

# **Leadership in Government, Ada County**

## **Ada County Highway District Livable Streets Performance Measures**

Ada County Highway District's (ACHD's) Livable Streets Performance Measures were adopted by the ACHD Commission in June 2021. They provide a guide for ACHD to evaluate how the transportation system enhances safety while encouraging greater use by those who walk and bike.

The performance measures establish a level of traffic stress (LTS) score for bicyclists and pedestrians based on the design of a street. An LTS of 1 provides a comfortable experience for all ages and abilities. An LTS of 4 represents a high-stress experience.

ACHD assigns an LTS score to existing and alternative street designs and compares how different design options affect the experience of the end users. The agency then uses that information to inform decisions. Many projects have already been revised to ensure a lower stress experience.

ACHD is reviewing its policies and practices to ensure the facilities it builds are comfortable for all. This is a true paradigm shift for ACHD and provides an easy-to-use guide that can be easily adapted by other agencies.