

Public Outreach Summary

November 2019

Executive Summary

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) will rehabilitate the pavement and update pedestrian ramps and traffic signal components to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards on Main Street (Idaho 75) in Hailey, between Fox Acres Road and Cobblestone Lane in 2021.

One of the decisions to be made is whether the City of Hailey should relax its ordinance prohibiting night work. To gather feedback well-ahead of construction to help the city council decide, ITD conducted the following outreach:

Event	Date
Property owner meeting	Oct. 17, 2019
Public open house	Oct. 17, 2019
Presentation at Chamber of Commerce event	Oct. 17, 2019
Door-to-door outreach	Oct. 23, 2019

Property Owner Meeting

ITD hosted an adjacent property owner meeting for the Idaho 75 Hailey Main Street Rehabilitation Project on October 17, 2019, at the Hailey Community Campus, Minnie Moore Room on Fox Acres Road from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. While the project will impact many people during construction, adjacent property owners (residents and business owners) will be directly affected. The goal of the 2-hour meeting was to provide property owners an opportunity to discuss their issues and concerns. More than 100 letters were mailed a month in advance of the meeting officially inviting property owners to attend. Five (5) people signed in for the property owner meeting.

ID-75 Hailey Main Street Team

- Steve Hunter (ITD)
- James Bennett (ITD)
- John Baxter (ITD)
- Jessica Williams (ITD)
- Ana Solis (ITD)
- Stephanie Borders (HDR)

The meeting was held in an open house format with display boards around the perimeter of the room and a table in the middle with a 6-foot long map of the project area. Markers and pens were set out on the table for attendees to write on the map. Members of the project team were available to walk attendees through the project boards and answer questions. Additional tables were set up for participants to sit and fill out the comment forms. The boards were displayed in the following order:

- Welcome
- Project Overview (map)
- Project Description
- Project Schedule
- Construction Elements
- Construction Phasing
- Decisions To Be Made
- Get Involved





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Public Open House

The open house was held directly following the property owner meeting in the same location. Fifteen (15) people signed in for the public open house.

Seven (7) comments were received as a result of the property owner meeting and open house.

Presentation at the Chamber of Commerce Event

An attendee at the open house informed the project team that the Chamber of Commerce was holding an event at a local restaurant. Two team members, Steve Hunter and Ana Solis, left the open house to share information with approximately 20 people at the Chamber event.

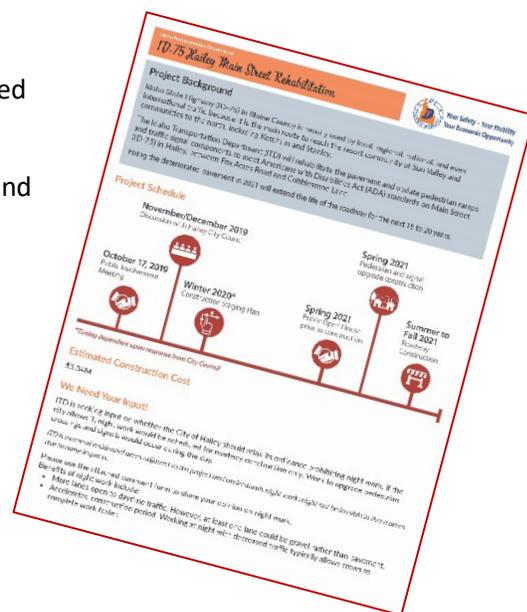
Door-to-Door Outreach

ITD was not comfortable with the number of attendees and comments received regarding night work and decided to actively seek more input.

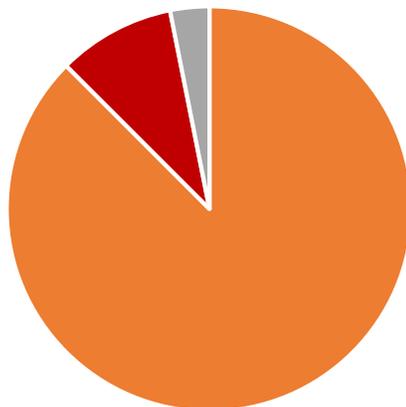
On October 23, 2019, ITD walked the project area and handed out or left behind more than 100 fliers and comment forms. When possible, opinions on night work were recorded.

