

### **Background of COMPASS, ACHD, Plan meetings:**

- \* Re-alignment proposal is part of official policy plan that goes back to late 70's
- \* 5-6 years ago worked on Foothills Plan
- \* Concepts identified throughout: State St. will be the main east-west traffic carrier
- \* State St hardly handles the current traffic demand
- \* Make State St a major arterial
- \* Divert traffic to State St from Gary Lane eastward
- \* 36th will be primary connection to State St
- \* Project doesn't stand alone: need ways to make State St operate more intelligently, more efficiently
- \* ACHD currently studying "smart" ways to operate State St
- \* Destination 2025. Transportation plan adopted summer 2002, part of legal, comprehensive plans of 6 cities (COMPASS)
- \* Want 36th St to be attractive, usable enough so people will want to use State St
- \* Relationship between COMPASS and ACHD:
- \* COMPASS: plan
- \* ACHD: implementation
- \* COMPASS consists of 38 elected officials, and President of BSU, including 3 ACHD commissioners  
Kent Brown, Manager of Engineering, ACHD:
- \* COMPASS is the long range transportation planning body for all of northern Ada County
- \* Plan 2020-doesn't include plan for local streets. That is subset determined by ACHD commissioners, e.g. local developers

**AUDIENCE QUESTION:** Who was responsible for Curtis extension?

**Kent Brown:** from meetings in '95, no one wanted 5-lane road at that time.

**AUDIENCE QUESTION:** Lack of communication?

**Kent Brown:** Over 100 meetings were held regarding the Curtis Rd. extension. Multiple articles were in the paper. For the '94 36th and State intersection, multiple meetings were held. '96 study on 36th/Hill initially had 12 alternatives, most rejected for one reason or another.

**Mike Villnave, ACHD:** Wanted to hear reasons for the Collister Neighborhood Association traffic committee to request 8-month hold:

**Fonny Davidson, CNA** traffic committee:

- \* Estimate 5000 families in Collister neighborhood
- \* Need time to communicate with entire neighborhood
- \* ACHD approximately 40% along in plan/design for project
- \* 2 neighborhood informational meetings planned for Nov. 13 at Cynthia Mann Elementary, and Nov 14 at Hillside JH.
- \* Mayor Brent Coles has supported request for 8-month hold, Fonny read excerpt from letter Coles sent to ACHD in support
- \* Copies to Lance Evans, Boise city neighborhood planner, and Kathleen Lacey, Boise city transportation planner
- \* Need to canvass neighborhood and get feedback to present to ACHD
- \* Current re-alignment proposal not necessarily engineer's first pick
- \* Need to include Sunset, Quail Ridge, North End neighborhoods in discussion
- \* Most questions arise from lack of information

**AUDIENCE QUESTION:** Why 8 months?

**Fonny Davidson:** Amount of time negotiated with Lance Evans, Boise city neighborhood planner.

**AUDIENCE QUESTION:** Is it possible to model the project, using concrete barriers at Catalpa, Whitehead, etc?

**Kent Brown:** No. Would not be accurate. Safety issues.

**AUDIENCE QUESTION:** Will 8-month hold delay project?

**Kent Brown:** Probably not. Project scheduled to start in 2005.

**Kent Brown:** ACHD commissioners are aware of tonight's meeting re: request for 8-month hold.

- \* Staff will make recommendation re: request for 8-month hold
- \* Next joint Boise city and ACHD meeting is 2 months away (quarterly meetings) Issue won't be addressed until then
- \* ACHD tries to do 15% of design work in-house. ACHD decided to do the entire 36th/Hill project in-house
- \* With no outside design consultant on contract, no concern about contract extensions or delays
- \* If ACHD agrees to 8-month hold, ACHD wants alternatives from CNA
- \* ACHD would run computer models on CNA proposals, as projected for future traffic in 2025
- \* Consider: Hill Rd west of 36th is a minor arterial, Hill Rd east of 36th is a collector
- \* 36th north of Hill Rd into the Foothills is minor arterial; plan is to extend all the way to Bogus Basin Rd.

**Kent Brown:** Personally feels he will recommend the 8-month hold.

**Mike Villnave, ACHD Coordinator for 36th/Hill project:** ACHD will probably use consultant to run computer models.

**AUDIENCE QUESTION:** When is State St going to be fixed? Aren't you putting cart before the horse?

**Kent Brown:**

- \* Kent personally commutes State St each day, understands how congested it is
- \* State "can't" be made wider, would be cost prohibitive
- \* E.g. Idaho Power has easement on N side of State St (from the old inter-urban line), would have to pay to move all transmission poles. One pole at 36th St and Veterans' Parkway cost \$42,000 several years ago.

**Leslie Felton-Jue, CNA traffic committee:**

- \* State St. corridor study not complete
- \* Re: June ACHD meeting at Hillside: only residents east of Collister received mailing
- \* Have suggested improvements to ACHD website.

**Ed Keener, CNA Neighborhood Plan committee:** Another reason to grant the 8-month hold: it would provide ACHD with a positive public relations opportunity

**Audience Comment:** Doesn't matter how many meetings were held or how many notices sent. ACHD did not get people's attention. Need to use the 8 months to allow people the opportunity to ask intelligent questions.

**Mike Villnave:** One purpose of the meeting was to see if the CNA traffic committee had support, to gather justification for the 8-month hold

**Fonny Davidson:** Asked Mike Villnave if we had his support for the 8-month hold

**Mike Villnave:** Keep in mind that any proposals will have to be approved by several other agencies

**Kent Brown:** We will make report to ACHD commissioners next Wed.

- \* He can't make a commitment, doesn't have the power to unilaterally make the decision
- \* Re: alternatives-let everyone see all alternatives, previously there were 12.

**AUDIENCE QUESTION:** How accurately do the computer models work?

**Kent Brown:** Computer models work with major and minor arterials; do not work on minor residential (local) streets

**Erv Olen:** Computer models will use existing traffic counts

- \* Being within 20% for minor arterial is considered pretty good on a national basis

- \* Classification of streets is based on function, so a collector could be bigger than an arterial
- \* Hill Rd east of 28th St designated in official 2010 plan

**Fonny Davidson:** Encourage all ACHD members there to give CNA feedback

**Kent Brown:** If you want to understand more about the long-range plan, get Mike Villnave to come to your meetings.

**Janet French, CNA President:** People are interested in this project. Many new faces in the audience that she had not seen before. We need to reach more neighbors. Granting the 8-month hold will make ACHD look good. We want to work together, in an objective, professional and impartial manner.