

Leadership by Example, Canyon County

Winner: City of Caldwell, Widening of US 20/26, Aviation Way to Smeed Parkway

Description:

The City of Caldwell is widening US 20/26 in Caldwell from Aviation Way to Smeed Parkway. What makes this project unusual is that it falls under the jurisdiction of the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) – not the City of Caldwell.

ITD did not have the budget to undertake this project at this time. However, safety concerns due to high congestion and a need to promote growth in the city's new Foreign Trade Zone prompted the city to work with ITD to explore options for the project.

The end result is that the City of Caldwell is paying for the majority of the widening project and is doing most of the work itself, while coordinating closely with ITD.

This project presents an example of how cooperation, collaboration, and being willing to deviate from the traditional way of doing things can create solutions that benefit everyone.