

Dear Highland View Neighbors,

As the Highlands Cove development at the top of our street begins buildout in the coming months, we wanted to make you aware of three unresolved traffic issues:

1. ACHD approved a plan of traffic measures for the Highlands last summer designed to mitigate the effects of the increased traffic from Highlands Cove. One of the measures approved was the installation of an extruded curb on the downhill side of Highland View Drive. The extruded curb is an alternative to a sidewalk, which was declared cost prohibitive. The extruded curb would prohibit parking on the downhill side of Highland View and perhaps five to eight neighbors' mailboxes would have to be moved. (The goal is to have mitigation funds or a city grant pay for this cost.) The curb would break at the entrance to each driveway on the downhill side of Highland View. This mitigation measure has proponents and opponents. It is, however, the only proposal on the table that would create a pedestrian and young cyclist "safe zone" on our street. ACHD now appears to be reconsidering this mitigation measure. If you have a position, please use this link <http://achdweb.achdidaho.org/AboutACHD/contactUs.aspx> or call 208-387-6100 to leave ACHD a message and contact ACHD Commissioner Paul Woods at pwoods@achdidaho.org before the end of August.

2. One of the conditions ACHD included when it approved the Highlands Cove subdivision was a median barrier at the top of E. Braemere to discourage Highlands Nines traffic from turning left and using Highland View to reach downtown. Without this median barrier, Highland View will have to absorb not only new traffic from the development, but existing traffic from the Nines. The City told the Highlands Cove developer he did not have to install the median barrier until "Phase 2" of the development which could be several years out. ACHD is considering requiring the median barrier to be put in before the road opens. Traffic patterns are difficult to change once they have been established. If you support ACHD putting the median barrier at the top of East Braemere before the road opens, please use the link or number above to contact ACHD *and* send an email to Paul Woods. This issue will also be decided soon, so please don't delay if you want to express an opinion.

3. In 2015, 96 percent of Highland View residents signed a petition asking ACHD to reclassify our street from a collector to a local street. Highland View was a residential collector with limited traffic of 2,000 cars per day until our classification changed due to a rewriting of ACHD's policy manual in 2010. Highland View's collector status now allows up to 5,000 cars per day, a change which allowed the Highlands Cove development to move forward and could allow additional new development to access our substandard street. The petition is now a non-starter with the approval of Highlands Cove, but Paul Woods of ACHD and Elaine Clegg of Boise City Council encouraged us instead to pursue an "overlay agreement" which would limit traffic on Highland View to 3,000 cars per day. Council President Elaine Clegg has promised us an update on the status of the overlay agreement, which is in the city's hands, by the end of the summer. If you would like to express your support for it, you can email her at eclegg@cityofboise.org.

Our community police officer is Corp. G. Bourgeau if you want to report speeding or other traffic concerns on Highland View. His email is gbourgeau@cityofboise.org and phone is (208) 570-6851.

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