

US-20/SH-75 (Timmerman Jct.) Intersection Study

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting #3
October 5th, 2016
Blaine County Courthouse
Commissioners Large Conference Room

US 20 & SH 75
TIMMERMAN JUNCTION
Intersection Study



Study Website:

http://itd.idaho.gov/projects/D4/US20_ID75_IntersectionStudy

Welcome

Thank you for your commitment to participating with the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) in this important study!

Who is involved?

- Idaho Transportation Department
- Blaine County & Local City Representatives
- Local Community Representatives:
 - Legislative Representatives
 - Emergency Responders
 - Agriculture & Trucking Services
 - Commerce & Tourism
 - Transportation Providers
 - Major Employers
 - Residents/Citizens



Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Roles & Responsibilities

- **Roles:** Provide a wide range of perspectives and bring valuable information to the Study Management Team (SMT) through the alternatives development, evaluation, and selection process.
- **Responsibilities:**
 - Understand the intersection, the study context, the range of alternatives, and the implications of decisions
 - Share facts and decisions on the study with your organization and the community
 - Maintain a commitment to the study process. Provide open, honest, and continuous communication during the study



Recap

Study Purpose & Goals

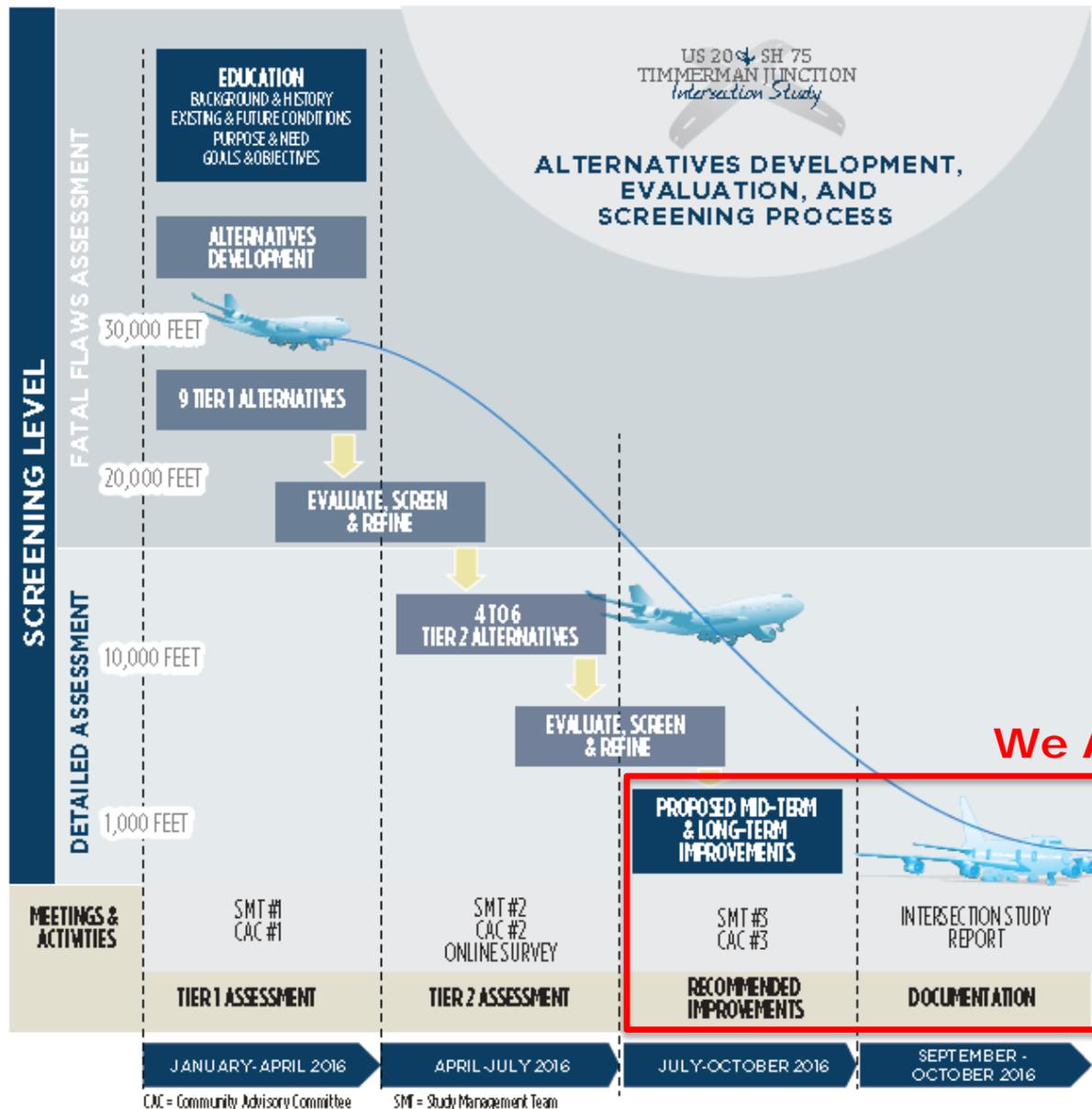
- **Study Purpose:** ITD is continuing its commitment to improve safety at the US-20/SH-75 intersection (Timmerman Junction), while providing reliable and efficient mobility.
 - Collaborate with local community leaders and representatives
 - Evaluate a wide range of intersection alternatives
 - Identify proposed mid-term and long-term improvements
 - Provide direction to pursue funding for future implementation

