



# City of Twin Falls

## Transportation Master Plan

### Community Advisory Committee

### CAC Meeting #2 Results

Monday, December 10, 2007

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Office  
136 Maxwell (Near Rock Creek)

#### I. Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks (Mike Pepper)

##### Purpose of the meeting:

- To provide an update on the status of the plan development
- To review and confirm the transportation system goals and primary issues
- To present and discuss the proposed future land use
- To present the current traffic demand, discuss problem areas and the development of the traffic model

##### Attendance

- **Committee**
  - Mayor Lance Clow
  - Wiley Dobbs
  - Bill Kyle
  - Jill Skeem
  - Tony Hughes
  - Shawn Barigar
  - John Miller
- **City Staff**
  - Jackie Fields, City Engineer
- **Consultant Team**
  - Kyle Comer, Civil Science
  - Ed Collins, Civil Science
  - Rob Ramsey, Civil Science
  - Matt Riffkin, InterPlan
  - Ryan Beck, InterPlan
  - Mike Pepper, KMP Planning

#### II. Planning Process Status (Mike Pepper / Kyle Comer)

- Primary goal of the TMP process: *To identify the capital facility improvements, pavement management plan and supporting policies to meet the Twin Fall's transportation facility needs for the next 25-30 years*
- Where we are in the process – Phase II - Identification of Existing and Future Conditions

#### III. Transportation System Goals (Mike Pepper)

- Review and confirm system goals
  - Committee comments
    - Trucking and Design goals
      - Maintain the function of alleys for trucking deliveries and pedestrian access
    - Trucking
      - Add “out of” to in, around and through
      - Consider desired alternate routes for trucks – to remove trucks from current use of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenues as the through route – this includes rerouting of US 30 to Washington / Minidoka
        - *\*\* Note – the TF Chamber has issued a survey to business owners to assess interest in this option. Results are not yet available*

- Coordination / Planning and Design goals
  - Add traffic control and signage, signing, lighting and crosswalks
  - Consider raised sidewalks and separated routes and facilities for pedestrians and bicycles
  - Consider lighted signs and speed control as design issues
  - Identify funding needs and potential sources for improvement projects implementation
- Transit
  - Change name of goal to “Public Transportation”
  - Consider language that states “affirmatively address” public transportation
  - Plan for the short and long term public transportation needs
  - Include reference to funding, without committing the city to 100% responsibility for all funding – will also need to identify potential funding
  - Incorporate public transportation into the development of the transportation plan, even though funding is not yet identified
    - Include identification of possible public transportation facilities, such as commuter lots, bus terminals and passenger pick up locations
- Bike / Pedestrian
  - See / consider the school district’s “Safety Bus Routes” information and facility needs – Wiley Dobbs will provide the list of needed improvements to support the Safe Bus Routes to planning team as needed and requested
  - Consider including a policy recommendation in the plan that requires separate and dedicated bike / ped facilities to be included in all new developments
- Design / Operation
  - Enhancements should be designed to reflect our community environment /climate; such as low water landscaping
  - Consider maintenance needs of any new facilities / enhancements when recommending improvements
  - Include arterial approaches only where appropriate and necessary – in order to maintain the safety and level of service on the arterial
- Capacity / Congestion
  - Reduce the number of driveways where and when feasible
  - Provide incentives where possible
  - Include in new development standards
- *Additional Goals/Plan note\*\* identify who (what entity) may be responsible to fund and implement the proposed improvements*

**IV. Future Land Use (Kyle Comer / Rob Ramsey)**

- Present and discuss future land use as identified in the comprehensive plan process
  - Committee comments – none at this time
    - Committee members were encouraged to visit the City’s web site at <http://www.lodi-ut.com/projects/twinfalls.htm> to review additional information regarding the comprehensive planning process, status and to provide comment.

**V. Existing Features / Key Issues / Standards and Problem Areas (Kyle Comer and Rob Ramsey)**

- Brief review of existing data
  - Committee comments
    - Team to verify with city staff the housing data presented to be sure it reflects the most current numbers/projections and aligns with the data being used in the comprehensive plan process
    - Review the job number projections for the new hospital area
    - Question the accuracy of the job growth projections for CSI, as part of the area north of No. College Ave.

- Adjust and move the projected increases to the west to better reflect the location of the new hospital, new high school, Wal-Mart, etc.
- Consider more industrial development than projected south of Hankins Rd. – Eastland to 3300
- Consider more development than projected in the east side of the city near the Temple and Eastland Ave.
- Review of key issues identified to date
  - Committee comments – none at this time
- Standards considerations
  - Committee comments – none at this time
- Present and discuss most significant problem areas to be addressed
  - Committee comments
    - Signal confusion exists at the corner of So. Blue Lakes Blvd. and Kimberly Rd. (East Five Points) – is this a protected left turn movement for north bound traffic on Blue Lakes Blvd. or not??? – *(Generally discussed that this level of detail is appropriately addressed by ongoing city and ITD traffic operational review)*

**VI. Traffic Model (Matt Riffkin)**

- Preliminary traffic modeling information
  - Traffic model scenarios
    - Committee comments
      - Consider impacts of the completion of the US 93 Alternate Rte.
      - Consider impacts of the addition of a new Snake River Bridge
      - Consider the implications of \$5 per gallon gas
        - *Consultant Note: the current price of gas is equivalent to the price of gas in the 1970's*
  - Traffic volume projections
    - Committee comments
      - Review and update the traffic volumes projections to more accurately reflect the planned growth and development; such as in the area of the No. College / Washington Blvd. area (new high school, hospital and Wal-Mart)
      - Consider impacts of truck traffic re-routed off/on Pole Line Rd. / Washington Blvd. as planned roadway improvements are completed
      - Consider impacts of implementation of additional public transportation that might be developed in future as densities and user demand supports
        - Commuter rail, light rail, etc.
- Accident conditions
- Preliminary functional classification

**VII. Next Steps / Adjourn (Mike Pepper)**

- Complete traffic modeling for traffic analysis zones
- Prioritize goals
- Establish desired level of service for city roadways (according to hierarchy)
- Develop preliminary improvement alternatives
  - Team will send out a package of alternative priorities for comment from the committee members prior to the next meeting
- Next CAC Meeting #3 – Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> – 10 a.m. to noon - tentative