

Leadership by Example, Ada County

Co-Winners: Ada County Highway District, City of Boise, and Valley Regional Transit

Project: *State Street Transit and Traffic Operations Plan*

Description:

The *State Street Transit and Traffic Operations Plan* (TTOP) is an integrated transportation and land use plan that identifies and prioritizes near-term, medium-term, and long-term projects for implementing the roadway, transit, and land use vision for the State Street Corridor in Ada County. The plan is intended to guide local decisions and is a precursor to a future federal environmental analysis. It supports all four *Communities in Motion* goals of Connections, Coordination, Environment, and Information.

The vision is for a transit corridor with high occupancy vehicle /transit lanes within a seven lane cross-section with land use and transit-oriented development to support high capacity transit. One key challenge addressed in the TTOP is finding an appropriate balance of solutions to address the variety of needs.

The TTOP is a prime example of collaboration between project partners with distinct and separate interests and provides a model for how agencies with separate interests can work together to serve the needs of their common constituencies.

The study was conducted on behalf of the Ada County Highway District, the City of Boise, and Valley Regional Transit. In addition, the City of Eagle, Garden City, the Idaho Transportation Department, Ada County, COMPASS, and the Northside Neighborhood Association participated in the process. The process was guided by a project management team and a very active citizen committee of approximately 70 people, and has been adopted by multiple agencies. The consultant on the project was Kittelson & Associates.