

**ACHD ADA Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2024**

<b>Committee Member</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Commissioners/Guests</b>
Jeremy Maxand	Sean Kelly	Kent Goldthorpe, ACHD Commissioner
Cheryl Bloom	Dave Rader	Chad Rietze, Cty of Boise
Alyssa Taysom	Matt Degen	Tessa Gregor, City of Boise
Karel Olsen	Ryan Fisher	Heather Zeitkin
Laine Amoureux	Tom Laws	BIOERA, unknown
Megan Zune	Meg McCarthy	Dana Gover, NWADA Ctr, Idaho
Danielle Reff aka DR	Dane Adams	
Melanie Hertling		

Meeting called to order, there is a quorum.

1a) Minutes of the July 9, 2024, meeting were approved.

2a) Welcome to the new committee member, Danielle Reff who goes by DR.

2b) **Safety Engineering Team Overview and presentation by Matt Degen.**

Matt Degen, the Safety Engineering Manager at Ada County Highway District, introduced the newly formed Safety Engineering Group, which consists of four main groups: Safety, Drainage, Design and Survey, and Safe Sidewalks. The group, established about a year ago, has three staff members, two engineers, and a coordinator, who are responsible for the Low-Volume Road Improvement (LPI) project, designing enhanced crossings, and temporary improvements such as "paint and posts" to improve bike lanes and lower vehicle speeds. Matt discussed the challenges faced by ACHD in managing projects due to bandwidth constraints, leading to the outsourcing of 20% of projects. He also highlighted the shift from capital projects to rapid project implementation, focusing on small, safety-based projects that can be completed within 12 months. He outlined the types of projects they handle, including drainage pipe replacement, enhanced pedestrian crossings, asphalt speed mitigation, and speed cushions.

#### ACHD Projects and Accessibility Concerns

Matt from the Ada County Highway District (ACHD) discussed the various projects and initiatives undertaken by his team. These included the installation of speed cushions, pedestrian hybrid beacons, and raised pedestrian crossings. Matt also mentioned ongoing projects such as the 16th and Washington intersection, the Linder and Kodiak project, and the

2025 speed fishing project. Cheryl asked about the term "speed cushion," which Matt clarified as a speed bump. Megan raised a concern about the accessibility of pedestrian crossings, particularly for wheelchair users, and Matt acknowledged the issue, promising to look into it.

### **2c) Chad Rietze/Tessa Gregor from the City of Boise Presentation on the 8th Street Project**

Chad, a senior planner for the Mobility and Public Spaces team and project manager for the 8th Street project, provided an update on the project's status and goals, including improving accessibility, supporting local businesses, and creating an engaging public space. Chad also discussed the project's history, including the temporary closure of the street during the Covid pandemic and the subsequent improvements made. The discussion then shifted to the parking corrals for e-scooters, with Tessa Grieger, who manages the mobility and public spaces program for the city, taking the lead.

However, this didn't come without any challenges, especially to those with disabilities. The city installed temporary ramps to improve access to businesses, placed orange barricades prevent those with vision impairments to unknowingly enter into the intersection, and also made efforts to organize other furnishings to make this more effective and safe shared space. The City then hired \*[unintelligible] Planning in coordination with Idaho Access Project to author what's called the 8th Street accessibility and Mobility improvements report. So this report provided recommendations on how the shared street could be most accessible for all users.

### **2d) Shared Micromobility Program: Parking Corrals Licensing Agreement Tessa Gregory**

#### **Micro Mobility Program Update and Strategies**

Summary: Tessa provided an update on the micro mobility program, focusing on strategies to improve parking compliance for e-bikes and e-scooters. She highlighted the program's goals, including providing reliable low-cost transportation options, reducing car trips, and increasing access to transit. Tessa discussed various strategies implemented to ensure correct parking, including mandatory and preferred parking pins, no parking zones, and end-of-trip photo reviews. She also mentioned an outreach and education campaign and the "Scoot Over" campaign, which promotes safety, parking, and accessibility. Tessa introduced the parking crowd pilot program, which involves the implementation of physical parking corrals in various locations, including downtown Boise, Boise State's campus, and neighborhoods near the university. The program aims to test the effectiveness of the materials and designs and to understand how people use them.

#### Some comments:

"A couple years ago the city made the decision with support from city council, to move to one vendor and to conduct a a competitive process in order to select a vendor to essentially have a contract with the city to implement a shared micro mobility program.

We did this for several reasons, but this was really an opportunity for us to enter into this program as a partnership with one vendor to really simplify the communications

and the enforcement process, and then to allow the program to better align with the city's goals around safety, equity, and accessibility, and we've been pretty pretty impressed with the progress that we've seen through going down to to one vendor versus what it was with 3 vendors.

So we established a contract in July of last year. This is an annual contract, but it does have the option to renew for subsequent years.

We did just renew this contract for an additional year, this past July.”

**“So at the end of every trip a rider is required to take a photo of their device. They're required to say that it's been properly parked out of the way of pedestrian travel. And then those photos are reviewed by lime on the back end.”**

### **Next Steps**

1. Committee members to monitor and provide feedback on the effectiveness of parking corrals in downtown Boise.
2. Tessa to provide statistics on fines issued, privileges revoked, and transit facility blockages by scooters/bikes.
3. Tessa to consider including information about fines and consequences in public communications about the scooter/bike program.
4. Shawn/Dave to email the Ada Annual report to committee members and Kent Goldthorpe.
5. Shawn/Dave to send out the Commission meeting link for the October 2nd work session.
6. Committee members to review the Ada Annual report and prepare questions for the next meeting.
7. Tessa to follow up on specific locations of concern for potential future parking corral installations.

### **3) Announcements and next meeting:**

Congratulations to Sean Kelly on passing and becoming a Certified ADA Coordinator. He will be taking over as the liaison for the committee.

Next Meeting is November 12, 2024.

Meeting adjourned 1215.

Minutes submitted by Cheryl Bloom  
Secretary