- **Goal #1: Improve safety performance**
- **Goal #2: Maintain acceptable mobility**
- **Goal #3: Collaborate with community representatives**
- **Goal #4: Establish a prioritized implementation plan**



Recap

Tiered Alternatives Evaluation Process



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Study Schedule

STUDY SCHEDULE

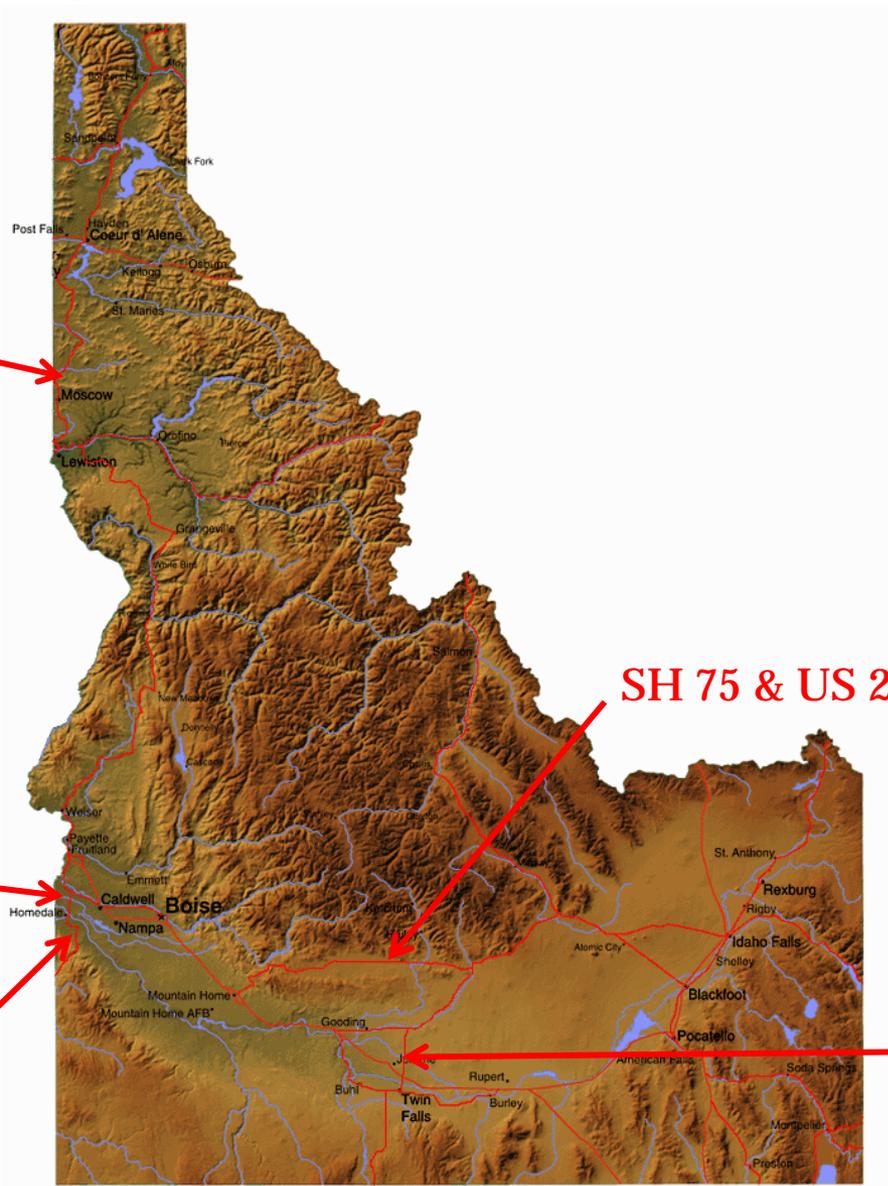


SMT #3



SMT & CAC Meeting #2 Follow-Up Items

Safety Comparison to Other Similar Intersections



SH 6 & US 95

US 20 & US 95

SH 55 & US 95

SH 75 & US 20

US 93 & SH 25



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Safety Comparison to Other Similar Intersections

