

Community Vitality with REV UP! North Idaho

October 19, 2023

Featuring Topics On

*Main Street / Placemaking /
Local Improvement & Business Improvement Districts /
Transportation Planning / Water-Sewer Systems /
Connection to Resources*

Located At:

Stensgar Pavillion
Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort
Hotel 37914 S Nukwalqw
Street, Worley, ID

For North and North Central Idaho Communities



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NORTH & NORTH CENTRAL IDAHO COMMUNITY VITALITY AGENDA

October 19, 2023 / 9:00 AM to 3:45 PM
Stensgar Pavillion, Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel, 37914 S Nukwalqw Street, Worley, Idaho

- 9:00 – 9:15 INTRODUCTION**
- 9:15 – 10:15 MAIN STREET – More than beautification.**
The What's and How's: *Jerry Miller, Idaho Main Street Coordinator, Idaho Commerce*
Discover Main Street: *Emily Boyd, Executive Director, Coeur d'Alene Downtown Association*
- 10:15 – 10:25 BREAK**
- 10:25 – 11:25 PLACEMAKING – Reimagine and reinvent your public spaces.**
Connecting Community: *Blair Williams, Owner, Art Spirit Gallery*
Kellogg Then and Now: *Paige Olsen, Executive Director, SVEDC*
What's Happening In Orofino: *Alison Tompkins, Lead Planner/Landscape Architect, J-U-B Engineers*
- 11:25 – 12:25 LID/BID/BONDS – What are they, how do you sell it, and what are the benefits.**
LID and Example: *Phil Boyd, P.E., President, Welch-Comer*
BID and Example: *Brenda Morgan, Executive Director, Beautiful Downtown Lewiston*
GO & Revenue Bonds: *S.C. Danielle Quade, Partner, Hawley Troxell*
- 12:25 – 1:00 LUNCH**
- 1:00 – 1:15 BRAIN EXERCISE & RAFFLE**
- 1:15 – 2:15 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING – Do's and don'ts.**
Regional Planning: *Glenn Miles, Executive Director, KMPO*
Rural Transportation: *David Sims, Executive Director, BEDC / Member, BATT*
Rural Transportation: *Mike Tornatore, Deputy Clerk, City of Kamiah*
- 2:15 – 2:25 BREAK**
- 2:25 – 3:25 WATER & WASTEWATER SYSTEMS – What to do before you seek funding.**
Howard Lunderstadt, Area Director, USDA Rural Development
Amanda Zweifel, Community Programs Specialist, USDA Rural Development
Tracey Daelyn, Community Programs Specialist, USDA Rural Development
Katy Baker-Casile, P.E., Regional Engineering Manager, IDEQ
- 3:25 – 3:45 CONNECTION TO RESOURCES**
Nancy Mabile, Region I Economic Development Planner, Panhandle Area Council (PAC)
Dodd Snodgrass, Executive Director, Clearwater Economic Development Association (CEDA)

This workshop is part of the Renewing Economic Vitality (REVup) North Idaho! program sponsored by USDA Rural Development Rural Community Development Initiative funding, the Avista fund at Innovia, and local membership dollars from the Clearwater Economic Development Association and Panhandle Area Council, Inc.



Speaker Bios

Community Vitality in North and North-Central Idaho

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Emily Boyd is the Executive Director of the Coeur d'Alene Downtown Association (DTA), a role she has held since 2015, with a passion for community and commerce. Emily has made a significant impact during her tenure leading the DTA by establishing a strong vision with the Board of Directors and establishing six major events that bring thousands of potential customers to downtown businesses and generate revenue for the DTA. Additionally, Emily has led initiatives to update the DTA's outdated agreement with the City, improve operations and maintenance and update the BID to ensure the DTA operates in an efficient and financially sound manner. With a degree in Psychology from Boise State University, Emily brings a unique perspective to her role.

Emily's enthusiasm for her work extends beyond the traditional role of an Executive Director. She thrives on building close relationships with the local business and property owners, fostering an entrepreneurial environment that is conducive to the success of commerce in the vibrant Coeur d'Alene Downtown area.

Raised by local Coeur d'Alene residents and business owners, she possesses a profound understanding of the area's culture, values, and challenges of operating small businesses. Outside of her professional commitments, Emily values quality time spent with family and friends, particularly moments on Lake Coeur d'Alene.

Phil Boyd, PE, President, Welch Comer
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Phil is the President of Welch Comer Engineers, which was established in Coeur d'Alene Idaho in 1979. Phil has more than 30 years of experience in financing, planning, and design for major municipal engineering projects throughout Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington. Phil's primary focus is downtown revitalization, urban redevelopment, and recreational projects. Phil has designed and managed several Coeur d'Alene projects including McEuen Park, Memorial Park, Atlas Waterfront Park and he led the redevelopment of the 50-acre Atlas Mill site for the City's Urban Renewal Agency, ignite CDA. Phil has also managed downtown master planning and design projects in Colville and Pullman, WA, Bonners Ferry, St. Maries, Lewiston, Rathdrum, Hayden, and Sandpoint ID. Phil also assists clients with project financing including grants, Local Improvement Districts (LID), Business Improvement Districts (BID), Revenue Bonds and General Obligation Bonds.

In 2017, Phil and his wife, Shelly, and two other partners purchased the 1927 Wiggett Building in Downtown Coeur d'Alene and Phil managed the renovation of the 30,000-sf building where he relocated

Welch Comer Engineers and his wife established Woops! Bakeshop. Phil holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Idaho and a Master of Science in Civil & Structural Engineering

from Washington State University. He is a licensed professional engineer in Idaho and Washington and is a Coeur d'Alene Downtown Association Board Member.

Tracey Daelyn, Community Programs Specialist, USDA Rural Development

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Tracey Daelyn is a Community Programs Specialist with the Rural Development office of USDA in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. With over 20 years of experience in finance, housing and construction management, Tracey assists small local municipalities, districts, and non-profits with federal funding. These federal loans and grants improve local infrastructure systems and serve community facility needs for new & improved buildings, commerce, and equipment. Tracey is a passionate advocate for underserved, low-income individuals, families, and communities of rural America. She will tirelessly research resources to aid in the economic development and prosperity in our local area. She considers working for the USDA incredibly rewarding, to quote: "it is, by far...the BEST 'feel good' job of my career". It is an honor and privilege to serve in a capacity vital to the on-going, sustainability of Idaho families.

A long-time resident of the Pacific Northwest, Tracey enjoys spending time with her family, friends and grandchildren engaging in outdoor activities, *especially* when the sun is shining!

Howard Lunderstadt, Area Director, USDA Rural Development

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Nancy Mabile, Economic Development Planner, Panhandle Area Council

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Nancy has over 33 years of experience in planning and administration with the Panhandle Area Council, the regional Economic Development District serving the 5 northern counties of Idaho. She fulfills a variety of duties related to current and long-range planning and provides technical assistance in community and economic development, planning and implementation to businesses, government jurisdictions, taxing districts and non-profit organizations. In addition, she provides leadership in the development and implementation of the Region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. She has a unique understanding of community and economic issues, funding priorities and how projects can be coordinated between funding agencies and communities. During her tenure she has secured over \$48 million in grant funding for the Region. She has created and developed data management systems to streamline the grant administration process, some of which have been adopted by funding agencies.

She has received recognition and awards from federal, state, and local governments for her work in local economic and community development. Her success is attributed to adhering to the three C's—a golden rule in any work environment—communication, coordination, and collaboration, and going above the call of duty to make sure the client's needs are met. Any spare time includes walking/hiking, handbell ringing for Bella Cristo, an advanced handbell choir in Spokane, crafting, and spending time with her adult children.

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Glenn Miles is the Executive Director of Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization (KMPO) with its offices in Coeur d' Alene. He was appointed as KMPO's Director in March of 2003 when KMPO was established by local jurisdictions and the Idaho Governor. Glenn began his career in metropolitan transportation planning in 1979 and has served as Director for both large and small transportation planning agencies since 1994.

He's lived in the Inland Northwest his entire life and comes from families of Idaho and Oregon homesteaders in the 1800's. Glenn is on the Board of Directors for the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors based in Washington, D.C., the FHWA Idaho State Transportation Innovation Council and on the Coeur d' Alene Chamber Public Policy Committee. He and his wife are also active with the Union Gospel Mission's Center for Women and Children here in Coeur d' Alene.

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Jerry Miller is an Economic Development Specialist with the Idaho Department of Commerce. He has 29 years of experience in the fields of community and economic development. Jerry is the state coordinator for the Idaho Main Street Program and interim coordinator for the Idaho Rural Partnership. In his spare time Jerry serves on the boards of the Community Development Council a national organization devoted to the practice of community development and Rural Development Initiatives and organization dedicated to strengthening rural people, places, and economies in the Pacific Northwest. Jerry also serves as the vice

president for the Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) Idaho Chapter, an organization serving the families and coworkers of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

Brenda Morgan, Executive Director, Beautiful Downtown Lewiston

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Brenda Morgan has lived in the Lewis-Clark Valley for over 13 years and has a deep-rooted investment in the Downtown corridor. Starting as a volunteer at Pumpkin Palooza, she worked her way towards becoming a board member and then part of the executive team as the board chair and eventually throwing her hat in the ring for her current position. She has been the Executive Director since July of 2021 and has loved being a part of the growth and excitement downtown. As part of that, she is also the administrator for the business improvement district in Lewiston and has had that role since 2021. The BID is set until 2026. She is excited to connect with the longstanding and new businesses in our valley in hopes of creating a more unified economy for our community.

Paige Olsen, Executive Director, Silver Valley Economic Development Corporation

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Paige is the Executive Director for the Silver Valley Economic Development Corporation, where business and recreation meet. With a bachelor's degree in elementary education, minor in business and endorsements in special education and creative arts, Paige is an elementary teacher by trade. She has a passion for community, showcasing a diverse skill set and a strong commitment to community and economic development.

She and her husband David have lived in the Silver Valley for ten years, where they are raising their daughter Hadalynn and own two small businesses. I've always been a dreamer and see the potential in things. Through my position in Economic Development, I've been able to step into a role to facilitate projects that strengthen and beautify our community, which has been both painstaking and rewarding.

Danielle Quade, Partner, Hawley Troxell

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Danielle Quade is a partner in the business and finance practice group of Hawley Troxell. Her practice focuses primarily on providing services to the firm's clients in the areas of finance and municipal law. Ms. Quade has had extensive experience working as bond counsel, underwriter's counsel, bank counsel, and issuer's counsel in a multitude of municipal and other finance transactions. In addition, she has served as general counsel to several governmental entities and non-profit corporations. Graduating from the University of Idaho School of Law, J.D., *cum laude* in 2001, Ms. Quade works out of Hawley Troxell's Coeur d'Alene, Spokane, and Boise offices.

David Sims, Executive Director, Boundary Economic Development Council

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David is the Executive Director of the Boundary Economic Development Council in Boundary County, Idaho. He previously served as the Executive Director of the Selkirks Pend Oreille Transit Authority, and as the Assistant City Administrator for the City of Bonners Ferry. He has also served as the mayor and as a councilman for the City of Bonners Ferry. David has represented District 1 on the ITD Public Transportation Advisory Council (PTAC), and on the ITD public transportation District Coordination Council. He currently serves on the Bonners Ferry Urban Rural Agency Board. David holds a Bachelor of Science in materials engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York.

Dodd Snodgrass, Executive Director, Clearwater Economic Development Association (CEDA)

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CEDA is north central Idaho's Economic Development District, serving Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis, and Nez Perce Counties. As Executive Director, Dodd is the manager of all CEDA resources, staff, and programs including Community Development, Economic Planning, Business Finance, and Workforce Development. He coordinates with the CEDA governing body, local elected officials, the business community, and community and economic development staff from federal, state, county, and local agencies to deliver CEDA services. CEDA is a 501c3 in the business of building the region since 1968.

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Alison is a certified planner and professional landscape architect for J-U-B Engineers, a multi-disciplinary engineering firm with offices across the intermountain west. She has a master's degree in landscape architecture from the University of Idaho and serves as the Idaho APA representative on the Western Planner Board. Alison has over 18 years of experience spanning local and regional planning, floodplain management, and landscape architecture projects in Idaho and Utah. Her work includes multi-agency coordination between local, state, federal, and tribal governments, with an emphasis on sustainable management of water resources. She began her career conducting watershed restoration and habitat monitoring for the Nez Perce Tribe, followed by private practice in landscape architecture before transition to land use planning and consulting.

Mike Tornatore, Deputy Clerk, City of Kamiah

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My name is Mike Tornatore and I have worked for the City of Kamiah for three years as Deputy Clerk. My role has expanded for this rural community to include Utility Billing, Planning and Zoning, Flood Plain Management, and Grants Writer & Manager. Kamiah is a small, big city with a population of 1200, but the surrounding area is much more populous. I have had the opportunity to wear many hats which has broadened my perspective on how municipalities operate and thrive. After 45 years of business ownership in the private sector I have found it helpful to apply best practices and business principles for my municipal related work. It is a pleasure to serve my community.

Blair Williams, Owner, The Art Spirit Gallery

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Blair Williams considers herself lucky beyond belief, to work in the arts in her hometown of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She works as a Creative Placemaker, while simultaneously owning and operating The Art Spirit Gallery in downtown Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

In 1998 Blair discovered the world and profession of arts administration, through her position as a board member with The Performing Arts Alliance in Coeur d'Alene. This led Blair to leave the state, in order to gain a degree in arts administration. Upon her decision, she promised herself that she would always return to her beloved Coeur d'Alene, to find employment in the arts, and to work to strengthen the arts in her home state. Now Blair owns and operates The Art Spirit Gallery on the main street of Sherman Avenue, in downtown CDA – making her the luckiest woman ever. For over three decades Blair has worked and volunteered with a broad array of nonprofit arts organizations. She later returned to school to gain a degree in Public Relations and Communication, and later operated her own public relations firm for close to 10 years.

Since returning to Coeur d'Alene in 2011, Blair has been active in community development organizations such as Leadership Coeur d'Alene, The CDA School District, Coeur d'Alene Vision 2030, The CDA Arts & Cultural Alliance, The CDA Education Partnership, The CDA Downtown Association, Sorensen Magnet School for the Arts & Humanities, North Idaho College, University of Idaho, The Arts Ed Co-Lab, and the Human Rights Education Institute. She currently serves as a commissioner with the Idaho Commission on the Arts. Blair is also one of the founding partners of Roxy Art Market, where she is developing virtual reality and augmented reality tools for the arts market.

Every day Blair puts her key in the door of The Art Spirit Gallery, and with a huge smile says to herself “I get to be here today – working in the arts – in the city and state that I love.”

Amanda Zweifel, Community Programs Specialist, USDA Rural Development

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Amanda Zweifel is a Community Programs Specialist for USDA, Rural Development for the 10 northern counties of Idaho. With her undergrad in the sciences and her MBA from Utah State University, Amanda utilizes her seemingly opposite degrees and vast skill set to improve small communities throughout Idaho. She is no stranger to business or project management with years of working for her family businesses. Even though Amanda is still green to Rural Development, her enthusiasm and passion show through her dedication to help her community and other rural areas throughout Idaho.

Currently living in a rural area, Amanda has grown up in small towns most of her life and could not imagine a different way of living. She is grateful for the chance to raise her family with the same opportunities that she was afforded while growing up in the country and for that, she feels truly blessed.

Introduction to Main Street

Why Main Street?

