

Leadership by Example, Elected Official

Recipient: Ada County Highway District Commission President John S. Franden

Description:

Ada County Highway District (ACHD) Commission President John S. Franden exemplifies the goals of CIM 2040. In his fifth term as Commission President, Commissioner Franden led ACHD's unwavering support for the Boise multi-modal center and led the buffered bike lane pilot project.

His leadership in the follow-up implementation of the lessons learned from the buffered bike lane pilot project demonstrated Commissioner Franden's consistent and strong support for a more bikeable community. Mr. Franden is an unrelenting advocate for ACHD community sidewalk and pedestrian improvements; he pushed ACHD to improve accessibility and connectivity to jobs, schools, and services through the installation of new sidewalks and greatly improved pedestrian crossings for use by citizens of all abilities. During his tenure, ACHD spending for pedestrian improvements increased from \$250,000 to over \$3,000,000 per year.

This year, Franden's leadership ensured that ten "Safe Routes to Schools" projects, valued at more than \$1,000,000, were completed. His personal touch also included regular, balanced outreach to Ada County citizens, and his insistence on the completion of projects deemed most important to Ada County communities. In listening to and acting upon the concerns of these citizens, Commissioner Franden crafted difficult compromises that satisfied needs of the Cities of Eagle, Meridian, and Boise.

Franden also led three major joint endeavors with the Idaho Transportation Department this year, in a successful effort to protect and preserve existing transportation systems and opportunities.

Confident and collected in the face of criticism, Commissioner John Franden patiently produced practical, ethical compromises in situations which would have tried any other person in his shoes. Commissioner Franden's actions clearly led ACHD by example, and demonstrate his commitment to the goals of *Communities in Motion 2040*.