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Boise City Design Review Commission
City of Boise
150 North Capitol Boulevard
Boise, Idaho 83702

RE: DRH14-00089

**Transit Facility and Office Bldg. Ramps
Capitol Boulevard Pedestrian Movement and Safety**

Dear Design Review Commission:

As the transit facility and Gardner development project are moving forward it is time to take a detailed look at the sidewalk design of the west side of 100 S. Capitol Boulevard.

With the existing and proposed ramps at this mid-block location adding up to approximately 170 feet in length, pedestrian-vehicular conflicts of this sidewalk require special attention and a creative well-designed solution. The design of the new facility should be as open as possible to insure that vehicles and pedestrians may easily see each other. Perhaps the new parking garage and transit ramps could be at sidewalk grade for a period allowing smoother and safer flow.

I would like to encourage CCDC, GBAD, Boise City, Valley Regional Transit and Gardner Co. to seek out methods, designs, and funding to reduce potential pedestrian-vehicular conflicts as well as strengthening the quality and beauty of Capitol Boulevard.

As the author of the 1989 Capitol Boulevard Plan and Action Program, prepared by the Idaho Chapter of the American Institute of Architects for the City of Boise, I believe we need to be vigilant in transforming the boulevard into a place of walkability, grandeur and vitality.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

John Bertram
Principal