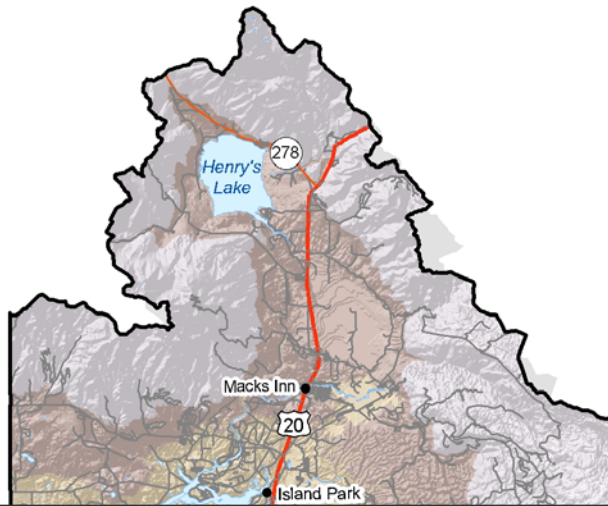


Section 1 - Report Overview



Report Overview

Introduction

Transportation safety and convenience and substantial project costs are major concerns for residents, elected officials and staff in Fremont County, and all of its cities (Ashton, Drummond, Island Park, Newdale, Parker, St. Anthony, Teton and Warm River).

Responding to these statewide concerns, public funds from the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) have provided virtually every city and county in Idaho with the means for developing a transportation plan. Such a plan lays out future transportation planning projects and policy that will increase safety and convenience for residents and the traveling public.

Fremont County Transportation Plan

In Fremont County, a Transportation Advisory Committee of over 20 people has been assembled to study the many elements in transportation planning. The *Fremont County Transportation Plan* presents a review of existing and future scenarios for transportation facilities in the county. Text and exhibits provide an overview of existing conditions and what the next 20 years is likely to bring to Fremont County and its cities.

In the final county and city documents, essential capital improvement projects (as determined by each entity) are included along with estimated costs.

City Transportation Plans

The cities of Ashton, St. Anthony, Parker, Newdale and Teton each have separate transportation plans.

Ashton and St. Anthony

This report includes the plans for Ashton (Section 3) and St. Anthony (Section 4) following the county comprehensive plan.

Parker, Newdale and Teton

A separate report will contain the plans for Parker, Newdale and Teton.

Drummond, Warm River and Island Park

The roadways of the cities of Drummond, Warm River and Island Park are included in this transportation plan. Drummond and Warm River have very small populations (less than 20 residents each) and Fremont County assists those cities in maintaining their roadways.

The roads within the city limits of Island Park are mainly state highways. Those that are not state highways are private roads or are maintained by Fremont County, such as Old State Highway (SH) 91, Phillips Loop Road, Sawtell Peak Road and Box Canyon Road. Public open houses were held in Island Park to seek public input. The concerns and suggestions of the Island Park residents are included in the plan. Projects for the area are included in the Fremont County section of this transportation plan.

Many of the Island Park citizens' concerns were directed toward plans for US 20. ITD District 6 has jurisdiction of this portion of US 20 and recently completed an update to the US 20 Corridor Plan from Ashton to the Montana State Line. This corridor study included consideration of the Idaho portion of SH 87. Recommendations from the 2005 update to the US 20 Corridor Plan are included in the Fremont County portion of the transportation plan.

Recommended Reviews

Although this is a 20-year plan, unanticipated events and attitudes are certain to change transportation project priorities. With this in mind, it is recommended that the plans be annually reviewed by the Planning Commission and County Board of Commissioners or City Council, and amended if necessary. In this way, the document is always available and timely, whenever limited funding opportunities are announced.

Highlights of the Transportation Plan

The *Fremont County Transportation Plan* identifies 20-year transportation issues throughout Fremont County and prioritizes system projects that will improve access and safety for residents, businesses and the traveling public.

The following are highlights of the plan:

- ✓ **20-year growth analysis**
Existing and projected regional, county and city populations and land-use trends are reviewed.
- ✓ **Identification of transportation system roadway deficiencies**
Safety concerns, bridge deficiencies, current and future roadway and intersection levels of service, desirable bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and alternative transportation (public transit, airport) issues are analyzed for the planning term (2005-2025).

✓ **Decision-making tool**

A transportation plan is a decision-making tool for officials, staff and citizens. It lists project priorities, guiding goals, objectives and policies for everyday evaluation of transportation issues. If desired, the document can be adopted as the required transportation component of the county’s comprehensive plan.

✓ **Public involvement**

The 20-member Fremont County Transportation Advisory Committee has determined initial transportation issues of concern. Public open houses were held in Island Park, South Fremont County, St. Anthony and Ashton to identify additional transportation issues.



The poster features a header with a landscape illustration and the title "Fremont County Transportation Plan". Below the header, it reads "- 2 OPEN HOUSES -" and "FOR ALL FREMONT COUNTY RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, AND INTERESTED PERSONS". A small "OPEN HOUSE" sign icon is on the left. The "When and Where" section lists two events: (1) Tuesday, August 9, 2005, 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Fall River Electric Association Office, South of Ashton, off of SH-20; and (2) Wednesday, August 10, 2005, 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Pond's Lodge, Island Park. A paragraph invites people to an informal Open House to learn about the plan, with a bulleted list of topics: Planned state and county highway improvements, Locations of roadway and bridge concerns, Crash and traffic count data, and Pathways, etc. Contact information for J-U-B ENGINEERS, Inc. is provided at the bottom, including a phone number and website.

Meetings with the mayors of Newdale, Teton and Parker, and with Emergency Medical Service (EMS) personnel, county sheriff and city public works directors are only a few of the interviews conducted to discover overlooked transportation issues. A project Internet Web site (<http://www.fremontcountytransportation.info/>) provides up-to-date project minutes, events and contacts.

✓ **Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**

A CIP is a five-year budgeting plan that lists selected projects and estimated costs for each. At the conclusion of the county transportation analysis, the Transportation Advisory Committee and the public recommended, selected and prioritized projects to be listed in the CIP. This list will be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for review and final approval.