

May 19, 2015

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

RE: DRH15-00210 NORTH POINTE BUILDINGS 1 & 4

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) has reviewed the referenced design review application for the North Pointe Buildings 1 & 4 on the northwest corner of Saxton Dr and SH-44. ITD has the following comments:

- 1. ITD has no objection to this application and requires no mitigation.
- 2. Applicant has applied for a Right-of-Way use permit. The permit is in the approval process.
- 3. Boise City is reminded that any additional development results in additional vehicle trips. The roadway system has limited capacity. Any additional vehicle trips increase congestion and travel delay.
- 4. No trees are allowed within ITD Right-of-Way. Only planting of forage, plants, grasses, flowers, and shrubs with a mature height not to exceed 3 feet will be allowed.
- 5. No rocks over 4 inches maximum size will be allowed in the ITD Right-of-Way.
- 6. Section 49-221 of the Idaho Code restricts the placement of any hedge, shrubbery, fence, wall, or other sight obstructions of any nature where they constitute a traffic hazard at the intersection of roads with other roads, private alleys, bike or pedestrian paths when they are within the "vision triangle" of vehicle operators. The boundaries of the "vision triangle" are defined as follows:
 - a. By extending perpendicular lines along the face of curb from their point of intersection 40 feet in either direction; and
 - b. By a height between 3 feet and 10 feet above the existing centerline highway elevation.



- 7. Irrigation systems shall be no closer than 5 feet from the pavement edge and shall be adjusted so as not to cause water to cover any portion of the highway pavement.
- 8. Provisions shall be established for the responsibility of future maintenance of any landscaping within ITD Right-of-Way.
- 9. Berms shall not be constructed on ITD right-of-way.
- 10. The applicant will need to provide confirmation that Valley Regional Transit will allow a bus lane in the location shown on the plans.
- 11. All right-of-way monuments shall be perpetuated by a State of Idaho licensed surveyor.
- 12. Existing signs will need to be relocated and shown on the plan sheets.
- 13. The State of Idaho has comprehensive rules governing outdoor advertising, including a limitation 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. The applicants may contact Lana Servatius at (208)334-8343 for additional information about signage.

If you have any questions, you may contact Shona Tonkin at 334-8341 or me at 332-7191.

Sincerely,

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