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**June 28, 2023 3:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray, President

**Approve Agenda**

Motion to Approve Agenda  
1st Paul Mann

2nd: Bob Hay

All Approved

**Guest Speaker: Don Kostelec: [Vitruvian Planning](#)**

**Linder Overpass Pathway Design: Why it needs to be 14-ft wide (and why you could live with 12-ft if the highway agencies are stubborn)**

Location: Linder between Overland and Franklin

Overpass not an interchange

ACHD has final authority

**OVERPASS FOCUS: 2 Concerns**

1. Only 10 ft shown for multi-use lane: no buffer from barriers

Barriers reduce functional width by 1.5ft.

Example: Bike handlebars need that extra space.

A 14ft wide bridge will allow for a full 11ft usable width

FHA advises shoulders for cars to avoid collisions. Don advises pathways users also need shoulders for the same reason.

Speed differentials due to elevation changes on the bridge is another reason for the shoulders.

AASHTO: Both ACHD and ITD refer to ASHTO

American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

AASHTO: Advocates for wider than 10 ft must-use lanes

ACHD manual defers to most stringent guidelines however makes an exception for Linder Road. The ACHD report state it is "environmentally constrained". Don disagrees that a bridge over a 8 lane highway meets

“environmentally constrained”.

2. The multi-use lane only has a curb to separate it from vehicle traffic once the lane is off the bridge.

## Who to contact?

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Don's recommendations 14 ft. multi-use lanes for Linder Road Overpass.

Need to consider the most vulnerable and inexperienced users such as children, wheelchairs, strollers, bike with bike trailer, two pedestrians, families, etc.

Motion to prepare a letter to Don's recommended contacts as well as COMPASS.

Timeline: Gary Segers and Don Kostelec will prepare the letter.

With President Gigray's approval. The letter will be sent to the recommended contacts.

1st Gary Segers      2nd Paul Mann      All Approved

### **Glenwood Bridge: convert center lane to bicycle lane**

Motion to create Glenwood Bridge Committee: Gary Segers, Gary Payne, and Bob Hay

Report to FACTS board in August or September

1st Gary Segers      2nd Mark Eubanks      All Approved

### **Officer Reports**

#### **Secretary's Report**

Karen Silbernagel Danley, Secretary

Minutes April and May

Motion to approve Minutes: Table Minutes

1st Paul Mann      2nd Bob Hay      All Approved

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Phil Peterson, Treasurer

The current account balance at D.L. Evans Bank is \$8161.57

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report

1st Mark Eubanks      2nd President Gigray All Approved

The Ada County Board of Commissioners voted to approve a full 100% tax exemption for the year 2023 for the FACTS real estate parcel along the Boise River.

## **President's Report**

Wm. F. "Bill" Gigray

1. ITD Chinden West Hwy 20-26 Project: Star to Middleton Road
2. Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023: L
3. Pathway Standards: Austin Miller will present a summary in August

Questions:

How can we best use these standards?

Should FACTS advocate for common standards among the different jurisdictions to provide uniformity?

4. Agency Budget Reports for July Meeting

## **Vice President Report**

Bill Mulane

1. The Boise River Greenbelt System in Ada County

Green Belt Changes in Ada County? - A Working Group (Police & City Attornies) creating an ordinance to govern Green Belt use in Ada County plans to submit recommendations to mayors & county commissioners for examination and feedback. I hope the mayors contact path users and groups such as FACTS for input.

[Link to Working Group Slides.](#)

2. 52nd Street Bridge

Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 changes to NEPA Review process do not impact 52nd St. Bridge Project. The 52nd Street Bridge project is recommended for funding through the Transportation Management Area programs (Surface Transportation Block Grant, Transportation Alternatives Program, and Carbon Reduction Program) with design starting in FY2024, right-of-way in FY2026, and construction in FY2028. This recommendation is for the Draft FY2024-2030 Regional Transportation Improvement Program, which is expected to be approved in October 2023.

3. Boise River Club Plantation Redevelopment

River Club Development in Garden City approved by Council but without provision for pathways to the Green Belt via Fair Oaks Place.

[Link to Statesman Report on Approval](#)

A second condition of Garden City approval blocks a pedestrian and bicycle connection between the new development and North Fair Oaks Place, a cul-de-sac that extends north toward the golf course.

Pro pathway comment from Jacobs - Council Member Bill Jacobs said he wanted to see a path connecting the new development with the Greenbelt to the south because he worries about those traveling on bikes or walking to catch the bus along State Street, which has a speed limit of 40 mph. "I'm concerned about the children," he said. Other council members disagreed, saying that bike and pedestrian connectivity would be better along established roads, such as Plantation River Drive to the east. That would mean that cyclists or walkers trying to get from the new commercial development along State Street to the Greenbelt would need to travel east along State before turning south on Plantation River Drive. The potential for adding a bike lane along Plantation River is up to the Ada County Highway District and might not happen for another decade, Jacobs said.

