

Boise Bike Boulevard Coalition

Mission and Vision

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The Boise Bike Boulevard Coalition (BBBC) is a grassroots citizens group advocating for a network bike boulevards and other low-stress bike routes that connect our schools, parks, businesses, trails and neighborhood destinations in Boise.

Our Mission

We have two primary missions:

1. Create a network of connected bike boulevards and other low-stress bike routes throughout Boise that makes biking between our schools, parks and neighborhood destinations easy, safe and comfortable for any Boisean who chooses to ride a bike.
2. Build a grassroots coalition who will work to create change for all people who want to ride a bike in Boise. We strive to create that change through positive, collaborative and respectful work with Ada County Highway District, Idaho Department of Transportation, the City of Boise, Boise School District, neighborhood associations, local non-profits, cycling groups, and businesses.

Our Vision

We envision a Boise in which:

- Our schools, parks, businesses, trails and neighborhood destinations are connected by a network of bike boulevards and other low-stress bike routes that all our neighbors, regardless of age or bicycling comfort level, can feel comfortable and safe biking on;
- Kids and families feel safe and comfortable biking to our schools, parks and neighborhood destinations;
- Bike boulevards are vibrant community corridors that Boiseans can use for safe bicycle transportation year-round;
- All Boiseans who have a desire to ride a bike around any part of Boise feel connected to our community through bike boulevards and low-stress bike routes designed for them;
- Abundant opportunities to bike throughout our city contribute to healthy people, friendly streets, connected neighborhoods and a clean environment.

We envision a bike boulevard and low-stress bike route network in which:

- Bike boulevards are located on the lowest possible car volume and speed streets;
- Connectivity between neighborhoods and to schools, parks, businesses, trails and other neighborhood destinations is emphasized;
- Infrastructure elements and design elements that serve a bike boulevard and low-stress bike network are emphasized;
- Green storm and sprinkler water run-off infrastructure are emphasized on the low-stress bike network where possible;
- Bike boulevards are located on local and collector roads;
- Portions of a full low-stress bike network will necessarily include other roadways including minor arterials, principal arterials and highways. These corridors and crossings

will achieve low-stress through separation from vehicle traffic and other best practice design and engineering;

- Portions of a full low-stress bike network that include roadways with 24-hour traffic counts great than 1,500 will achieve low-stress through separation from vehicle traffic and other best practice design and engineering;
- All crossings where bike boulevards and other low-stress bike routes cross minor arterials or principle arterials and other roadways not part of the low-stress network need to us best practice in design and engineering in order for these to safely connect the low-stress bike route network;
- Every Boisean lives within a quarter mile of a bike boulevard or low-stress bike route so that cycling is a truly viable transportation option for every cyclist;
- Bike boulevards are designed and engineered so that bicycle traffic is given the same level of priority as vehicle traffic.

Representation and Participation

The BBBC will strive to have representative participants from all neighborhoods in Boise (see City of Boise's registered neighborhoods [here](#)). Participants do not have to be board members of their respective neighborhood associations, but they can be. They simply need to be advocates for a connected network of bike boulevards and other low-stress bike routes throughout Boise, and be familiar with potential bike boulevards and other low-stress bike routes in their neighborhood.

The BBBC is a private citizens group and not under the umbrella of neighborhood associations or any other public entity. Participants will take ideas and proposals generated by the BBBC to their respective neighborhood associations, Boise non-profits, Boise businesses, local cycling groups and others to garner to support for BBBC proposals and BBBC-endorsed proposals from our partners (e.g. ACHD, ITD, City of Boise, etc.), thereby creating a broad and diverse support for a connected bike boulevard and low-stress bike route network across Boise.