

**Question One:**

**Where do you take out-of-town guests?**

- Farmland
- Greenbelt
- MK Nature Center
- Idaho Shakespeare Festival
- Hyde Park
- Birds of Prey
- River Rafting
- Luck Peak
- Downtown
- Mall
- Silver City
- Farmers Markets
- Boise State
- Festivals/Fairs
- Football/Sporting Events
- River Float
- Owyhee Plaza
- Tour Train
- Wine Tasting
- Roaring Springs

**Supporting Existing Cities/Towns?**

Good Example: Donnelly...

- Are we supporting the people who actually live there?

Stanley vs. Kuna...

- Some are more "visitor friendly" than others

How do we help towns to keep their own personalities?

**Cost of Doing Nothing:**

- Sprawl...or Sun Valley where no one can afford to live

**Where do we put our Money?**

- Historic Preservation
- Highways (in order to preserve these other towns)

**Question 2:**

**How can Transportation Serve our Communities?**

- Portland Rail Line...large investment, increased property values
- People who say that Public Transit won't work in Idaho have not lived in a place where public transit works
- Nampa/Caldwell <--> Boise...needs to be something
- Challenge of baby boomers again, will be in great need of public transportation
- Private—Public Sector...building up tax base around railway

**Best Investment:**

- Do it right the first time
- Don't put all your eggs in one...
- Flexible plans, and building for the future...saving money in the long run
- Maintain corridors, purchasing right of way

**At Local Level**

- Something “useable”
- Bike Paths
- SAFETY
- Park & Ride along Greenbelt

***Question 3:***

***What are important things to protect in your community?***

- Air Quality
- Farmland
- Open Space
- Parks
- Foothills (with access)
- Cultural Areas (Old Boise, Hyde Park)
- Greenbelt
- Water (supply)
- Diversity of Retail
- Sidewalks & Bike Paths
- Education Opportunities (Neighborhood Schools)
- Against Urban Sprawl (how do you manage that with property rights)

***What would be lost?***

- Sense of community
- Population
- Crime would go up
- Community value...it's why we live here!

***Support:***

- Vote!
- Willing to open the pocket book
- Willing to be civil in town meetings
- Rallying competent candidates for office
- Support for the idea of being able to stay in your community through different life stages
- Competitive political environment...balanced/open legislature
- Community hubs, village centers
- Zoning against “snout houses”
- Allow density to create “communities”
- Support for small businesses
- Mixed use (such as in the low income housing by the courthouse)
- Good policies, communication with public officials
- Building trust

**Question 1:**

***Where do you take out-of-town guests when you want to show them your city/town?***

- Greenbelt
- Discover Center
- Idaho Shakespeare Theatre
- Downtown Boise
- Downtown Meridian
- Botanical Gardens
- Birds of Prey
- Celebration Park
- MH AFB Air Show
- Museum
- Hyde Park
- Bogus Basin
- Indian Creek Project

**Question 2:**

***How can transportation serve our communities?***

- Cars = Freedom
- Transit runs into political conflict
- Perception that costs are too high
- Connector roads
- Loop Roads

**Question 3:**

***What are important things to protect in your community?***

- Quality of Life
  - Open Space
  - Safety
  - City Identity
  - Neighborhood Identity
  - Special Events (Indigenous)
- Boise River Festival—Impact on surrounding neighborhoods (revisit city codes)
- More Open Recreational Space
- Multi-Use Applications for land reducing car trips (mom & pop basic services)
- Hollywood Market exists from the past—but could not begin today
- Infill must be decided by community criteria
- School viability must be supported
- Historical enforcement—prohibitions drive people out.
- Funding conflicts in property taxes vs. empty nesters' contribution resistance
- Keep out "Exotic dancing" businesses
- Caldwell—Gang Problems, make city safer
- Cul-de-sacs create law enforcement barriers
- Preserve cultural and physical identity

### **Question 1:**

***Where do you take out-of-town guests when you want to show them your city/town?***

- Warm Springs
- Parks & Rivers
- Harrison Blvd.
- Downtown
- Hyde Park
- Natural
- MK Nature Center
- Municipal Park
- Mall if small town
- Foothills
- Trip to surrounding area (Idaho City, Banks)
- Table Rock
- Bogus
- Quail Ridge
- Eating—Eighth Street
- Hidden Springs
- Birds of Prey (Both visitors cent and natural area)

### ***Variety—What is special***

- Have diversity in culture and recreation more than other cities our size
- Regional mountains, deserts, lakes, rivers
- Many associated with natural features not directly with the communities
- Some integrated mixed-use neighborhoods creating new environments
- Preserve Ustick area example of transit plans trash the re-development
- Is corridor for “through traffic” compatible with local areas?
- Where do we make changes and how do we choose to make those changes-- is it traffic driven or location driven?