To give people more time to provide feedback, ITD extended the comment period from October 31 to November 8, 2019.

The final tally from all outreach efforts was 28 in favor of night work, 3 against it, and 1 person who answered maybe. *To be fair, votes were only counted once, even if multiple votes were received from the same entity or person.*



Should the City of Hailey allow night work?



■ Yes - 28 ■ No - 3 ■ Maybe - 1



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Meeting Notification

ITD used a variety of methods to inform the public about the adjacent property owner meeting and open house:

- Placed a display ad and an online ad in the *Idaho Mountain Express*. The display ad ran September 26 and October 3, 2019, and the online ad was published the 4 days leading up to the meeting.
- Mailed postcards to approximately 6,080 addresses on September 12, 2019.
- Mailed a property owner letter to more than 167 property owners adjacent to the project on September 12, 2019.
- Sent a press release to local media on October 7, 2019. *Two articles in the Idaho Mountain Express were published about the project.*

Stakeholder Comments

Attendees at the meeting, and those contacted through door-to-door outreach, were asked for suggestions on how to minimize impacts during construction and ideas to share with the City of Hailey about parking. *The following bulleted comments are verbatim from the forms received and have not been edited for content or grammar.*

Thoughts on construction:

- This street is one block from where I sleep and (night work) will severely affect my health and well-being. I can already hear thumping bass from Main Street and this would be horrible.
- I believe it would be in the city's best interest to accelerate construction in any way possible. I personally would be one of the person's most impacted by night noise as I live on Main St.
- Construction needs to be done as quickly as possible.
- As a business owner on the Main Street of Hailey, I would prefer Alternative 2 for the construction. I don't believe the sections would be as disruptive as the half/half option.
- If the majority of the work is done with less traffic, I would think it might cause the project to move along faster and cause less disruption.
- Do the construction at night it is absolutely horrible traffic during the day. Give people earplugs to sleep with.
- Please plan better for sidewalks and pedestrian crossings. Kids and adults can't cross safely. It's a terrible detriment to our community. Even with the blinking lights it is not enough.
- Night work that would happen and be very disruptive to my business (Wood River Inn) as I sell hotel rooms to guests that expect to not hear loud road noise at night. It would give them a bad experience in Hailey and I work to bring tourist into the Wood River Valley. I am sure that guests would expect me to give them some sort of compensation for a loud night of trying to sleep due to this road work. I would strongly urge that the road rehabilitation only occur during day light hours.
- Work 24 hours per day if possible. Get all lanes open by rush hour. Alt 2 seems to allow this best.
- Be fast. We have businesses on Main.



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- Use teams coming from either end of the project.
- Early morning and evening have heavy traffic.
- Pedestrian traffic is always a concern – especially during the summer months when kids are on bikes or foot. Encourage kids to cross at lights.
- Restaurants are busy on Thursday nights.
- Please keep the flashing crosswalk light at main and Croy, but move flashing lights and crosswalk to southside of Cry Street to match bike path.

Parking suggestions:

- Use the old hospital or parking and rodeo grounds. Soccer fields.
- Encourage business owners/employees and city employees to walk or ride bikes to work.
- Utilize vacant areas for parking. For example, the location being considered for the TOWN Square – lot by Cari's and Jersey girl.
- No parking on Main St. after 5 p.m. for crews to work. There is plenty of other parking spaces in Hailey, especially after hours.
- Please insure that you are not blocking off access to the only entrances to Main Street businesses.
- I am at a loss on the impact that will occur to the parking situation. It is already an issue and will only be more difficult during construction.
- Insure parking remains available during the day. Put parking areas (existing) into the condition that they are open by day.