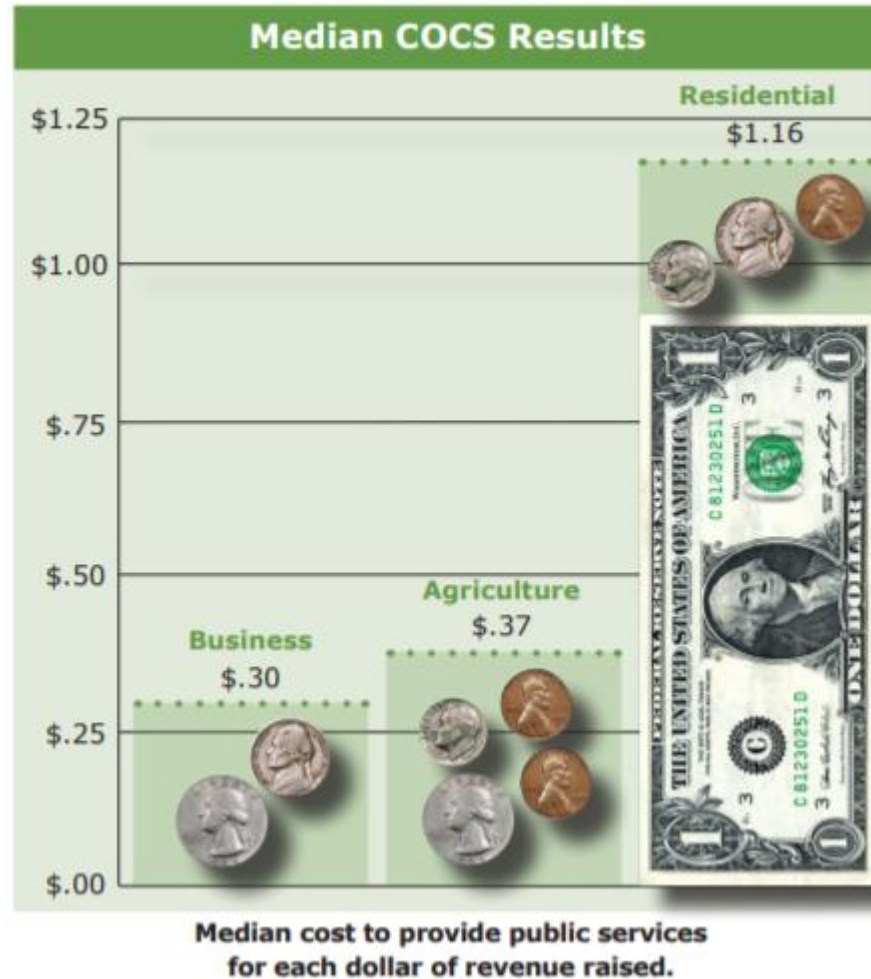


Why Main Street? – Part 2

- Canary in a Coal Mine
- Best & Only Asset
- Tax Base ROI



Return on Investment



Source – Farmland Information Center

Four Point Approach





ECONOMIC VITALITY

- Engage in Business Recruitment & Retention
- Connect Businesses to Grant Funding
- Act as Educational Resource
- Connect Businesses to Needed Resources

DESIGN

- Sidewalk Cleaning
- Trash Removal
- Flower Baskets
- Banners
- Snow Removal
- American Flags
- Tree Pruning
- Graffiti Removal
- Holiday Lights

ORGANIZATION

- Partnerships
 - City of Coeur d'Alene
 - Coeur d'Alene CVB
 - Coeur d'Alene Regional Chamber
 - ignite CDA
 - Idaho Commerce
- Business Improvement District Engagement

PROMOTION

- Events
 - Oktoberfest
 - Car d'Lane
 - Brewfest
 - Street Fair
 - Elf on the Shelf
 - Wine Extravaganza
 - Mac & Cheese Festival
 - Chocolate Affair
- Regional Marketing

Organization

- Start Informally
- Forge Partnerships
 - ❖ Local Officials
 - ❖ Businesses
 - ❖ Community Members
- Create Leaders
- Institutional Capacity



Organizational Models

- Business Promotion - 501(c)6
- Social Welfare – 501(c)4
- Charity/Education – 501(C)3
- Blended





Organization

Downtown Partnerships

City of Coeur d'Alene

Downtown Police Task Force

Membership Committee

Outreach

Community Volunteers

DOWNTOWN
COEUR D'ALENE
100 Wondrous Shops, 1 Unique Locale

Economic Vitality

- Business Friendly Environment
- Advice & Technical Assistance
- Finance
- Co-Opertition



Economic Vitality



Retail Roundtable

- Small Business Tours
- Business Development Tools
- Informative Sessions

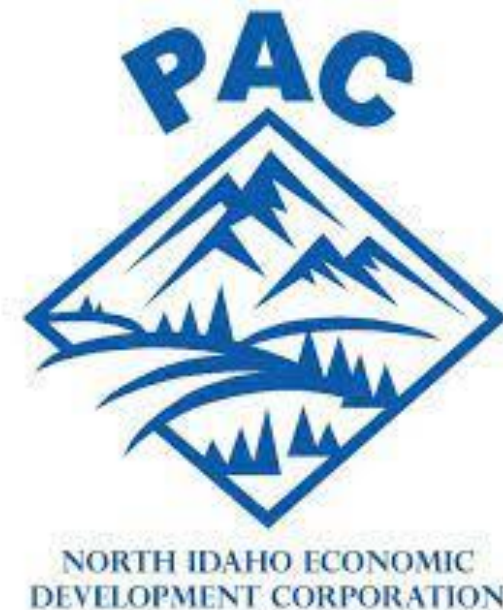


U.S. Small Business
Administration

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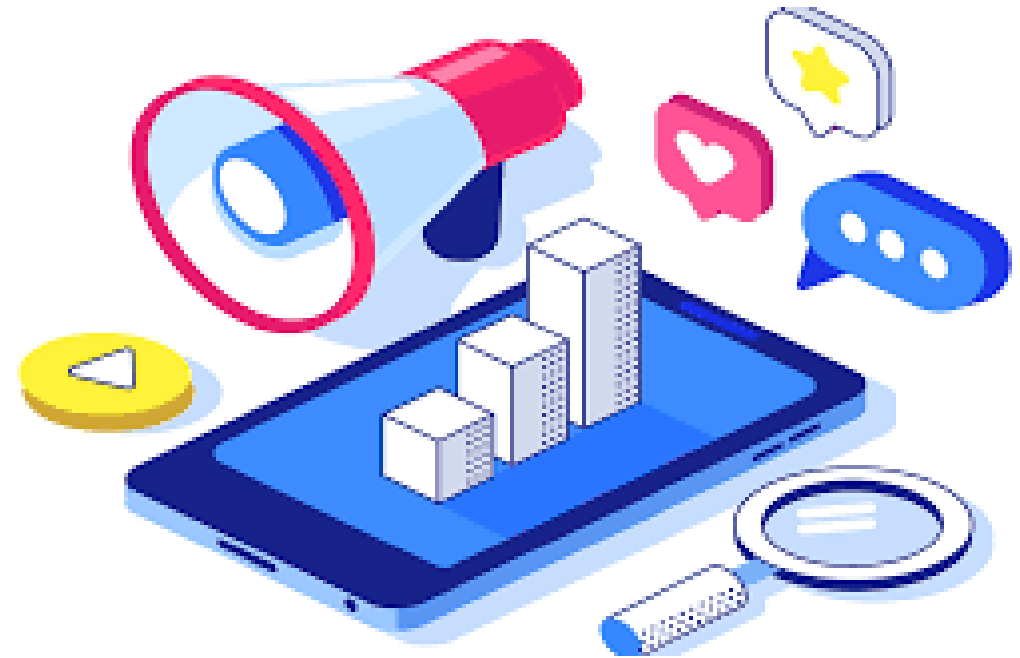
Economic Vitality Resources

- Economic Development Districts
- Community Development Finance Institutions (CDFIs)
- Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs)
- business.idaho.gov
- Non Profits



Promotion - Marketing

- Connect Business with Marketing Expertise
- Market the District –
 - ❖ Free Advertising (Word of Mouth)
 - ❖ Paid Media – (Print, Broadcast, Social)



Promotion

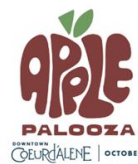
Downtown Events & Marketing

“I count on DTA Events to help my sales and make connections with new potential customers.” - Retail owner

“DTA Events have become a mainstay of our fiscal budget knowing we can count on huge increased sales to get us through the winter months.” -Restaurant owner

“I broke my sales record!” - At least one DT Business EVERY event

ANNUAL EVENTS





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Design – Public Spaces

- Multi –Purpose (Flexible Space)
- Public Art
- Vegetation
- Lingers = Ca\$h



Design



Downtown Improvement

Painting of Street Poles

Graffiti Removal

Daily Cleaning

Sidewalk Power Washing

DOWNTOWN
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Design



Beautification

Holiday Lights

Snow Plowing

Flags & Flowers Program

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Design - Buildings

- Preservation Focused
- Phased Restoration
- Energy Efficiency
- Tax Credits



Design

Coeur d'Alene Elks Building

34,000 Square Feet

Vacant for 27 years



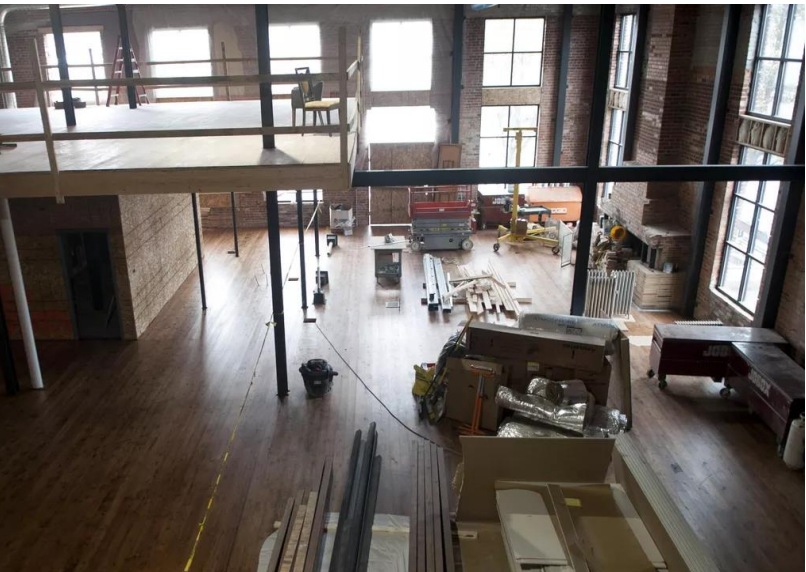
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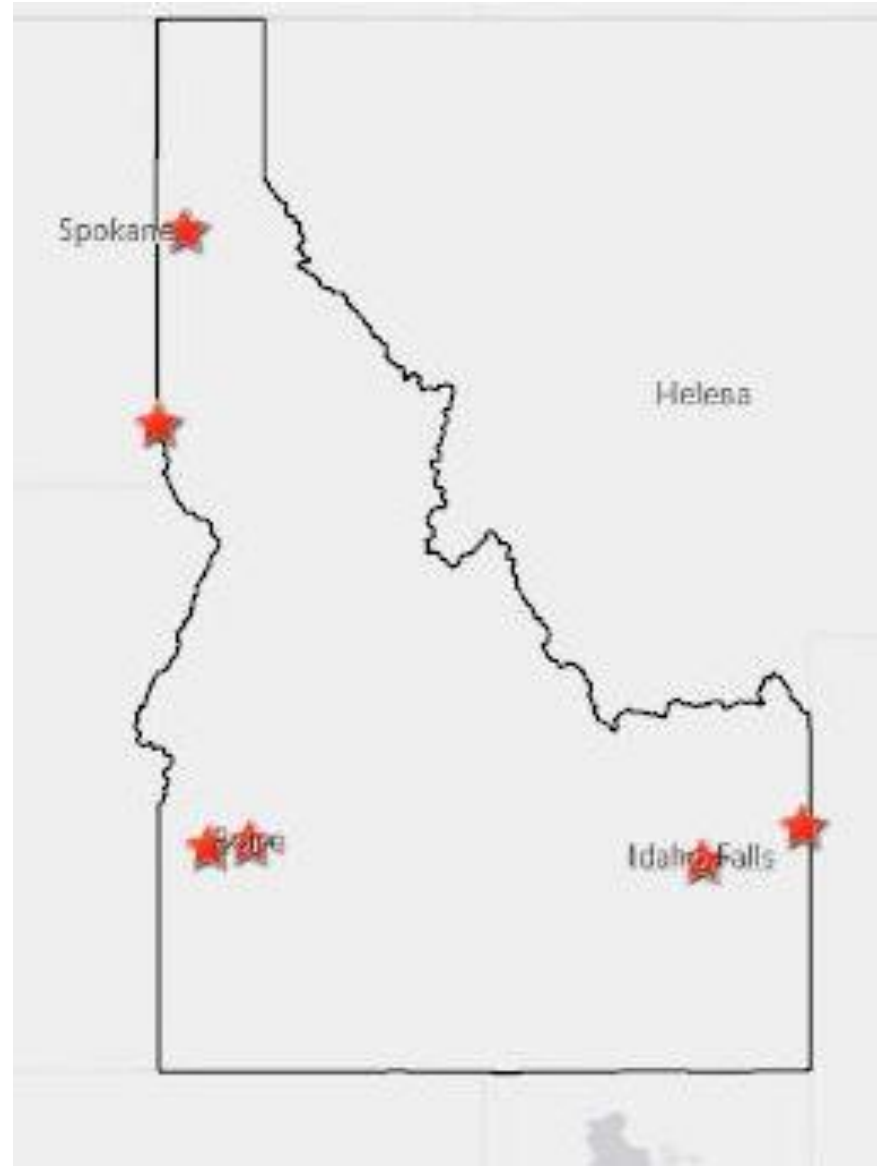
Funding Resources

- Idaho Community Development Block Grants
- Idaho Gem Grants
- Certified Local Governments Program
- DEQ – Brownfields Program
- USDA – Rural Business Development Grants
- AARP Livable Communities
- T-Mobile Hometown Grants
- Show Me the Money Newsletter

Idaho Main Street Mission

The mission of the Idaho Main Street Program is to revitalize communities and economies through a focused approach on downtowns and commercial business districts.

Our Communities



Questions?