Comparison by High Accident Location (HAL) Ranking

Statewide HAL Ranking	Intersection	County	City	Signalized?	ITD District	Crash Rate (Per Million Vehicles)	Statewide Frequency Ranking	Statewide Severity Ranking	Statewide Rate Ranking
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238	SH 6 & US 95	Latah	-	No	2	1.49	663	170	283
358	SH 75 & US 20	Blaine	-	No	4	1.4	935	185	487
365	SH 55 & US 95	Owyhee	-	No	3	1.63	935	257	384
468	US 93 & SH 25	Jerome	-	No	4	1.66	935	494	375

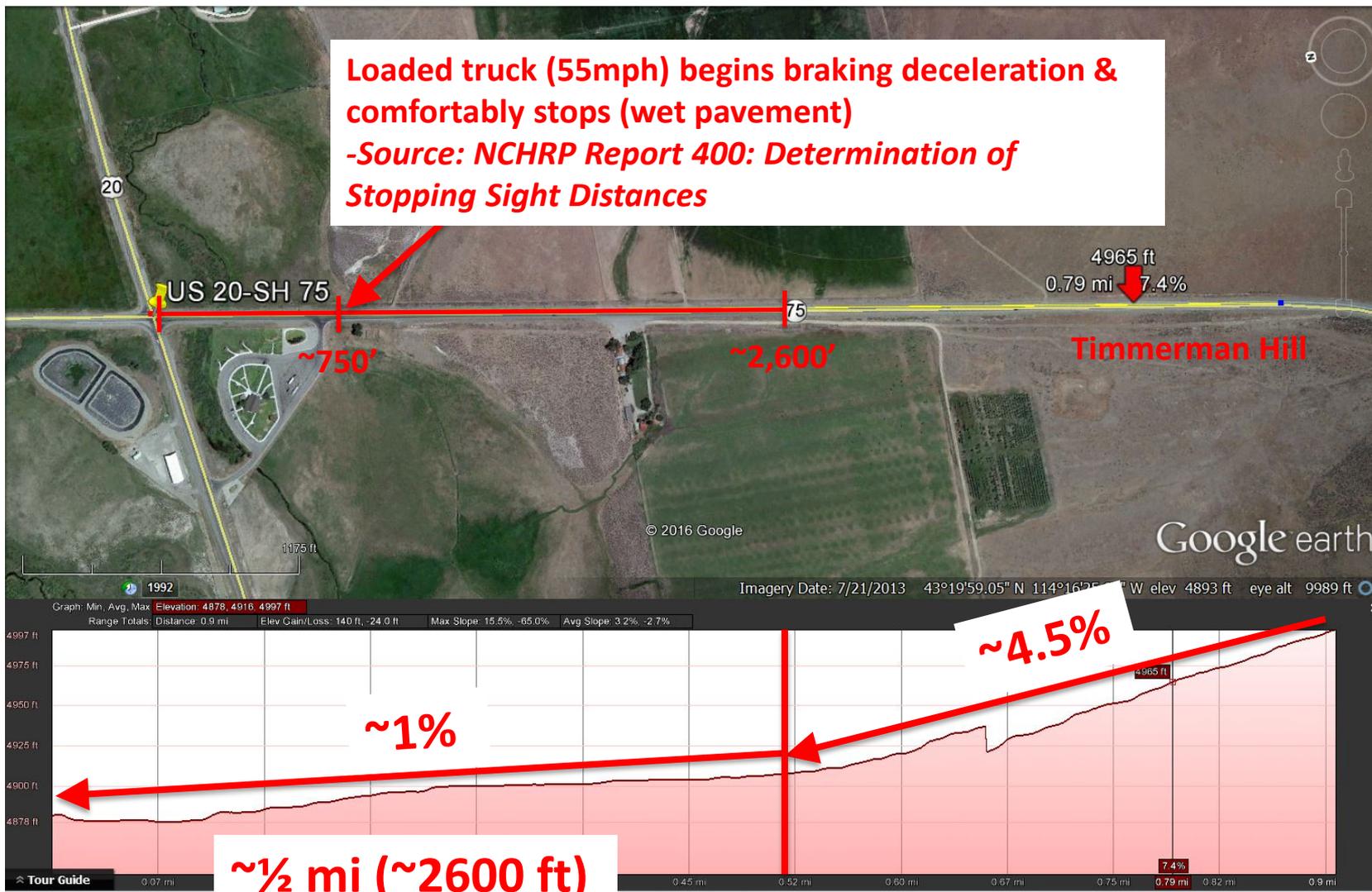
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Deceleration of Trucks Traveling Down Timmerman Hill

