

News Release

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Fettuccine Forum presents Streetcar Architecture: Portland's transit-friendly downtown

Boise - Mr. Carter MacNichol will be the featured speaker at February's Fettuccine Forum on Thursday, February 4. MacNichol will present a history of the Portland streetcar system and share his experience managing the construction of one of the nation's premier urban transportation systems. As Boise considers its own vision for transit-oriented development, Carter will explore the economic results we might expect as well as how the proposed streetcar could be installed and operated. This timely presentation will add to the discussion - is an urban streetcar what we need to jump start development in Boise?

Carter MacNichol is a principal at Shiels Oblatz Johnsen, Inc. (SOJ) a Portland and Seattle based firm that specializes in management of complex urban development projects for public and private clients. He holds a degree in education from Lewis & Clark College and a Masters Degree in Management from Willamette University. MacNichol is currently serving as an advisor to the Capital City Development Corporation on the proposed Boise Streetcar System.

The Fettuccine Forum is a free public lecture series on six First Thursdays throughout the academic year. Bring a friend and join us! The evening promises to be insightful, timely and thought-provoking.

When and Where:

- February 4, 2010: **Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the presentation begins at 5:30 p.m.**
- Rose Room, in downtown Boise's historic Union Block, 718 W. Idaho Street
- Free appetizers; fettuccine will be available for \$6, provided by Life's Kitchen.
- Beverages, for a cost, are provided by Jo's Traveling Bar

The Fettuccine Forum is produced by the Boise City Department of Arts & History in conjunction with Boise State University (College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs). The February forum is sponsored by the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) and the Capital City Development Corporation (CCDC). Lively and informal, the monthly event invites the public to interact with politicians, artists, historians, activists, advocates and professionals in an effort to promote good citizenship and responsible growth through education.

The forum includes a companion workshop Feb. 4-6 titled "Sustainable Cities" taught by Professor Todd Shallat, Boise State History Department, and Rachel Winer, executive director of Idaho Smart Growth. Workshops are offered for graduate and undergraduate credit. Register at www.broncowedu (1 credit, undergraduate or graduate) for more information contact nancytacke@boisestate.edu