# SOUTH 5<sup>TH</sup> URBAN RENEWAL AREA ELIGIBILITY STUDY CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL BY RESOLUTION EXECUTIVE SUMMARY JULY 17, 2025, COUNCIL MEETING

The Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Pocatello, Idaho, also known as the Pocatello Development Authority (PDA) is requesting the City Council to consider Resolution No. 2025-3 approving the South 5th Urban Renewal Area Eligibility Study, dated June 6, 2025, and directing the PDA to proceed with the preparation of an urban renewal plan for the area.

In October 2023, the PDA authorized SB Friedman Development Advisors, LLC (SBF) to commence a preliminary eligibility study on several geographic areas within the City and extending to the City's area of City impact within unincorporated Bannock County. SBF presented its preliminary eligibility findings on each geographic area to the PDA Board of Commissioners (the "Board") on April 17, 2024. At its meeting on June 12, 2024, the Board directed SBF to proceed with study and planning efforts related to the South 5th Corridor and preparation of an eligibility report of an area approximately 2,292 acres in size (including public rights-of-way). The area is roughly bounded by the Union Pacific Railroad to the south and west, Barton Road to the north, and the foothills of the Pocatello Range of mountains to the east, and is commonly referred to as the South 5th Corridor Area (the "Study Area"). The Study area is bisected by both Interstate 15 and South 5th Avenue

The completed Eligibility Report is attached to the City Council Resolution and provides information supporting findings of deterioration meeting the requirements in Chapters 20 and 29, Title 50, Idaho Code to determine whether an area is eligible for creating an urban renewal project.

The Eligibility Report identifies that 4 of the 9 criteria outlined in the Idaho Code are met in the Study Area. Based upon SBF review of the data and the conditions that exist within the Study Area, the S. 5th Corridor Urban Renewal Area is eligible for the establishment of an urban renewal plan and revenue allocation area. The PDA Board has accepted the Eligibility Report. The Bannock County Board of County Commissioners has also accepted the findings in the Eligibility Report, as some of the Study Area is outside the City and within unincorporated Bannock County. The PDA recommends that the City Council approve the Eligibility Report and authorize the PDA to move forward with development of an Urban Renewal Plan for the South 5th Corridor.

Establishment of a new area follows specific steps in Idaho Code including drafting of the plan itself, receipt of agriculture consents from property owners within the proposed area whose properties are agricultural operations, review by the Planning and Zoning commission for concurrence with the comprehensive plan, an intergovernmental agreement with Bannock County Board of County Commissioners and the City Council, formal adoption of the plan by the PDA board, communication with overlapping taxing districts, and ultimately formal adoption of an ordinance by the City Council following a noticed public hearing.

There are costs associated with the establishment of a new plan and urban renewal/revenue allocation area, which will be paid by the PDA.

# **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Mayor Blad and City Council

FROM:

Jared Johnson, City Attorney

DATE:

July 10, 2025

RE:

Resolution Approving Eligibility Study for the South 5<sup>th</sup> Urban Renewal Area

I have reviewed the Resolution regarding the South 5<sup>th</sup> area eligibility study prepared by SB Friedman Development Advisors, LLC. I have no legal concerns with the City Council authorizing the Mayor's signature on the Resolution.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

# **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-**

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POCATELLO, IDAHO, DETERMINING A CERTAIN AREA WITHIN THE CITY, AND WITHIN THE CITY'S AREA OF OPERATION, TO BE A DETERIORATED AREA AND/OR A DETERIORATING AREA AS DEFINED BY IDAHO CODE SECTIONS 50-2018(8), (9) AND 50-2903(8); DIRECTING THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF POCATELLO TO COMMENCE THE PREPARATION OF AN URBAN RENEWAL PLAN SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, WHICH PLAN MAY INCLUDE REVENUE ALLOCATION PROVISIONS FOR ALL OR PART OF THE AREA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THIS RESOLUTION, made on the date hereinafter set forth by the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Pocatello, Idaho, also known as the Pocatello Development Authority, an independent public body, corporate and politic, authorized under the authority of the Idaho Urban Renewal Law of 1965, Chapter 20, Title 50, I daho Code, as amended and supplemented (the "Law") and the Local Economic Development Act, Chapter 29, Title 50, Idaho Code as amended and supplemented (the "Act"), a duly created and functioning urban renewal agency for Pocatello, Idaho, hereinafter referred to as the "Agency;"

WHEREAS, the City Council (the "City Council") of the city of Pocatello (the "City") found that deteriorating areas exist in the City, therefore, for the purposes of the Law, created an urban renewal agency pursuant to the Law, authorizing the Agency to transact business and exercise the powers granted by the Law and the Act upon making the findings of necessity required for creating the Agency;

WHEREAS, the Mayor has duly appointed the Board of Commissioners of the Agency, which appointment was confirmed by the City Council;

WHEREAS, the City Council, on June 22, 2006, after notice duly published, conducted a public hearing on the Naval Ordnance Plant Urban Renewal Plan (the "Naval Ordnance Plant Plan");

WHEREAS, following said public hearing the City Council adopted its Ordinance No. 2797 on June 22, 2006, approving the Naval Ordnance Plant Plan, making certain findings, and establishing the Naval Ordnance Plant revenue allocation area (the "Naval Ordnance Plant Project Area");

WHEREAS, the City Council, on April 19, 2007, after notice duly published, conducted a public hearing on the North Portneuf Urban Renewal Plan (the "North Portneuf Plan");

WHEREAS, following said public hearing, the City Council adopted its Ordinance No. 2814 on April 19, 2007, approving the North Portneuf Plan, making certain findings, and establishing the North Portneuf revenue allocation area (the "North Portneuf Project Area");

WHEREAS, the City Council, on November 4, 2010, after notice duly published conducted

a public hearing on the Pocatello Regional Airport Urban Renewal Area Plan (the "Pocatello Regional Airport Plan");

WHEREAS, following said public hearing, the City Council adopted its Ordinance No. 2889 on November 4, 2010, approving the Pocatello Regional Airport Plan, making certain findings, and establishing the Pocatello Regional Airport revenue allocation area (the "Pocatello Regional Airport Project Area");

WHEREAS, the City Council, on May 2, 2019, after notice duly published conducted a public hearing on the Urban Renewal Plan for the Northgate Urban Renewal Project (the "Northgate Plan");

WHEREAS, following said public hearing, the City Council adopted its Ordinance No. 3026 on May 2, 2019, approving the Northgate Plan, making certain findings, and establishing the Northgate revenue allocation area (the "Northgate Project Area");

WHEREAS, the above referenced existing urban renewal plans are collectively referred to as the "Existing Urban Renewal Plans" and their respective existing revenue allocation project areas are collectively referred to as the "Existing Project Areas;"

WHEREAS, it has become apparent that additional property, a portion of which is located within the City, and a portion of which is located within the City's area of operation and within unincorporated Bannock County, may be deteriorating or deteriorated and should be examined as to whether such an area is eligible for an urban renewal project;

WHEREAS, in October 2023, the Agency authorized SB Friedman Development Advisors, LLC (SBF) to commence a preliminary eligibility study on several geographic areas within the City and extending to the City's area of City impact within unincorporated Bannock County. SBF presented its preliminary eligibility findings on each geographic area to the Agency Board of Commissioners (the "Board") on April 17, 2024. At its meeting on June 12, 2024, the Board directed SBF to proceed with study and planning efforts related to the South 5th Corridor and preparation of an eligibility report of an area approximately 2,292 acres in size (including public rights-of-way). The area is roughly bounded by the Union Pacific Railroad to the south and west, Barton Road to the north, and the foothills of the Pocatello Range of mountains to the east, and is commonly referred to as the South 5th Corridor Area (the "Study Area"). The Study area is bisected by both Interstate 15 and South 5th Avenue;

WHEREAS, the Agency obtained the South 5th Urban Renewal Area Eligibility Report, dated June 11, 2025 (the "Report"), a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, which examined the Study Area, which area also included real property located within unincorporated Bannock County, for the purpose of determining whether such area was a deteriorating area and/or a deteriorated area as defined by Idaho Code Sections 50-2018(8), (9) and 50-2903(8);

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code Sections 50-2018(8), (9) and 50-2903(8), which define the qualifying conditions of a deteriorating area and deteriorated area, several of the conditions necessary to be present in such an area are found in the Study Area, including:

- a. predominance of defective or inadequate street layout;
- b. faulty lot layout in relation to size, adequacy, accessibility or usefulness; obsolete platting;
- c. diversity of ownership; and
- d. unsuitable topography;

WHEREAS, the Study Area includes open space/open land;

WHEREAS, under the Act, a deteriorated area includes any area which is predominantly open and which, because of obsolete platting, diversity of ownership, deterioration of structures or improvements, or otherwise, results in economic underdevelopment of the area or substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of a municipality. See Idaho Code § 50- 2903(8)(c);

WHEREAS, Idaho Code §§ 50-2018(8), (9), 50-2903(8) and 50-2008(d) list additional conditions applicable to open land areas, including open land areas to be acquired by the Agency, which are the same or similar to the conditions set forth in the definitions of "deteriorating area" and "deteriorating area;"

WHEREAS, the Report addresses the findings concerning the eligibility of open land within the Study Area as defined in Idaho Code Sections 50-2018(9), 50-2903(8)(c), and 50-2008(d);

