

Community Café

Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho Canyon County November 6, 2002 *Flip Chart Notes*

What Works:

- Incident vehicles
- Planning – looking to the future
- Roads maintained better than in the past Andrews.Gina@epamail.epa.gov
- Seal coat more often – better preservation
- Generally safe

What is Not Working:

- Bottlenecking on I-84
- Storm drainage area – local roads
- Happy Valley was torn up for a long time because of construction
- Not enough signs on local roads (street signs)
- Unmarked intersections
- Nampa north/south connections – channel growth to I-84
- Seems like no allowance for expansion – rechanneling of traffic
- Lack of public transportation
- Two-hour traffic jams (7:30-8:30 and 4:30 – 6:00)
- If you build it, it's still packed
- Alternate out west/east
- On/off ramps stacking on I-84

Big Picture:

- Public transportation - Caldwell to Boise
- High speed buses
- Rail plans end at Nampa – should go past Caldwell
- Need faster rail system than “sample” given
- Raised rail
- Commuter lane (HOV)
- Stop and go ramps
- More exists off freeway (esp. Middleton Road – longest north/south)
 - Ten Mile
 - Black Cat
 - Robinson
- More major arterials
 - Loop around Nampa
 - If it's not down soon it will cost more

- Other cities have gone thru growing pains – what is going on elsewhere? Studies?
 - Salt Lake /Portland rail good example
- Mass transit not logical unless the population can support it
- Education – awareness
- Land use design
- Many families don't have vehicles – could benefit from public transportation
- Communities built around metro stops (big city)
- Don't make Deer Flat an arterial
- Only one arterial – most big cities have multiple choices west/east – north/south

Funding:

- Use somebody else's money
- Depends if good enough to get rid of car
 - Tax credits
 - User fees
 - Stipends for bus
 - Encourage people to use public transportation
- Incentive programs
- Tax credit – defined (government tax credit for not using car)
- Federal money
- Other grant options
- Welfare to work funding
 - Service based
- No tolls
- Dirt roads –
 - Just fund the big projects
 - Prioritize
- Tap into corporate support
 - Too bad we have to always be in crisis mode
 - Just alleviate – no help for future
 - Isaac's Canyon- too bad we can't get other businesses to get ahead of the curve
- So many different highway districts – administrative costs
- Coordination
- Explanation of multiple highway districts needed