

**ACHD Pedestrian Advisory Group
Meeting Agenda
Thursday, August 15th, 2024
Online Meeting**

1. Call to Order at 4:31 PM

- a. Attendees: Cynthia Gibson, Joe Jaszewski, Meg McCarthy, Abigail Jenkins, Wava Kaufman, Matt Degan, Edinson Bautista, Travis Donovan, Chris Laraway, Charlie Hill, Dane Adams, Olivia Johnson, Michael Keith

2. Welcome and Introduction

- a. Approval of Minutes from the 7/18/24 Meeting. Approved by Abigail, seconded by Wava. Unanimous approval.

3. Discussion Items -

- a. **ACHD Safety Team Intro** (Matt Degan, ACHD Safety Engineer presented on this committee.) Matt, a civil engineer with the ACHD safety team, introduced his role and the newly formed safety engineering group, which includes staff from various previous groups. The group's responsibilities include evaluating intersections for the LPI initiative. Two groups – Safety Engineering and Traffic Engineering. Rapid Project Implementation (RPI), are safety based, quickly constructed, and determined as valuable by residents. Great discussion on timing of projects, which many are coming up quickly.

- b. **Commission Presentation Debrief** (Joe J.) – Joe thought his presentation went pretty well asking for a 600' enhanced crossing requirement on arterials. Two questions – what is the cost and what have other cities have done? Meg and Cynthia working on finding cities who have adopted this policy.

- c. **State St. Update** (Cynthia G.) – State St. will be reduced to three lanes. This street will be lined with housing and a new YMCA. The development has hit some glitches but ACHD approved changing the road. We are not concerned about congestion since there is such a large amount of unused road capacity leading in and out of the city. Impact of living on a five lane road were discussed.

- d. **On-Site Visit Update** (Michael K.) – Discussion of the Overland/Cole walk with PAG. We will likely discuss how this intersection does not work very well despite the high level of walkers and bikers. This area has services within walking/biking, kids moving around, and lower income neighborhoods, but it's super awkward to do this rather than drive vehicles. This intersection impacts the public's freedom to move around how someone chooses. There are lots of places to go to in this area, but it is nearly impossible to get there without a car.

4. **Open Public Comment - Open Streets** event – Boise City, BBP and Strong Towns, Sunday, Sept. 22 on Latah and Cassia.

5. **Adjourn** 5:21 P.M. Michael moved, Cynthia seconded, unanimous support!

Next Meeting: Thursday September 26th, 4:30 at Cole and Overland (site visit to replace regular virtual meeting) Optional All Advisory Committee Walk: Pierce Park, August 26th, 5-6:30