

## **Leadership in Private Business, Ada County**

**Name of Business:** The Masonry Center Inc.

**Description:** Orchard Street south of I-184 is a four-lane street with a center turn lane and a traffic volume of over 20,000 vehicles per day. A painted crosswalk has existed for many years across Orchard at Kendall Street. Numerous bicyclists and pedestrians cross at that location both for local and regional destinations. The Garden Pathway terminates just south of Kendall Street and continuity to the on-street bikeway route encourages the crossing of Orchard at Kendall for bicyclists. The employers in the immediate area - DEQ, EPA and Public Television – promote alternative transportation and have a significant number of employees crossing Orchard in their commute and also to go to lunch across the street, or for a walk midday.

In 2006 Scott Chandler of Orchard Partners brought together and led a collaborative effort of stakeholders and ACHD in an effort to improve the crossing of the street for pedestrians and bicyclists. The group assisted ACHD in the development of a plan to upgrade the existing painted crosswalk and signs with an actuated overhead flashing beacon. Without a funding partnership, ACHD would not have been able to improve the crossing for a number of years based on other competing needs.

Mr. Scott Chandler of Orchard Partners took leadership in the coordination effort and paid approximately \$13,300 which was a 50% share of the pedestrian flashing beacon installation. The overhead flashing beacon was completed and put into operation in February of 2009.