

Leadership in Practice, Professional

Recipient: Matt Edmond, AICP

Description:

Matt Edmond, AICP, demonstrates exceptional leadership and commitment to furthering the goals and vision of *Communities in Motion 2040* through his everyday practices to improve the safety and security of all transportation modes and users.

Mr. Edmond is the Senior Transportation Planner/Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator for the Ada County Highway District (ACHD) and is passionate about increasing transportation options and challenging the status quo.

From July 2013 to June 2014, Matt has been responsible for a multitude of innovative efforts, providing regional leadership, including:

- Refining the Downtown Boise Implementation Plan
- Leading the ACHD Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Creating the Ada County Bicycle Pathways Map
- Spearheading the bicycle safety lights outreach effort
- Leading neighborhood plans, focusing on integrating and prioritizing pedestrian and bicycle projects
- Participating on ACHD project teams, providing insight and advocacy for pedestrian and bicycle issues at the concept and design phase
- Leading the downtown Boise buffered bike lane pilot project, including answering hundreds of emails and working through technical details to prepare for a permanent project
- Participating on the Interagency Consultant Committee, with a commitment to improving air quality in the Treasure Valley
- Leading neighborhood plans, focusing on integrating and prioritizing pedestrian and bicycle projects and layering benefits
- Walking the walk by personally commuting by bike himself most days

In particular, Matt Edmond shows exceptional commitment and vision as the project manager of the buffered bike lane pilot project. While the project itself inspired the opinions of both supporters and naysayers, the opportunity to actually install bike lanes on several main Boise roadways gave transportation specialists valuable feedback that is presently being used to find permanent bicycle transportation solutions.

Mr. Edmond exemplifies Leadership in Practice by a Professional.