WHEREAS, the effects of the listed conditions cited in the Report result in economic underdevelopment of the area, substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of a municipality, constitutes an economic or social liability, and is a menace to the public health, safety, morals or welfare in its present condition or use;

WHEREAS, under the Law and Act, Idaho Code Sections 50-2903(8)(f) and 50-2018(8) and (9), the definition of a deteriorating area shall not apply to any agricultural operation as defined in Section 22-4502(2), Idaho Code, absent the consent of the owner of the agricultural operation except for an agricultural operation that has not been used for three (3) consecutive years;

WHEREAS, the Study Area may include parcels subject to such consent. While the necessary consents have not been obtained, any and all consents shall be obtained prior to City Council consideration of any urban renewal plan;

WHEREAS, the Agency, on June 11, 2025, adopted Resolution No. 2025-3 (a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by this reference, without attachments thereto) accepting the Report and authorizing the Chair, Vice-Chair and Administrator of the Agency to transmit the Report to the City Council requesting its consideration for designation of an urban renewal area and requesting the City Council to direct the Agency to prepare an urban renewal plan for the Study Area, which plan may include a revenue allocation provision as allowed by law;

WHEREAS, the Agency also authorized the transmittal of the Report to the Bannock County Board of County Commissioners for purposes of obtaining a resolution determining such area to be deteriorated and/or deteriorating and appropriate for an urban renewal project;

WHEREAS, Idaho Code Section 50-2018(18) provides that an urban renewal agency cannot exercise jurisdiction over any area outside the city limits without the approval of the other city or county declaring the need for an urban renewal plan for the proposed area;

WHEREAS, a portion of the Study Area includes certain real property located within the City's area of operation and within unincorporated Bannock County;

WHEREAS, the Agency submitted Agency Resolution No. 2025-3 and the Report to the Bannock County Board of County Commissioners, and the Commissioners were asked to adopt a resolution finding the need for an urban renewal project for the proposed Study Area;

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2025, representatives of the City and the Agency presented the Report and the proposed approval timeline to the Bannock County Board of County Commissioners requesting the Commissioners to consider adopting the findings concerning the proposed Study Area;

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2025, the Bannock County Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to Resolution No. 2025-45 found the Study Area to be in need of an urban renewal project area, which Resolution is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**, without exhibits attached thereto;

WHEREAS, the Report includes a preliminary analysis concluding the base assessment roll value for the Study Area along with the combined base assessment roll values for the Existing Project Areas do not exceed 10% of the current assessed valuation of all taxable property within the City;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 50-2008, an urban renewal project may not be planned or initiated unless the local governing body has, by resolution, determined such area to be a deteriorated area or deteriorating area, or combination thereof, and designated such area as appropriate for an urban renewal project;

WHEREAS, Idaho Code Section 50-2906, also requires that in order to adopt an urban renewal plan containing a revenue allocation financing provision, the local governing body must make a finding or determination that the area included in such plan is a deteriorated area or deteriorating area;

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the best public interest that the Agency prepare an urban renewal plan for the area identified as the Study Area in the Report located in the city of Pocatello, and within the City's area of operation in unincorporated Bannock County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POCATELLO, IDAHO, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the City Council acknowledges acceptance and receipt of the Report.

- 2. That the City Council finds and declares there are one or more areas within the City, which are deteriorating or deteriorated areas as defined by Idaho Code, Sections 50-2018(8), (9) and 50-2903(8).
- 3. That the City Council finds and declares that the Study Area identified in the Report, attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and made a part hereof by reference, is a deteriorated area and/or a deteriorating area existing in the City and the City's area of operation, as defined in Title 50, Chapters 20 and 29, Idaho Code, as amended, and qualifies for an urban renewal project and justification exists for designating the area as appropriate for an urban renewal project.
- 4. That the City Council finds and declares there is a need for the Agency, an urban renewal agency, to function in accordance with the provisions of Title 50, Chapters 20 and 29, Idaho Code, as amended, within a designated area for the purpose of establishing an urban renewal plan.
- 5. That the rehabilitation, conservation, development and redevelopment, or a combination thereof, of such area is necessary and in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City.
- 6. Based on the Report, the City Council makes the findings that:
  - a. The Study Area identified in the Report is determined to be a deteriorating area as defined by Idaho Code, Section 50-2018(9) and 50-2903(8) and/or a deteriorated area as defined by Idaho Code, Section 50-2018(8) and 50-2903(8);
  - b. The Study Area identified in the Report is determined to be appropriate for an urban renewal project.
- 7. That the area identified as the Study Area in the Report includes certain properties within the City's area of operation and within unincorporated Bannock County. The Bannock County Board of County Commissioners has adopted a resolution finding the need for an urban renewal project for the proposed Study Area consistent with Idaho Code Section 50-2018(18).
- 8. That the City Council hereby directs the Agency to commence the preparation of an urban renewal plan for the Study Area described in the Report for consideration by the Agency Board and, if acceptable, final consideration by the City Council in compliance with Title 50, Chapters 20 and 29, Idaho Code, as amended.
- 9. That in the event the parcels located within unincorporated Bannock County are included in any proposed urban renewal plan or revenue allocation area, the City Council will seek to obtain an agreement with Bannock County, Idaho, as required by Idaho Code Section 50- 2906(c).

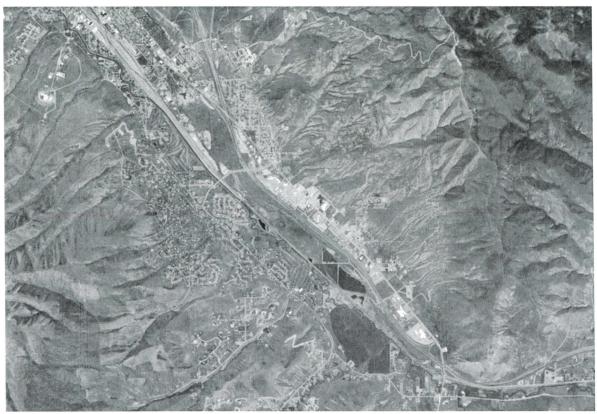
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11. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval.

RESOLVED thisday of July, 2025.	
	CITY OF POCATELLO, a municipal corporation of Idaho
	BRIAN C. BLAD, Mayor
ATTEST:	
KONNI R KENDEI I. City Clerk	

# Exhibit A

South 5<sup>th</sup> Urban Renewal Area Eligibility Report, dated June 11, 2025



Source: Google

# POCATELLO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

# South 5<sup>th</sup> Urban Renewal Area Eligibility Report

**REPORT | JUNE 11, 2025** 



# SOUTH 5<sup>TH</sup> URBAN RENEWAL AREA ELIGIBILITY REPORT

June 11, 2025

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# 1. Executive Summary

SB Friedman Development Advisors, LLC ("SB Friedman") has prepared this Eligibility Report (the "Report") for the proposed South 5<sup>th</sup> Urban Renewal Area (the "Proposed URA") for the Pocatello Development Authority ("PDA") pursuant to the Idaho Urban Renewal Law of 1965, Title 50, Chapter 20, Idaho Code, and the Local Economic Development Act, Title 50, Chapter 29, Idaho Code, collectively the "Urban Renewal Law." A map of the Proposed URA in relation to the City of Pocatello (the "City") is outlined in **Figure 1**.

Urban Renewal Law provides for different eligibility factors and required findings and tests for Improved Land versus Open Land (defined below). It is our understanding that Open Land under the Urban Renewal Law means agricultural or forest lands and/or a predominately undeveloped, open area. In part due to the large number of undeveloped or partially developed areas within the Proposed URA, there are a handful of undeveloped parcels which could be construed as either Open Land or Improved Land. In order to definitively demonstrate the Proposed URA is eligible for designation as an urban renewal area, SB Friedman divided the parcels into the following three classifications:

- Improved Parcels | includes both:
  - o Developed, Improved Parcels | Parcels which have existing structures such as buildings or paved parking areas; and
  - o Undeveloped, Improved Parcels | Parcels which are associated with or accessory to an adjacent Improved parcel such as side yards, parking areas, garages and access drives and are smaller than one acre. Undeveloped, Improved Parcels lack structures, are less than one acre and have at least two of the following characteristics:
    - Adjoin right-of-way
    - Adjoin developed parcel
    - Adjoin a parcel of common ownership directly or across adjoining right-of-way
    - Similar parcel shape to neighboring parcels
    - Rectangular shaped with proportion less than 7:1
- Open Land Parcels (OLPs) | Larger (greater than one acre) undeveloped parcels or vacant parcels not directly adjoining right-of-way or not adjoining right-of-way through a common owner.
- Potentially Open Land Parcels (POLPs) | Undeveloped parcels smaller than one acre with lot characteristics comparable to those of an Undeveloped, Improved Parcel but which lack street access and meet less than two characteristics of Undeveloped, Improved Parcels. SB Friedman found four unique parcels (five parcel shapes since one parcel is discontiguous) that could be considered as POLPs, accounting for less than 1% of total land area.

