



Year in Review

ADA COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT

OCTOBER 1, 2014 TO SEPTEMBER 31, 2015



2015



ACHD and the City of Boise kicked off a neighborhood level pedestrian and bicycle plan for the Northwest Boise area in April. During the planning process the two agencies engaged the public to determine how to enhance pedestrian and bicyclist connectivity at the neighborhood level. In the end ACHD adopted the plan that identified nineteen projects and priorities for improving bicycling and walking in Northwest Boise neighborhoods.

\$98
MILLION

ACHD Commissioners adopted a \$98 million spending plan on August 26, 2015 that avoided any property tax increases but still met Ada County's 2016 transportation needs with a robust list of new projects.



ACHD, the City of Boise and Boise State University partnered to install a high speed fiber optic line. The partnership gives ACHD more connections and bandwidth for controlling traffic signals and intersection cameras.

THREE green alleys

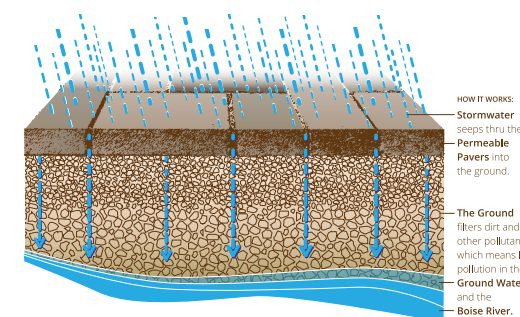
Three downtown alleys constructed with permeable pavers now include educational signs with tips on how to protect the water-filtering function. Permeable pavers are designed to help infiltrate rain and melted snow and allow it to seep back into the ground. Rocks and dirt scrub pollutants and the runoff naturally returns to the ground water supply and ultimately to the Boise River.

Permeable pavers are part of the District's green infrastructure initiative to better handle environmental issues such as stormwater runoff.

Green Alley



PERMEABLE PAVERS



Protect your pavers and water quality!

- Don't** sweep, blow or wash dirt, leaves or debris onto pavers.
- Don't** store materials on pavers.
- Don't** discharge wash water onto pavers.
- Don't** use sand, salt or deicer on pavers. **Do** use pea gravel for traction.

Ada County Highway District Stormwater Quality
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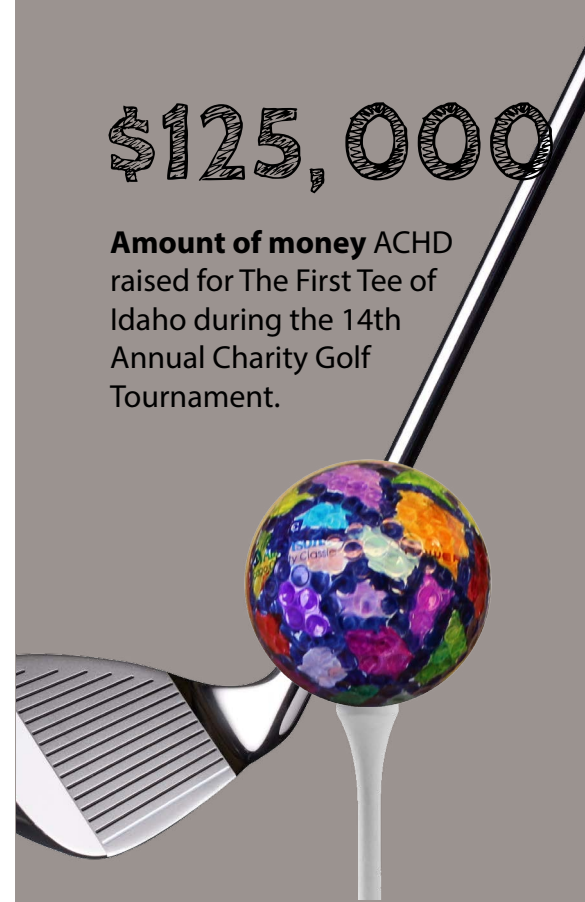
Number of emails ACHD received and answered thru our popular tellus@achdidaho.org address.

Most popular inquiries? Traffic signal timing and chip sealing.

3,054
EMAILS

\$125,000

Amount of money ACHD raised for The First Tee of Idaho during the 14th Annual Charity Golf Tournament.