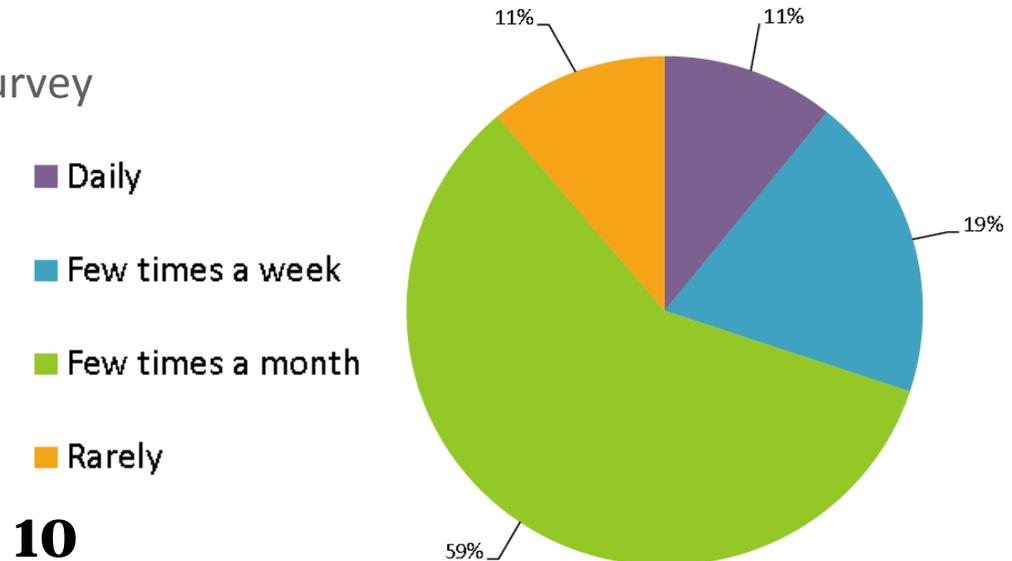


Online Survey Summary

Advertisement & Participation

- Survey Open from August 8th – 21st, 2016
 - <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2953321/US-20-and-Idaho-75-SH-75-Intersection-Timmerman-Junction-Study> (link no longer active)
- Notification via email, study website, two newspaper articles & two TV news stories and the local public advisory group
- Response Total: 762 people
 - 551 people completed survey
 - 211 people partially completed survey
 - #1: 83333 (Hailey)
 - #2: 83313 (Bellevue)
 - #3: 83340 (Ketchum)

How often do you use the intersection?