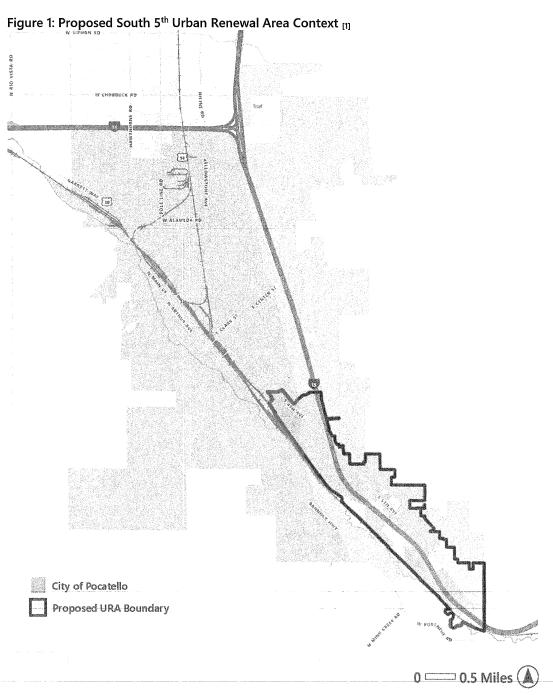
For eligibility analysis purposes, POLPs have been included in both the Improved Parcels and OLP categories. Thus:

- 1) Improved Land includes all Improved Parcels and POLPs.
- 2) **Open Land** includes all OLPs and POLPs.

In addition to the parcels described above, there are parcels owned by public entities such as city, county, state and federal governments and their agencies or are privately owned rights-of-way, such as parcels owned by the Union Pacific Railroad. These parcels were included in the boundary of the Proposed URA, but are typically exempt or have de minimis taxable valuation and are likely to be owned by these entities in perpetuity as parks, preserves, rights-of-way and public offices. These parcels were included in the Proposed URA to allow for

infrastructure investments or public improvements on/through these parcels that could benefit other areas. Because they effectively behave like public right of way and based on fieldwork and site analysis, we found that parcel-based eligibility factors would not be applicable to this portion of the Proposed URA.

Per Urban Renewal Law, SB Friedman also reviewed the 2023 estimated base taxable value of the Proposed URA in comparison to the total taxable value of the City and other URAs as of 2023. SB Friedman confirmed the establishment of the Proposed URA would not result in the taxable values of all URAs in the City exceeding 10% of the City's total taxable value.



1 Since SB-Friedman's eligibility analyses were completed, 2024-taxable values and parcel-shapes have been released by Bannock County. Eligibility analyses in the Report reflect the 2023 parcel shapes and values, which were the most recent available at the time that these analyses and fieldwork were completed. Two minor changes resulted from the updated 2024 shapes: a change in the total number of parcels in the Proposed URA from 594 to 599 due to parcel combinations and subdivisions, as well as a minor modification to the Proposed URA boundary. Parcel number RPR4013010300, created from portions of existing public right-of-way of Katsilometes Road and privately-owned land along the eastern edge of the Proposed URA resulted in the necessary modification of the Proposed URA boundary to include the full extent of this parcel. This change results in the addition of approximately 0.45 acres to the Proposed URA boundary. The newly created parcel, which encompasses privately owned right-of-way, has no taxable value and is not included in parcel-based eligibility factor analyses. Maps throughout this report reflect 2023 parcels with the amended boundary.

Source: Bannock County, City of Pocatello, Esri, SB Friedman

# **Summary Conclusion**

This Report documents the conditions in the Proposed URA which support the finding that the Proposed URA is "deteriorating."

**IMPROVED LAND** - SB Friedman found the following two criteria for a deteriorating area to be meaningfully present and reasonably distributed throughout Improved Parcels and POLPs within the Proposed URA:

- 1. Predominance of defective or inadequate street layout
- 2. Diversity of ownership

**OPEN LAND** - SB Friedman found the following two criteria for a deteriorating area to be meaningfully present and reasonably distributed throughout OLPs and POLPs within the Proposed URA:

- 1. Obsolete platting
- 2. Diversity of ownership

Additionally, SB Friedman determined the OLPs and POLPs are eligible for acquisition by an urban renewal agency based on the following factors:

- 1. Unsuitable topography or faulty lot layout
- 2. Diversity of ownership

As part of the approval process for an urban renewal area and because the Proposed URA boundary includes parcels outside the City limits and within unincorporated Bannock County, the Bannock County Board of County Commissioners (the "BOCC") must make a finding that the Proposed URA is eligible for designation as an urban renewal area. Following BOCC consideration, the finding that the Proposed URA is eligible for designation as an urban renewal area must be made by the City Council of the City of Pocatello (the "City Council").

Upon adoption of a City Council resolution finding that the Proposed URA is a deteriorating area, the PDA will create an Urban Renewal Plan (the "Plan") for the Proposed URA. Following plan approval by the PDA, the Pocatello Planning and Zoning Commission (the "Commission") would review the Plan and decide on its conformance with the City's Comprehensive Plan. The BOCC would review the Plan and consider a transfer of powers ordinance and an intergovernmental agreement with the City Council concerning the administration of the unincorporated parcels within the Revenue Allocation Area by the PDA. Following adoption of the BOCC ordinance and finding by the Commission, the City Council would then hold a public hearing prior to which all the affected taxing entities can provide comment on the proposed Plan. City Council then must elect to either approve the Plan and create a corresponding Revenue Allocation Area, by ordinance, or elect not to approve the proposed South 5<sup>th</sup> URA.

# 2. Background

# Introduction

The Proposed URA encompasses approximately 2,292 acres bounded roughly by the Union Pacific Railroad tracks to the south and west, Barton Road to the north, and foothills of the Pocatello Range of mountains to the east. The Proposed URA is bisected by both Interstate 15 ("I-15") and South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and contains both Improved Parcels (685 acres), OLPs (613 acres) and POLPs (3 acres). Additionally, a significant portion of land, approximately 991 acres, in the Proposed URA is publicly owned by the city, county, state or federal government and their agencies or by private ownership as right-of-way, such as by the Union Pacific Railroad. **Figure 2** illustrates the distribution of the Proposed URA's Improved Parcels, OLPs, POLPs, and other land to which the parcel-based eligibility factor analyses are not applicable. As of 2023 when initial eligibility analyses were conducted, the Proposed URA encompassed 594 parcels. As of June 2025, parcel combinations and subdivisions within the Proposed URA made the total parcel count 599. The Proposed URA is comprised of land within the City of Pocatello as well as land in unincorporated Bannock County within the Pocatello Area of City Impact (PACI).

In 2023, the City adopted the Pocatello Comprehensive Plan 2040 (the "2040 Comp Plan") – a comprehensive plan to guide future development in the City. The 2040 Comp Plan identified the following goals, which would be supported by the establishment of the Proposed URA as an urban renewal area:

- Create a business environment with a diverse economic base;
- Guide and plan for the protection, development, and acquisition of public access to the natural resource amenities within and surrounding the Portneuf River Valley;
- Develop a transportation system that accommodates multi-modal choices to reduce dependence on fossil fuels;
- Cultivate compact development patterns and enhanced aesthetics that promote walkability, community health, reduced infrastructure, and energy costs;
- Maintain and update existing infrastructure such as roads, sewer, water, and high-speed internet; and
- Develop a mobility network that interconnects and distributes pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle traffic to multiple streets and nodes of activity.

# Reasons for Selection of the Proposed URA

The Proposed URA is of interest for establishment as an urban renewal area because of its position as the gateway to Pocatello from the south. The City has expressed an interest in creating a more attractive gateway. City gateways should provide visual cues that convey to passengers an entrance or departure from a municipality. Gateways have the added benefit of increasing city identity which can build awareness of development opportunities through the city periphery.

Additionally, an urban renewal area could provide the funding required to initiate key capital improvements such as extending infrastructure, adding trails, adding/repairing bike lanes and completing the sidewalk network which could help attract development on sites within the Proposed URA.

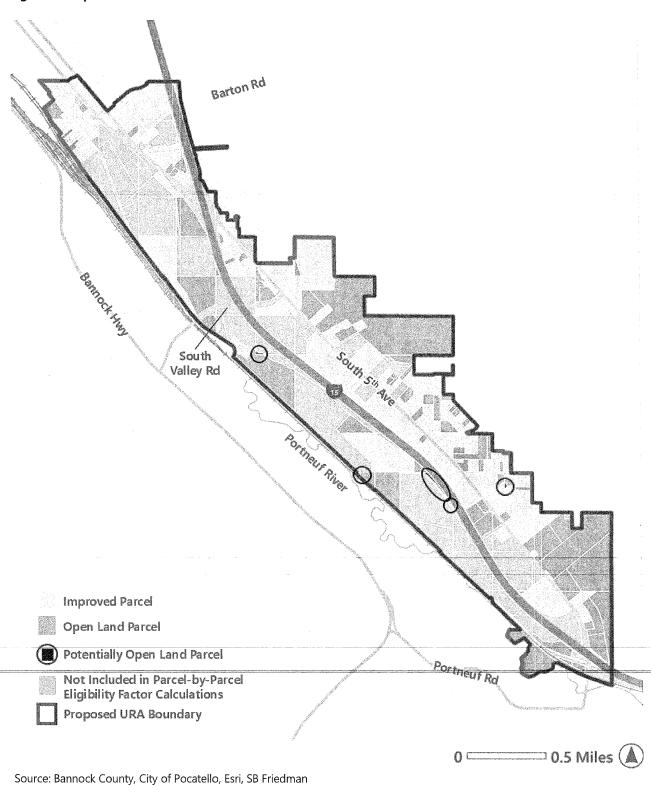


Figure 2: Proposed South 5<sup>th</sup> Urban Renewal Area

# **Current Land Use**

The Proposed URA currently includes the following land uses:

- Residential
- Retail
- Office
- Industrial
- Right-of-way
- Park/recreational
- Open land

# 10% Test

Per Urban Renewal Law, SB Friedman also reviewed the 2023 taxable value of the Proposed URA in comparison to the 2023 total taxable value of the City and other URAs base values. Taxable value information was provided by the Power County and Bannock County Assessor's Offices for each county's share of the City of Pocatello and base taxable values of all existing URAs located within the City of Pocatello and the PACI. To be conservative, SB Friedman calculated the 10% test as if the non-City parcels were not annexed. Should these parcels be annexed, the increased value in the City as a whole would result in the Proposed URA capturing a slightly lower percentage of total City taxable value. As of 2023, the combination of base taxable values for all existing URAs plus the taxable value of the Proposed URA parcels would total approximately 2.5% of the City's 2023 total taxable value.

