gallagher <KGallagher@cityofboise.org>  
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Hi Brooke,

I will get you an official city letter. In the meantime, here is a recap of the Mayor and City Council's work session on August 20, 2019.

The City Council reviewed the alternatives for the Orchard Street Realignment Concept Study and choose Alternative 1 with a roundabout at new Orchard/Gowen. One of the project goals is to maintain and improve local roadway connections. To meet this goal, the city requests three local street connections to access the Airport property south of the taxiway:

1. Maintain an intersection at existing Orchard/Gowen with preference for a roundabout.
2. Extend both Aeronca and construct a roundabout at new Orchard. Plan for 4<sup>th</sup> leg to the west.
3. Extend Dorman and construct a right-in, right-out, left-in access at new Orchard .

Another goal is to meet the needs of all users. To insure a connected network for people bicycling, the city requests that bicycle facilities be included in the project to connect the multiuse paths on new Orchard Street connect to:

1. Existing bike lanes north of the New York Canal to the bike lanes at the Victory intersection.
2. The south leg of new Orchard, south of Gowen
3. The bike lane/wider shoulder further east on Gowen

Lastly, the city is interested in alternative seed mixes to the one used on Reed Street. Does ACHD have alternatives for this project?

Please let me know if you have questions,  
Karen



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