- 257 miles of bike lanes
- 2,375 miles of sidewalk
- 2,183 potholes filled
- 639 miles crack sealed
- 466 miles chip sealed

ACHD completed the **Shamrock Bikeway**, a north/south path providing continuity for bicyclists from Hewlett Packard all the way south to Emerald Street.

The bikeway features two new pathways at either end of the project, sharrows, wayfinding signage and signalized pedestrian/ bicycle crossings where Shamrock Avenue intersects with Ustick Road, Fairview Avenue, and McMillan Road.



Adams Street

The Adams Street Project was completed in June. The improved street features curb, gutter, sidewalk, and on-street parking on both sides of the street.

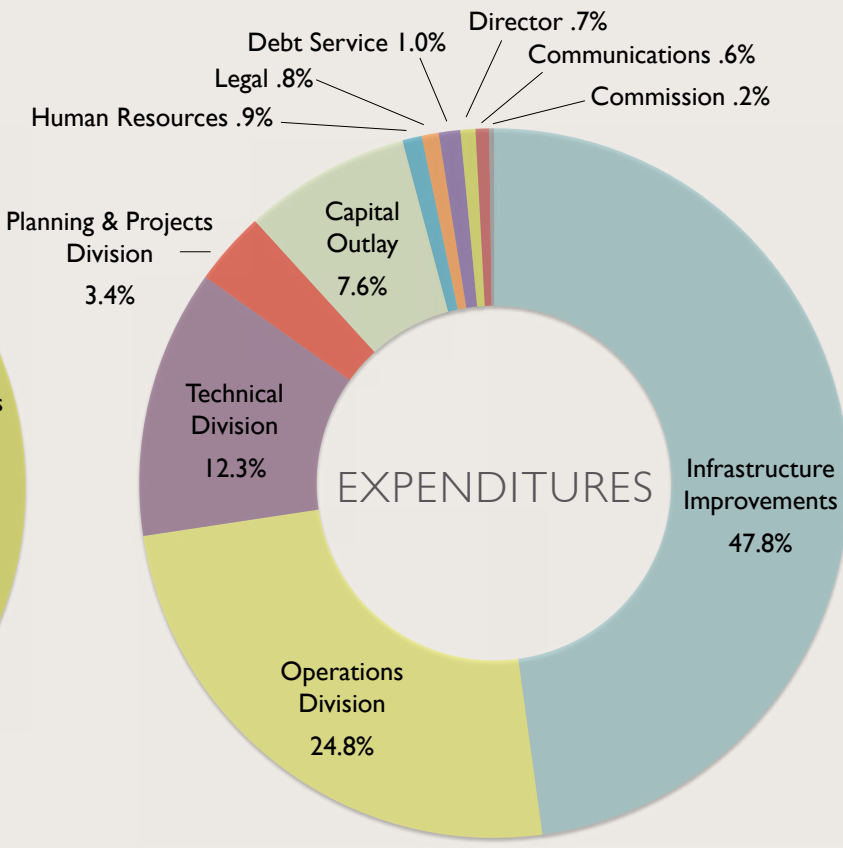
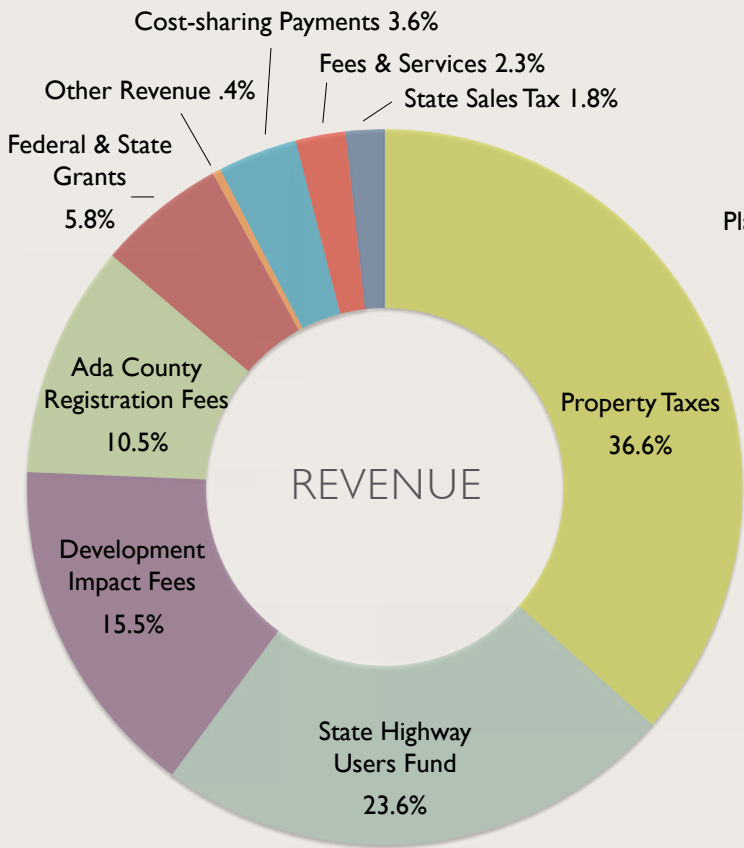
This project came out of the Garden City Master Street Plan and Adams Street Concept Design.

