

**Farm Workers Resource Committee Meeting
January 30, 2004
Community Planning Association**

What is Working Well?

- I-84 – good west to east during off-peak, reverse commute o.k.
- Payette - Highway 95 good, good maintenance
- Boise – light sequence good and traffic flow – any time
- I-84 – good maintenance – even with detours – works well (Meridian to City Center is bad)
- Connector
- Happy I-84 is there

What Does Not Work Well?

- Difficult getting to State Street/Collister area
 - State Street – bad peak hour
- Inadequate public transportation
 - Payette to Boise
 - Provide ample public transportation and people will leave cars at home, would result in better air quality
 - Need more public transportation - Nampa/Caldwell to Boise
 - Need more in Parma area
 - Public transportation as a lifestyle
- Time sensitive traffic lights (i.e., at midnight should not have to wait with no traffic)
- Terry Reilly in Nampa – need to get people to services and to Boise – (Wilder)
- Detours can be confusing – need better communication and signage
- Not enough connections
- Not enough exists off highway
- Meridian exits have too much wait lines
 - Exit 29 in Caldwell
- Cole exit is bad – a lot of clients go to Boise
 - Wal Mart and this exit gets congested
 - Signage issues with the two exists
 - Signage getting out of CostCo
- People with no legal status cannot obtain a driver's license
 - Not enough public transportation available
 - Work issue
- Signage – forewarning for upcoming streets

Future Needs:

- Public transportation (mass)
 - Buses
 - Tram
 - Train (high speed – Caldwell, Wilder, Parma) Payette to Boise
- Traffic circles in neighborhoods with high traffic instead of lights
- Access to Freeway – controlled access lights on ramps
- Lots of visitors here with medical issues – need better options and directions to get around
- Planning – grid system
- Building more lanes is not answer – work on comprehensive public transportation (public transportation for all hours of the day)
- Big picture approach
- Airport emphasis as public transportation destination
 - With connections at destinations
- Better integrated system with good communication (example: Europe)
 - High frequency
 - Include Ontario
 - Public transportation addresses air quality issues
- Complexity – daycare/work/school
- Public transportation signs multi-lingual

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