



March 3, 2023

City of Eagle
660 E. Civic Lane
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Re: Pathway standards

To Mayor Pierce and Eagle City Council

The Building Contractors Association of Southwestern Idaho (BCA) represents hundreds of Treasure Valley businesses including homebuilders, contractors, and tradespeople. These member businesses employ thousands of people, many of whom live and work in Eagle, Idaho. The BCA is dedicated to promoting the responsible development of our community while also keeping housing within reach of all Idaho citizens.

Recently, we became aware of new standards for pathways in the City of Eagle. As we view our relationship as a partnership to improve our communities, we appreciate when cities collaborate with us to make substantial changes and/or create new standards prior to implementation. Unfortunately, that communication did not happen this time resulting in some significant concerns. After reviewing these standards with our community of experts we have identified a list of questions or concerns, including:

1. Use of Expansion joints, Control joints, Root barrier and Metal lawn edging
2. Defined gravel base and/or sub-base mix
3. Subgrade prep including chemical weed killer application and weed fabric
4. Availability or need for gravel crusher fines for gravel pathways
5. City's offset pathway intersection design conflicting with ACHD standards
6. Staff requiring pathways in irrigation ditch company easements that are not acceptable to the ditch company.

In summary, ACHD has developed standards that have worked well throughout the County. Similar to the City of Eagle, ACHD worries about maintenance costs and impacts to local tax payers in their adopted standards. ACHD's standards are high standards that work in our local climate and should be the accepted standards for Eagle City too, unless there are demonstrable and valid reasons. Any deviation must be properly vetted by local industry experts.

The BCASWI's members include local expert designers and installers and we offer our expertise to the City to help creating and improving these standards. We respectfully ask the City of Eagle



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for a meeting with the Mayor, at least 1 or 2 members of City Council, and your staff to re-evaluate these pathway standards.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration of our comments. We thank you again for your service and dedication to the City of Eagle.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cody Weight', is shown on a light gray rectangular background.

Cody Weight
BCASWI President

Jamie Daniels
BCASWI Executive Officer