

# Smart Growth in Idaho

## *Safe Routes to School*



# Idaho Smart Growth overview

*The challenge of responding to smart growth in Idaho  
despite easy path to sprawling communities*

- **Advocacy:** organizing and joining coalitions to advocate for better policies and decisions.
- **Education:** offering research, compendiums, presentations and more.
- **Technical Assistance:** assisting communities directly with comprehensive planning, pedestrian and bicycle network design, placemaking and more.





# ISG Advocacy efforts

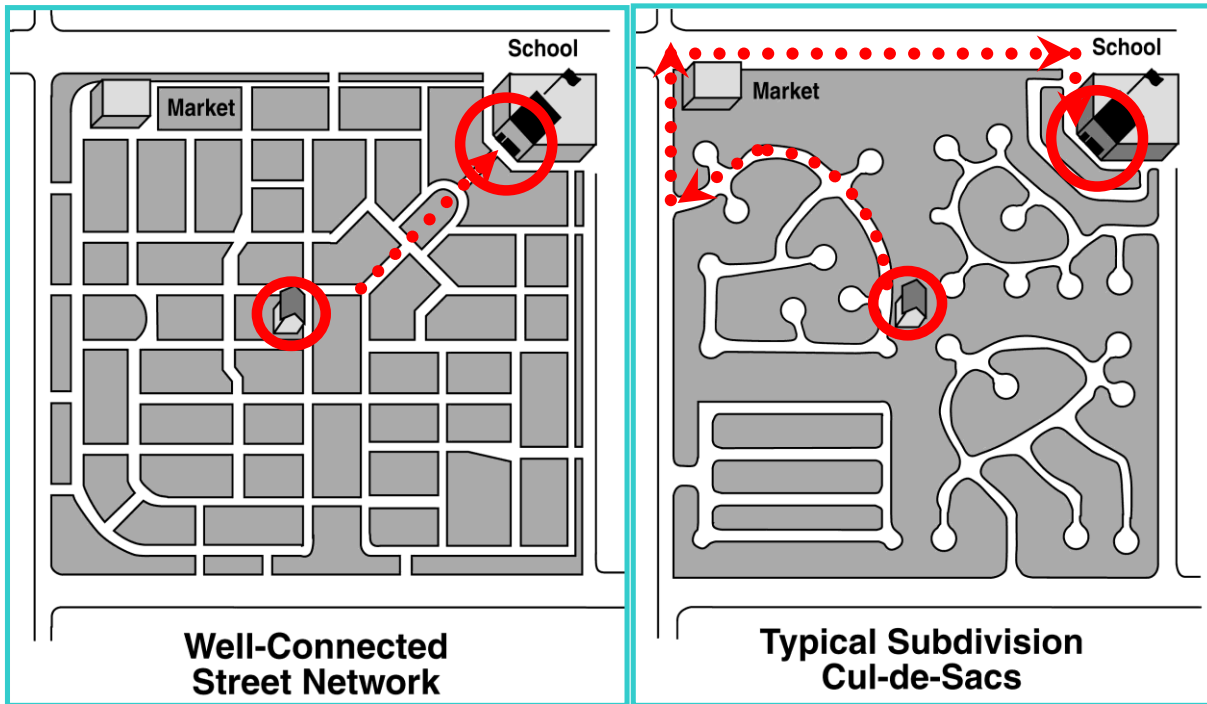
## Transportation Policy – Safe Routes

- **TEA-21:** ISG worked with Senator Kempthorne on support for key policies
- **ITD Board:** Adopted policy to form SRTS Advisory Council 2004.
- **Safe Routes to School:** Senator Crapo co-sponsored adding SRTS program and funding in federal transportation bill 2005.
- **Map-21 and Fast Act:** Continued to impact through coalition.



