

Leadership in Practice, Professional

Recipient:

Kathleen Lacey, City of Boise

Description:

Kathleen Lacey was lead staff for the City of Boise on two projects that exemplify implementation of the goals of *Communities in Motion*: the *30th Street Area Master Plan* and *State Street Transit Corridor Plan*. Kathleen was the go between for the city with all of the other agencies involved in both plans. The inter-jurisdictional coordination was enhanced by her leadership.

Kathleen was key in gathering good information and data and dispensing it widely to the public. She coordinated the initial charrette for 30th Street and kept in constant contact with all affected neighborhood groups for both plans. This robust information gathering, public outreach, and attention to detail were vital in helping both plans reach their full potential by gaining support to introduce appropriate higher densities and mix of housing types and still provide safe access and mobility while minimizing transportation impacts to existing residents.

The TOD [transportation oriented development] Policy Guidelines developed for State Street are groundbreaking for this region in guiding decision makers in how to introduce higher densities on high capacity transit corridors while respecting the existing built environment and neighboring cultural assets. In addition she went the extra mile with another groundbreaking document by coordinating a *30th Street Area Cultural Arts Plan* that is quickly becoming a model for the City of Boise to celebrate existing cultural assets while introducing higher densities, connectivity, and choice in housing types.

Kathleen is a true professional. She is conscientious of others' opinions and treats everyone with the greatest respect. Her professionalism comes through in the quality of her work and the knowledge she shares with others on a regular basis.