### **Question 2:**

***How can transportation serve out communities?***

- Reflect civic pride—up to a point, until the costs get out of balance
- Moving cars and trucks, goods, not just people
- Demographics—is age future willing to accept what we leave them?
- Which came first locality or transport?
- Transportation: marry with land use grid patterns
- What is the foundation?
- Land uses will change but the infrastructure lives on

### ***Air quality & Congestion***

- Mass transit can serve some of these issues
- Buses with sit in the same traffic without special lanes
- Is it rush hour only?

### ***Culture***

- Treasure Valley people will not use mass transit
  - What incentives?
- One fix will not solve all problems—independent neighborhood centers and schools have different mix→ interconnectivity starts with the kids be it safety or connectivity neighborhood design.

- Don't have "neighborhoods" anymore

***Question 3: What are important things to protect in your community?***

- Women & Children, security and safety
- Would miss Ustick/Hyde Park peculiar characteristics
- River, no more floodplain development—Natural
- Foothills
- Make public areas available for use—easy access and connectivity
- Air Quality—emissions public transportation
- Change will happen→tradeoffs
- Distinguish, retain individual communities so can be self-contained
- Codes—can manage help keep what we want: Can have local differences for existing areas and bring new form and uses compatibly into area
- Mixed use "can" be beautiful
- Get high-density/high-quality neighborhoods
  - Bring it "home"
- Land splits—can you subdivide/split again?
- Indian Creek in Caldwell comes back now that the reason it was "piped" has changed.

### ***Question 1:***

***Where do you take out-of-town guests when you want to show them your city/town? Why?***

- Saturday Market—Downtown
- Historical Society—Museum
- Barber & River
- Foothills
- MK Nature Center
- Capitol Building
- Downtown/8<sup>th</sup> street/6<sup>th</sup> street
- Train Depot
- Leave urban area & head out

### ***Support Existing Cities?***

- Some communities enhance Boise's existence
- Outside enjoy Greenbelt free of charge
- Seattle residents get bored; for it's size...Boise has a lot

### ***Cost of doing nothing?***

- Boise relatively clean state
- Doing nothing will cause Boise to deteriorate

### ***Where do we make public investments?***

- Preserve natural amenities
  - River access/foothills
- Bring back river festival
  - Assess fees
- Meaningful transportations
  - Efficient & Aesthetic
  - Options to single occupancy
- Schools & Parks
- Affordable Housing
- Accessibility for independent living

### ***Question 2:***

***How can transportation serve our communities?***

- Get people where they want to go when they want
- Affordable
- Allows people to stay in their neighborhood
- Transportation needs to be secure
- Change Ada County Highway District to Ada County Transportation Authority
- Need better education on methods of financing transportation alternatives
- Pedestrian & bike friendly neighborhoods (including wheelchairs)
- Fewer gigantic thoroughfares that are hard to cross

- Local option authority to allow locals to steer transportation alternatives
  - i.e. like 20-26 routes do not work
- Toll ways or beltways North & South serving Boise
- Regional authority needed because most small communities do not have large enough government to be adequately involved in transportation big picture.

***Question 3:***

***What are important things to protect in your community?***

- Talking to real people, personal interaction, coordination among communities
- Ability to be a non-vehicle traveler (walk/bike/wheelchair)
- Cohesiveness of neighborhood
  - Connective ness
- Staying connected with neighbors
  - Need to rebuild this
- Low crime rate is important
  - Security
- Boise developers build little mono-cultures
- Single first houses only
- Big mega thousands houses
- View of foothills with out development covering
- Air Quality
- River Greenbelt
  - Flood protection
  - Environmental
- Rail Corridor
- Boise way of Life
- Preserve neighborhoods
  - Life centers, don't have to leave to shop except occasionally
- Protect west valley farmland expand east along I-84.