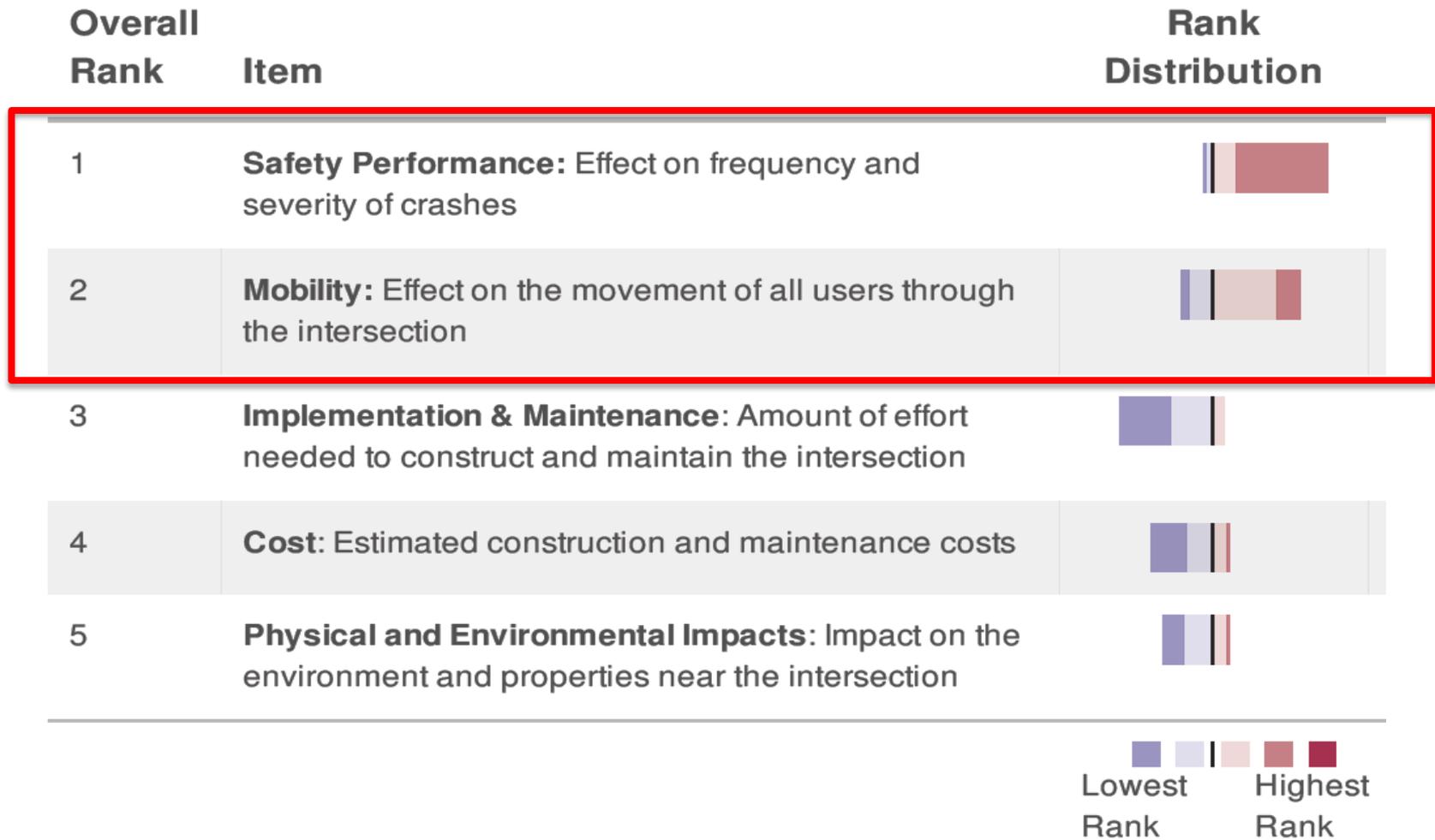


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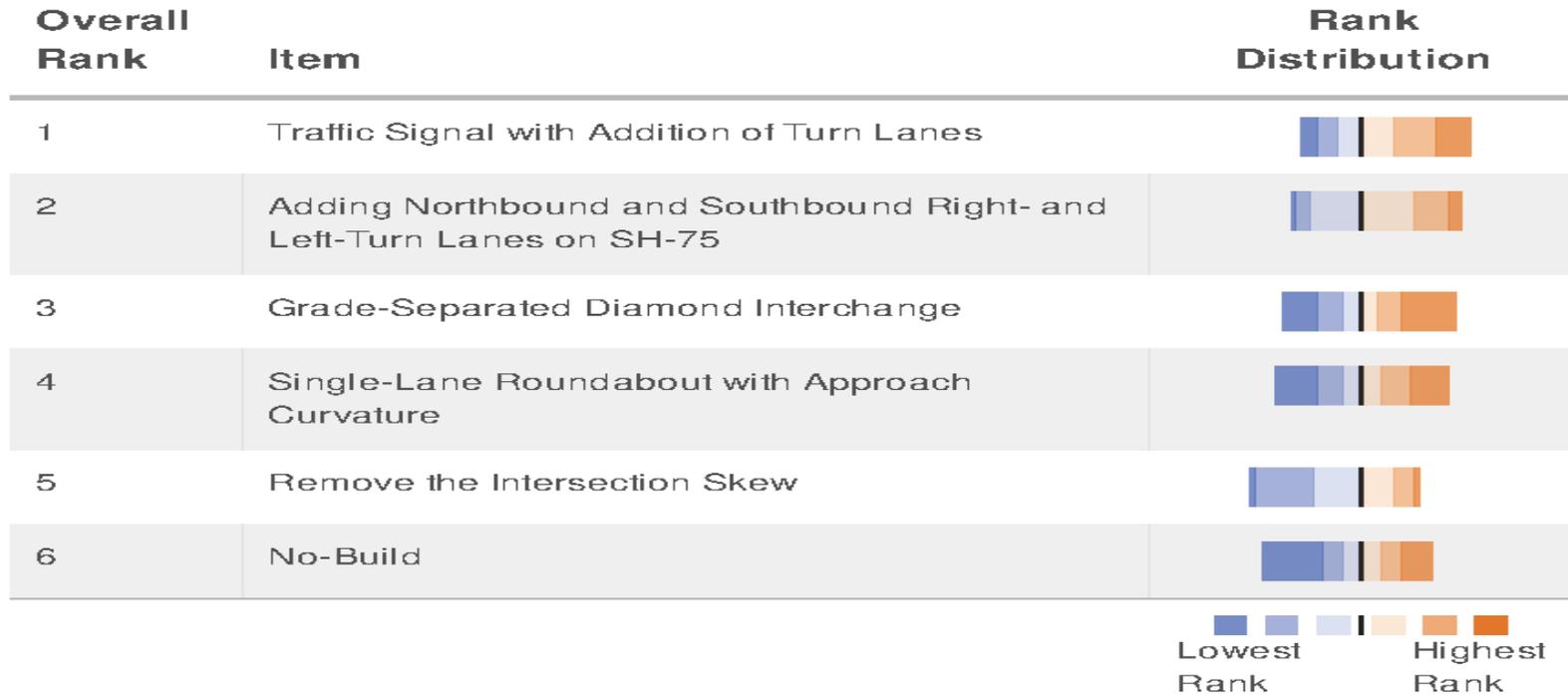
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Evaluation Criteria Ranking



Online Survey Summary

Intersection Alternatives Ranking



- Traffic Signal - Most combined #1, #2, #3 rankings
- Grade-Separated Interchange - Most #1 rankings
- Grade-Separated Interchange & Roundabout had high numbers of #1 & #6 rankings
- Addition of Turn Lanes & Remove Intersection Skew had most “mid-range” rankings (#2 through #5)



Online Survey Summary

Key Takeaways

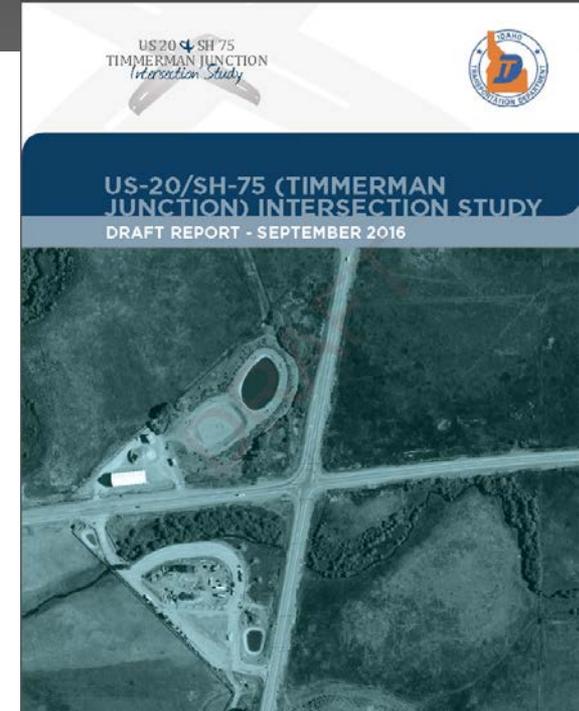
- Traffic Signal slightly more favored, but Grade-Separated Interchange, Roundabout, and Addition of Turn Lanes on SH-75 received relatively comparable levels of favor
- No-Build & Remove Intersection Skew less favored, but still received some support
- Other Key Comments
 - Safety needs to be the biggest concern
 - The perception of a problem is greater than the reality of one
 - Many of the problems at the intersection are related to drivers not paying attention
 - Existing signage needs to be improved with more warnings leading up to the intersection
 - Intersection would benefit from clearing weeds and debris