291 PROJECTS

Number of projects and programs included in the 2016-2020 Integrated Five-Year Work Plan adopted by the ACHD Commission on October 28, 2015.

This year the plan incorporates nearly \$685 million in building, maintenance and operations.

Projects are included in the plan as a result of community input, as well as safety, scheduling and a number of technical factors.



2015

REVENUE

Property Taxes	\$33,878,609
State Highway Users Fund	21,840,105
Development Impact Fees	14,391,607
Ada County Vehicle Registration Fees	9,764,671
Federal and State Grants	5,385,508
Cost-sharing Payments	3,337,841
Fees and Services	2,086,460
State Sales Tax	1,628,502
Other Revenue	344,429
TOTAL	\$92,657,732

EXPENDITURES

Infrastructure Improvements	\$45,927,491
Operations Division	23,816,452
Technical Division	11,769,559
Capital Outlay	7,308,888
Planning and Projects Division	3,232,744
Debt Service	940,937
Human Resources	846,225
Legal	747,270
Director	656,514
Communications	592,216
Commission	207,513
TOTAL	\$83,044,865



Spotlight Recognition

Ada County Highway District
The Bottom Feeder (a sediment removal device)
Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC)

2015 Innovation Award Individual Winner

Joan Meitl, ACHD Stormwater Quality Technician
Green Stormwater Infrastructure Implementation
LHTAC

Leadership in Practice, Professional

Dyan Bevins, ACHD Capital Projects Supervisor
Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho

Outstanding Achievement in the Prevention of Accidents

Ada County Highway District
Idaho State Insurance Fund

1st Place & National Champion - Loader Competition

11th Place - Grader Competition

Bobby Amidon, ACHD Lead Worker
2015 American Public Works Association (APWA) Western
Snow and Ice Conference and National Snow Rodeo

19th Place - Team Truck Competition

Matt Christensen, ACHD General Equipment Operator
Tanner Weston, ACHD General Equipment Operator
2015 APWA Western Snow and Ice Conference and National
Snow Rodeo

2015 Secretary Ray LaHood Award (Man of the Year)

Bruce S. Wong, Director, Ada County Highway District
Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS), Treasure
Valley Chapter

2015 Employer of the Year

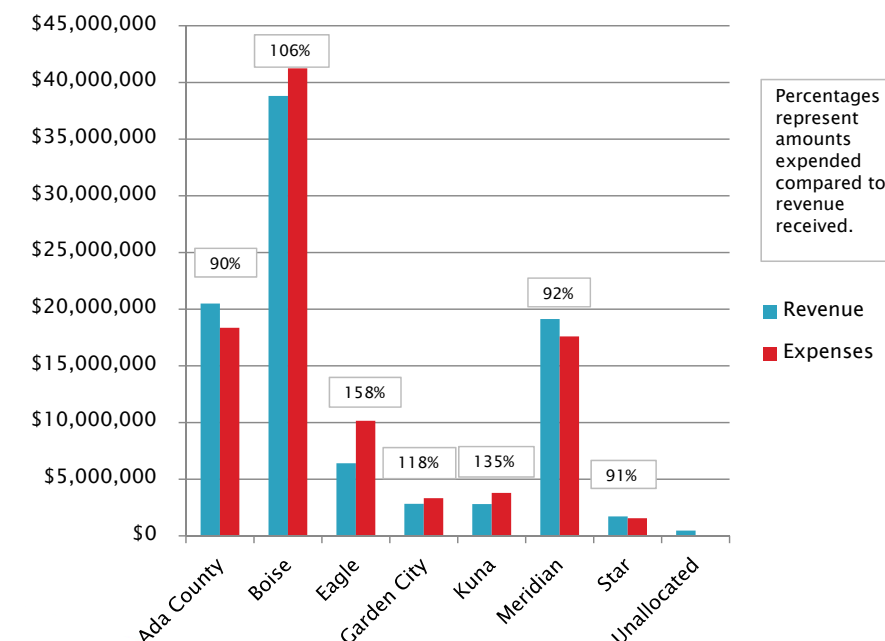
Ada County Highway District
WTS, Treasure Valley Chapter