### ***Question 1:***

***Where do you take out-of-town guests when you want to show them your city/town? Why?***

- Shakespeare Festival
- Alive After Five
- Lake Lowell walk on Conservation
- Birds of Prey
- Greenbelt—accessible all year
- Tablerock
- Boise River
- Idaho City
- Boise Art Museum
- McCall-Recreation

(Part 1)

Makes the area—Park of the uniqueness  
Metro Area—shows the diversity—history

(Part 2)

Losing opportunities—cash end up with little pockets that don't relate

(Part 3)

- Open spaces should be protected.
- Rail—dedicated fund for transit.
- Public transportation (more)
- Education

### ***Question 2:***

***How can transportation serve our communities?***

(Part 1)

No brainer

(Part 2)

- Better balance distribution between the different vehicles of transportation from zoning aspect—branch out better planning for the subdivision—connectivity betters bus schedules and availability—open up commercial areas more inviting for foot traffic
- Education—benefits
- Old Trolleys

### ***Question 3:***

***What are important things to protect in your community?***

(Part 1)

- Foothills/Greenbelt
- Bogus Basin
- Sure/ quality of life in general including vibrant economy & jobs.

- Miss revenue from the tourist industry
- Schools/Education
- Broncos!!!

(Part 2)

Common Sense—protect the assets

(Part 3)

- Efficient & Effective use of tax dollar
- Encourage growth to pay for itself
- Protect freedom to move more freely around the Valley

***Question 1:***

***Where do you take out-of-town guests when you want to show them your city/town? Why?***

- Greenbelt
- Farmer Market
- 13<sup>th</sup> Street
- Ann Morrison Center
- Idaho City
- Horseshoe Bend
  
- Not my neighborhood
- Should we support consider existing towns (neighborhoods)
- Support services in neighborhood (retail)

***Cost of doing nothing?***

- Smog sunsets
- Crime
- Continuing polarization

***Public Investments***

- River
- Public areas around
- The River
- Not private
- Foothills—preserving this area
- In neighborhoods there is no housing for empty nesters
- Move to areas where its affordable

***Question 2:***

***How can transportation serve our communities?***

- Mass Transit
- Light Rail
- Ada County Highway
- Be functional
- Affordable
- Economical for time point of view
- Make it affordable
- Proactive
- Overall planning that connects transportation
- Attract retail first
- Mass transit
- Light Rail
- Regional level and local level

### ***Question 1:***

***Where do you take out-of-town guests when you want to show them your city/town? Why?***

- Hyde Park
- Warm Springs
- Harrison Blvd.
- Downtown
- Art Museum
- Depot
- Parks
- Zoo
- Greenbelt
- Shakespeare Festival
- Wineries
- Orchards
- Idaho City
- Bogus Basin
- Ann Frank Memorial
- Freak Alley
- Capitol Bldg. (especially at Christmas)

### ***Support existing cities/towns?***

- Nampa has no real identifiable downtown. Are trying to emphasize building a downtown
- Boise school system is losing students
- Concept of housing diversity is good but need to be laws to enforce
- Nampa—most housing does not provide tax base for costs
- Flight from Boise, West
- Why does so much of Meridian District include Boise? Schools aren't being maximized. Look at alternatives.

### ***Cost of doing nothing?***

- Can't afford to build roads shown on "Trend" total ineffective road system
- To maintain status quo

### ***Question 2:***

***How can transportation serve our communities?***

- Yes you can make it nice
- Some bus stops are muddy places with no signage
- Other places have nice bus stops
- There are some nice bus stops
- Portland—light rail system is a beautiful system—signage is great, integrated
- Harrison Blvd—the center of the street, signage
- To improve Harrison Blvd—start car down center

### ***Investment***

- Design, connect the neighborhoods
- Need network
- People must be willing to walk 5-10 minutes to catch transport aren't in Boise

### ***Best Investments***

- Adequate bus service one good system

- Bus system covers more hours
- Integration of decision makers
- Legislature—local option taxes to build transport center
- Legislature won't allow us to do this
- Integrated transport system
- Light rail from Caldwell to Mountain Home
- Single rail with bus feeders
- Effect on older neighborhoods

***Question 3:***

***What are important things to protect in your community?***

- Air quality
- Schools
- Sufficiently low density to get around
- Farmland
- Wildlife areas
- Property values
- Existing neighborhoods
- Affordable housing
- Kid friendly
- Ability of kids to walk to school
- Outdoors, access to foothills (foothills levy) Greenbelt

***Values***

- Outdoors
- Vibrant neighborhoods
- Stay engaged and let your voice be heard

***Question 1:***

***Where do you take out-of-town guests when you want to show them your city/town? Why?***

- Silver Valley Snake Pit
- Related to kids:
- Boondocks
- Discovery Center, etc.
- Greenbelt
- River
- Capitol
- Depot
- Circle loops thru region
- 8<sup>th</sup> street market
- BSU Campus
- Parks

