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Woodside Boulevard Construction Open House set for April 4

HAILEY – After Hailey City officials signed contract documents to launch the Woodside Boulevard Project last week, city staff peppered the Woodside neighborhoods with door hangers announcing the launch of construction in April. This effort is intended to gather contact information from residents of the Woodside Subdivision, and to announce an April 4 open house that will provide important details about the project.

The open house style meeting is scheduled for **April 4 at the Woodside Elementary Cafeteria**. Woodside residents and interested community members are welcome to attend any time between **4:30 and 7 p.m.** to learn project details and have questions answered about the project. A **formal presentation is scheduled within that time frame, at 6:00 p.m.**, for those who prefer to hear information in that manner. A group question/answer session will follow.

Project staff, including lead staff from the contracting construction company, will be available to discuss the construction plan, traffic impacts, detours, driveway access, landscaping and irrigation system impacts and answer questions about the project. A local translator will be at the open house for Spanish-speaking attendees.

Knife River Corporation is the contractor on this \$4.2 million construction project. The contractor was selected in keeping with state and federal laws. A significant amount of the project cost, up to \$3.5 million, will be reimbursed through a TIGER II grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation. The State Highway 75 traffic signal component of \$212,000 will be paid for by the Idaho Department of Transportation.

The project will provide a safe corridor which accommodates all types of users on Woodside, including motorists, transit passengers, bicyclists and pedestrians. Other improvements include a roundabout at the intersection with Fox Acres Road, bike lanes, curb/gutter, landscape zones and pocket parking in some areas.

Hailey's 35-year-old Woodside Boulevard is one of the busiest streets in Hailey, second only to Main Street (SH-75). Improving the safety of this road has been in the City's Capital Improvement Plan for many years. In 2008, Woodside Boulevard was identified as the number one priority for residential street improvements by citizens responding to a community-wide survey.

"Going into a major project as this, we ask in advance that residents take steps to learn about the project impacts," said Mayor Fritz Haemmerle. "We know that construction is an inconvenience to get through, but we are confident that with good communication with residents frustrations can be minimized. The end product will be of excellent quality, and will give our community a safe place to walk, ride bikes, catch a bus and commute."

Stakeholders requiring special accommodations at the meeting are asked to call in advance.

Por favor llame al 788-3531 si desea hablar con alguien sobre el proyecto.

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