

Community Café

Mountain View High School

Meridian/Kuna

November 12, 2002

Flip Chart Notes

What is Working:

- Busing
- Kuna – good road improvements
- Road conditions (some good/some bad)
- Planning process – good science but some redundancy
- Lots of bike lanes

What's Not Working:

- Poor land use planning
 - Set aside ROW
 - Need to plan ahead
 - Easement preservation in Meridian
- Interstate bad most of the time
- Park-and-ride lots too far off the road
- Misaligned impact fees
 - Kuna too high
 - Fees not used where collected
- Planning behind the population – should plan ahead (grow faster than planning)
- Alternative freeway system (east/west), circulars not near - term plan
- Interstate used by commuters
 - Truckers/vacationers gas up at large stations, not in town
- Chinden and SH 44/State need to be widened
- North/south connections
- More expressways with frontage to avoid cross traffic
- More lights
- Elevated roadways – commuter travel with no impact to local traffic
- Earmark

Funding:

- Sunset sales tax (ends when project paid)
- Tolled highways
- License tax registration fees
- Increase gas tax
- Hotel/motel tax
- Change planning laws (ROW set aside, less money for land, etc.)

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Table Comments

Host 1

Working Well

- Planning processes – trying to reach out to public
- Lots of federal funding for planning
- Hwy 69 great improvement
- Bike lanes almost everywhere
- Interstate works quite well

Not Working

- While planning is good – the implementation does not seem to happen. Plans get lost or ignored.
- Funding constantly cut for implementation
- Bus systems stop too early
- Not convenient Park-and-Ride lots
- Planning is too short-term – by the time a plan is implemented, it is already out grown, outdate
- Need more mass transit
- The western mentality is to drive everywhere but we aren't accommodating that quantity of cars
- Downtown Meridian needs help with traffic. Main and Meridian need work! One-way streets will not work!!

What would you like to see in the future regarding transportation?

- Systems that don't penalize people – force them into behavior changes
- Light rail system: Ontario, Caldwell, and Boise
- More freeway access
- Bypass on south side past Kuna
- Interchange at Ten Mile, overpass at Locust Grove
- Five lanes on Meridian Road in Meridian
- Two-way streets in downtown Meridian – two lanes on Main with bike lanes
- Commuter bus area – Meridian – as hub for entire Valley: Kuna, Eagle, Boise, and Nampa
- Some sort of commuter
- More usable locations for Park-and-Ride lots
- More major north/south routes to take some pressure off the Connector and Eagle Road
- Two-tier express skyway

How would you be willing to pay for transportation improvements?

- Taxing cars will force people to use mass transit
- Gas tax
- Increase impact fees and thru increased property values – when developed
- Bake sales
- Yard sales
- Already paying for them

Host 2

Working Well

- Connector – if you aren't commuting
- Hwy 69
- Meridian Kuna Highway

Not Working

- Interstate
- North/south traffic thru downtown Meridian
- Park-and-Ride lots don't appear to be well utilized

What would you like to see in the future regarding transportation?

- Rail Corridor – protected by Meridian from Canyon County to Cloverdale
- Interstate around the population
- Separating the commuter use from interstate traffic
- Light rail – mass transit
- Ten Mile Interchange, Locust Grove Overpass, Linder Overpass
- Completion of Pine/Emerald – east/west connection

How would you be willing to pay for transportation improvements?

- Increased license tax earmarked for streets/highways
- Sales tax
- Fair and equitable impact fees – keeping in mind, impact fees discourage development – new business
- Tax increment financing
- LID (Local Improvement District)
- USER fee taxation

Host 3

Working Well

- Freeway compared to others work well
- Commuter Ride has been increasing use (Look at busing and commuters in outlining area). Increase routes.
- Live closer to work
- Chinden and Middleton Roads widened

Not Working

- Headed for future congestion
- State – Commerce spends \$5million
- Not proactive – spend more on Right-of-Ways
- Political commitment to embrace mass transit
- Access to the freeway – Meridian
- Mass transit – not much agreement
- Alternate truck routes
- Circular transportation system
- Easy north/south route
- South corridor – designate section line 100 foot right-of-way
- Cloverdale/Locust Grove – five lane all the way to Eagle
- People don't want to give up their vehicles

- Land use development services

How would you be willing to pay for transportation improvements?

- Closed end taxing system
- Sales tax must be closely defined
- Infrastructure in place – planning laws
- Auto registration fees
- Tax \$125 per vehicle
- User tax
- Option: drivers license tax
- Toll highway (targeted use)
- Additional fuel tax
- Hotel/restaurant tax (specific)

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