

July 16, 2013

City of Boise Planning and Development Services P.O. Box 500 Boise, ID 83701-0500

VIA EMAIL

Re: DRH13-00225 1000 West Myrtle Street

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) has reviewed the referenced design review application for the 334,000 sq. ft. office building by SBP LLLC. ITD has the following comments:

- 1. A traffic study had been submitted for this project. That study identified that the ITD street system is near capacity under current and future conditions. There is little opportunity for ITD to provide additional roadway capacity in this corridor.
- ITD had previously approved two approaches on Myrtle Street between 9th Street and 11th Street. Both permits are valid and both are restricted to left-in/left-out operation. No other approaches on Myrtle Street meet current ITD policy.
- 3. No permits have been approved for the Front Street portion of the project. No approaches on Myrtle Street meet current ITD policy.
- 4. ITD has comprehensive rules governing outdoor advertising (IDAPA 39.03.60). IDAPA 39.04.32 also requires that signs not "dazzle or blind" drivers. The current trend toward high intensity signs has caused an increasing number of driver complaints on urban segments of the State Highway System. This applicant should be aware of the issue and plan the site's signing and lighting strategies accordingly.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 334-8377.

Sincerely,

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