SB Friedman confirmed the establishment of the Proposed URA as an urban renewal area would not result in the base values of all urban renewal areas in the City exceeding 10% of the City's total taxable value.

# 3. Statutory Requirements

# Improved Land: Required Findings and Definition of Deteriorated / Deteriorating

Idaho Code Section 50-2008(a) states that "[an] urban renewal project for an urban renewal area shall not be planned or initiated unless the local governing body has, by resolution, determined such area to be a deteriorated area or deteriorating area or a combination thereof and designated such area as appropriate for an urban renewal project."

The Urban Renewal Law includes definitions for a deteriorated area or a deteriorating area. These definitions include lists of criteria, one or more of which must be met in an area for it to qualify for an urban renewal project. These criteria are in Idaho Code Sections 50-2018(8) and (9) and Section 50-2903(8) and are listed below.

### 1. Deteriorated Area

Idaho Code Section 50-2018(8) and Idaho Code Section 50-2903(8)(a) define a deteriorated area as an area in which there is a predominance of buildings or improvements, whether residential or non-residential, which by reasons of:

- a) Dilapidation;
- b) Deterioration;
- c) Age or obsolescence;
- d) Inadequate provision for ventilation, light, air, sanitation or open spaces;
- e) High density of population and overcrowding;
- f) Existence of conditions which endanger life or property by fire and other causes; or
- g) Any combination of such factors;

is conducive to ill health, transmission of disease, infant mortality, juvenile delinquency, or crime and is detrimental to the public health, safety, morals or welfare.

# 2. Deteriorating Area

Idaho Code Section 50-2018(9) and Idaho Code Section 50-2903(8)(b) define a deteriorating area as one, which by reason of:

- a) The presence of a substantial number of deteriorated or deteriorating structures;
- b) Predominance of defective or inadequate street layout;
- c) Faulty lot layout in relation to size, adequacy, accessibility or usefulness;
- d) Insanitary or unsafe conditions;
- e) Deterioration of site or other improvements;
- f) Diversity of ownership;
- g) Tax or special assessment delinquency exceeding the fair value of the land;
- h) Defective or unusual conditions of title;
- i) Existence of conditions which endanger life or property by fire and other causes; or

# j) Any combination of such factors;

results in economic underdevelopment of the area, substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of a municipality, retards the provision of housing accommodations or constitutes an economic or social liability, and is a menace to the public health, safety, morals or welfare in its present condition and use.

# Open Land: Required Findings and Definition of Deteriorating

There are three sections within the Idaho Code that address Open Land:

- 1. Idaho Code Section 50-2903(8)(c) identifies eligibility criteria for Open Land and states any area which is predominately open and which because of:
  - 1. Obsolete platting;
  - 2. Diversity of ownership; or
  - 3. Deterioration of structures or improvements; or

otherwise results in economic underdevelopment of the area or substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of a municipality, is considered a "deteriorating area" and eligible for urban renewal projects.

- 2. Idaho Code Section 50-2018(9) states if a "deteriorating area consists of open land the conditions contained in the provision in section 50-2008(d), Idaho Code, shall apply." See also, Idaho Code Section 50-2903(8)(c).
- 3. Idaho Code Section 50-2008(d) states if an urban renewal area consists of Open Land to be acquired by the urban renewal agency, such area shall not be so acquired unless:
  - 1. If it is to be developed for residential uses, the local governing body shall determine:
    - a. A shortage of housing of sound standards and design which is decent, safe and sanitary exists in the municipality;
    - b. The need for housing accommodations has been or will be increased as a result of the clearance of slums in other areas;
    - c. The conditions of blight in the area and shortage of decent, safe and sanitary housing cause or contribute to an increase in and spread of disease and crime constitute a menace to the public health, safety, morals or welfare; and
    - d. The acquisition of the area for residential uses is an integral part of and essential to the program of the municipality.
  - 2. If it is to be developed for nonresidential uses, the local governing body shall determine:
    - Such non-residential uses are necessary and appropriate to facilitate the proper growth and development of the community in accordance with sound planning standards and local community objectives.

For both residential and nonresidential land uses acquisition by the urban renewal agency may be allowed if the area exhibits one or more of the following:

- 1. Defective of unusual conditions of title;
- 2. Diversity of ownership;
- 3. Tax delinquency;
- 4. Improper subdivision;
- 5. Outmoded street patterns;
- 6. Deterioration of site;
- 7. Economic disuse;
- 8. Unsuitable topography or faulty lot layout;
- 9. The need for correlation of the area with other areas of a municipality by streets and modern traffic requirements; or

Other conditions that retard the development of the area.

# 4. Eligibility Findings

# Parcel Classification within the Proposed URA

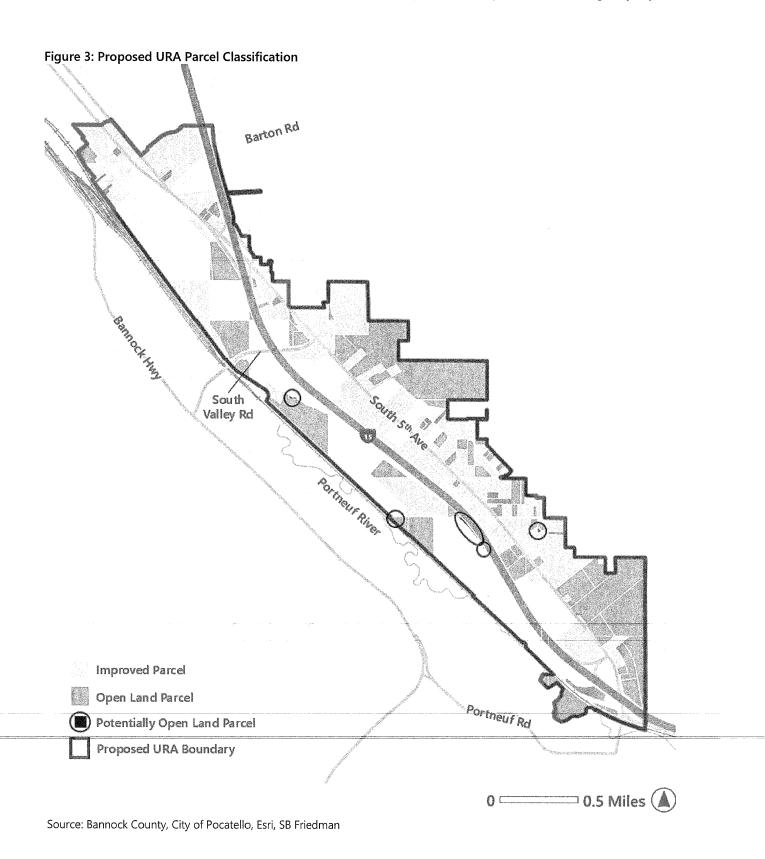
Urban Renewal Law provides for different eligibility factors and required findings and tests for Improved Land versus Open Land (defined below). It is our understanding that Open Land under the Urban Renewal Law means agricultural or forest lands and/or a predominately undeveloped, open area. In part due to the large number of undeveloped or partially developed areas within the Proposed URA, there are a handful of undeveloped parcels which could be construed as either Open Land or Improved Land. In order to definitively demonstrate the Proposed URA is eligible for designation as an urban renewal area, SB Friedman divided the parcels into the following three classifications:

- Improved Parcels | includes both:
  - Developed, Improved Parcels | Parcels which have existing structures such as buildings or paved parking areas; and
  - o Undeveloped, Improved Parcels | Parcels which are associated with or accessory to an adjacent Improved parcel such as side yards, parking areas, garages and access drives and are smaller than one acre. Undeveloped, Improved parcels lack structures, are less than one acre and have at least two of the following characteristics:
    - Adjoin right-of-way
    - Adjoin developed parcel
    - Adjoin a parcel of common ownership directly or across adjoining right-of-way
    - Similar parcel shape to neighboring parcels
    - Rectangular shaped with proportion less than 7:1
- Open Land Parcels (OLPs) | Larger (greater than one acre) undeveloped parcels or vacant parcels not directly adjoining right-of-way or not adjoining right-of-way through a common owner.
- Potentially Open Land Parcels (POLPs) | Undeveloped parcels smaller than one acre with lot characteristics comparable to those of an Undeveloped, Improved Parcel but which lack street access and meet less than two characteristics of Undeveloped, Improved Parcels. SB Friedman found four unique parcels (five parcel shapes since one parcel is discontiguous) that could be considered as POLPs, accounting for less than 1% of total land area.