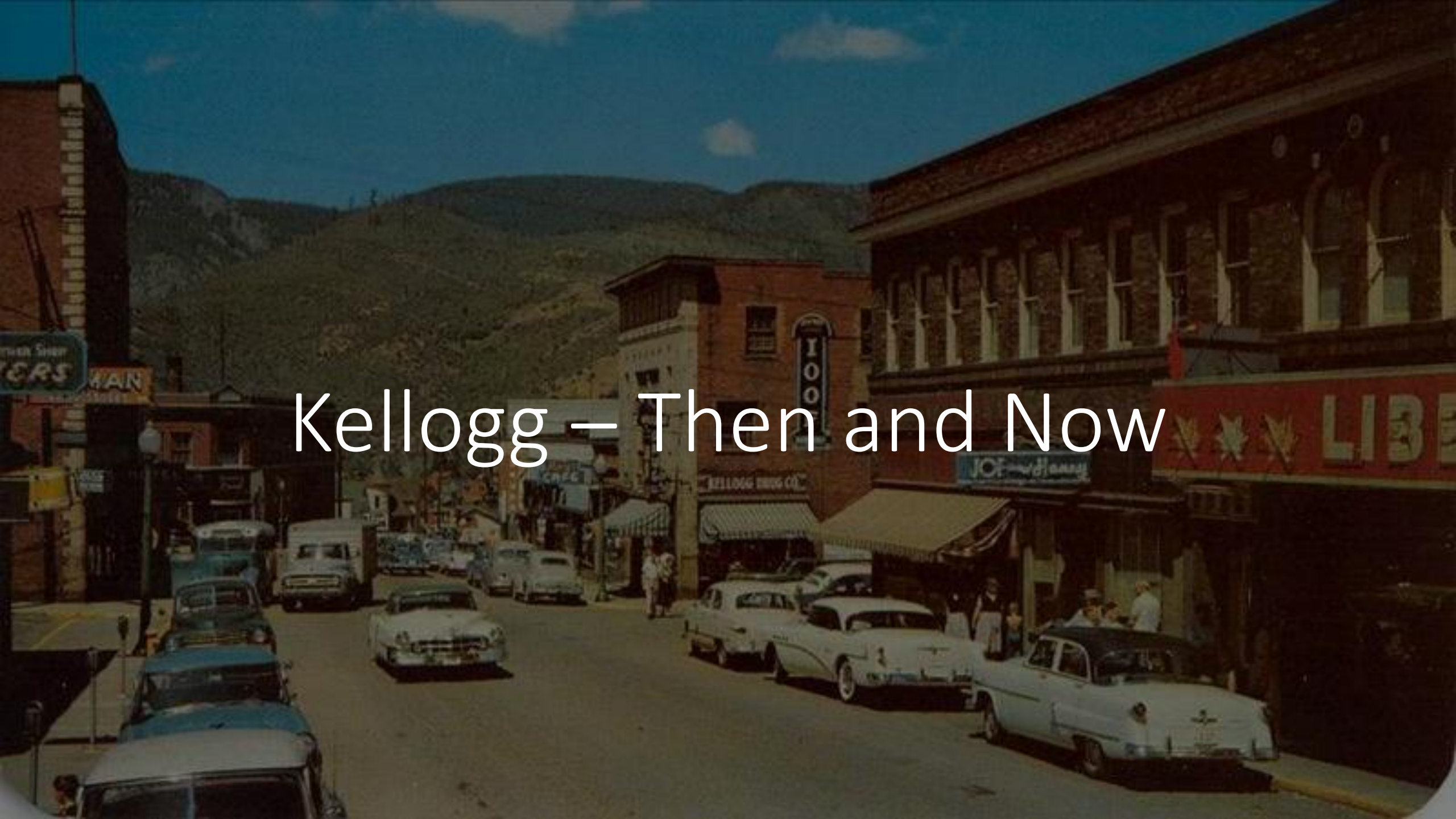


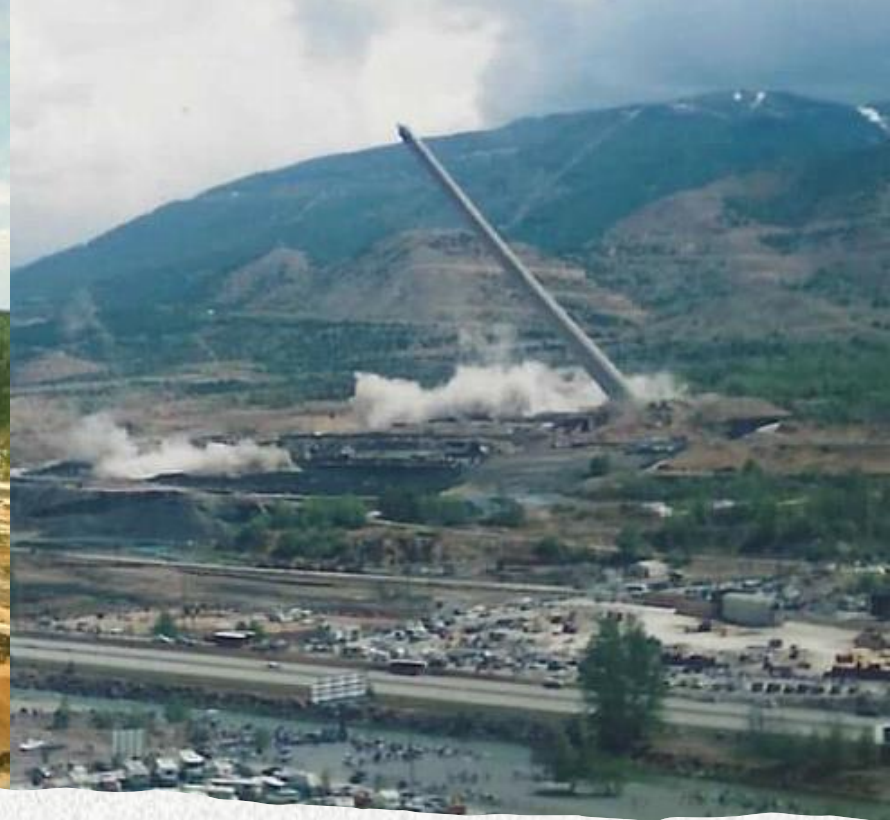
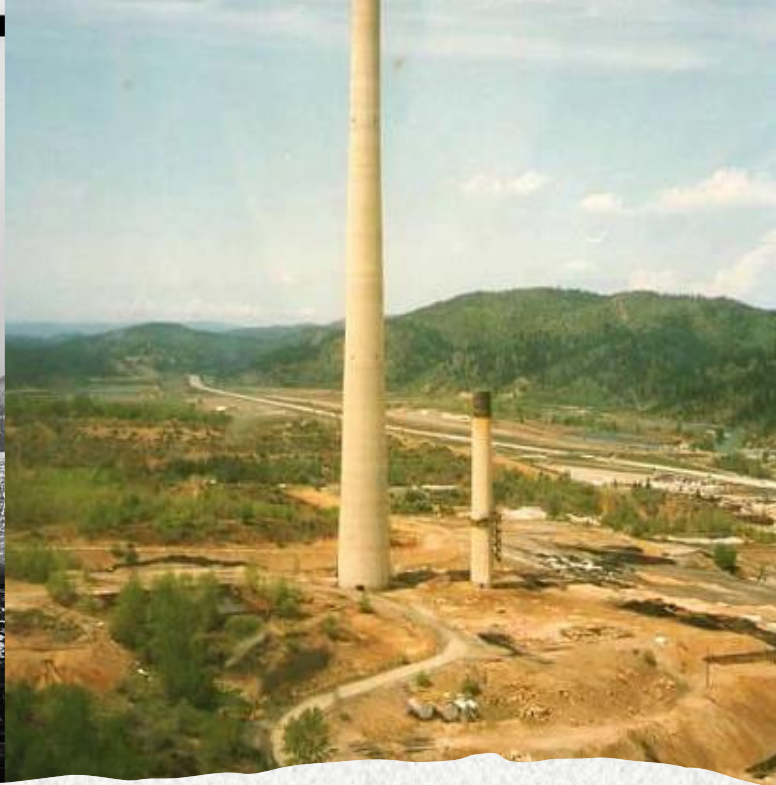
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Kellogg – Then and Now





Let's take it back...

- At the time of its closure in 1982, the Bunker Hill lead smelter was the largest in the world, the complex included a zinc plant and silver refinery.
- Employed over 2500 residents
- Provided over 75% of the city's tax base

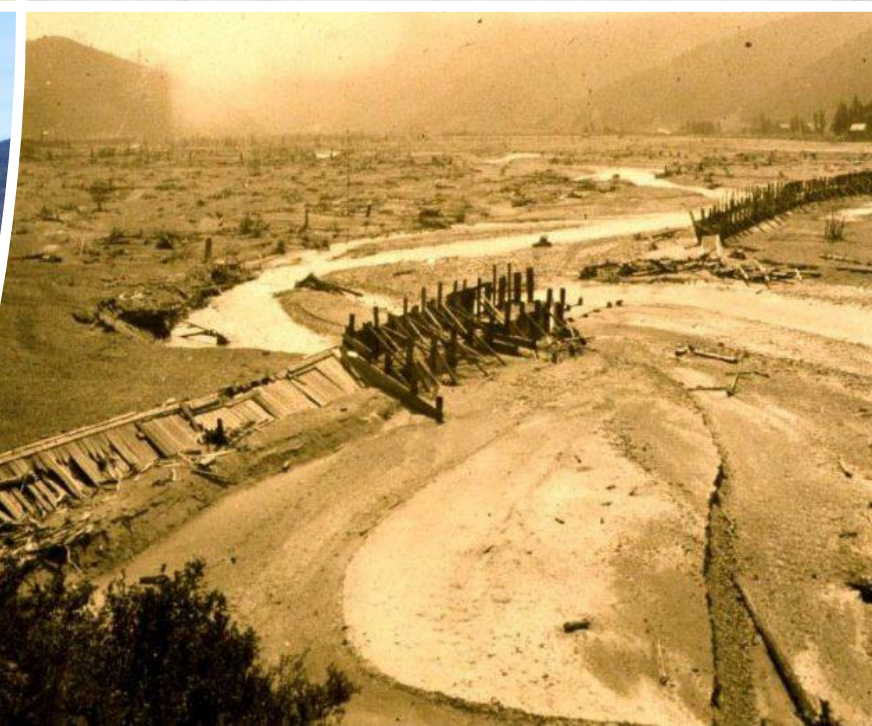


Let's take it back... the downturn

- Those 2,500 jobs were lost, and the city's population fell from around 8,000 to 2,400.
- House values plummeted; no one could sell their home, and many just left their homes vacant and walked away.
- The once vibrant Uptown core emptied out and old heritage buildings began to crumble.

HOPE on the horizon

- In 1983, the EPA put the Silver Valley on its National Priorities List, commencing one of the country's largest, most ecologically complex, and most expensive Superfund projects.
- The first and most significantly risky features of pollution have been excavated and contained around Kellogg at a cost of \$263 million.
- The hillsides have been replanted and new forests are growing.





Revitalization begins!

- Hoping to match the economic success of Leavenworth, Washington, Kellogg instituted development guidelines during the 1990s to mimic the Bavarian theme to bring some life and identity to the town.
- The guidelines called for Bavarian detailing to be applied to the facades of mining era buildings, new commercial development, and signage throughout town.
- Local taxation and an EDA grant and a block grant for an Uptown beautification project.
 - This was the birth of the hill climb, public restrooms and town square. The gondola was built, silver mountain logo was inlaid in colored brick. Street trees, new sidewalks, and the brick inlay near the curbs.

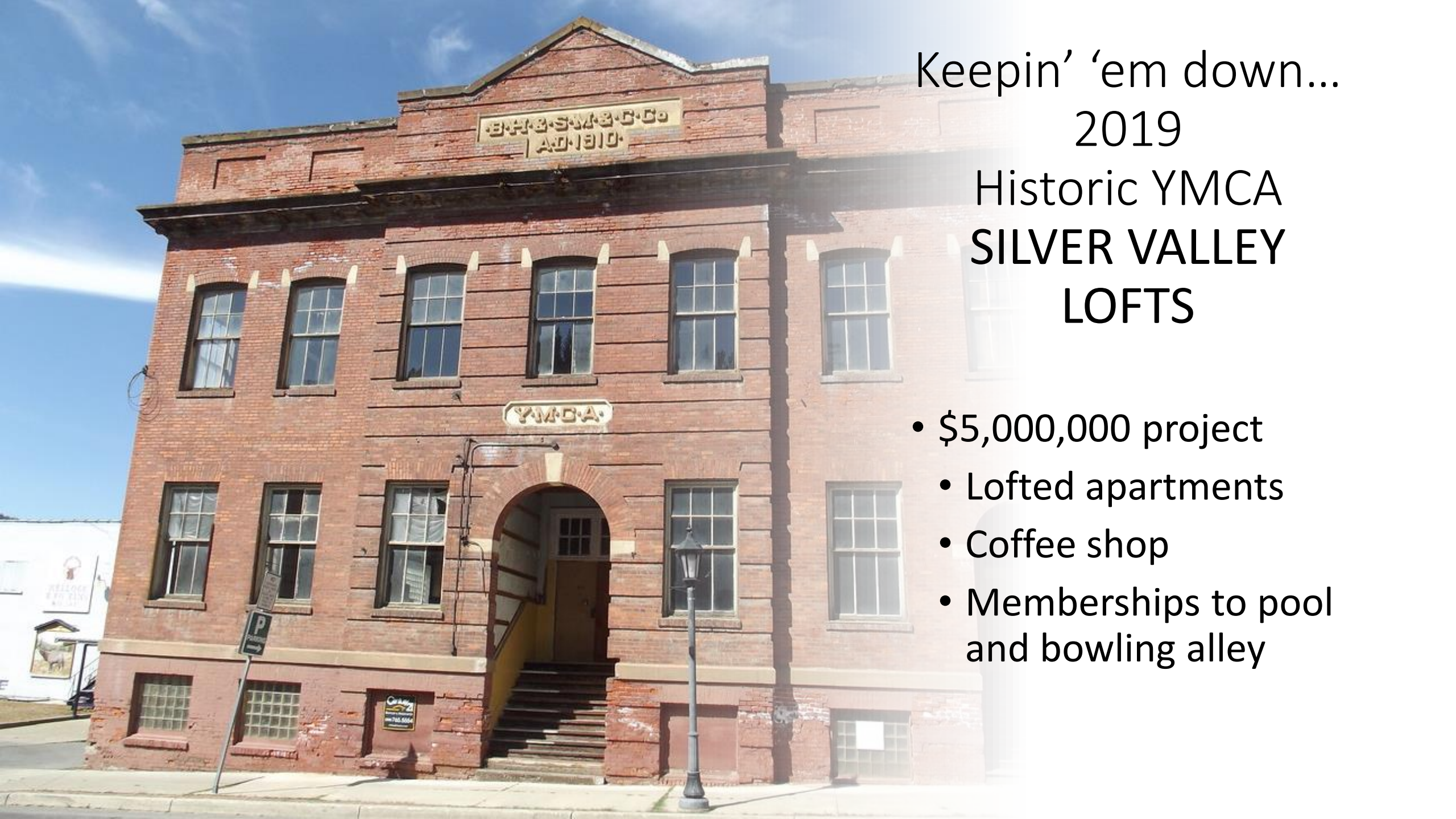


And then it stops...

- The newly adopted community identity was a mismatch for its deeply rooted mining heritage. Ultimately, a ten-year effort to market the Bavarian image failed.
- Public restroom doors were locked for good due to vandalism, and the silver mountain logo overlaid with asphalt, and the town square became an overrun unused parking lot.
- Within a few more years businesses started closing their doors, city hall moved to its current location at the Bunker Mine/DEQ building on McKinley, and spaces became vacant.



2017 McConnell Hotel Fire
Kick 'em while
they're down.



Keepin' 'em down...

2019

Historic YMCA SILVER VALLEY LOFTS

- \$5,000,000 project
- Lofted apartments
- Coffee shop
- Memberships to pool and bowling alley



Enter
PLACEMAKING!

- Early 2020's Blair Williams and Colleen Rosson started the resurrection process.
- Ski Chairs
- Talking with Gizmo





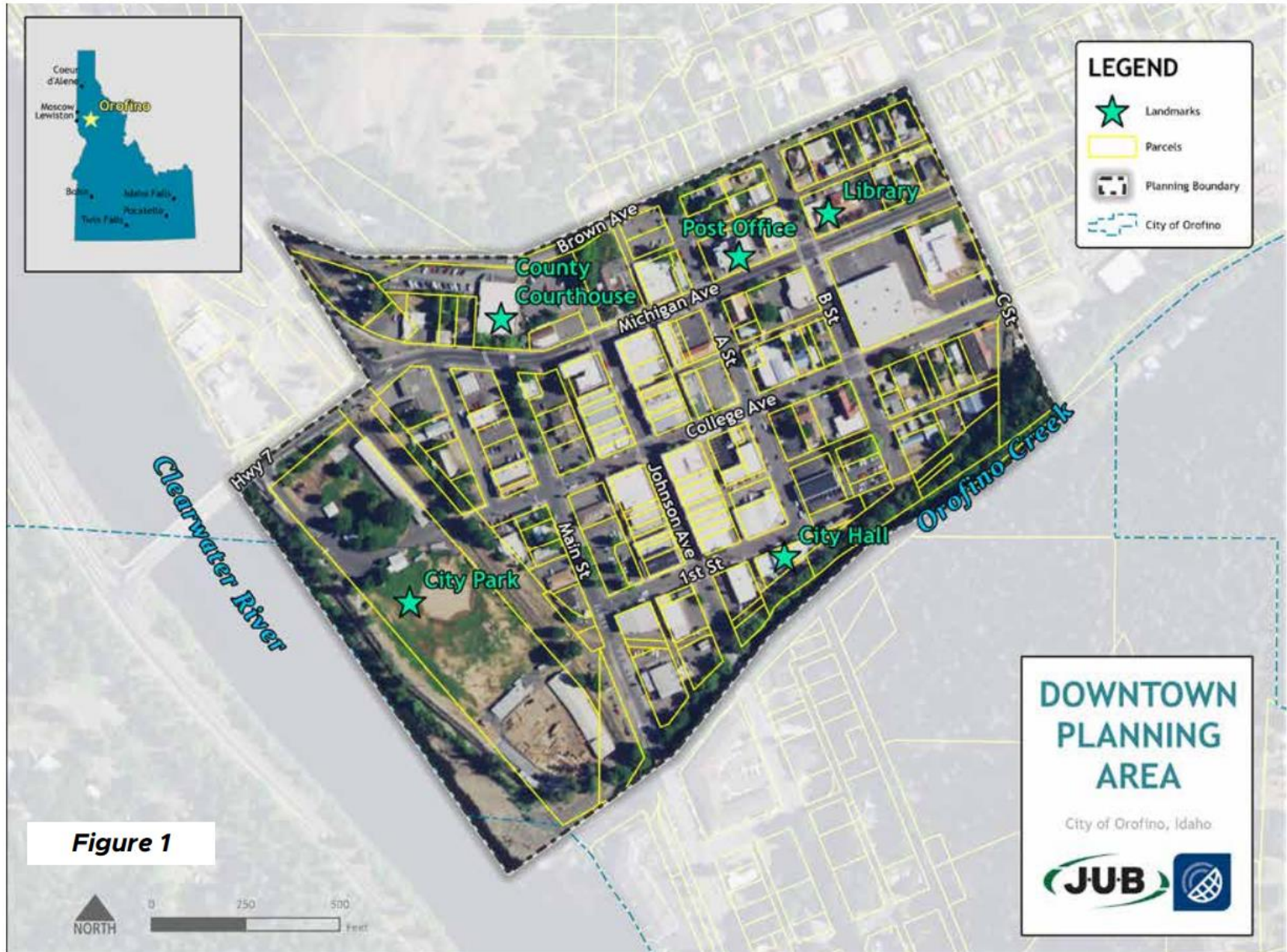
Hit the ground running...





- FESTIVALS
- POLE BANNERS Through USDA RBDG Program
- Free Makerspace
- Working with owner of YMCA and DEQ through Brownfield initiative to revitalize the historic building.
- AND MORE TO COME!

Placemaking in Downtown Orofino



What is “Placemaking”?

- Making lasting memories
- Shaping future plans
- Directing positive changes
- Preventing harmful actions

How to do it...

- **Identify community character**
- **Create or enhance emotional connections**
- **Create opportunities for memorable events**
- **Make lasting memories**



Examples

- **Creating or enhancing landmarks**
- **Celebrating local history and culture**
- **Best-loved community events**
- **Family traditions**

Visioning



Before...



After...



CITY OF OROFINO • IDAHO



Downtown Revitalization & Safety Action Plan

Adopted October 2023



JUB ENGINEERS, INC.



Prepared by:

JUB FAMILY OF COMPANIES

Placemaking Applied

What makes your community special?

