

Leadership by Example, Canyon County

Winner: City of Caldwell, Pathways and Bike Routes Master Plan

Description: The City of Caldwell adopted a Pathways and Bike Routes Master Plan in January 2010. Since the plan's adoption, the city has accomplished several feats, including forming a citizen committee to prioritize projects and recommend changes to the master plan and city code. The city council has amended its parking regulations to require new businesses and high density residential uses to install bicycle parking facilities before a certificate of occupancy is issued.

The city funded two demonstration projects during fiscal year 2010. The first project is a shared roadway route connecting Sacajawea Elementary School to the Canyon County Courthouse using existing streets and a freeway pedestrian overpass. The second project consists of upgrading an existing bike lane on Linden Street. The council also approved a \$15,000 appropriation from the street fund for new bike routes, signage, and paint and approved a \$6,000 appropriation from the park fund for amenities such as benches, bike racks, and emergency call boxes for the pathway system in the fiscal year 2011 budget. The master plan furthers the goals of *Communities in Motion*, the regional long-range transportation plan. The master plan provides options for safe access and expanded mobility choices in a cost-effective manner and minimizes transportation impacts to people, cultural resources, and the environment. When the master plan was written, three main principles formed the foundation of the plan. The pathway and bike route system is designed to be inter-connected, safe, and take people to popular destinations.