For eligibility analysis purposes, POLPs have been included in both the Improved Parcels and OLP categories. Thus:

- 3) Improved Land includes all Improved Parcels and POLPs.
- 4) Open Land includes all OLPs and POLPs.

In addition to the parcels described above, there are parcels owned by public entities such as city, county, state and federal governments and their agencies or are privately owned rights-of-way, such as parcels owned by the Union Pacific Railroad. These parcels were included in the boundary of the Proposed URA, but are typically exempt or have de minimis taxable valuation and are likely to be owned by these entities in perpetuity as parks, preserves, rights-of-way and public offices. These parcels were included in the Proposed URA to allow for infrastructure investments or public improvements on/through these parcels that could benefit other areas. Because they effectively behave like public right of way and based on fieldwork and site analysis, we found that parcel-based eligibility factors would not be applicable to this portion of the Proposed URA. **Figure 3** exhibits parcels by classification as Improved, OLPs or POLPs.



### **EXCLUDED AGRICULTURAL USES**

Idaho Code Sections 50-2018(8) and 50-2903(8)(f) state that, to be included within an urban renewal area, parcels involving "agricultural operations" as defined in Idaho Code Section 22-4502(2) or "forest lands" as defined in Idaho Code Section 63-1701(4) require the consent of the property owner. Parcels within the Open Land classification do not appear to be actively used as an agricultural operation. However, SB Friedman assumes the PDA will either [1] ensure the absence of an agricultural operation or [2] acquire the necessary landowner consent for any land classified as an agricultural operation.

# **Improved Land Eligibility Findings**

The following is analysis of the 391 parcels in the Proposed URA considered to be Improved Parcels or POLPs.

# **EVIDENCE OF A DETERIORATING AREA**

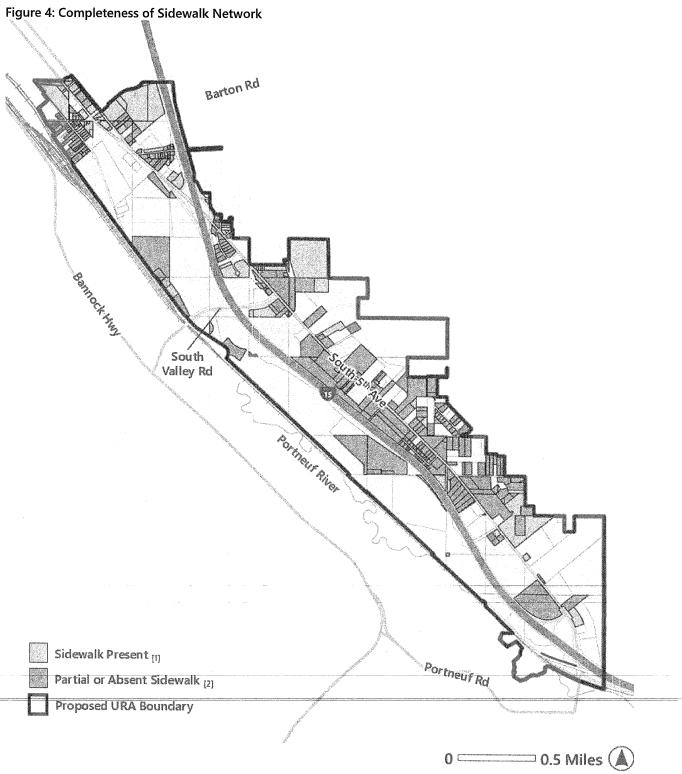
The condition of Improved Parcels and POLPs in the Proposed URA indicate a Deteriorating Area eligibility finding. Of the nine eligibility factors for a Deteriorating Area, we have identified two factors to be meaningfully present and reasonably distributed within the Proposed URA, outlined below.

# 1. PREDOMINANCE OF DEFECTIVE OR INADEQUATE STREET LAYOUT

Idaho Code Section 50-2903(8)(b) identifies the predominance of defective or inadequate street layout as a factor indicating a Deteriorating Area for Improved Land. SB Friedman interpreted "street layout" to encompass the entire dedicated right-of-way, including the presence or lack of infrastructure for pedestrian, automobile and other vehicular traffic connectivity and safety.

SB Friedman conducted fieldwork in December 2023 to assess the presence of a sidewalk network in the Proposed URA on a parcel shape basis. SB Friedman differentiated parcels (identified by a PIN) with parcel shapes, since some PINs refer to discontiguous shapes. This analysis was based on 2023 parcel shapes, the most recent available at the time. Parcel shapes with incomplete sidewalk infrastructure, sidewalks deteriorated beyond the point of usability, or parcel shapes that were inaccessible from public right-of-way were determined to exhibit this factor.

SB Friedman found more than 73% of Improved Parcel shapes and POLPs to have an inadequate sidewalk network, thereby exhibiting a predominance of defective or inadequate street layout. **Figure 4** exhibits the geographic distribution of these parcel shapes. This factor was found to be both reasonably present and meaningfully distributed throughout the Proposed URA.



<sup>[1]</sup> Includes parcel shapes where sidewalks were observed during fieldwork or no data collected

<sup>[2]</sup> Includes parcel shapes where no sidewalks were observed or were inaccessible from public right-of-way Source: Bannock County, Esri, SB Friedman

# 2. DIVERSITY OF OWNERSHIP

Idaho Code Section 50-2903(8)(b) identifies diversity of ownership as a factor indicating a Deteriorating Area for Improved Land. SB Friedman reviewed the ownership of Improved Parcels and POLPs, as recorded in the Bannock County's Assessor's Office. SB Friedman found 244 unique owners of the 391 total Improved Parcels and POLPs. This represents 62% of parcels having unique ownership. Of the unique parcel owners, 79% own only one parcel. Therefore, there are 174 Improved Land parcels in the Proposed URA owned by owners who only own one parcel. Figure 5 illustrates the geographic disbursement of parcels owned by an entity that only owns one Improved Parcel or POLP within the Proposed URA. Based on this analysis, SB Friedman found the diversity of ownership eligibility factor to be meaningfully present and reasonably distributed throughout the Proposed URA.



Source: Bannock County, Esri, SB Friedman

# **Open Land**

As previously mentioned, parcels considered Open Land have different eligibility criteria. The following is analysis of the 75 parcels in the Proposed URA considered to be OLPs or POLPs.

# **EVIDENCE OF A DETERIORATING AREA**

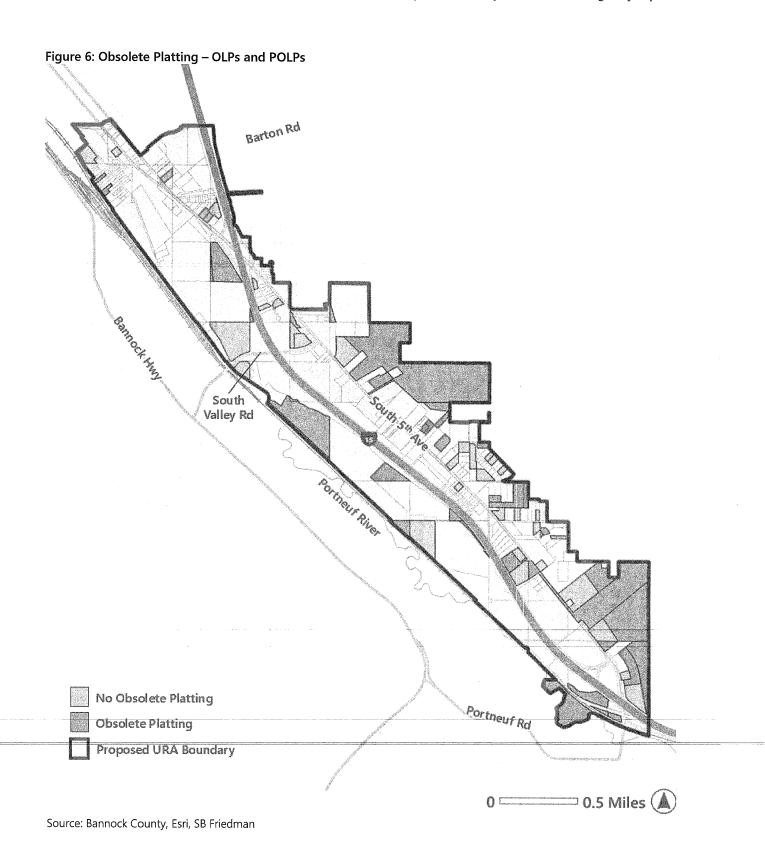
Idaho Code Section 50-2903(8)(c) is the only section which explicitly addresses eligibility criteria for Open Land during the eligibility process, though there are references to Open Land in Idaho Code Section 50-2018(9) and Section 50-2008(d). Of the three eligibility factors for Open Land cited in Idaho Code Section 50-2903(8)(c), SB Friedman has identified two to be meaningfully present and reasonably distributed within the 75 Proposed URA OLPs and POLPs.

### 1. OBSOLETE PLATTING

In order to evaluate the platting of OLPs and POLPs, SB Friedman assessed parcel size, shape and accessibility. To be identified as having "obsolete platting," a parcel shape needed to have one or more of the following characteristics:

- Lack of direct access to right-of-way
- Irregular parcel shape
- Parcel sizes which are too large or too small to be reasonably developed without subdivision or acquisition of additional land

Of the 616 acres of OLPs and POLPs, 448 acres (73%) exhibited obsolete platting. **Figure 6** shows the distribution of parcel shapes identified as exhibiting obsolete platting. Based on this analysis, SB Friedman found the obsolete platting eligibility factor to be meaningfully present and reasonably distributed throughout the Proposed URA.