Anti-pathway comments from Jorgensen - Council Member Teresa Jorgensen said she opposed a neighborhood connection at all. "Connectivity in neighborhoods creates conflict," she

said. She added that she “strongly prefers” that connections to the Greenbelt not go through neighborhoods.

[Link to development editorial in Statesman](#)

Neighbors also complained about the development’s proposed walking and biking paths — as if that were somehow a bad thing. There’s no way any city official should shoot down a development over opposition that the development encourages people to — gasp — bike and walk.

- [Link to coverage from BoiseDev](#)

### **Gary Payne advocates for larger barriers for the bicycle lane on State Street.**

Meg McCarthy stated that from Hartford to Ellens Ferry, ACHD is putting in multi-use paths on both sides of State street in 2025. However, not adjacent to the golf course, from Plantation River to Ellens Ferry, due to the fact trees would have to be removed. Gary Segers and Gary Payne will take a look at the plan.

### **Committee Reports**

1. Brochure: Mark Eubanks  
Mark will order 100 brochures  
Jennifer Salmonsens is creating a West Greenbelt insert including the greenbelt in Meridian, Eagle, and Star.  
Mark suggested speed signs as the pace is becoming faster with the use of ebikes and escooters.
2. Caldwell Pathways and Bike Routes Committee: Paul Mann  
2026: ITD is planning on incorporating the tunnel when they widen the road.  
Paul will make an appointment with Julie McCoy to discuss connectivity.
3. Meg McCarthy: ACHD suggested we look at the ACHD pathways guide.
4. Kim Warren: City of Meridian  
A new more user friendly Meridian pathways map is being created.  
New Pathways near Black Cat and 10 Mile Road North of Ustick.  
Timeline: Project to be completed in the fall  
Kim will report back with pictures.
5. Dane Hoskins: City of Boise  
Now Pathways Program Manager at the City of Boise  
CCDC Project connecting 3rd street to Broadway is underway.  
Bob Hay mentioned some areas of asphalt could use some repairs.
6. Steve: City of Eagle  
The Boise River is down so the greenbelt is now dry. Some areas were closed.  
Dry Creek has been so high. Sand has been deposited under a Sinner’s bridge.  
More than 20 trees came down on greenbelt pathways in six weeks.  
Trees have also fallen into the Boise River creating hazards for rafters called “strainers”. Steve and his staff put up signs “Extreme Danger Ahead” to warn rafters.  
Latest of Steve’s Idaho Bike Adventures  
Sandpoint: New trails at Dover Bay  
Stanley to Redfish Trail: 8-10 ft gravel trail

Gorgeous views  
2023 Eagle Fun Days Car Show: Steve invited us to join him.

**Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: July 26, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE**

**FACTS BOARD**

**Boise**

Mark Eubank	Trails Advocate
Bob Hay	Trails Advocate
Gary Payne	Trails Advocate

**Caldwell**

Paul Mann	Caldwell Pathways and Bike Routes Commission
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**Garden City**

Gary Segers	ACHD Bicycle Advisory Committee
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**Nampa**

Wm. "Bill" Gigray	President
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**2023 Agency and Non Profit Ex Officio Members**

ACHD/BAC	Meg McCarthy
City of Eagle Trails & Pathways	Steve Noyes
City of Garden City	Colin Schmidt
City of Meridian Parks & Pathways	Kim Warren
City of Boise	Dane Hoskins
COMPASS	Austin Miller

**Guest**

Don Kostelec	Vitruvian Planning
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**2023 FACTS MEETING DATES**

August 23

September 27

October 25

November 29 Note: This is the fifth Wednesday of the month rather than the fourth. The FACTS November and December meetings are combined into one meeting. This is the last 2023 meeting.

**2023 FACTS GOALS**

1. Eagle Island State Park (Robert Minch, Karen Danley, & Steve Noyes)
  1. Equestrian Skills Trail and Equestrian Use
  2. Connectivity
2. 52nd Street Bridge Project (Bill Mullane)

3. COMPASS Chinden Blvd. Study (Garden City) Rails with Trails (Austin Miller)
4. FLAP Grant and Hwy. 55 Underpass
5. New Bridge in Caldwell over Boise River old Hwy. 30
6. Public Relations Committee (Mark Eubank, Robert Minch, and Paul Mann)
7. Downtown Boise (Gary Segers)
8. Nampa Connection to Greenbelt
9. Kuna Projects and Connection to Meridian
10. Linder Road (Meg McCarthy)
11. Budget Advocacy on Pathways (March)
12. Star Road Underpass (Kim Warren)
13. Federal infrastructure funding estimated at \$2.5 billion for Idaho
14. Middleton Pathways (Tim O'Meara)
15. Canal Pathway Agreements for cities using Eagle model
16. ITD/Glenwood Corridor (Gary Segers)