



To: Commissioners, Director Wong, and Project Staff

I write to ask for your attention and inclusion in the 5-year work plan, a specific few blocks in the downtown Boise area. 15th and 16 Streets, between River and Myrtle have extremely busy pedestrian, bicycle, and skateboard traffic. (Although we think the larger area of impact is 13th Street through 16th Street, I am emphasizing the most critical part of the zone.) Traffic has significantly increased since the installation of the skate park; and there is heavy pedestrian movement--crossing the streets between blocks--coupled with low visibility (under the overpass) and excessive speed from vehicles, resulting in a number of accidents, injuries, and fatalities in recent years.

As you all must feel every day, our dramatic population increase intensifies safety concerns throughout the Valley. **Thank you for identifying and prioritizing these hazard zones**, especially when pedestrians are impacted (given their very low odds in conflicts with automobiles). Please advise if there is further information or help we can provide to support our strong request for this consideration.

Thank you for your ongoing work and for the increased communication (and transparency) you are providing.

Respectfully,
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