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## *Pedestrian and Bicycle funding*

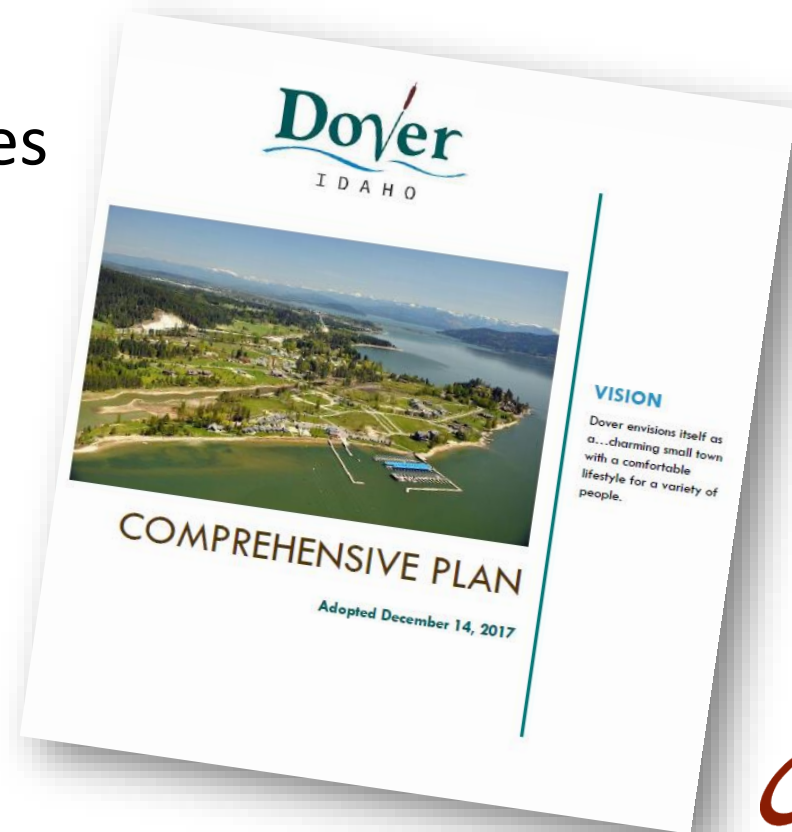


- **Preserved bike/ped funding:**  
Coalition convinced ITD to continue to fully fund bicycle and pedestrian programs though new federal law allowed only 50% funding
- **Child Pedestrian Safety Act:**  
Supported IWBAs efforts to secure state funding for pedestrians and bicyclists, led to new program.