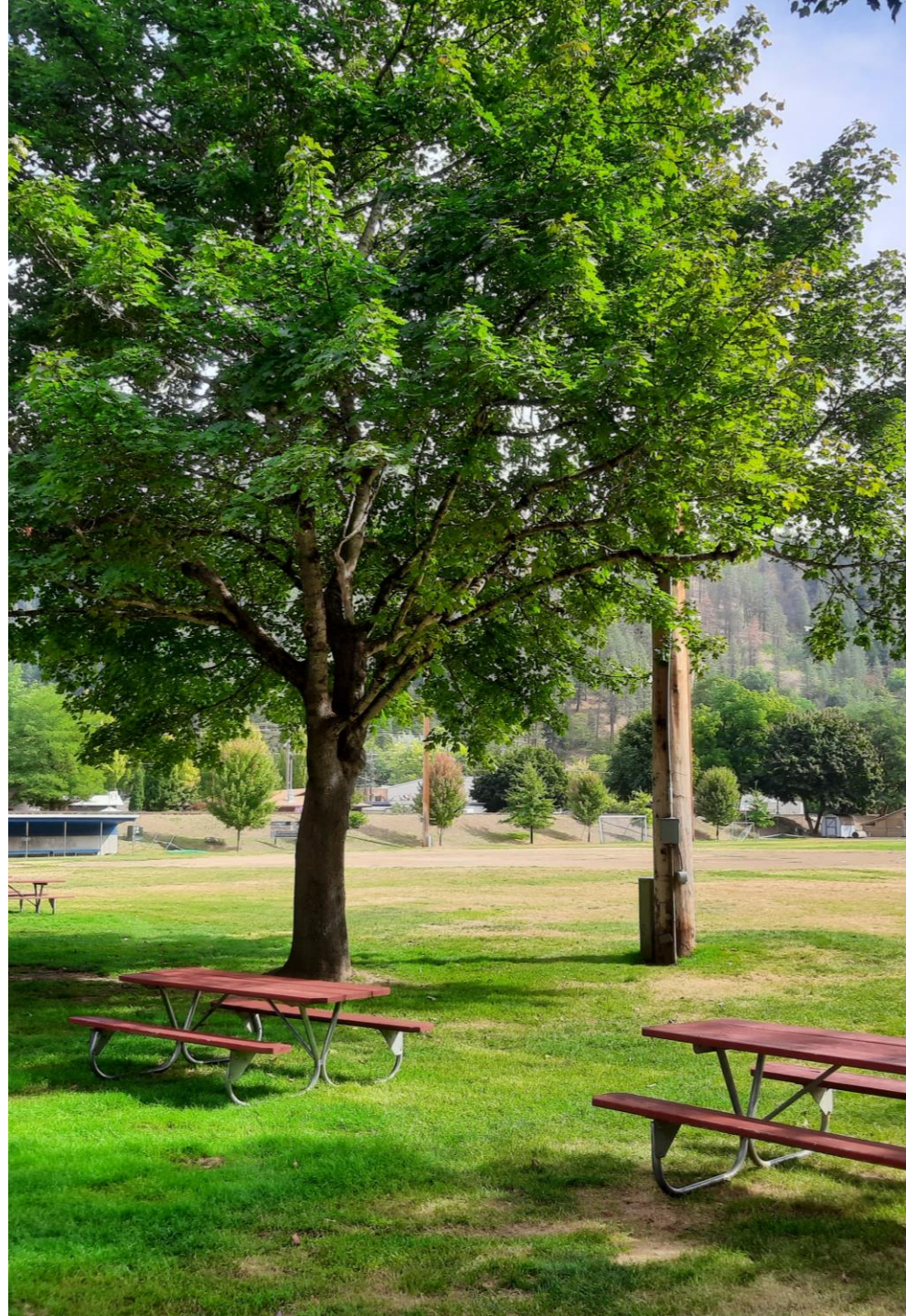
- Landmarks
- Buildings/Architecture
- History
- Culture
- Events/Shows
- Traditions
- People
- Natural or man-made features



Setting Goals for Action

10 year from now, what does your community provide residents and visitors?

- **Gathering/Event space**
- **Activities**
- **Retail**
- **Recreation**
- **Other???**



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Downtown Revitalization
& Safety Action Plan



Prepared by:



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HELPING EACH OTHER
CREATE BETTER COMMUNITIES



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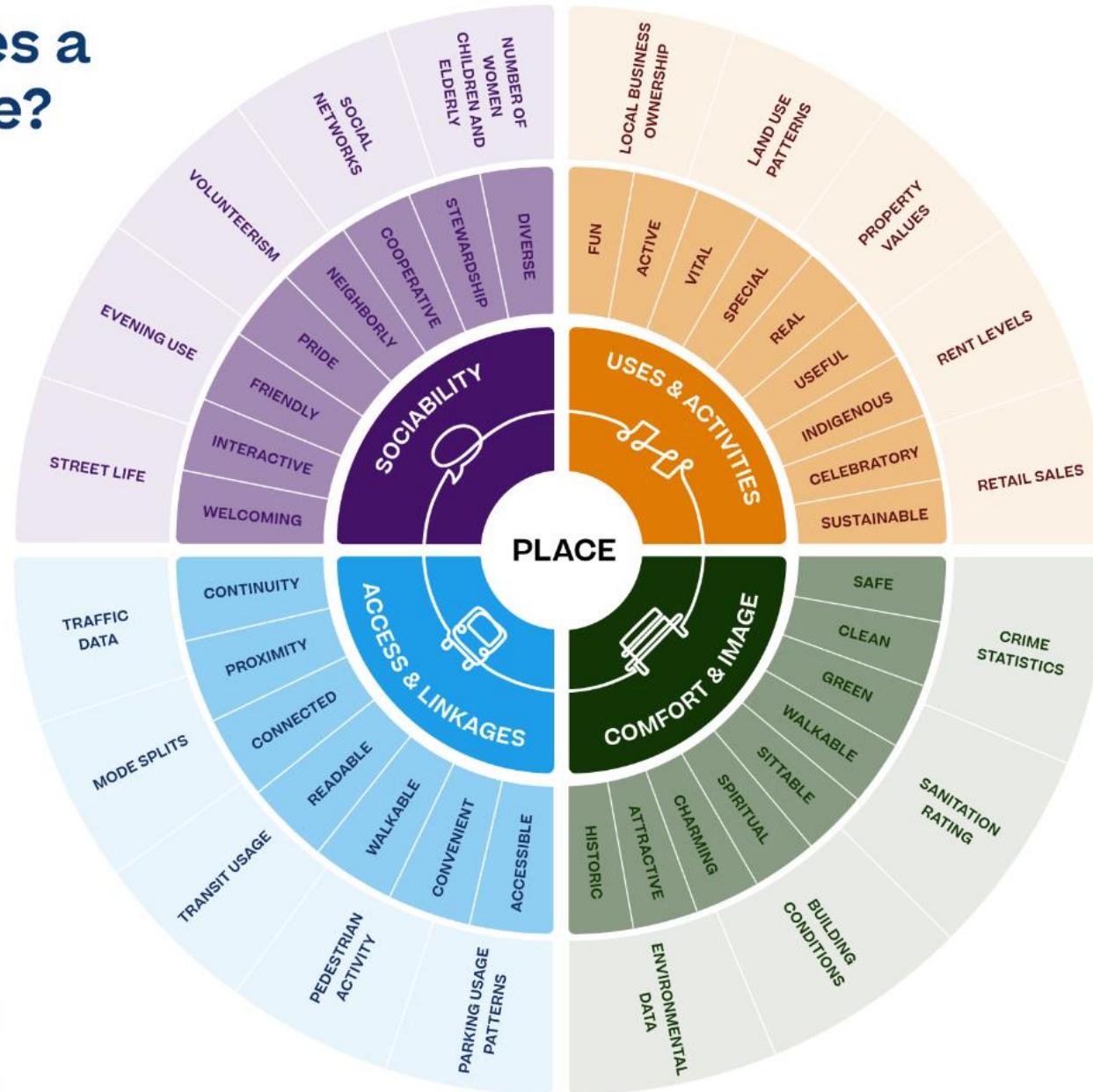
The Art of the LID

October 19, 2023

Placemaking is the objective...



What Makes a Great Place?



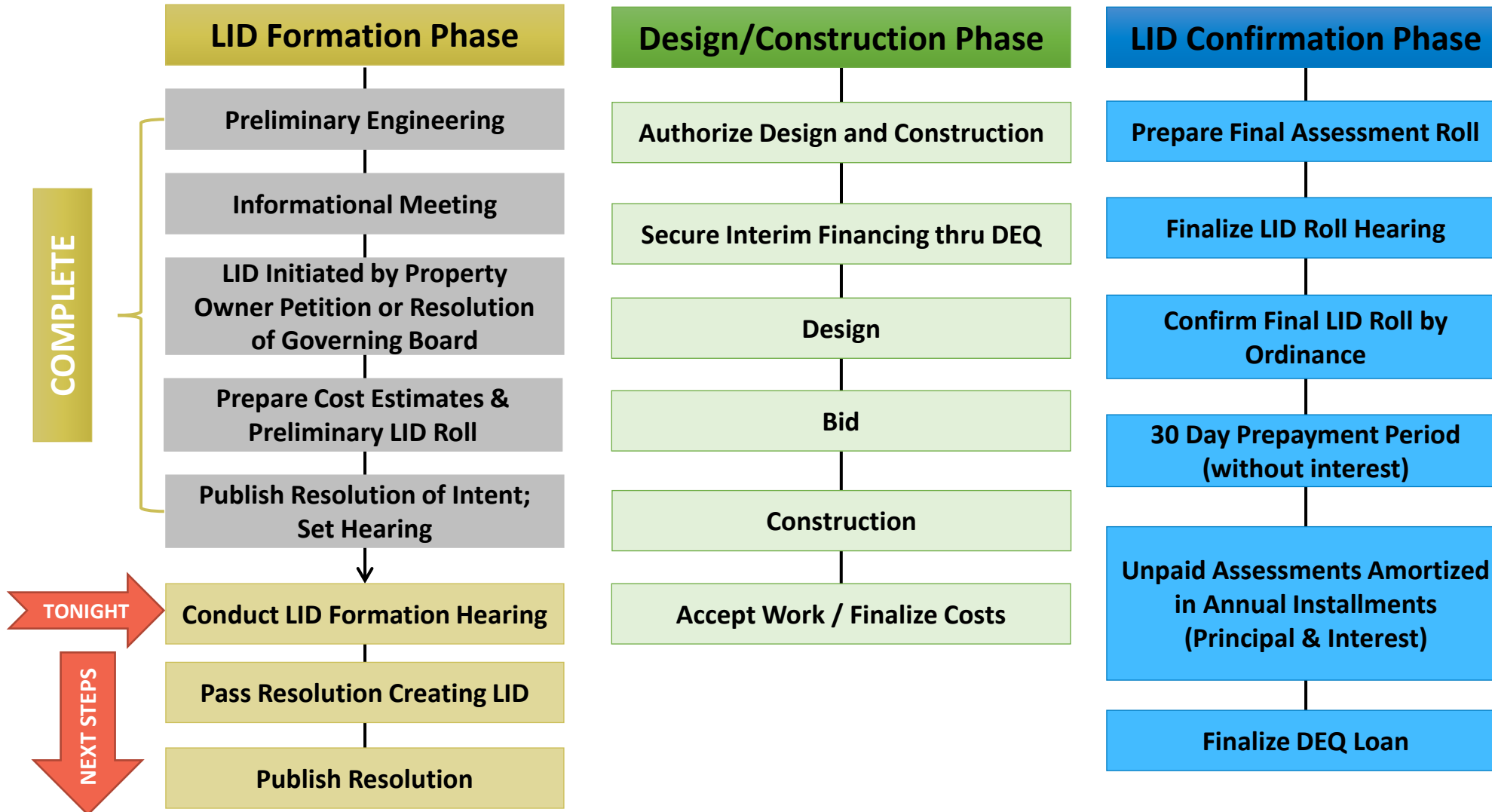
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An LID is one tool to help create a great place

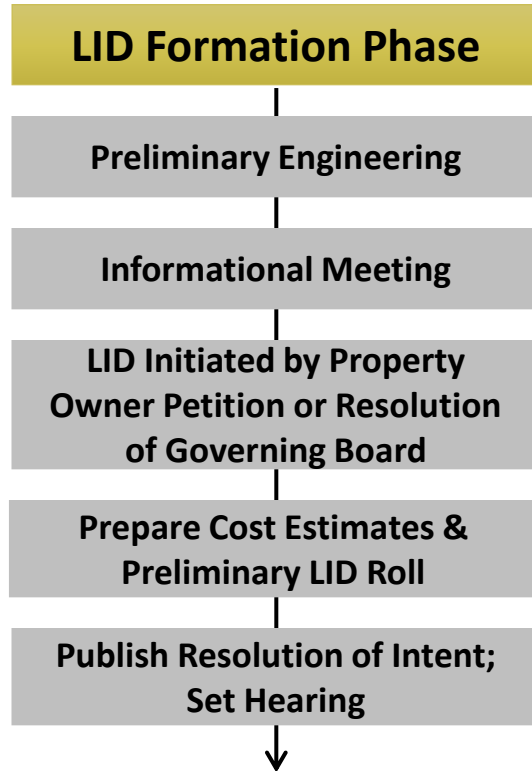
1. The statutory LID Process is the easy part
2. The challenge lies in communicating the need and value of the LID assessment
3. You need to communicate the whole story from infrastructure through DTA programming to demonstrate the complete value proposition

– bricks and mortar won't do it by itself

LID Process per Idaho Code



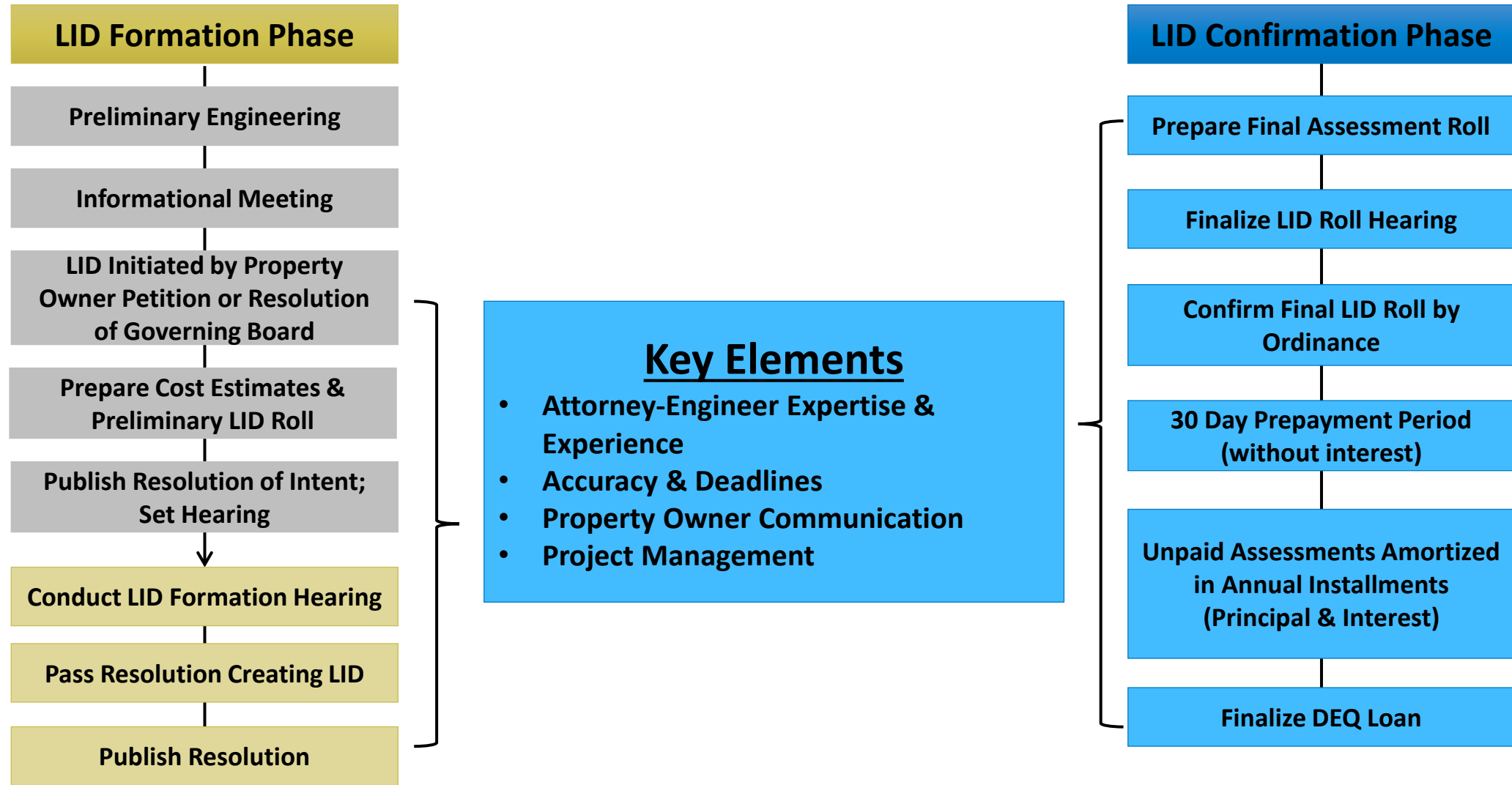
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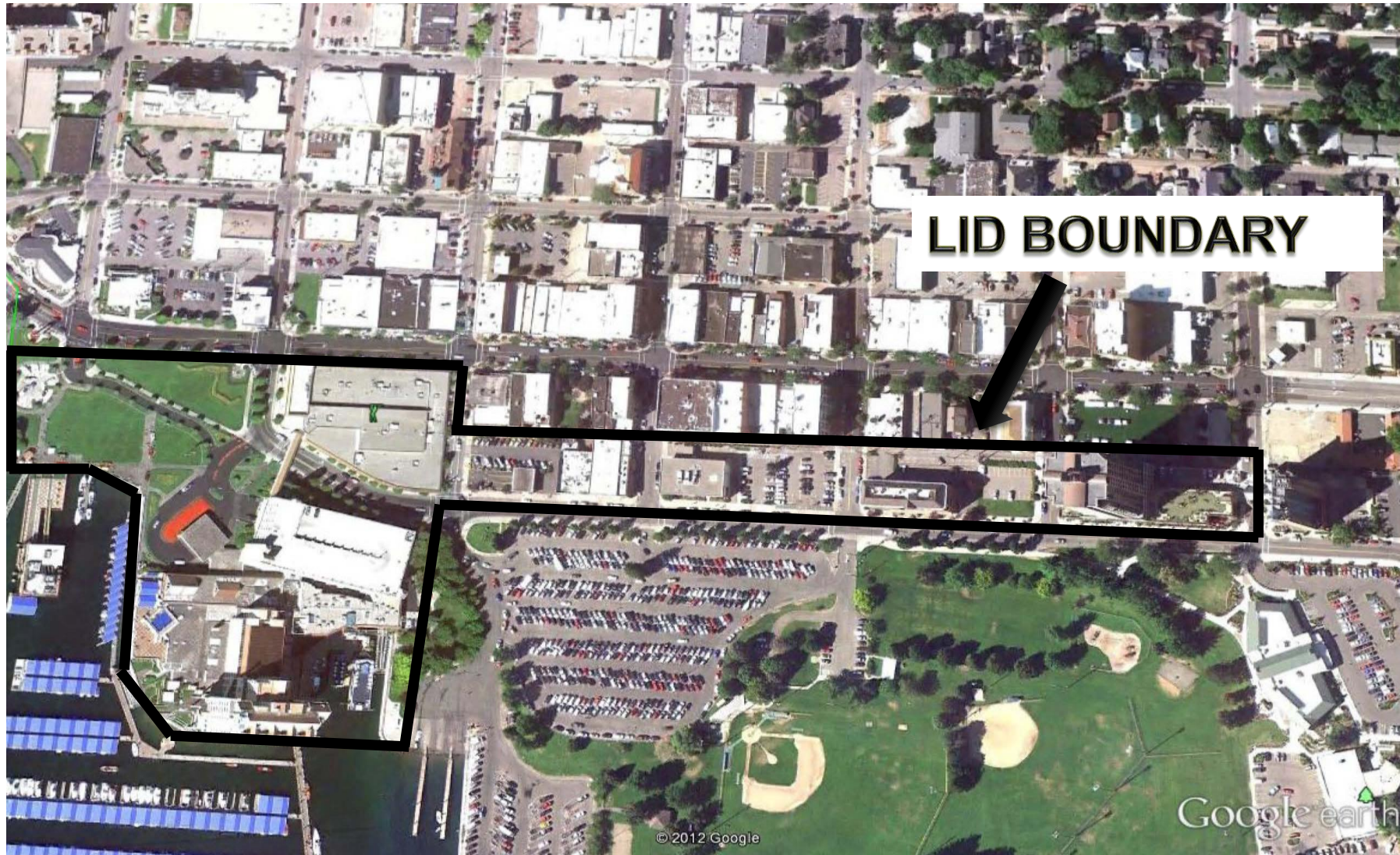
Key Elements