### 2. DIVERSITY OF OWNERSHIP

Idaho Code Section 50-2903(8)(c) identifies diversity of ownership as a factor indicating a Deteriorating Area for Open Land. SB Friedman reviewed the ownership of OLPs and POLPs, as recorded in the Bannock County's Assessor's Office. SB Friedman found 52 unique owners of the 75 total OLPs or POLPs. This represents 69% of parcels having unique ownership. Of the unique parcel owners, 79% own only one parcel. Therefore, there are 41 Open Land parcels in the Proposed URA owned by owners who only own one parcel. **Figure 7** illustrates the geographic disbursement of parcels owned by an entity that only owns one OLP or POLP throughout the URA. Based on this analysis, SB Friedman found the diversity of ownership eligibility factor to be meaningfully present and reasonably distributed throughout the Proposed URA.



Source: Bannock County, Esri, SB Friedman

# URBAN RENEWAL AREA OPEN LAND ACQUISITION ELIGIBILITY

Idaho Code Section 50-2008(d) addresses acquisition eligibility criteria for open land. The eligibility criteria set forth in Idaho Code Section 50-2903(8)(c) for predominantly open land areas mirror or are the same as those criteria set forth in Idaho Code Sections 50-2018(9) and 50-2903(8)(b). "Diversity of ownership" is the same, while "obsolete platting" appears to be equivalent to "faulty lot layout in relation to size, adequacy, accessibility, or usefulness." Therefore, of the nine eligibility criteria, we found two to be meaningfully present and reasonably distributed across the OLPs and POLPs, as explained previously:

- 1. Unsuitable topography or faulty lot layout
- 2. Diversity of ownership

### 1. UNSUITABLE TOPOGRAPHY OR FAULTY LOT LAYOUT

Similar to the eligibility criteria for 'Obsolete Platting,' 'Faulty Lot Layout' is evidenced by parcels which have one or more of the following characteristics:

- Lack of direct access to right-of-way
- Irregular parcel shape
- Parcel sizes which are too large or too small to be reasonably developed without subdivision or acquisition of additional land

Of the 616 acres of Open Land, 448 acres (73%) exhibited faulty lot layout. Those parcels are synonymous with those that exhibit obsolete platting and identified in **Figure 6**. Faulty Lot Layout is found to be meaningfully present and reasonably distributed amongst OLPs and POLPs in the Proposed URA.

# 2. DIVERSITY OF OWNERSHIP

As noted in the Open Land eligibility, OLPs and POLPs exhibit diversity of ownership with the 75 total OLPs or POLPs having 52 unique owners. This represents 69% of parcels having unique ownership. Of the unique parcel owners, 79% own only one parcel. Therefore, there are 41 Open Land parcels in the Proposed URA owned by owners who only own one parcel. **Figure 7** illustrates the geographic disbursement of parcels owned by an entity that only owns one OLP or POLP throughout the URA. Based on this analysis, SB Friedman found the diversity of ownership eligibility factor to be meaningfully present and reasonably distributed throughout the Proposed URA.

Idaho Code Section 50-2008 primarily addresses the urban renewal plan approval process and Idaho Code Section 50-2008(d)(4) sets forth certain conditions and findings for agency acquisition of open land. In sum, there is one set of findings if the area of open land is to be acquired and developed for residential uses and a separate set of findings if the land is to be acquired and developed for nonresidential uses.

Basically, open land areas may be acquired by an urban renewal agency and developed for nonresidential uses if such acquisition is necessary to solve various problems, associated with the land or the infrastructure, that have delayed the area's development. These problems include defective or usual conditions of title, diversity of ownership, tax delinquency, improper subdivisions, outmoded street patterns, deterioration of site, and faulty lot layout. All the stated conditions are included in one form or another in the definition of a deteriorated area and/or a deteriorating area set forth in Idaho Code Sections 50-2903(8)(b) and 50-2018(9). The conditions listed only in Section 50-2008(d)(4)(2) (the open land section) include economic disuse, unsuitable topography,

and "the need for the correlation of the area with other areas of a municipality by streets and modern traffic requirements, or any combination of such factors or other conditions which retard development of the area."

In conclusion, the area qualifies for agency acquisition if any of the eligibility conditions set forth in Idaho Code Sections 50-2018(9) and 50-2903(8)(b) apply. Alternatively, the area under consideration qualifies if any of the conditions listed only in Idaho Code Section 50-2008(d)(4)(2) apply.

# **Conclusions of Eligibility Findings**

For Improved Land, two of the nine potential criteria for finding a 'deteriorating area' were found to be reasonably present and meaningfully distributed within the Proposed URA:

- 1. Predominance of defective of inadequate street layout
- 2. Diversity of ownership

Among Open Land, two of the three potential criteria for finding a 'deteriorating area' were found to be reasonably present and meaningfully distributed within the Proposed URA:

- 1. Obsolete platting
- 2. Diversity of ownership

Additionally, two of the nine potential criteria for urban renewal acquisition eligibility were found to be present among OLPs and POLPs:

- 1. Unsuitable topography or faulty lot layout
- 2. Diversity of ownership

Based on the findings of one or more eligibility factors for both Improved Land and Open Land, the Proposed URA is eligible to become an urban renewal district. However, in addition to the findings of one or more eligibility factor, Idaho Code Section 50-2903(8)(c) requires that the finding of deterioration results in adverse consequences for the Proposed URA. The finding of adverse consequences will be addressed in the following section.

# 5. Other Required Findings and Tests

# **Improved Land**

### ECONOMIC UNDERUTILIZATION: OTHER EVIDENCE OF A DETERIORATING AREA

Urban Renewal Law requires that a two-part test be passed to establish eligibility. The first part requires the finding of at least one eligibility factor – of the nine possible – be present within the Proposed URA. As noted above, SB Friedman requires for a factor to be found present, it must be meaningfully present and reasonably distributed throughout the Proposed URA. The second requirement for determining eligibility is demonstrating the finding of deterioration also "results in economic underdevelopment of the area, substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of a municipality, retards the provision of housing accommodations or constitutes an economic or social liability and is a menace to the public."

SB Friedman evaluated the economic and social liability impacts of the Proposed URA by analyzing change in taxable value within the Proposed URA and evaluating conformance of the Proposed URA with the 2040 Comp Plan's goals.

### **ECONOMIC LIABILITY**

In order to assess whether the Proposed URA represents an economic liability, SB Friedman analyzed growth in taxable value over the last four year-to-year periods. Taxable value growth was evaluated within the Proposed URA and compared against growth in the balance of the City over the same period.

**Table 1** outlines the change in taxable value of the Proposed URA parcels and City between 2019 and 2023. The Proposed URA has grown more slowly than the balance of the City in three of the past four year-to-year periods.

Table 1: Year-to-Year Growth in Taxable Value (TV) of Improved Parcels/POLPs and City from 2019 to 2023

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
City TV Less South 5 <sup>th</sup> URA Improved Parcels and POLPs	\$4.0 B	\$4.3 B	\$4.9 B	\$6.3 B	\$6.6 B
Change in City TV Less South 5 <sup>th</sup> URA Improved Parcels and POLPs		5.6%	15.2%	29.5%	3.6%
South 5 <sup>th</sup> URA Improved Parcels and POLPs TV	\$92.6 M	\$90.9 M	\$100.8 M	\$126.1 M	\$141.5 M
Change in South 5 <sup>th</sup> URA Improved Parcels and POLPs TV		-1.8%	10.9%	25.1%	12.2%
South 5th URA Improved Parcels and POLPs – Growth Less than City		YES	YES	YES	NO

Sources: Bannock County, Power County, SB Friedman

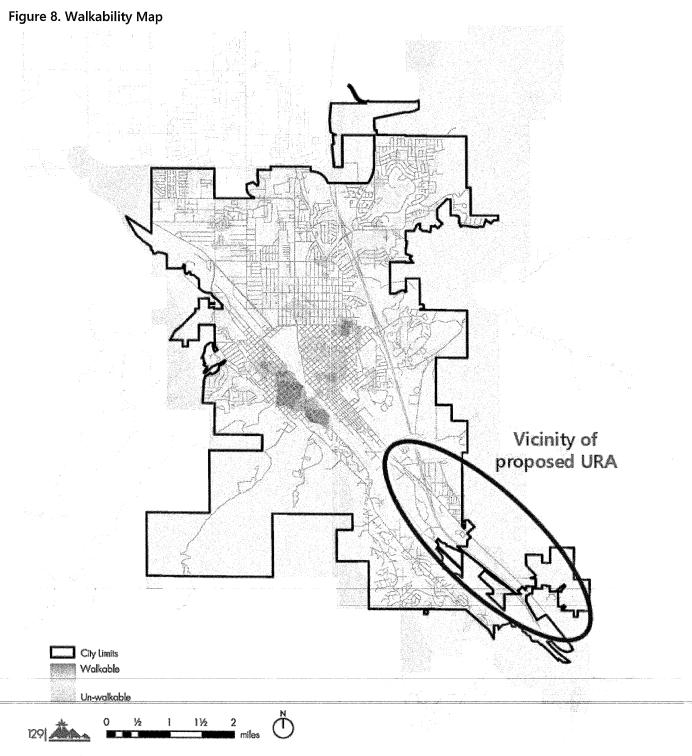
Based on the lagging growth of the Proposed URA compared to the balance of the City overall in three of the past four year-to-year periods, SB Friedman concludes that the Proposed URA constitutes an economic liability.

