

## Tom Seacord

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**From:** Tom Seacord  
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2018 8:31 AM  
**To:** Hal Simmons; Elaine Clegg; Zach Piepmeyer  
**Cc:** Jeff Bradley  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Fwd: Highland View Drive Survey

Hal,  
Thank you for the explanation. Are there instructions for how we should propose our mitigation project request for Highland View Drive? Does the proposal go to the City and ACHD in December? With regard to the project scope, we are not traffic engineers so we are unable to determine what the appropriate mitigation should be on our own. Our survey results indicate that there is a majority opinion/perceived need for both pedestrian safety and speed mitigation. It appears that we need ACHD to help us evaluate appropriate alternatives. However, you might remember, we asked the City in May about using the Highlands Cove mitigation funds to hire an engineer to help us study this issue and determine the appropriate mitigation. At that time (during our May meeting), it was the City's opinion that ACHD should do this evaluation work. Is that still the City's position?

Perhaps you don't know, but ACHD has removed the temporary mitigation (candles) from Highland View Drive. The explanation we received from Paul Woods was that the candles were not functioning as intended. So – right now, Highland View Drive remains a substandard collector street with higher traffic volume resulting from the Highlands Cove development, no safe pedestrian area, and speeding...with no mitigation. It's a dangerous situation.

Sincerely,  
Tom Seacord

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**From:** Hal Simmons [mailto:HSIMMONS@cityofboise.org]  
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Hi Tom,

I will try to answer your questions here. ACHD agreed with the original safety mitigation plan that was proposed for the Highlands and, according to the status update we received from ACHD in July 2017, they believe they have addressed the agreed upon items in the Mitigation Plan. The items on the list were generally easy to design and install using in-house resources and did not warrant the extra level of planning and design that would normally kick them into the Five Year Work Plan (FYWP). For example, the Highland View candle sticks (in place of an initial plan for extruded curb), cross walks, stop signs and radar speed signs required no engineering and were easily and quickly installed. The diverter on lower Braemere and the shoulder widening on Curling were also apparently determined by ACHD to be simple enough to design and install that they did not require inclusion in the FYWP. I think they also perceived some extra urgency for those items and may have made a bit of an exception to their normal rules to get those installed. However, in normal practice, installation of sidewalks along an entire corridor and similar large scale improvements do require a greater effort by ACHD to design and fund for construction. So, those types of projects need to be carried through the normal FYWP process.

A large portion of the projects included in the FYWP are safety-driven improvements like sidewalks, curbs, traffic signals, roundabouts, traffic calming, bike lanes, intersection-treatments and similar items. In fact, it is uncommon for a project in the FYWP to not have a safety component.

Each year, Boise submits a list of projects to ACHD for inclusion in the FYWP, with construction expected in several years. The next deadline for our submittal of project requests to ACHD is March, 2019. Boise will be happy to submit proposals to ACHD for Highlands safety improvements at that time. If your traffic committee will agree on a project list by December 12, 2018 (per the call for projects sent to all Neighborhood Associations on August 1, 2018), we will evaluate the need for Highland projects and place accordingly in our annual prioritized list to ACHD in March.

The above explanation is our understanding of how ACHD has handled the Highland View requests to date and what they will require for future requests. You may want to follow up with ACHD for their own explanation of the situation. Ross Oyen or John Kirk would be good contacts at ACHD. You might also ask why the initial plan for an extruded curb on Highland View was replaced with candle sticks.

Sincerely,

Hal Simmons



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Hal,

Its been a couple of weeks and I have not heard anything back from you on this (email chain below). I continue to get requests from the residents on Highland View Drive for an update and I've been telling them we would have some information from the soon. We really do need to be able to explain the difference between the process by which the 2016 Highlands Traffic Mitigation Plan was authorized and partly acted upon versus this present direction that you have indicated would be required for us to follow, going through the IFYWP. Please explain the difference for me so that I can convey this explanation to our neighborhood association/residents.

Thank you,  
Tom Seacord

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**From:** Tom Seacord

**Sent:** Friday, September 28, 2018 3:39 PM

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Hal,  
Thank you for the response. I'm left to wonder, and I'll need to be able to explain to the residents on HVD, if ACHD approved safety mitigation in the form of an extruded curb as part of the 2016 Highlands Traffic Mitigation Plan, which was the result of (1) the added traffic from Highlands Cove; and (2) the substandard construction of the street...does that mitigation project need to be also carried within the IFYWP? When we met in May, I recall we heard from Elaine that she believed this mitigation would be separate from the IFYWP.

So – I guess I'm confused and I'm sure the residents on HVD will be confused how their safety mitigation project has now been pushed to the IFYWP, especially since the W Braemere diverter was constructed as part of the 2016 Highlands Traffic Mitigation Plan.