- Steering Committee
- Funding “Meaningful” Project Elements
- Accurate Estimates
- Iterate on Assessments & Ground Truth with Steering Committee
- Develop Steering Committee & City Council Consensus
- Informal Community Presentation
 - Educate
 - Listen
 - Respond

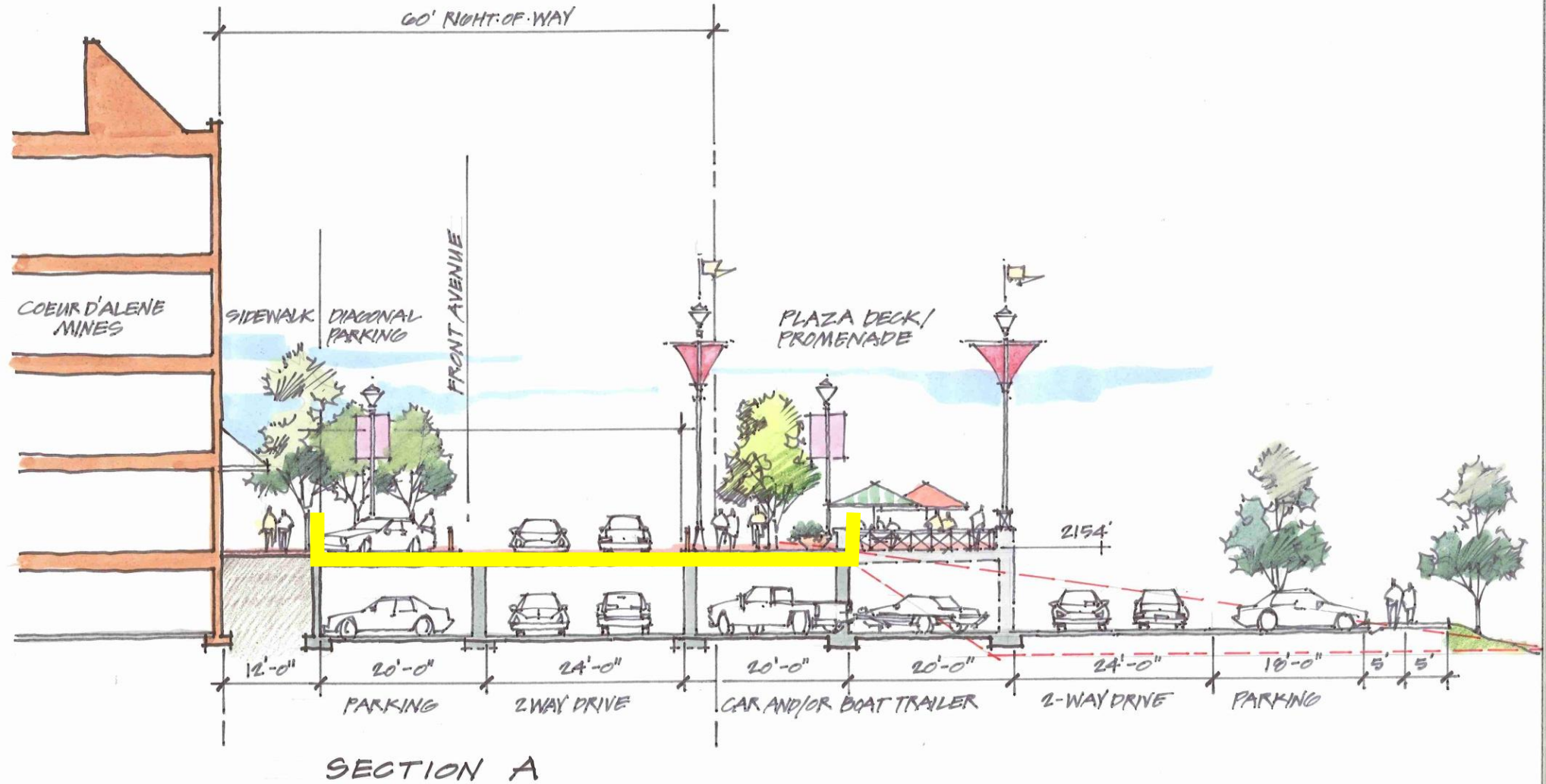
The Detail Part of the LID Process



FRONT AVENUE LID BOUNDARY



FRONT AVENUE LID ELEMENTS



Fact Sheets and Newsletters



FRONT AVENUE LID FORMATION FACT SHEET

Introduction

The City of Coeur d'Alene (City) is considering forming a Local Improvement District (LID) around properties shown in the following aerial photograph. The purpose of the LID is to fund a portion of the street and streetscape improvements that will be made to Front Avenue (2nd to 7th) and to the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Streets from Front Avenue north to the alley. The purpose of this fact sheet is to explain the proposed project and the LID process, as well as to make property owners aware of upcoming meetings to solicit property owner input.

FRONT AVENUE LID BOUNDARY



REMINGTON RECREATIONAL WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

Newsletter for the Formation of Local Improvement District #1

May 2021

LID Formation Hearing

The Remington Recreational Water and Sewer District ("District") invites property owners to the LID Formation Hearing at Athol Community Center, Gym at 6:30pm on June 2, 2021. The purpose of this hearing will be to discuss the recommended water system improvement projects proposed to be financed through a Local Improvement District (LID) and to answer questions. Along with this newsletter, you are receiving a formal notice of the LID public hearing that has specific information about the estimated cost of this LID associated with your property as well as your rights and responsibilities. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you are invited to provide written comments on the proposed project or objections to the formation of the LID, by sending them to the address on the Notice prior to 4:00pm on June 2, 2021.

Description and Need for Proposed Projects

Background

The System was initially constructed in the early 1970's, with the majority of the distribution system constructed in 1998. The District has experienced steady growth and increase in water demand since its formation in 1999. Due to a high peak water demand experienced last year and recent requests for additional connections, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) has identified the District has triggered "substantial modification" of the System. This means the System now must comply with the current IDEQ Rules for Public Drinking Water Systems (IDAPA 58.01.08). One major component of these Rules is that the System must meet peak demands with its largest well offline. Thus currently cannot be achieved; thus, IDEQ cannot approve additional connections to the District until the System is in compliance with the Rules.

The District prepared a Water System Facility Plan ("Facility Plan"), partially funded by a planning grant from the IDEQ in 2020. The Facility Plan analyzes the ability of the existing water system to serve both current and anticipated future demands while complying with IDAPA 58.01.08. The District held two meetings, one on February 19, 2020 and on December 16, 2020 to present the results of the Facility Plan.

Recommended Water System Improvements

The District Board and Staff is recommending the following improvements, discussed further in the Facility Plan as Option 4:

- Develop 2 New Wells (1,000 gpm each)
- Add 200,000 gallon Underground Reservoir
- Add 1,500 gpm to Booster Station
- New Transmission

The District is in the process of verifying the peak demand data which may allow the cost of the infrastructure to be reduced slightly.

NOTICE OF LID FORMATION HEARING

Wednesday,
June 2, 2021

6:30 pm

Athol Community
Center, Gym

(30355 3rd St
Athol, ID 83801)

Hearing Contact Info:
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ESTIMATED PROJECT COST SUMMARY

Description	Category Total	Cumulative
MOBILIZATION	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
DEMO/EARTHWORK	\$ 208,000	\$ 308,000
ROADWAY	\$ 325,000	\$ 633,000
CONCRETE SIDEWALKS & INTERSECTIONS	\$ 750,000	\$ 1,383,000
LANDSCAPE/IRRIGATION	\$ 264,000	\$ 1,647,000
ILLUMINATION	\$ 188,000	\$ 1,835,000
STREET FURNITURE	\$ 25,000	\$ 1,860,000
EROSION & SITE CONTROL	\$ 98,000	\$ 1,958,000
SIGNING/STRIPING	\$ 25,000	\$ 1,983,000
LID & DESIGN COSTS	\$ 493,000	\$ 2,476,000
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 2,476,000
	Contingency	\$ 371,000
	TOTAL	\$ 2,847,000

CITY LIDs COST COMPARISON

	LID #126 Sherman	LID #130 Lakeside	LID # Front Ave
LID Closed	Sep-89	Feb-95	Jan-13
Total Project Cost	\$2,201,312	\$3,537,595	\$2,900,000
LID Funding	\$986,028	\$732,544	\$1,213,600
Percent from LID Funding	45%	21%	42%
LID Assessment per FF (Original Cost/Typical Lot for LID #126/#130)*	\$267.00	\$189.00	\$400.00
LID ASSESSMENTS IN TODAY'S DOLLARS (PER FF)	\$ 544.00	\$ 326.00	\$ 400.00
*LID #126 and #130 used a square foot basis and have been converted to front foot for comparison purposes			

FRONT AVENUE LID ASSESSMENT EXAMPLE

- Proposed Estimated Assessment Rate is \$400/FF

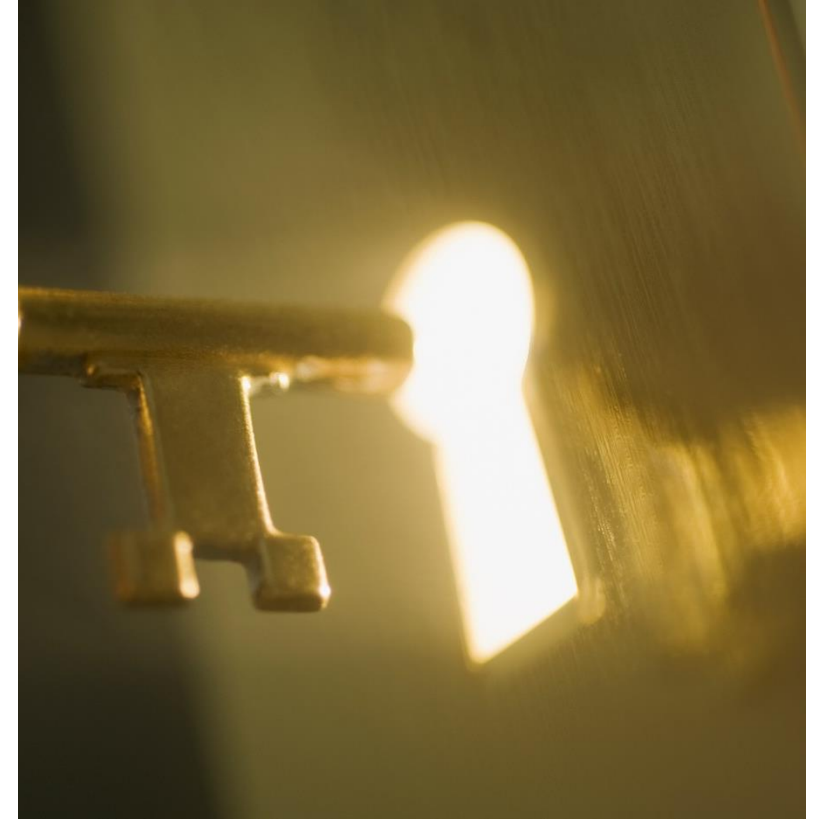
Example Parcel	Front Footage	Estimated Assessment	Estimated LID Annual Payment
Parcel #1	310	\$124,000	\$16,059
Parcel #2	80	\$32,000	\$4,144

FRONT AVENUE LID SCHEDULE

Informational Meeting with Property Owners	Nov. 15-30
Council Meeting to Discuss LID Formation	Dec. 4
Public Informational Meeting	Dec. 5
Resolution and Notice of Intention to Create LID and Setting Date of Public Hearing	Dec. 18
Mail LID Hearing Notices to Property Owners	Dec. 21
Publish LID Hearing Notice in Local Paper	Dec. 20, 21, & 22
Public Hearing	Jan. 2
Ordinance Creating LID	Jan. 14

Key Take Aways

1. Start with the “Why” – To Create a Great Public Space
2. The LID is one of the tools to help create that space
3. Demonstrate the “benefits derived” the property will realize especially when the bricks and mortar improvements are followed with DTA programming





Questions

PROTEST ANALYSIS

LID Evaluation Criteria

The City received six protest letters. The protests represent 7.9% of the land area included in the LID.

The Council may consider all issues presented in the protest letters, but should focus on comments that address its obligation to ensure that:

1. The proposed improvements and their estimated costs are reasonable and that the properties will derive benefits from the proposed improvements.
2. There is an "equitable distribution of costs in relation to benefits." This requires that the assessment be reasonably proportional to the benefit derived, but does not require that the benefit and assessment correspond exactly. Additionally, benefits capable of easy demonstration and mathematical exactness are not necessary to support an assessment.

1. Rick B. Buus Protest

The following generally summarizes Mr. Buus' protest applicable to the above evaluation criteria:

1. The LID unfairly assesses residential property the same as commercial property, when the residential property receives no benefit, but commercial property receives an economic benefit by increased tourism, shopping, business traffic.
2. The cost of the Proposed 2012 Front Avenue LID at \$400/ff is five times higher than the proposed 2005 Front Avenue LID, which is too high and related to the McEuen Park Project.
3. The project will decrease his home value due to increased vehicular and pedestrian congestion, late night noise levels, and safety issues with City events. Additionally, Front Avenue can't be used for residential purposes and there is no guest street parking because of the two-hour commercial parking restriction.

Analysis

1. Commercial property assessments are significantly higher than the residential assessments. The average commercial property assessment is \$36,065 while the average residential assessment is \$2,207. Staff believes that the higher commercial assessments fairly recognize this difference in the benefits derived by commercial parcels compared to residential parcels.
2. The 2005 Front Avenue LID does not appear to include, and according to the City Engineer did not include, a complete reconstruction of Front Avenue to a level similar to Sherman and Lakeside Avenues. Therefore, a comparison of the estimated 2005 LID and 2012 LID is not an accurate comparison.
3. Staff believes that the Front Avenue LID will increase home values. The proposed LID project will create a pedestrian friendly, unique urban corridor with an additional 44 parking spaces that are available, currently un-restricted for 16 hours per day. Enhanced lighting, landscaping and hardscape finishes will create an attractive, safe downtown street. The diagonal parking, narrower lane widths, 4th street speed table, bulb ed intersections, and stop control at 3rd and 6th street will calm traffic and create a more pedestrian friendly street, which will benefit both those who live, work and visit the area.