Overview of Draft Intersection Study Report

Report Overview

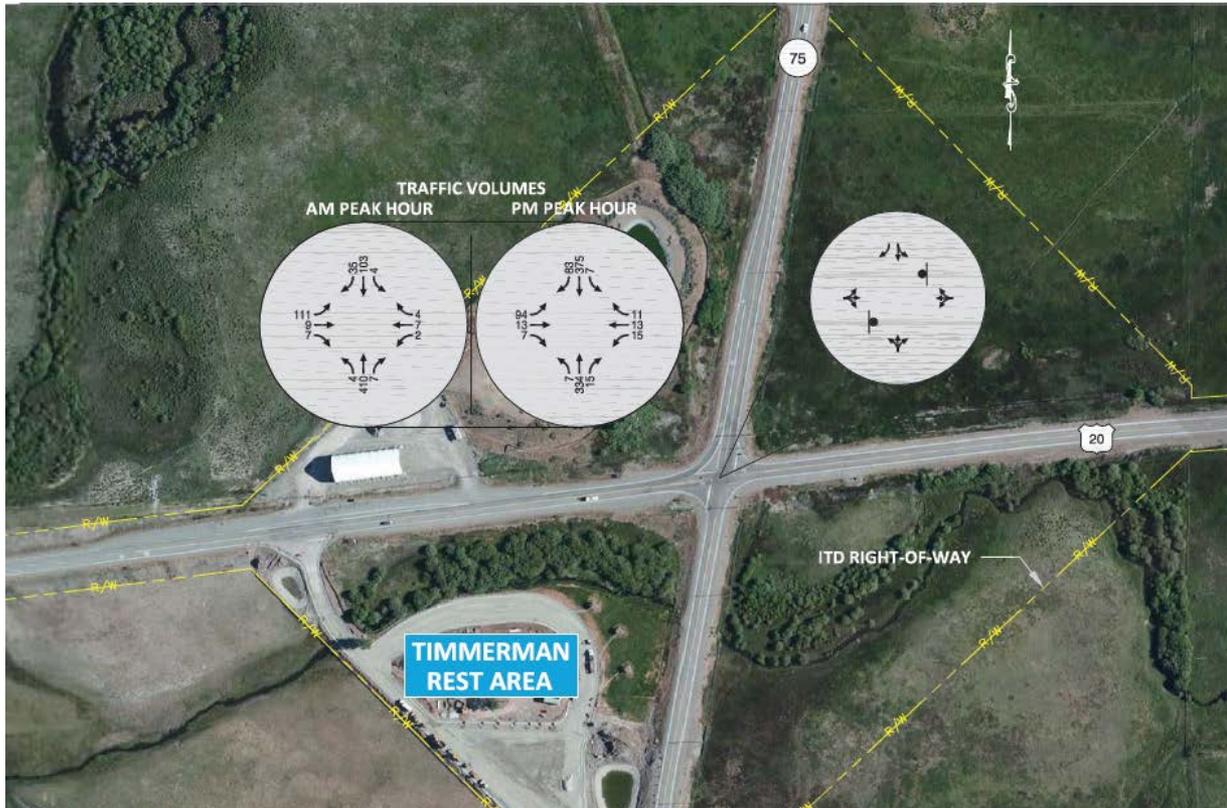
- Section 1: Introduction
 - Background & History
 - Study Purpose & Need
 - Study Goals & Objectives
- Section 2: Existing Conditions
- Section 3: Future No-Build Conditions
 - Expected Safety Performance
 - Future Traffic Conditions (Operational Performance)
- Section 4: Alternatives Development & Evaluation
 - Tiered Alternatives Evaluation Process Including Community Involvement
 - Key Conclusions & Outcomes
- Section 5: Implementation Plan
 - Summary of Recommendations along with Considerations in Moving Forward
- Technical Appendix – Separate Document available from ITD