I'll need some help from the City and perhaps also ACHD to be able to explain this to the neighborhood. If you could explain the process and the difference between the W Braemere Diverter project construction, that would be helpful to us.

Thanks,  
Tom Seacord

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**From:** Hal Simmons [<mailto:HSIMMONS@cityofboise.org>]  
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Hi Tom,

I apologize for the delayed response on this. We're a bit busy these days and I wanted to get Zach Piepmeyer's thoughts on this before responding. The following is the information he conveyed back to me.

When we met with the Highlands team on 5/14/18, we discussed the neighborhood's desire to add more traffic calming on HVD. Our recollection is that the discussion did not identify specific treatments desired by the NA; only that something needed to be done. Requests for large capital improvement projects (similar to what is being planned for traffic calming on Kootenai, 13th Street and 28th Street) are due to ACHD in early March each year, so there is no way that the general discussion held on 5/14/18 could have led to specific projects being added to the IFYWP being adopted at ACHD this week.

If the Highlands NA desires to participate, the City has invited all NAs to submit a list of their top 3 transportation project priorities to us by Dec 12, 2018. In late December 2018 or early January 2019, the City will gather all NA input and consider it as we prepare our annual request list to ACHD, again due in early March 2019. Highlands NA must keep in mind that we get dozens of requests for projects and traffic calming like this from the various NAs every year. Even if the City believes a proposed project has merit and we place the project high on our annual prioritized project list, ACHD still has ultimate veto power over whether a project gets added to the IFYWP. Another thing to keep in mind is that we have a large number of projects in the queue on our list that still need to get designed and built. We have to keep a project as a high priority on our list until the project is actually built. So, a project may sit on our priority list to ACHD for many years. If we remove it prior to it being constructed, we run the risk that ACHD delays the construction of the project or pulls the project out of the IFYWP altogether.

I hope this helps, Tom. Attached is a copy of the invitation for submittal of priority projects that we sent out. Please let me know if you have any questions about this or need assistance.

-Hal Simmons



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Hal and Elaine,

I have in my meeting minutes of our meeting in May the City would communicate to ACHD that the safety mitigation on Highland View Drive remains a priority. It appears from Paul's correspondence that this discussion has not happened. Do you have a different view of what the City has communicated to ACHD on this topic?

Thank you,  
Tom Seacord

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Paul Woods <[pwoods@achdidaho.org](mailto:pwoods@achdidaho.org)>  
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**Subject: Re: Highland View Drive Survey**

Tom,

ACHD and all the Cities and the County work through prioritization of improvements through our integrated 5 year work plan. This is the document that lays out what projects get built and when. We have a hearing on this plan tomorrow evening. Right now we do not have from the City a request for proposed projects or safety mitigation measures on Highland View Drive. If you would like to attend the hearing and advocate for these improvements, please add your voice tomorrow night or through TELLUS.

As we do throughout Ada County, ACHD will continue to look for ways to improve pedestrian safety on Highland View Drive. We will also partner with the City to make sure that law enforcement is an element of the plan. If construction vehicles are causing most of the problems, we will work with the City to take the appropriate action with the Developer.

Thanks

Paul

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**Subject:** RE: Highland View Drive Survey

Paul,

With regard to the prioritization of this work – is the prioritization the collective effort between ACHD and the City? It was our understanding from our meeting with the City that the City would express their wish to ACHD that this issue remain a priority based upon ACHD's prior identification of the need for safety mitigation on Highland View Drive due to the traffic that the Highlands Cove development has added. We are curious how the safety of pedestrians and the residents on this street has become less of a priority so that we can appeal for reconsideration to the appropriate party or parties.

It is our understanding that based upon the substandard nature of the street's construction for the added traffic load, that the safety issues that warranted mitigation remain. Please let us know if there is a different understanding of this situation.

Also – while the candles have not functioned as intended for pedestrian safety, I've heard from at 2 residents of HVD this past week/weekend that they have had issues with cars speeding, crossing the white line and nearly coming onto their property. I've encouraged these residents to post their experiences to ACHD's "Tell Us" site. There appears to be safety issues on Highland View Drive that still warrants mitigation, as ACHD has previously acknowledged.

Thank you,

Tom Seacord

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Thanks for the attached letter Jeff. Our staff concluded that the candles were not having the desired affect that was hoped for so they were removed. Our staff does not actively have time allocated to working on a different solution at this time due to competing priorities. Once the staff begins to address this issue, they will make sure that the Neighborhood has an opportunity to participate within the parameters that were previously laid out by staff. Please let me know if you have any questions. Again, thanks for your work on the survey and for your letter.

Paul

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**From:** JEFF BRADLEY <[bighitter@cablone.net](mailto:bighitter@cablone.net)>  
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Please see the attached letter and survey results. Thanks!

Jeff Bradley - President, Highlands NA