2. Gary D. Johnson Protest

The following generally summarizes Mr. Johnson's protest applicable to the above evaluation criteria:

1. The cost of the Proposed 2012 Front Avenue LID at \$400/ff is higher than the proposed 2005 Front Avenue LID and the 2012 LID should only contain the items in the 2005 LID. LCDC should make up the difference between the 2005 and 2012 LID cost.
2. The Parkside project paid for "...sidewalks, lighting, plumbing and landscaping..." and the Parkside condominium owners should not have to pay again for these improvements.

Analysis

1. The 2005 Front Avenue LID does not appear to include, and according to the City Engineer did not include, a complete reconstruction of Front Avenue to a level similar to Sherman and Lakeside Avenues. The 2012 LID does contain more improvements than the 2005 LID, that the City could decide to fund in a manner different than the current proposed LID Funding.
2. The sidewalks, curb, and landscaping adjacent to Parkside are not being replaced and are therefore not a Front Avenue LID cost. Parkside owners benefit from the project as a whole to the same extent other property owners do.

3. Gordon Scott Protest

The following generally summarizes Mr. Scott's protest applicable to the above evaluation criteria:

1. The Parkside building already has improvements in front of it that were paid for by the developer and the residents when they purchased a unit. Parkside residents should not have to pay for these improvements again and do not want to pay for improvements in front of other properties.
2. Additional parking is not a benefit to residential units because they already have two parking spaces.

Analysis

1. The sidewalks, curb, and landscaping adjacent to Parkside are not being replaced and are therefore not a Front Avenue LID cost. The Parkside residential units are paying a share of Front Avenue LID project as a whole that will benefit their property (as described under the response to Rick Buus Protest). Additionally there are improvements directly in front of Parkside, such as additional parking and a reconstructed street.
2. Generally, guests to Parkside need to park in the street and the increase in parking on Front Avenue will benefit Parkside residences.

4. Steve Widmyer Protest

The following generally summarizes Mr. Widmyer's protest applicable to the above evaluation criteria:

1. The \$400/ff assessment is too high when compared to the Sherman Avenue LID.
2. The \$400/ff assessment is too high when compared to the Midtown LID.
3. Front Avenue property owners are being penalized because only one side of the street is being assessed.
4. The proposed 2005 Front Avenue LID assessment was lower than the proposed 2012 Front Avenue LID.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

- A Local Improvement District (LID) is a method of municipal financing allowed under Idaho Code.
- A LID boundary is established around properties that will receive benefit from the infrastructure improvement.
- The parcels of property within the boundary receive an estimate of their assessment at LID formation based on the estimated costs of the project. Parcels also receive a final assessment based on actual project costs.
- Final assessments may be paid in whole or amortized over the life of the LID.
- Assessments that are not paid at LID confirmation become a lien on the property.

LID ASSESSMENT METHOD

- Individual LID Assessments are based on a benefits derived analysis.
- Assessment methodology is intended to:
 - Recognize the benefit derived by a parcel from the overall Front Avenue and side street improvements.
 - A parcel's front footage is used as the primary factor to establish its cost share (assessment) compared to the overall front footage in the LID.

LID ASSESSMENT PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Full Payment can be made within 30 days of the LID Confirmation
- Annual payments can be made over the loan term:
- Private Bond Financing
 - Estimated at 10 years at 5% interest
 - First annual payment due in January 2015 (estimated)

Using Bonds to Finance Idaho Projects

October 19, 2023



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Summary

- Methods of Financing
- Documents for a Bond Issue
- Tax Exemption
- Role of Bond Counsel
- Post Issuance Compliance

Two-Minute Overview of Idaho Municipal Finance Law

- Most debt requires a two-thirds vote.
- Some exceptions to vote requirement for certain issuers, such as Urban Renewal Agencies, Universities, State Housing Authority, etc.
- Idaho is not like most states – limited exceptions for revenue “special fund” debt, bond secured by non-tax revenue, airports, hospitals, public power can be issued without a vote – cities can issue revenue bonds for water and sewer, with 50% vote.
- Can ask Courts for judicial confirmation to issue non-voted bonds to see if they meet Constitutional “ordinary and necessary” exception, but very limited with *City of Challis* case.

Public/Private

Debt can be called anything, be it bonds, notes, loans, certificates of participation, lease payments, warrants, etc., but can be broken down into two types:

- “Private” debt, held by banks or other financial institutions, including DEQ and Rural Development.
- “Public” debt, usually called bonds, held by a broader group of owners.

Voted GO Bonds

GO Bonds for Cities:

- Require a 2/3 vote.
- Can be issued per Idaho Code Section 50-1019:
 1. To provide for constructing, laying out, grading, curbing, draining, sidewalking or otherwise improving streets, alleys, intersections, crossing and crosswalks; and to construct, or aid in the construction of bridges across streams within or contiguous to, or within one (1) mile of the exterior limits of, such city.

Voted GO Bonds

2. To provide for the funding, refunding, purchase and redemption of the outstanding indebtedness, bonds may be issued under this section for such purposes, without submission of the question of issuance of such bonds to the electors of the city, when the same can be done to the profit and benefit of such city without incurring any additional liability.
3. To provide for the establishment of hospitals and cemeteries, either within or without the corporate limits of such city.

Voted GO Bonds

4. To provide for the purchase, improvement and equipment of lands and buildings thereon, for public parks, monuments, recreation facilities and zoos, either within or without the corporate limits of such city;
5. To provide for the purchase, erection, construction and furnishing of city public libraries;

Voted GO Bonds

6. To provide for the establishment of a fire department by the purchase of building sites, buildings, and suitable equipment and apparatus necessary to provide fire protection;
7. To provide for the purchase, acquisition, improvement and equipment of aviation facilities either wholly or partly within or without the corporate limits of such city, or wholly or partly within or without the state of Idaho;

Voted GO Bonds

8. To provide for flood control by acquisition and purchase of right-of-way and to establish, alter, enlarge, improve, reconstruct and change the channels of watercourses or any stream, river or body of water within or without the corporate limits of such city;
9. To provide for the acquisition, construction, remodeling, improvement or otherwise, of buildings for public use, together with all necessary appurtenant facilities and equipment, including all necessary land for building sites, either within or without the corporate limits of such city;

Voted GO Bonds

10. To construct, reconstruct, extend, maintain or repair optional improvements;
11. To acquire by purchase, gift, condemnation, or otherwise any real or personal property within the limits of the municipality as in the judgment of the council may be necessary or convenient in order to make any of such improvements or otherwise to carry out the purposes of this chapter;
12. To make any other improvements now or hereafter authorized by any other law, the cost of which in whole or in part can properly be determined to be of particular benefit to a particular area within the municipality;
13. To construct and install all such structures, equipment and other items and to do all such other work and to incur any such costs and expenses as may be necessary or appropriate to complete any of such improvements in a proper manner;
14. To purchase, build, construct, reconstruct or otherwise improve parking facilities and all other appurtenances necessary to provide adequate off-street parking, and to that end may acquire real or personal property by purchase, gift, condemnation or otherwise, and may own, possess and maintain such real or personal property within the limits of the municipality as in the judgment of the council may be necessary and convenient for such purposes; and
15. To acquire, purchase, build, construct or reconstruct irrigation systems, install underground tiling and cover open irrigation ditches.

Voted Revenue Bonds

- Revenue Bonds require a majority vote.
- Cities can issue Revenue Bonds per Idaho Code Section Code 50-1020 to acquire, construct, improve, enlarge, or repair waterworks plants and water supply, light and power plants, storm sewers and sanitary sewerage systems.
- Water/Sewer Districts (Idaho Code 42-4109), Fire Districts, Hospitals, Universities also issue Revenue Bonds

Types of Non-Voted Bonds

Ordinary and Necessary Exception from Article VIII Section 3 likely to encompass only small projects that equal a true emergency:

- *Challis* – holding that a project is not urgent and thus necessary if there is time to seek a vote.
- *Frazier* – holding that the proposed project must be needed in current fiscal year.

Local Improvement Districts

Several step process, but can be used for a variety of purposes:

50-1703. POWERS CONFERRED. (a) The governing body of any municipality shall have power to make or cause to be made any one (1) or more or combination of the following improvements [related to]:...

- 1) a street, sidewalk, alley or off-street parking facility...

Local Improvement Districts

- 3) sanitary sewers, storm sewers, ditches, drains, conduits, flood barriers and channels for sanitary and drainage purposes, or either or both thereof, with inlets or outlets, manholes catch basins, flush tanks, treatment systems and all other sewer and drainage appurtenances necessary for the comfort, convenience, health and well-being...
- 4) street lighting purposes or for the expansion or improvement of a previously established municipally-owned electrical distribution system, to a district within the boundaries of the municipality;

Local Improvement Districts

- 5) lawns, shade trees or other landscaping; . . .
- 7) To acquire, construct, reconstruct, extend, maintain or repair parking lots or other facilities for the parking of vehicles on or off streets; . . .
- 8) Parks and other recreational facilities; . . .
- 10) Optional improvements; . . .
- 15) . . .

Local Improvement Districts

- Requires public notice to landowners/public hearings.
- Debt goes onto assessment rolls and becomes lien on property and ultimately collected like taxes.

Lease Purchase

- Concept: Lease for one year at a time so the lease is not “debt” and therefore voter approval not required.
- Historical uncertainty under Idaho law.
- *Frazier v. Greater Boise Auditorium District* case decided in 2015 held leases, if properly structured, are NOT debts.

Lease Purchase

- Lease purchase transactions are increasing in frequency post *Frazier*
- Require a funding source or revenue stream; unlikely to have sufficient general funds to support large project.
- Interest cost still likely to be higher than interest on voted bonds because of risk associated with non-appropriation.
- Limitations in the opinion may be unacceptable to some lenders, but we are seeing lenders get more and more comfortable.

Methods of Financing Summary

Type	Features/Security	Examples	Market Access
General Obligation	Secured by dedicated tax levy	Voted school bonds	High – public & private
Revenue	Secured by enterprise revenues; no taxing power	Water and sewer, housing, hospitals, electric power	Public & private depending on credit

Methods of Financing Summary

Type	Features/Security	Example	Market Access
Assessment	Lien on specific property but no cross-collateralization of pledge of credit	Local Improvement District	Private, high rates
Lease Obligations	Securitize a lease "COPs". Lease usually subject to appropriation" annual renewal risk.	Equipment Lease Programs Boise Auditorium District Idaho State Building Authority	Medium, public & private depending on credit
Industrial Revenue Bond	Limit dollar amount for private companies for new manufacturing plants	Sawmill	Private – corporate disclosure hurdle to public deal

Documents for Bond Issue

- Ordinance/Resolution
- Purchase Agreement/Loan Agreement with lender/market place
- Disclosure document if publicly marketed
- Tax Compliance Certificate if tax exempt
- Various closing certificates
- Opinions including bond opinion

Bond Ordinance/Resolution Overview

- Essentially the contract with bond holders/bank.
- Sets forth covenants and warranties.
- Approves other financing documents.
- Allows for delegation of interest rate and specific bond terms and sets forth parameters.
- For revenue bonds sets a framework for issuance of additional parity bonds.

Significance of Tax Exemption

- Interest Not Subject to Income Tax
- Benefits Taxpayers in Proportion to Marginal Rate
- E.g., 4% TEB = Taxable Rate of 6.55% in 39% bracket
- Additional Benefit of Exemption from State Income Tax - depending on rate of state tax

Key Elements of Assuring Tax Exemption

Reliance on Bond Counsel Due Diligence:

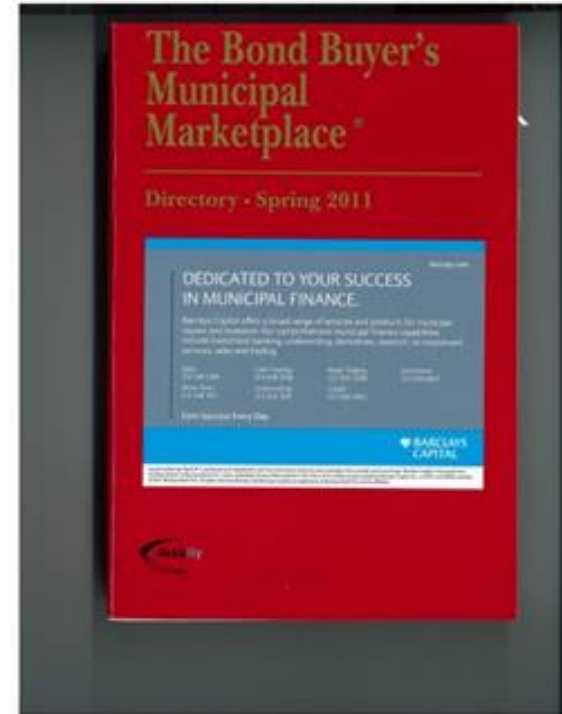
- Use of Proceeds
- Arbitrage Avoidance
- Analyzing Actual Users

Taxable vs. Tax-Exempt Debt

- Tax-exempt debt has lower interest cost for borrower
- Tax-exempt debt has higher issuance costs – bond counsel and special documentation
- Some greater “risk” if tax-exempt
- Even taxable debt must satisfy state law requirements

Role of Bond Counsel

- Independent Legal Expert
- “Red Book” Listing
- Legal Opinions – Valid, Enforceable, Tax Exempt
- Tax Exempt
- Still Attorney Client – Can Advise Confidentially



Legal Opinion - Validity

- Unique risk with municipal bonds
- Municipal bodies can be held to have not had the power to incur the debt
- Usually asserted when default has occurred, but also can arise by popular intervention – tax protest
- Real life example:
 - Washington Public Power Supply System or “WPPSS”

WPPSS Points of Attach on Validity

Facts: 88 Municipalities in Idaho, Oregon and Washington signed contracts to purchase electricity from yet to be built power plants.

All States absolved their municipalities but on different theories:

- Idaho—the Contracts Required an Election
- Oregon—the users do not have authority to purchase power from an unbuilt facility (risk)
- Washington—there was improper delegation of authority by the users

Post Issuance Compliance – Tax Exemption

- IRS now requires Post Issuance Tax Policy; provides guidelines for what needs to be done.
- Project/Construction spending timeline.
- Investment of proceeds.
- Arbitrage/Rebate.
- Ongoing monitoring of private use – not likely as much of a concern for city projects

Questions?

Thank you!



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Transportation Planning in Bonners Ferry

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Recent Bonners Ferry Transportation Planning Efforts

- 2009 Transportation Plan
- Highway 95 South Hill Planning
- 2018 Transportation Plan
- 2020 Bike/Ped Plan

2009 Transportation Plan

- How NOT to Develop a Plan -

Plan Development

- Meant to “tick the box” on grant applications
- Plan has no focus
- Very little public involvement

Value of Plan

- Was not used for any projects
- Was not used to support any grant applications
- Not a prudent use of funds



Highway 95 South Hill Planning a long term vexing dilemma

- Cuts through an area that includes commercial and residential areas
- Variable section through the corridor
- Limited right of way
- AADT – 14,000
- 2012 Meeting



Highway 95 South Hill Planning

- ITD included the South Hill as a special issue report during their 2013 Highway 95 Corridor Study
- Recommended additional analysis of improved three lane, 5 lane, and bypass options
- Estimated that only 24% of the traffic was through traffic

SOUTH HILL SPECIAL ISSUE REPORT



ITD District 1
**US-95 CORRIDOR STUDY FOR
BONNER & BOUNDARY COUNTIES**

PROJECT No. A011(223)
KEY No. 11223

Prepared:
November 2013
by:





**Bonners Ferry
US 95 South Hill
Report**

New Mobility West Technical Assistance Grant

- The BEDC applied for a technical assistance grant from New Mobility West to suggest “solutions” for the South Hill
- Included an intensive 3 day site visit, including significant stakeholder involvement

December 2014

For the current planning and construction effort, ITD has approximately \$5.4 million earmarked for US 95. The initial project would provide a full rebuild of US 95 from just south of LaBrosse Hill Street north to Madison Street, and a full width mill and inlay from Madison to US 2.

There is a short timeframe prior to final design for the community to get involved and help ITD determine the final direction of the project. The Boundary Economic Development Council (BEDC) should continue to serve as the point of contact with ITD, keeping up with the process and asking to review and comment on the project charter.

Suggested local requests for inclusion in the project charter are identified in Figure 3.2, with the recommended cross-section identified in Figure 3.3. All of the requests are designed to make Highway 95 easier and safer to navigate for all roadway users. It should be noted that the recommended cross-section would require the acquisition of additional right-of-way (approximately 10 feet) along US 95.