# **SOCIAL LIABILITY**

A key goal of the 2040 Comp Plan was to make the City more "connected, safe and accessible." Enhancing walkability and bikeability within the Proposed URA would serve these goals. The Proposed URA would benefit from developing a mobility network that interconnects and distributes pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle traffic to multiple streets and nodes of activity. Additionally, the following strategies in the 2040 Comp Plan relate to these goals:

- Improve existing paths, sidewalks, curbs, and roadways; and
- Improve sidewalks with funding from local improvement districts and the sidewalk grant program from Community Development Block Grants.

The 2040 Comp Plan included analysis which demonstrated that the majority of the Proposed URA is "unwalkable", as shown in **Figure 8.** In order to better align with the 2040 Comp Plan, the Proposed URA must exhibit a pedestrian environment that is connected, safe and accessible for all users. SB Friedman's finding of a predominance of defective or inadequate street layout as eligible for designation as an urban renewal area due to a lack of adequate sidewalk infrastructure, also constitutes a social liability. The lack of adequate sidewalk infrastructure serving 73% percent of Improved Parcels and POLPs indicates a significant amount of infrastructure investment is necessary to align with the goals outlined in the 2040 Comp Plan. Based on the stated goals for the City and that key parts of the Proposed URA are not currently meeting those goals, SB Friedman concludes that the Proposed URA constitutes a social liability.



Source: City of Pocatello, SB Friedman

# Open Land

#### **ECONOMIC UNDERDEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA**

The Urban Renewal Law requires that a two-part test be passed for both urban renewal eligibility and acquisition eligibility. The first part requires the finding of at least one eligibility factor – of the three or nine, respectively, – be present within the Open Land of the Proposed URA. The second requirement for determining eligibility is demonstrating the finding of deterioration criteria also results in the economic underdevelopment of the area or substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of a municipality.

SB Friedman evaluated the economic underdevelopment of the Open Land through consideration of development potential of the land. SB Friedman's finding of eligibility via obsolete platting is indication of development constraints present in the OLPs and POLPs.

Parcels which exhibit obsolete platting are difficult or infeasible to develop in their present state, requiring acquisition of additional neighboring parcels or subdivision to create parcels of appropriate size, shape and accessibility to be developable. Consequently, these parcels will remain difficult to develop and result in their continued economic underdevelopment.

# **Conclusions: Other Required Findings and Tests**

According to Urban Renewal Law, the Proposed URA must exhibit not only factors that indicate the area is deteriorating, as outlined in the statute, but that those factors contribute to both economic and social liability of the Proposed URA.

SB Friedman finds evidence of economic liability of the Improved Land of the Proposed URA due to the lagging taxable value growth of the Improved Parcels and POLPs in the Proposed URA. We also find evidence of social liability of the Improved Land of the Proposed URA due to the variance of the Proposed URA from the goals outlined in the 2040 Comp Plan in terms of walkability.

Additionally, SB Friedman evaluated Open Land for economic underdevelopment or impairing the sound growth of the municipality, as required by the Urban Renewal Law, as a consequence of the deterioration criteria. SB Friedman finds that the Proposed URA presents evidence of economic underdevelopment due to the conditions of obsolete platting that challenge land assembly and developability of OLPs and POLPS.

# 6. Conclusions

### **Improved Land Conclusions**

According to the Urban Renewal Law, in order to qualify for designation as an urban renewal area, Improved Land must exhibit one or more of several factors indicating that the area is either a deteriorated area or a deteriorating area. Further, presence of this factor(s) must have adverse consequences.

SB Friedman finds the following two criteria for a deteriorating area to be meaningfully present and reasonably distributed throughout the Proposed URA's Improved Parcels and POLPs:

- 1. Predominance of defective or inadequate street layout; and
- 2. Diversity of ownership

Furthermore, we find that the Improved Land in the Proposed URA represents an economic and social liability due to the lagging taxable value growth in comparison to the City and its variance from the 2040 Comp Plan.

As a result, this Report concludes that the Improved Land within the Proposed URA conform with Idaho Code Title 50, Chapters 20 and 29, and meet the eligibility standards for designation as a Proposed URA.

# **Open Land Conclusions**

According to the Urban Renewal Law, in order to qualify for designation as an urban renewal area, Open Land must exhibit one or more of the three eligibility criteria and must be underdeveloped.

SB Friedman finds the following two criteria to be meaningfully present and reasonably distributed throughout the Proposed URA's OLPs and POLPs:

- 1. Obsolete platting; and
- 2. Diversity of ownership

Furthermore, we find that Open Land experiences economic underdevelopment due to the additional burden on development presented by obsolete platting. Thus, SB Friedman concludes that the Open Land within the Proposed URA conforms with the Urban Renewal Law and meets the eligibility standards for designation as a Proposed URA.

SB Friedman, as of the date of this report, also finds the Open Land to be eligible for acquisition by an urban renewal agency assuming the findings required in Section 50–2008(d)(4) are made. SB Friedman finds faulty lot layout and diversity of ownership to be present across the OLPs and POLPs. As a result, SB Friedman concludes the Open Land is currently eligible for acquisition according to Urban Renewal Law.

Therefore, both the Improved Land and Open Land of the Proposed URA meet all required tests, in addition to eligibility factors, laid out in the Urban Renewal Law, to qualify the creation of a Proposed URA.

# **Appendix A: Limitations of Engagement**

Our Report is based on estimates, assumptions and other information developed from research of the market, knowledge of the industry, and meetings during which we obtained certain information. The sources of information and bases of the estimates and assumptions are stated in the Report. Some assumptions inevitably will not materialize, and unanticipated events and circumstances may occur. Therefore, actual results achieved during the period covered by our analysis will necessarily vary from those described in our Report, and the variations may be material.

The terms of this engagement are such that we have no obligation to revise the Report to reflect events or conditions which occur subsequent to the date of the report. These events or conditions include, without limitation, economic growth trends, governmental actions, additional competitive developments, interest rates, and other market factors. However, we are available to discuss the necessity for revision in view of changes in the economic or market factors affecting the proposed project.

Our Report does not ascertain the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to this project, including zoning, other State and local government regulations, permits, and licenses. No effort has been made to determine the possible effect on this project of present or future federal, state or local legislation, including any environmental or ecological matters.

Furthermore, we have neither evaluated management's effectiveness, nor will we be responsible for future marketing efforts and other management actions upon which actual results will depend.

Our Report is intended solely for your information, for the purpose of establishing an urban renewal area.

# **Appendix B: PIN List**

### 2023 PINS:

2023 PIN	15:
Count	2023 All PINs
1	RPR4013003000
2	RPRPCPP142306
3	RPRPCPP152500
4	RPR4013012906
5	RPR4013012905
6	BLM
7	RPR4013002313
8	RPR4013000200
9	RPRPCPP133100
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11	RPRPCPP152600
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15	RPR4013004303
16	RPRPCPP138201
17	RPRPCPP142246
18	RPRPCPP116303
19	RPRPCPP152200
20	RPR4013030401
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### Exhibit B

Agency Resolution No. 2025-3, dated June 18, 2025, Accepting the South 5<sup>th</sup> Urban Renewal Area Eligibility Report, dated June 6, 2025 (without attachments) BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF POCATELLO, IDAHO:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF POCATELLO, IDAHO, ALSO KNOWN AS THE POCATELLO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, ACCEPTING THAT CERTAIN REPORT ON ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY REFERRED TO AS SOUTH 5TH CORRIDOR AREA AS AN URBAN RENEWAL ALLOCATION AREA AND REVENUE AREA JUSTIFICATION FOR DESIGNATING THE AREA AS APPROPRIATE FOR AN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT: AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR OR AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSMIT THE REPORT AND THIS RESOLUTION TO THE BANNOCK COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF **POCATELLO** REQUESTING THEIR CONSIDERATION **FOR** DESIGNATION OF AN URBAN RENEWAL AREA AND SEEKING FURTHER DIRECTION FROM THE COMMISSION AND COUNCIL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THIS RESOLUTION, made on the date hereinafter set forth by the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Pocatello, Idaho, also known as the Pocatello Development Authority, an independent public body, corporate and politic, authorized under the authority of the Idaho Urban Renewal Law of 1965, Chapter 20, Title 50, Idaho Code, as amended and supplemented (the "Law") and the Local Economic Development Act, Chapter 29, Title 50, Idaho Code as amended and supplemented (the "Act"), a duly created and functioning urban renewal agency for Pocatello, Idaho, hereinafter referred to as the "Agency;"

WHEREAS, the City Council (the "City Council") of the city of Pocatello (the "City") found that deteriorating areas exist in the City, therefore, for the purposes of the Law, created an urban renewal agency pursuant to the Law, authorizing the Agency to transact business and exercise the powers granted by the Law and the Act upon making the findings of necessity required for creating the Agency;

WHEREAS, the Mayor has duly appointed the Board of Commissioners of the Agency, which appointment was confirmed by the City Council;

WHEREAS, the City Council, on June 22, 2006, after notice duly published, conducted a public hearing on the Naval Ordnance Plant Urban Renewal Plan (the "Naval Ordnance Plant Plan");