# Connected Communities

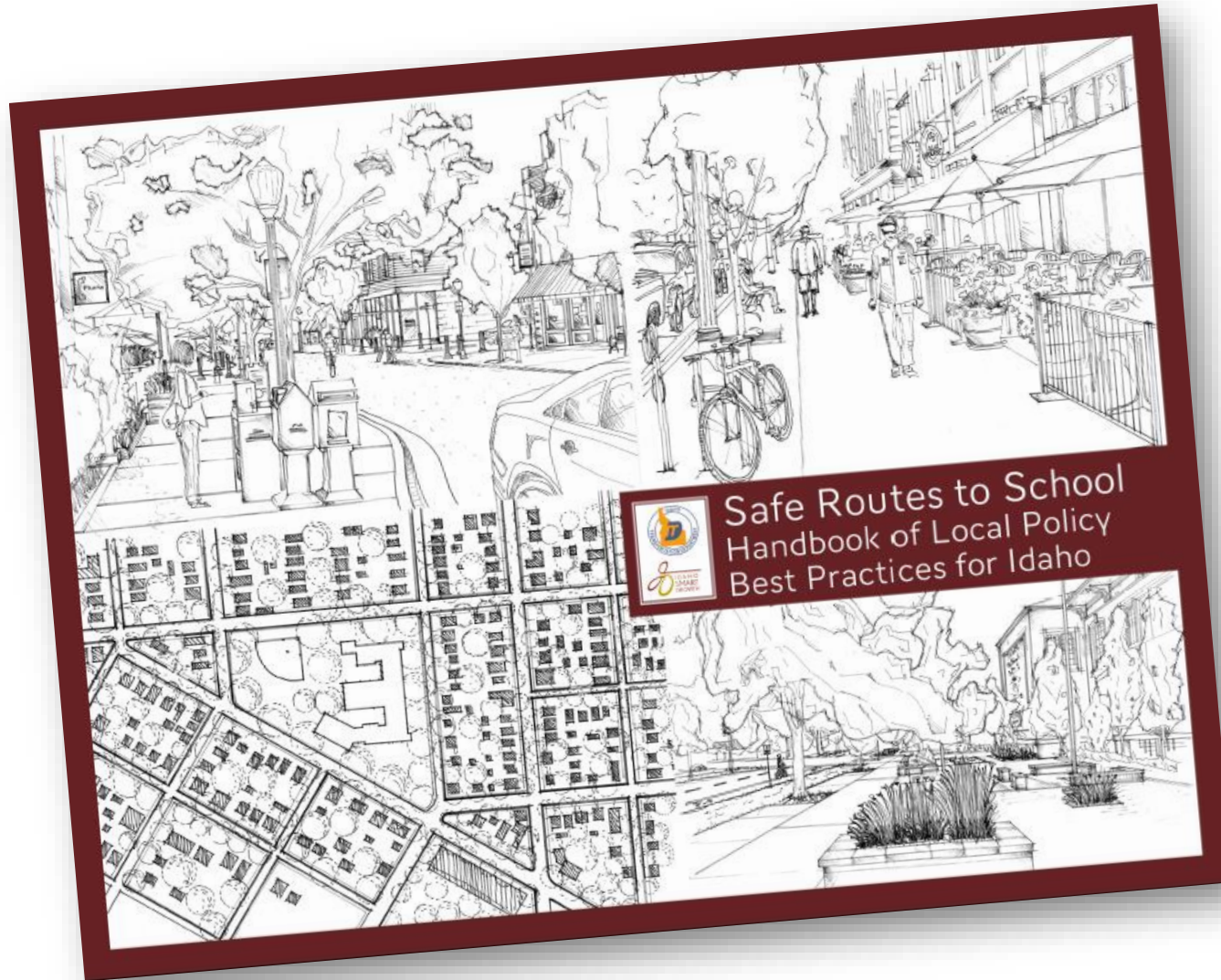
## Land Use Policy

- **North Meridian:** ISG is part of collaborative leading to comprehensive plan amendment calling for mixed use walkable centers
- **Specific Plan Area:** Advocated and city of Boise adopted Specific Plan Area enabling ordinance.
- **Harris Ranch uses SP:** Harris Ranch goes from controversial to consummate smart growth development plan.
- **Dover Comprehensive Plan:** Completed full Comp plan update for small Idaho town.





# Local Transportation assistance



- **Review of local policies:**  
Reviewed local policies in 57 Idaho communities for strengths and challenges regarding implementing SRTS
- **SRTS Best Practices:**  
Created a Best practice handbook on key issues.

# Local Transportation assistance

- **SRTS Actions Plans:** Action plans for safer walking/biking in 20 communities.
- **Active Living Task Forces:** Facilitated task forces in 5 communities exploring complete streets and other active transportation strategies. .
- **4 more years of SRTS:** have been ask to assist on SRTS statewide for next four years.





# Idaho SRTS 2017-18

- Six staffed programs
  - ✓ 10 total staff members
  - ✓ 4 programs with full time staff
  - ✓ 2 programs with part time staff
- Staffed Idaho Programs served:
  - ✓ 10 school districts in 2017-18
  - ✓ 134 individual elementary and middle schools
  - ✓ Approximately 38,000 Idaho students
  - ✓ Had 18 volunteers on average
- Walk to School Day 2017:
  - ✓ 14 school districts participated
  - ✓ Over 40 individual school registered