Suggested Local Requests

- 11' through lanes – not 12'
- 12' two-way left turn lane
- Bury storm water drainage, close ditches
- Planting strip between sidewalk & highway
- Good sidewalks (at least 6' wide) – both sides
- Crosswalks at key locations
- Reconfigure as many angled intersections as possible

Figure 3.2. Suggested local requests

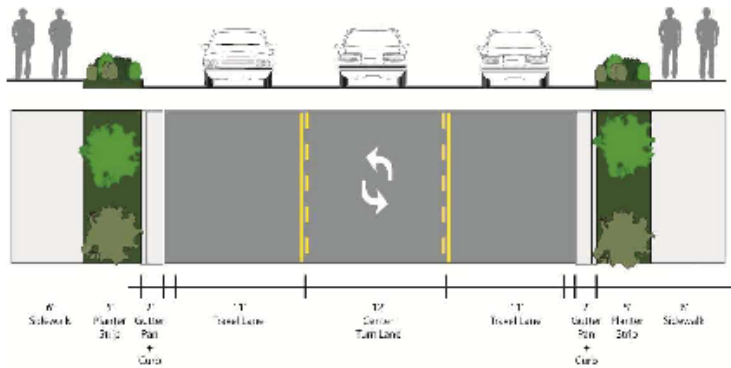
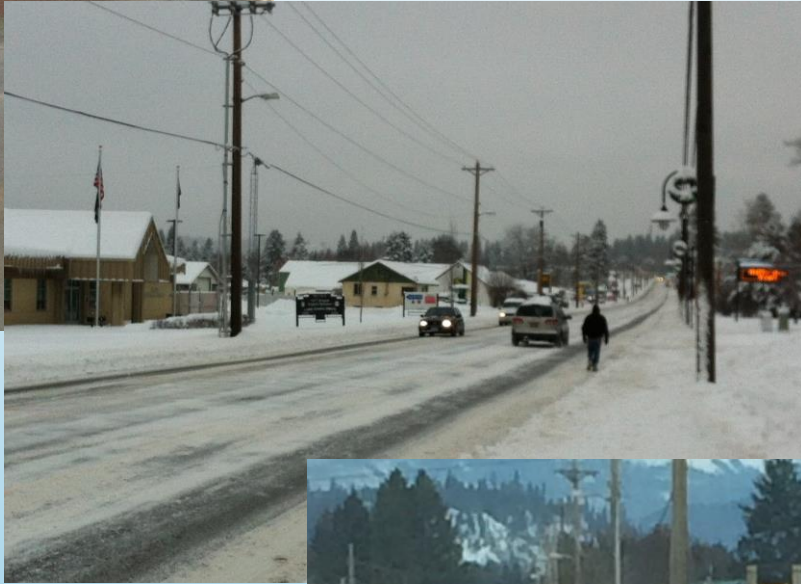
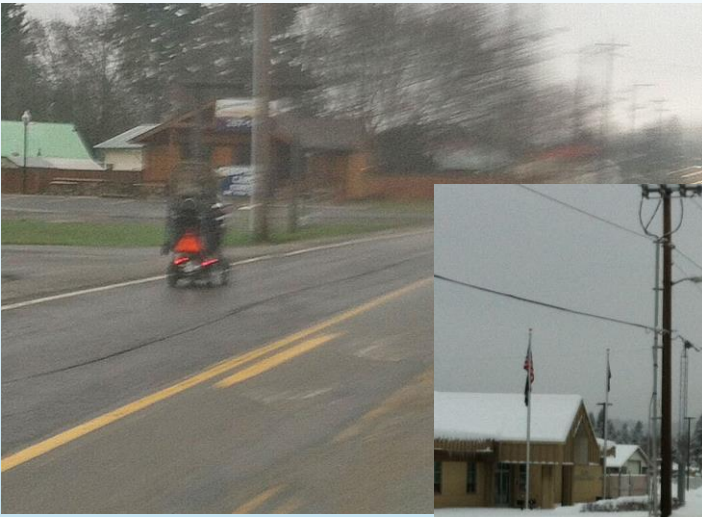


Figure 3.3. Recommended cross-section for US 95

New Mobility West Technical Assistance Grant

- 11' through lanes and 12' turn lane
- Underground drainage
- Sidewalks on both sides of highway
- Separated sidewalks
- Reconfigure angled intersections
- Crosswalks at key locations
- Increase local connectivity

Why do we need sidewalks?



Intense Public Involvement with ITD



Next Steps

4.1 Next Steps

- After the New Mobility West Report was received, we held a series of **13 bi-weekly public meetings** with ITD
- Final design was a “wide” three lane design that closely followed the NMW South Hill Report
- Four construction seasons over six years

Hwy 95 Project Before and After



Hwy 95 Project Before and After



Hwy 95 Project Before and After



Hwy 95 Project Before and After



2018 Transportation Plan & 2021 Amendment

- Strong focus on local circulation
- Strong public involvement
 - Over 200 comments from online GIS map
 - Public meetings
 - Stakeholder interviews
 - Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)



Transportation Plan



City of Bonners Ferry

Projects from 2018 Plan

Garden Lane Extension (~350 feet long)

- Links a major collector and a neighborhood with the middle school and high school
- LHRIP grant funded



Selkirk Street (~1,500 feet long)

- Links two major neighborhoods, an undeveloped area, and a commercial area
- Work in progress



Lessons Learned



- **Meaningful public and stakeholder involvement**
- **Use all available resources**
- **Perseverance and patience**

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AARP Community Challenge Grants				
https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/ Three types of grants from \$500 to \$50,000 including Flagship Grants (improve public places and communities), Capacity-Building Microgrants (enhance walkability, community gardens), and Demonstration Grants (advancing solutions for transportation change and encouraging Accessory Dwelling Units).			Government entities Non-Profits	Community Development
Avista Foundation				
https://www.avistafoundation.com Focus areas are for Health and Human Services, Education and Youth Development, Economic and Community Vitality, Environmental, and Arts and Culture.	509-495-8156	contributions@avistacorp.com	Non-profits	Arts Community Development Economic Development Education LMI
Build.gov				
https://www.whitehouse.gov/build/guidebook This site includes a map of over 38,000 already awarded projects, as well as state fact sheets, a workforce development guide, and new and upcoming funding opportunities for over 375+ programs authorized under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL), including technical assistance available to support them. Projects cover transportation, climate resilience, energy, water, broadband, manufacturing, and more.			White House - Build Various	Resources/Information
https://www.whitehouse.gov/build/technical-assistance-guide Available on Build.gov, this guide lists over 140 programs available from various federal agencies, that can support planning and project development, grant writing, project administration, and compliance tied to accessing and deploying BIL, IRA and related federally funded projects.			Various	Resources/Information
CleanEnergy.gov				
https://www.whitehouse.gov/cleanenergy/?utm_source=cleanenergy.gov This site includes a guidebook to programs, tax incentives and open funding opportunities supported by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Includes searchable list of Tribal Funding within IRA.			Various Tribes	Resources/Information
Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho (CAPAI)				
https://www.cap4action.org Programs available for: Area Agency on Aging, community services, energy assistance, food and nutrition, weatherization, Future Story Initiative, housing.	Lewiston: 208-746-3351 Kootenai County: 208-664-8757	Multiple (see website for appropriate program email)	Low-Income individuals	Aging Community Services Energy Assistance Food/Nutrition Housing

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Community Reinvestment Fund				
https://crfusa.com Non-profit organization that partners with national lenders and local resources to provide loan funds for projects that create jobs, supports low-income communities, small businesses, and local non-profits. The CDFI Bond Guarantee Program allows eligible Community Development Financial Institution's access to capital for community and economic development.	800-475-3050 612-338-3050	Use the Contact tab on website to message	Non-profits Small Businesses	Business Funding Job Creation LMI
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - Disaster/Recovery				
https://ioem.idaho.gov/grants/disaster-grants Program funding is available after a presidentially declared disaster to state, local, tribal and territorial governments so they can develop hazard mitigation plans and rebuild in a way that reduces, or mitigates, future disaster losses in their communities. In this program, homeowners and businesses cannot apply for a grant. Local community may apply for funding on behalf of homeowners and businesses. All state, local, tribal and territorial governments must develop and adopt hazard mitigation plans to receive funding.	Idaho Office of Emergency Management 208-258-6500	See 'Agency Contacts' on web page.	State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial governments	Emergency/Disaster Relief
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - Non-Disaster Grants				
https://ioem.idaho.gov/grants/non-disaster-grants Preparedness program funding to state and local governments that support building, sustaining and delivering essential emergency management capabilities. Funding is provided through a variety of programs for eligible prevention, preparedness and response activities including equipment, planning, training, exercise, and management and administration functions within Idaho.	Idaho Office of Emergency Management 208-258-6500	See 'Agency Contacts' on web page.	State and Local governments	Emergency Preparedness
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) - Grant Programs				
https://highways.dot.gov/research/technology-innovation-deployment/grant-programs Grants available for highway, rail, and transit projects.	DOT mainline (for general questions): 202-366-4000		Academic Institutions State or Local Government Agencies Transit Agencies	Transportation

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Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) - Recreational Trails Program				
https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational_trails The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) provides funds to the States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both nonmotorized and motorized recreational trail uses. Funds benefit recreation including hiking, bicycling, in-line skating, equestrian use, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, off-road motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, four-wheel driving, or using other off-road motorized vehicles.	Idaho Administrator: Kathy Muir, State/Fed Grant Manager, ID Dept of Parks & Recreation 208-514-2431	kathy.muir@idpr.idaho.gov	Contact Administrator	Recreation
GRANTS.GOV				
https://www.grants.gov/ Grants.gov is a central storehouse for information on over 1,000 grant programs and provides access to approximately \$500 billion in annual awards. It is designed to enable federal grant-making agencies to create funding opportunities and applicants to find and apply for these federal grants. Online Help provides explanations and step-by-step instructions for both applicants and grantors to complete these processes.			Various	Resources/Information
Idaho Commission on the Arts				
https://arts.idaho.gov/grants Various grants available for organizations that promote art in Idaho. Focus areas include grants for technical support, art projects, public art, and arts education. Artistic quality, management and feasibility, and public benefit are criteria used to assess applications.	208-334-2119	""Contact Us" on website to message	Artists Educators Organizations	Arts
Idaho Community Development Block Grant Program (ICDBG): Post Disaster				
https://commerce.idaho.gov/communities/community-grants/community-development-block-grant-cdbg/ HUD funding to ICDBG programs. Grants to address a natural caused recent event (within the last year) that has damaged public infrastructure or utilities creating a serious threat to the health and safety of a community such as floods, landslides or wildfires.	Idaho Dept of Commerce Specialist: 208-780-5147		Cities and Counties	Emergency/Disaster Relief Public Infrastructure
Idaho Community Development Block Grant Program (ICDBG): Public Facility				
https://commerce.idaho.gov/communities/community-grants/community-development-block-grant-cdbg/ HUD funding to ICDBG programs. Grants to construct or improve public infrastructure, facilities, and public utilities. Income and population restrictions apply. *Note: Only incorporated cities or counties with a population under 50,000 are eligible to apply for Idaho CDBG funds. Special service providers, such as fire districts, senior citizen centers and water or sewer districts, must be sponsored by a city or county.	Idaho Dept of Commerce Specialist: 208-780-5147		Cities and Counties	Public Infrastructure

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Idaho Community Development Block Grant Program (ICDBG): Job Creation				
https://commerce.idaho.gov/communities/community-grants/community-development-block-grant-cdbg/				
HUD funding to ICDBG programs. Grants to provide infrastructure in order to create jobs, and grants for improvements or reconstruction of public infrastructure or public facilities (streets, sidewalks, curb & gutters, surface water drainage, parking lots, lighting, utilities and broadband, pocket parks). Income and population restrictions apply. Application deadlines in March, June, September, and December. *Note: Only incorporated cities or counties with a population under 50,000 are eligible to apply for Idaho CDBG funds. Special service providers, such as fire districts, senior citizen centers and water or sewer districts, must be sponsored by a city or county.	Idaho Department of Commerce Specialist: 208-780-5147	CDBG Information & Application web page message	Cities and Counties	Public Infrastructure Job Creation Public Facilities
Idaho Community Development Block Grant Program (ICDBG): Parks				
https://commerce.idaho.gov/communities/community-grants/community-development-block-grant-cdbg/				
HUD funding to ICDBG programs. Grants for public parks where priority is given to work on existing parks and to mproving playgrounds: Permanent playground equipment, ADA accessibility of park facilities including bathrooms, splash pads, pools, and courts.	Idaho Department of Commerce Specialist: 208-780-5147		Cities and Counties	Community Development Public Facilities Parks Recreation
Idaho Community Development Block Grant Program (ICDBG): Seniors				
https://commerce.idaho.gov/communities/community-grants/community-development-block-grant-cdbg/				
HUD funding to ICDBG programs. Grants to provide new construction or improvements to an existing community or senior center that is owned by a grantee or eligible sub-recipient for use of community's general public (or for senior centers - senior population). Acquisition of building is also eligible. Permanent kitchen equipment and part of real estate is eligible. Annual application deadline at beginning of March.	Idaho Department of Commerce Specialist: 208-780-5147		Cities and Counties	Aging Community Development Public Facilities Senior Citizens

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Idaho Community Foundation				
https://www.idahocf.org/grants-scholarships	https://www.idahocf.org/nonprofits-students/grant-opportunities-and-workshops			
Partner with ICF to reach your short- and long-term goals through grants, community collaboration, capacity building and endowment building. Individuals, families, businesses and other nonprofits can establish permanent or temporary charitable funds at a community foundation to provide support for the causes and organizations they care about most. ICF also offers grants to nonprofits, schools and other organizations and provides scholarships to students. Money for grants and scholarships comes from charitable funds established by donors.	208-342-3535	info@idahocf.org	Businesses Individuals Non-Profits Organizations Schools	Community Development Education/Scholarships Resources/Information Various Opportunities
Idaho Dept of Commerce - GEM Grant Program				
https://commerce.idaho.gov/communities/community-grants/grant-resources/				
Available to rural communities with a population of 10,000 or less. Projects must be tied to business expansion or attraction, tourism, or workforce attraction	Idaho Department of Commerce Specialist: 208-780-5147	grants@commerce.idaho.gov	Rural Communities	Public Infrastructure Engineering Reports Studies
Idaho Dept of Commerce - ITC Grant Program				
https://commerce.idaho.gov/tourism-resources/itc-grant-program/				
Available for the non-profit, incorporated organizations that have a primary purpose of tourism promotion through a viable travel or convention marketing program.	Idaho Department of Commerce Specialist: 208-780-5147	grants@commerce.idaho.gov	Non-profits	Tourism/Travel
Idaho Dept of Commerce - Publications & Newsletters				
https://commerce.idaho.gov/publications/				
List of Publications, Reports, and Idaho Business Resources. Use 'Subscribe' link to sign up for newsletters, and check yes to 'Show Me the Money' for up-to-date funding information.			Various	Resources/Information
Idaho Dept of Commerce - Rural Community Investment Fund				
https://commerce.idaho.gov/communities/community-grants/grant-resources/				
Infrastructure for business assistance available to cities and counties with less than 25,000 population or Indian Tribes. Any county can apply on behalf of an unincorporated community. All projects must have a	Idaho Department of Commerce Specialist: 208-780-5147	grants@commerce.idaho.gov	Cities Counties Tribes	Economic Development/ Job Creation Public Infrastructure

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Idaho Dept of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) - State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loans				
https://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/grants-and-loans/construction-loans/ Programs provide low-interest loans to qualified recipients to improve their Drinking Water and Wastewater facilities. SRF construction loans are 20-year, below-market-rate interest loans. Principal forgiveness of a portion of the loan and up to 30-year terms is also available to recipients who qualify as a disadvantage system. Funding varies each year and loans of up to 100% of project costs may be awarded for project planning, design, and construction.	Grants & Loan Supervisor: Charlie Parkins 208-373-0577	Charlie.Parkins@deg.idaho.gov	Counties, cities, special service districts, other government entities, and non-profits with wastewater authority.	Drinking Water Wastewater
Idaho Dept of Labor - Idaho@Work Blog				
https://idahoatwork.com/2023/03/01/grant-funding-initiatives-can-benefit-idaho-citizens/ Information on grant and funding initiative resources for Idaho citizens for personal education and housing needs from a variety of sources including: Idaho Launch (for high school seniors); Idaho Workforce Training Grants; Empowering Parents; Idaho Housing and Finance Association; US Dept of Housing and Urban Development; Idaho Division of Veterans Services-Emergency Relief; Idaho Dept of Labor.			Idaho citizens	Resources/Information
Idaho Dept of Lands (IDL): Forestry & Fire Grants				
https://www.idl.idaho.gov/about-forestry/forestry-fire-grants/ Forestry & Fire Grants provide funding for a variety of programs: Landscape Scale Reduction, Hazardous Fuels Reduction, Western State Fire Managers, Rural Fire Capacity (formerly Volunteer Fire Assistance), and Forest Legacy Program. These programs support projects that address local and statewide rural and urban forest conservation, protection and enhancement needs, FAP strategies, and provide meaningful, lasting, and measurable outcomes.	*Wildfire Risk Mitigation Program Manager: Tyre Holfeltz 208-666-8653 *FLP Coordinator: Lacy Robinson 208-610-3010	tholfeltz@idl.idaho.gov lrobinson@idl.idaho.gov	Education Institutions Non-profits State, County, & Local Agencies Tribes	Hazard Mitigation