***Cost of doing nothing?***

- Inconsistency—damage to the transportation system
- Public entities need to help the developers develop what we want
- Incentive
- Urban renewal
- Sustainable development

***Question 2:***

***How can transportation serve out community?***

- Train. It would be nice if mayors zoned to be at RR trades
- Develop public/private partnerships
- Agencies to work together with communities
- Do more public outreach—a bit more intermodal than
- Transportation agency builds the road, cities do the rest
- Partnership
- Early involvement with community

***Question 3:***

***What are important things to protect in your community?***

- River
- Foothills
- Community Centers
- Historic Centers
- Walkability
- Access to other neighborhoods
- Connectivity

- Choices
- Air Quality
- Travel time/mobile
- Amenities
- Nature

***Support***

- Public involvement
- Ustick Ave. Issues
- Preserve corridors with access management
- Close shopping—needs
- Build roads with private sector division, \$

### ***Question 1:***

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- 8<sup>th</sup> Street Market
  - Hyde Park
  - Saturday Market—Meridian
  - Idaho City
  - Garden Valley—Mountains
  - Penitentiary
  - Botanical Gardens
  - Art Museum
  - Depot
  - Caldwell Depot
  - Nampa Dept—Farmers Market
  - Mall
  - Basque Block
  - Hidden Springs—Fall Festival
  - Scarecrow Festival Meridian
  - Dairy Days Meridian
  - Stampede
  - Fairs
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- To stay in my own community (meridian)
  - Preservation avoid disaster of 1980s in Boise

### ***Where?***

- Mixed use
- Transportation
- Public Roads
- Mass Transportation—because it could be too expensive later
- Not sure mass transit work—If every 10 minutes

### ***Question 2:***

***How can transportation serve our community?***

- Get people back and forth to work
- Better air quality
- Time it takes
- Transportation is road—improve arterials (not fragmented)
- Function convenient attractive airport
- Access to it (already attractive)
- Local level
- Sidewalks
- Bike trails (impossible in meridian)
- Build roads to capacity to start with

### ***How should we invest?***

- Identify corridors earlier before built up and access to highway to costly to do later
- Need mechanism to get ahead of the growth
- Light rail—Mountain Home to Micron and Idaho Center—out to Caldwell
- Network of feeder transportation and parking lots
- Commercial vehicle bypass—only lane

- Adaptive signal technology
- Once get transportation in place want attractive streets—corridors attractive
- Arterials priority

***Question 3:***

***What are important things to protect in your community?***

- Open Space—preservation of green spaces on river
- Preserve old buildings
- economic value to historic areas in our city
- Lake Lowell (Maintain beauty)
  - Incentive to preserve tax \$
  - Create resort/recreation
  - Public subsidy of land(not realistic)
  - Problem tough sell to tax payers (not realistic)
- Water (resources, river beds)
- Greenbelt—provides protection
- The greenbelt throughout community, bike paths along, pocket parks, large parks
- Rail/transportation/truck roads
- Preserve neighborhood culture ambience
  - Shotgun house/condo
  - Arterial roadways
  - Feel of neighborhoods
- Sanity
- Air quality
- Safety
- Wildlife habitat

***Ensure support?***

- Education
- Stepping up to plate as we did with foothills
- Most communities around Boise can't afford to do it
- Compromise
- Leadership
- Look at metro level not isolated communities—inclusively
- Viable neighborhood organizations
- Neighborhood organizations come together connect for project

***Question 1:***

***Where do you take out-of-town guests when you want to show them your city/town? Why?***

- Downtown Boise
- Outlying areas—for longer stays
- Family friendly
- Places of interest (arts/culture)
- Larger communities need to support the smaller communities to survive

***Question 2:***

***How can transportation serve out community?***

- Use transit in real estate to bring mobility to the smaller communities
- With increased operating \$ bring trolley in bits and pieces

***Question 3:***

***What are important things to protect in your community?***

- Public safety
- Farmlands
- Historical areas/buildings
- Individuality
- Foothills/access to
- Open spaces
- Neighborhood schools
- Walkability
- Pride in the community to take action is definitely valuable
- Walking downtown and seeing all the patrons
- Supporting our local businesses
- As well as the financial donation to our arts/entertainment (Idaho Shakespeare Festival)