Innovative Transportation Solutions Award

Joan Meitl, ACHD Stormwater Quality Technician
WTS, Treasure Valley Chapter

6TH ANNUAL EXPENSE & REVENUE REPORT

ACHD issued the 6th annual Expense and Revenue report that illustrates equitable distribution of services and projects received by local government. For example, Boise residents received some \$41.3 million in projects, maintenance and other services in 2015, while the city as a whole contributed nearly \$39 million in property taxes, gas taxes, development impact fees and other revenue to the Ada County Highway District.



Although ACHD is a countywide entity, sending resources toward the greatest needs, the spending report provides a reference point for local officials.

High-growth areas can be seen by the amount of impact fees generated in each jurisdiction. Development impact fees are paid through building permits as new homes, stores, and industrial buildings are completed. Meridian produced the most impact fees in the county last year, generating more than \$5.1 million – or better than a third of the total.

Emerald & Americana

Over the course of the year, ACHD explored a concept to reconfigure Emerald Street and Americana Boulevard from Orchard Street to the entrance of Ann Morrison Park to accommodate continuous sidewalks and bike lanes on both sides of the street. A traffic study determined that Emerald and Americana can handle the traffic demand with reduced traffic lanes to create space for bike lanes.

After receiving positive feedback from the public, ACHD adopted the concept in March.



3 BIKE BOXES

ACHD installed three bike boxes on Capitol Boulevard. The green-painted boxes make riders more visible, positioning them in front of stopped traffic to prevent the turning conflicts that can occur between cyclists and motorists at intersections.

A traditional bike box was installed at Capitol Boulevard and Myrtle Street and left-turn boxes were installed at Idaho and Bannock streets.

ROADSIDE MEMORIALS

The ACHD Commission approved the new Roadside Memorial Policy to regulate memorials along local roads in Ada County in August. The policy allows roadside memorials but the displays are now regulated to keep them from becoming a hazard to drivers, pedestrians or cyclists.

Two-way streets

ACHD converted 13th, Main to State streets and 14th, Front to State streets from one-way to two-way flow in October. These roadway conversions were part of the **Downtown Boise Implementation Plan**, a collaborative effort between several local agencies to bring transportation improvements and increased connectivity to the core of Downtown Boise.



84 PCI

Average pavement condition index (PCI) for residential roads in Ada County, rating them at “Very Good to Excellent” overall. NCE, a nationally recognized pavement consulting expert, attributes the excellent street condition to ACHD’s aggressive preventative maintenance program.



VISION

Leading transportation innovation - investing in communities.

MISSION

We drive quality transportation for all Ada County - Anytime, Anywhere!

PRIORITIES

Serve as the criteria for judging every choice we make going forward

Our People - our competitive edge in the work place is the source of our strength.

Effective and efficient execution, assuring:

- Excellence in service and performance
- Teamwork
- Fiscal responsibility in expending taxpayer dollars
- Responsiveness to regional and community needs
- Customer service
- The promotion of economic development with each community
- The preservation of our multi-billion dollar infrastructure investment
- Preparation for future growth

Leaders in technology, design, and innovation

Safety throughout the District for its employees and citizens

- 49 HAWK Pedestrian Beacons
- 2,265 miles of roads & streets under ACHD jurisdiction

HILL EXTENSION

The Hill Road Extension, connecting State Highway 55 to downtown Eagle, was completed in June. The existing roadway was widened to three lanes with bike lanes and sidewalks, and a new three-lane roadway was constructed between Dicky Drive and East Hill Road.



At the beginning of the year a fallen boulder closed Warm Springs Avenue. The rock was approximately 8-feet tall by 8-feet wide and weighed approximately 35 tons. Crews used a loader to push the rock off the road. Warm Springs Avenue reopened a few days later after more rocks were safely removed.