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Implementation Plan Summary

No Build



- Lack of crash history; Recent improvements may be enough.
- A build alternative should be planned for the long-term

Average Rankings

- SMT: 1.2 / 7 (#1)
- CAC: 3.2 / 7 (#3)
- Public: 3.9 / 6 (#6)

Construction Cost: N/A

B/C Ratio: N/A

Time Frame: Short- To
Mid-Term (~0-15 years)

**Reasonable option,
particularly if
intersection does
not rise high in ITD's
ITIP prioritization**

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Implementation Plan Summary

Remove Intersection Skew



- Cost-effective option that may benefit safety

Average Rankings

- SMT: 3.3 / 7 (#3)
- CAC: 2.7 / 7 (#1)
- Public: 3.9 / 6 (#5)

Construction Cost: \$1.6M

B/C Ratio: 0.13

Time Frame: Short- To
Mid-Term (~0-15 years)

**Implementation
option if roundabout
is not programmed
for short- to mid-
term time frame**

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Implementation Plan Summary

Single-Lane Roundabout



Average Rankings

- SMT: 2.3 / 7 (#2)
- CAC: 2.7 / 7 (#1)
- Public: 3.5 / 6 (#4)

Construction Cost: \$2.8M

B/C Ratio: 0.34

Time Frame: Short- To
Long-Term (~0-25 years)

**Improvement option
best satisfying study
goals**

- Significant support from SMT & CAC; general public support mixed
- Most anticipated safety benefit with lesser impacts on mobility

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Implementation Plan Summary

Grade-Separated Interchange



Average Rankings

- SMT: 7.0 / 7 (#7)
- CAC: 5.2 / 7 (#6)
- Public: 3.3 / 6 (#3)

Construction Cost: \$10.3M

B/C Ratio: 0.20

Time Frame: Very Long-Term
(25+ years)

**Right-of-way
preservation only**

- Limited support from SMT & CAC; some support from general public
- Good safety & mobility benefits, but at a high cost given current traffic volumes



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Alternatives Not Included in Implementation Plan

- Add Turn Lanes on SH-75 Alternative
 - Not enough safety & mobility benefit anticipated & not warranted
 - **Not recommended for implementation**
- Traffic Signal Alternative
 - Support from general public, but not much support from SMT & CAC
 - Lowest benefit/cost ratio and anticipated increase in rear-end crashes
 - **Not recommended for implementation**



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Implementation Plan Considerations

> Roundabout Contextual Considerations

- Rural Setting
 - Successive approach curvature progressively slows speeds
- A “New” Intersection Form
 - Well over 3,000 roundabouts throughout the U.S.
 - FHWA – Roundabout is one of nine proven safety countermeasures: <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/provencountermeasures/>
 - “Roundabout Rodeo”
- Accommodation of Large Trucks & OSOW Loads
 - Truck apron – meant for off-tracking of trucks!
 - Several proven strategies available to accommodate OSOW loads
- Maintenance Considerations
 - Many winter weather states have numerous roundabouts
 - Develop a maintenance plan and execute it
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGxbI7fe8Yg>



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Implementation Plan Considerations

- Perception of Safety Issues Versus Reality
 - Average crash rate just slightly more than typical
 - Typically ~2 reported crashes/year
 - No reported fatalities in past 15 years

- Video Monitoring of Intersection
 - Obtain extensive data on key items (i.e., drivers running the stop signs, erratic maneuvers, etc.)

- Encourage Continued Collaboration within the Wood River Valley Community!



Closeout & Next Steps

- We will take what we heard here today and from other meetings this week and revise the Intersection Study Report as appropriate.
- No future meetings planned as a part of this study. ITD will keep public informed of next steps for the intersection.
- Final Intersection Study Report expected to be available on the study website by November 2016:
http://itd.idaho.gov/projects/D4/US20_ID75_IntersectionStudy
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Thank You!