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Idaho Dept of Lands (IDL): USDA Community Wildfire Defense Grants				
https://www.idl.idaho.gov/about-forestry/forestry-fire-grants/usda-forest-service-community-wildfire-defense-grant/				
At-risk communities are encouraged to apply for Community Wildfire Defense Grants (CWDG). This competitive grant program, funded by the bipartisan Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act, helps communities plan for and mitigate wildfire risks. Programs to meet goals of Restoring and Maintaining Landscapes, Creating Fire Adapted Communities, and Improving Wildfire Response.	*Grants Project Coordinator: Corrie Ivey 208-666-8669 *Wildfire Risk Mitigation Program Manager: Tyre Holfeltz 208-666-8653	civey@idl.idaho.gov tholfeltz@idl.idaho.gov	Local Governments Non-Profits State Forestry Agencies	Hazard Mitigation Emergency/Disaster Relief
Idaho Division of Veterans Services				
https://veterans.idaho.gov/resources/grants/				
Grant program that allocates funds solely to benefit veterans in Idaho, with priority given to activities that serve disabled veterans, including: Idaho Veteran's Emergency Relief Grant; Idaho Veterans Recognition Fund (not allocating funds in FY 2023, and FY 2024 is yet to be determined); and Idaho Veterans Support Fund (grants up to \$5,000).			Individuals Organizations Government entities	Veterans
Idaho Heritage Trust				
http://idahoheritage.org/assets/				
Projects for preservation of properties, sites and items of historical and cultural significance. Excludes privately-owned or for-profit buildings. Also archaeological research grants and historic theater revitalization. Special consideration to National Register of Historic Places and communities of less than 5,000 people. Grants must be matched 1:1 by receipt. Annual grant applications postmarked by September 30th each year. Call the office before sending an application.	208-579-2382	hello@idahoheritagetrust.org	Government Non-profits Public organizations Private organizations	Historical/Archeological
Idaho Housing and Finance Association				
https://www.idahohousing.com				
Provides funding for affordable housing opportunities in Idaho communities, including paths to Homeownership, Rental Housing assistance, Project & Business Financing, and Homelessness Assistance.		See 'Contact' tab for list.	Individuals Housing Developers	Homelessness Housing Low-Income

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Idaho Parks & Recreation				
https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/grants-and-funding/				
Variety of funding programs and grants to government agencies in Idaho for the provision of equipment and for the creation and renovation of outdoor recreational facilities, such as: Land and Water Conservation Fund, Motorbike Program, Off-Road Motor Vehicle Fund (ORMV), Recreational Road & Bridge, Recreational Trails Program (RTP), Recreational Vehicles, and Waterways Improvements Fund (WIF).	*LCWF: Kathy Muir 208-514-2431 *North Dist 1 & 2: Tiffany Brunson 208-415-3396 *South Dist 3 & 4: Kellie Joyce 208-514-4232 *East Dist 4 & 5 Shelly Smith 208-701-7077	inquiry@idpr.idaho.gov kathy.muir@idpr.idaho.gov tiffany.brunson@idpr.idaho.gov kellie.joyce@idpr.idaho.gov shelly.smith@idpr.idaho.gov	Government Agencies	Recreation Conservation
Idaho Rural Partnership				
http://irp.idaho.gov/				
IRP joins diverse public and private resources in innovative collaborations to strengthen communities and improve life in rural Idaho. A variety of resources and information are available for rural areas.	208-287-0780	contactus@irp.idaho.gov		Community Development Resources/Information Various Opportunities
Idaho Workforce Development Council				
https://wdc.idaho.gov/grants-2/				
Finances projects that improve the vitality of Idaho's economy, increase the economic mobility of Idahoans, support growth of the economy, and develop Idaho's workforce pipeline through training initiatives that serve multiple employers and industries. Opportunities include: Industry Sector grants, Innovation grants, Employer grants, Registered Apprenticeship Incentive, Outreach Projects, and Child Care Expansion grants.			Various	Child Care Facilities Economic Development Job Creation Job Training
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)				
https://www.whitehouse.gov/build/resources/nofos-to-know/				
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act 2021 (IIJA) funding roads, bridges, mass transit, water infrastructure, resilience, and broadband. Link to open & upcoming funding opportunities: https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Open-and-Upcoming-Infrastructure-Funding-Opportunities-Feb-6-2023-VF.pdf			State, Local, and Territorial Governments Tribes	Infrastructure Technical Support

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Innovia Foundation				
https://innovia.org/ Transforming lives and communities, the Innoviation Foundation partners with communities who want to improve and make the world better. The Foundation works to identify and respond to the region's greatest opportunities, help those in need, and leave a lasting impact in Eastern Washington and North Idaho.	https://innovia.org/ 509-624-2606		501(c)(3) Orgs. Public Entity Municipality	Arts & Culture Economic Opportunity Education/Youth Dev. Health & Wellbeing Quality of Life
Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC)				
https://lhtac.org/ The Local Highway Technical Assistance Council connects Local Highway Jurisdictions in Idaho with available resources for maintenance and construction of Idaho's Local Highway System in the most efficient and effective manner possible.	208-334-0565	lhtac@lhtac.org idahot2@lhtac.org	Local Highway Dist.	Resources/Information Transportation
LHTAC - Bridge (Federal Aid) Program				
https://lhtac.org/programs/federal-aid/bridge/ Provides funds for the replacement and rehabilitation of local bridges on the Federal-aid classified system or off-system.	Scott Wood or Kevin Kuther 208-344-0565	swood@lhtac.org kkuther@lhtac.org	Local Highway Dist.	Infrastructure Transportation
LHTAC - Children Safety Program				
https://lhtac.org/programs/cps/ Programs for pedestrian safety maintenance including: roadside paths/sidewalks, connection paths/sidewalks, ADA ramps, crossing facilities on existing roads including signage/signalization, and paving existing pathways.	Ken Kanownik 208-344-0565	kkanownik@lhtac.org	Cities Counties Highway Dist.	Hazard Mitigation Transportation
LHTAC - Local Highway Safety Improvements Program (LHSIP)				
https://lhtac.org/programs/lhsip/ Funding program aimed at eliminating Fatal and Serious Injury (Type A) crashes on the roadway system for Local Highway Jurisdictions that have experienced a Type A crash within past 5 years.	Brian Wright or Kevin Kuther 208-344-0565 800-259-6841	bwright@lhtac.org kkuther@lhtac.org	Highway Districts	Hazard Mitigation Transportation
LHTAC - Local Rural Highway Investment Program (LRHIP)				
https://lhtac.org/programs/lrhip/ Program to assist small cities, counties and highway districts to improve the investment in their roadway infrastructure.	Megan Kautz 208-344-0565	mkautz@lhtac.org	Small Cities Counties Highway Districts	Infrastructure Transportation

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LHTAC - Local Strategic Initiatives Program (LSIP)				
https://lhtac.org/programs/local-strategic-initiatives-program/ Local Strategic Initiatives Program - Maintenance of existing roadway/bridge facilities on the local system. **This program is currently unfunded and no applications will be solicited for this funding round.**	Laila Kral 208-344-0565	lkral@lhtac.org	Local Highway Dist.	Transportation
LHTAC - STP Rural and STP Urban Grants				
https://lhtac.org/programs/federal-aid/rural/ Two Surface Transportation Programs: Rural (areas with populations under 5000), Small Urban (areas with populations 5,000 to 50,000) - Road construction, reconstruction or re-habilitation, transportation planning, and corridor studies.	https://lhtac.org/programs/federal-aid/small-urban/ Muhammad Zubery or Kevin Kuther 208-344-0565	mzubery@lhtac.org kkuther@lhtac.org	Cities Counties Highway Districts	Infrastructure Transportation
National Association of Realtors Placemaking Grants				
https://www.nar.realtor/grants/placemaking-grant Level 1 Placemaking grants fund outdoor demonstration and temporary projects to test a project's viability or inspire permanent projects that increase community livability and downtown revitalization. Level 2 Placemaking grant funds the creation of new outdoor public spaces and destinations in a community accessible to everyone, such as trails and trailheads, playgrounds, pocket parks, parklets, pedestrian plazas, community gardens, public gardens, dog parks, downtown gathering spots and alley activations.	Hugh Morris	hmorris@nar.realtor	Communities	Community Development Recreation Conservation
National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)				
https://www.arts.gov/grants A variety of grants are available to support the nation's arts sector with grant opportunities so that together we can help everyone live more artful lives.	202-682-5400		Communities Local Organizations	Arts
National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) - Challenge America				
https://www.arts.gov/grants/challenge-america/program-description Projects must extend the reach of the arts to groups/communities with rich and dynamic cultural identities that are underserved. Possible projects include, but are not limited to: arts programming, including commissioning or presentation of artists or artwork; marketing and promotional activities; and organizational planning.	202-682-5700	challengeamerica@arts.gov	Small Local Orgs.	Arts

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National Park Service (NPS) - Community Assistance Programs				
https://www.nps.gov/getinvolved/community-assistance.htm The National Park Service administers national and regional programs that are available to the public and community groups, including nonprofit organizations, businesses, educational institutions, and state, local, and tribal governments.			Educational Institutions State or Local Govt. Non-profits Tribes	Community Development Education Historical/Archeological Recreation Conservation
National Park Service (NPS) - Historic Preservation Fund Grants (HPV)				
https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/grant-programs.htm Grants governments and organizations to record, document, repair, and protect properties, landscapes, traditional cultural practices, and archeological sites. HPV also supports planning activities, education, training, and technical assistance activities.			Governments Organizations	Historical/Archeological
National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) - Broadband USA				
https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/funding-programs Broadband USA has compiled a list of more than 70 funding opportunities from various federal agencies, including 6 NTIA grants. Also includes programs such as: Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD), Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure, Tribal Broadband Connectivity, Digital Equity Act, Broadband Infrastructure Program (BIP), and Connecting Minorities (CMC).	202-482-2048	BroadbandUSA@ntia.gov	Governments	Infrastructure Technology
National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP)				
https://savingplaces.org/grants NTHP are an umbrella group of grant funds intended to encourage preservation at the local level by supporting ongoing preservation work and by providing seed money for preservation projects. Grants are primarily for planning preservation projects, though some special programs focus on preservation planning in particular fields or geographic regions or allow for the funding of physical preservation (“bricks and mortar”) work. There are three deadlines per year in February, June, and October. Grants from this fund are generally between \$2,500 and \$5,000.	202-588-6000	grants@savingplaces.org	Non-profits Public Agencies	Historical/Archeological

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North Idaho Small Business Development Center (NI-SBDC)				
https://nisbdc.com/ Resources for Small Businesses: *One-on-One Coaching to assist with business plans, capital sourcing, procurement, product pricing, marketing, eCommerce, patents/trademarks/copyrights, product development, business start-up and home-based businesses. *Training & Workshops, and Resources on a variety of topics.	208-665-5085	nisbdc@nic.edu	Entrepreneurs Business Planning & Start-Up Small Businesses	Small Business
Northwest Trade Adjustment Center (TAAC)				
http://nwtaac.org/ Grant requirements vary and applications are due at various times of the year, depending on the program.	800-667-8087 206-622-2730	nwtaac@nwtaac.org	Businesses	Small Business
Panhandle Area Council (PAC)				
https://pacidaho.org PAC is an Economic Development Organization that provides small business loans, project financing, and community development services to advance economic development opportunities across Idaho. Additionally, PAC operates an Innovation Space that provides office space and industrial bays for lease to start-ups and expanding businesses.	208-772-0584	info@pacni.org	Businesses Entrepreneurs	Community Development Economic Development Small Business
People for Bikes - Community Grant Program				
https://peopleforbikes.org/grants Funding for projects: Costs related to the development of permanent bike infrastructure, including trails, shared-use paths, bike parks, pump tracks, bicycle playgrounds, neighborhood greenways/bike boulevards, and protected bike lanes. Temporary demonstration projects for development strategy of permanent bike infrastructure. Land or easement acquisition costs for bike infrastructure. Events or programs that support cultural acceptance and support of specific planned or recently constructed bike infrastructure projects, like "bike buses" or "community bike rides."	303-449-4893	infrastructure@peopleforbikes.org	Local or State Governments, Non- Profits, Small Businesses or orgs serving disadvantaged communities	Community Development Infrastructure Recreation Conservation

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Small Business Administration (SBA)				
https://sba.gov	https://sba.gov/district/boise		https://sba.gov/district/seattle	
Offers technical assistance to help entrepreneurs and small business owners at various stages: low-cost workshops for aspiring entrepreneurs, free business assessments, mentoring, etc. Numerous regional and local offices - check website.	800-847-5722	For general inquiries: answerdesk@sba.gov	Entrepreneurs Small Businesses	Job Creation Small Business
State Historic Preservation Office - Idaho (SHPO)				
https://history.idaho.gov/grants/ceg				
Certified Local Governments may apply for grant-funded projects that should involve activities furthering the goal of historic, archeological, and/or cultural resource protection, including identification, evaluation, and registration.	208-488-7471	maria.rachal@ishs.idaho.gov	Cities Counties	Historical/Archeological
T-Mobile Hometown Grants				
https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/hometown-grants				
Up to \$50,000 in Hometown Grants are available for small towns with populations under 50,000, for shovel-ready projects that foster local connections, such as technology upgrades, outdoor spaces, the arts, and community centers.			Non-Profits Small Cities Tribes	Arts Community Development Recreation Conservation Technology
US Dept of Agriculture (USDA) - Rural Development				
https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services				
USDA Rural Development operates over fifty financial assistance programs for a variety of rural applications. See website for details.				Resources/Information Various opportunities
USDA Rural Development - Community Connect Program				
https://www.rd.usda.gov/community-connect				
Program to provide financial assistance in the form of grants to eligible applicants that will provide, on a "community-oriented connectivity" basis, broadband service that fosters economic growth and delivers enhanced educational, health care, and public safety benefits.	General Field Representative - ID & MT: (208) 339-1104	See Contact Us page on website.	Non-Profits and For-Profit Organizations State & Local Governments	Broadband

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USDA Rural Development - Idaho				
https://www.rd.usda.gov/id				
Wide variety of grants to supports rural prosperity in Idaho by investing in modern infrastructure such as high-speed internet and water and waste treatment systems; help eligible rural Idahoans buy or rent affordable housing; partner with to build or improve essential community facilities such as hospitals, libraries, and schools; fund technical assistance for small business owners and entrepreneurs; help eligible businesses and manufacturers expand or improve; support energy programs that finance renewable systems for agriculture and industry. See website for programs.	Boise Office: 208-378-5600 ext 2			Housing Community Development Infrastructure Resources/Information Small Business Technology Various Opportunities
US Dept of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)				
https://www.hud.gov				
Information resources available on topics such as Rental Assistance, Homeownership, Local Public Housing, Rent Relief, and more.			Various	Housing Resources/Information
US Dept of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) - Grant Programs				
https://hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo				
Multiple grant programs available, including neighborhood planning and implementation programs, lead and healthy homes technical studies and hazard reduction programs, housing and homelessness program, ROSS-SC programs to assist Public and Indian housing, family unification program, and veterans housing and rehabilitation program. Applicants interested in applying must register with Grants.gov and create a profile.	Region X - Boise Field Office: 208-334-1990	ID_Webmanager@hud.gov		Community Development LMI Hazard Mitigation Housing Veterans

PROGRAM RESOURCES

RESOURCE / WEBSITE / DESCRIPTION	PHONE	EMAIL/OTHER CONTACT	APPLICANTS	CATEGORIES
US Dept of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) - Main Street Program				
https://www.hud.gov/mainstreet Grants for Local Governments with a population under 50,000 and up to 100 physical public housing units. Program seeks to rejuvenate older, downtown business districts while retaining the area's traditional and Historic character by providing assistance to smaller communities in the development of affordable housing that is undertaken in connection with a Main Street revitalization effort. Obsolete commercial offices or buildings can be reconfigured into rent producing affordable housing. See website for guidelines.			Local governments	Community Development Historical/Archeological Housing
US Dept of the Interior (USDOI) / SHPO / NPS				
https://nps.gov/subjects/taxincentives A 20% income tax credit is available for the rehabilitation of historic, income-producing buildings that are determined by the Secretary of the Interior, through the National Park Service, to be "certified historic structures."	208-334-3861	shpo@ishs.idaho.gov		Historical/Archeological
US Economic Development Administration (EDA)				
EDA - Funding Opportunities List A wide variety of programs and funding opportunities available, with ability to search current and past opportunities. Categories include: American Rescue Plan/CARES Act; Build to Scale; Planning, Technical Assistance, and Research; Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance; University Centers; and All Funding Opportunities.		https://www.eda.gov/funding/funding-opportunities	Various	Resources/Information
EDA - Program List A comprehensive list of EDA Programs is available.		https://www.eda.gov/funding/programs	Various	Resources/Information
USGrants.Org				
https://www.usgrants.org/idaho Information on a wide variety of grant opportunities for individuals and organizations. This website is a private organization and is NOT affiliated with the any US government agency.			Various	Resources/Information