WHEREAS, following said public hearing the City Council adopted its Ordinance No. 2797 on June 22, 2006, approving the Naval Ordnance Plant Plan, making certain findings, and establishing the Naval Ordnance Plant revenue allocation area (the "Naval Ordnance Plant Project Area");

WHEREAS, the City Council, on April 19, 2007, after notice duly published, conducted a public hearing on the North Portneuf Urban Renewal Plan (the "North Portneuf Plan");

WHEREAS, following said public hearing, the City Council adopted its Ordinance No. 2814 on April 19, 2007, approving the North Portneuf Plan, making certain findings, and establishing the North Portneuf revenue allocation area (the "North Portneuf Project Area");

WHEREAS, the City Council, on November 4, 2010, after notice duly published conducted a public hearing on the Pocatello Regional Airport Urban Renewal Area Plan (the "Pocatello Regional Airport Plan");

WHEREAS, following said public hearing, the City Council adopted its Ordinance No. 2889 on November 4, 2010, approving the Pocatello Regional Airport Plan, making certain findings, and establishing the Pocatello Regional Airport revenue allocation area (the "Pocatello Regional Airport Project Area");

WHEREAS, the City Council, on May 2, 2019, after notice duly published conducted a public hearing on the Urban Renewal Plan for the Northgate Urban Renewal Project (the "Northgate Plan");

WHEREAS, following said public hearing, the City Council adopted its Ordinance No. 3026 on May 2, 2019, approving the Northgate Plan, making certain findings, and establishing the Northgate revenue allocation area (the "Northgate Project Area");

WHEREAS, the above referenced existing urban renewal plans are collectively referred to as the "Existing Urban Renewal Plans" and their respective existing revenue allocation project areas are collectively referred to as the "Existing Project Areas;"

WHEREAS, it has become apparent that additional property, a portion of which is located within the City, and a portion of which is located within the City's area of operation within unincorporated Bannock County, may be deteriorating or deteriorated and should be examined as to whether such an area is eligible for an urban renewal project;

WHEREAS, in October 2023, the Agency authorized SB Friedman Development Advisors, LLC (SBF) to commence a preliminary eligibility study on several geographic areas within the City and extending to the City's area of City impact within unincorporated Bannock County. SBF presented its preliminary eligibility findings on each geographic area to the Agency Board of Commissioners (the "Board") on April 17, 2024. At its meeting on June 12, 2024, the Board directed SBF to proceed with study and planning efforts related to the South 5<sup>th</sup> Corridor and preparation of an eligibility report of an area approximately 2,292 acres in size (including public rights-of-way). The area is roughly bounded by the Union Pacific Railroad to the south and west, Barton Road to the north, and the foothills of the Pocatello Range of mountains to the east, and is commonly referred to as the South 5<sup>th</sup> Corridor Area (the "Study Area"). The Study area is bisected by both Interstate 15 and South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue;

WHEREAS, the Agency has obtained the South 5<sup>th</sup> Urban Renewal Area Eligibility Report, dated June 11, 2025 (the "Report"), a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, which examined the Study Area, which area also included real property located within unincorporated Bannock County, for the purpose of determining whether such area was a deteriorating area and/or a deteriorated area as defined by Idaho Code Sections 50-2018(8), (9) and 50-2903(8);

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code Sections 50-2018(8), (9) and 50-2903(8), which define the qualifying conditions of a deteriorating area and deteriorated area, several of the conditions necessary to be present in such an area are found in the Study Area, including:

- a. predominance of defective or inadequate street layout;
- b. faulty lot layout in relation to size, adequacy, accessibility or usefulness; obsolete platting;
- c. diversity of ownership; and
- d. unsuitable topography;

WHEREAS, the effects of the listed conditions cited in the Report result in economic underdevelopment of the area, substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of a municipality, constitutes an economic or social liability, and is a menace to the public health, safety, morals or welfare in its present condition or use;

WHEREAS, the Study Area includes open space/open land;

WHEREAS, under the Act, a deteriorated area includes any area which is predominantly open and which, because of obsolete platting, diversity of ownership, deterioration of structures or improvements, or otherwise, results in economic underdevelopment of the area or substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of a municipality. See Idaho Code § 50-2903(8)(c);

WHEREAS, Idaho Code §§ 50-2018(8), (9), 50-2903(8) and 50-2008(d) list additional conditions applicable to open land areas, including open land areas to be acquired by the Agency, which are the same or similar to the conditions set forth in the definitions of "deteriorating area" and "deteriorating area;"

WHEREAS, the Report addresses the findings concerning the eligibility of open land within the Study Area as defined in Idaho Code Sections 50-2018(9), 50-2903(8)(c), and 50-2008(d);

WHEREAS, under the Law and Act, Idaho Code Sections 50-2903(8)(f) and 50-2018(8) and (9), the definition of a deteriorating area shall not apply to any agricultural operation as defined in Section 22-4502(2), Idaho Code, absent the consent of the owner of the agricultural operation except for an agricultural operation that has not been used for three (3) consecutive years;

WHEREAS, the Study Area may include parcels subject to such consent. While the necessary consents have not been obtained, any and all consents shall be obtained prior to City Council consideration of any urban renewal plan;

WHEREAS, the Report includes a preliminary analysis concluding the base assessment roll value for the Study Area along with the combined base assessment roll value for the Existing Project Areas do not exceed 10% of the current assessed valuation of all taxable property within the City;

WHEREAS, Idaho Code Section 50-2018(18) provides that an urban renewal agency cannot exercise jurisdiction over any area outside the city limits without the approval of the other city or county declaring the need for an urban renewal plan for the proposed area;

WHEREAS, a portion of the Study Area includes certain real property located within unincorporated Bannock County;

WHEREAS, the Bannock County Board of County Commissioners will be asked to adopt a resolution finding the need for an urban renewal project for the proposed Study Area;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 50-2008, an urban renewal project may not be planned or initiated unless the local governing body has, by resolution, determined such area to be a deteriorated area or deteriorating area, or combination thereof, and designated such area as appropriate for an urban renewal project;

WHEREAS, Idaho Code Section 50-2906, also requires that in order to adopt an urban renewal plan containing a revenue allocation financing provision, the local governing body must make a finding or determination that the area included in such plan is a deteriorated area or deteriorating area;

WHEREAS, the Agency Board finds it in the best public interest to accept the Report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF POCATELLO, IDAHO, AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. That the above statements are true and correct.
- Section 2. That the Agency Board acknowledges acceptance and receipt of the Report, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, recognizing technical changes or corrections which may be required before transmittal to the Bannock County Board of County Commissioners and the City Council for their consideration.
- Section 3. That there are one or more areas within the City and in unincorporated Bannock County, that are a deteriorating area or a deteriorated area as defined by Idaho Code Sections 50-2018(8), (9) and 50-2903(8), as more fully set forth in the Report.
- Section 4. That one such area is more commonly referred to as the South 5<sup>th</sup> Corridor Area or the Study Area, and as more fully described in the Report.
- Section 5. That the rehabilitation, conservation, and redevelopment, or a combination thereof, of such area is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City.
- Section 6. That the Chair or Vice-Chair and Administrator of the Agency Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to transmit the Report to the Pocatello City Council requesting that the City Council:
- a. Determine whether the Study Area identified in the Report qualifies as an urban renewal project and there is justification for designating the area, as appropriate, for an urban renewal project; provided, however, Agency requests the City Council not take such action until the Bannock County Board of County Commissioners has adopted a resolution declaring the need for an urban renewal project for the Study Area;
  - b. If such designation is made, whether the Agency should proceed with the

preparation of an urban renewal plan for the area, which plan may include a revenue allocation provision as allowed by law;

- c. Coordinate with the Agency to obtain the required agricultural consent from the property owners.
- Section 7. That the Chair or Vice-Chair and Administrator of the Agency Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to transmit the Report to Bannock County Board of County Commissioners for its consideration pursuant to Idaho Code Section 50-2018(18).
- Section 8. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Pocatello, Idaho, on June 18, 2025. Signed by the Chair of the Board of Commissioners and attested by the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners on this 18th Hay of June 2025.

David Villarreal Jr., Chair

ATTEST:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-3

# Exhibit C

The Ban	nock County Board of County Commissioners, Resolution No.
dated June	, 2025, Accepting the South 5 <sup>th</sup> Urban Renewal Area Eligibility Report, dated
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In the Matter of ADOPTING FINDINGS )
AND THE NEED FOR AN URBAN )
RENEWAL PROJECT FOR THE SOUTH )
5<sup>TH</sup> CORRIDOR AREA )

R.S. No. 2025-45 June 24, 2025

### **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Pocatello, Idaho, also known as the Pocatello Development Authority, is an independent public body, corporate and politic, authorized under the authority of the Idaho Urban Renewal Law of 1965, Chapter 20, Title 50, Idaho Code, as amended (the "Law"), and the Local Economic Development Act, Chapter 29, Title 50, Idaho Code, as amended (the "Act"), a duly created and functioning urban renewal agency for Pocatello, Idaho, hereinafter referred to as the "Agency;" and

WHEREAS, the Pocatello City Council has previously established the following urban renewal districts: the 2006 Naval Ordnance Plant Project Area; the 2017 North Portneuf Project Area; the 2010 Pocatello Regional Airport Project Area; and the 2019 Northgate Project Area;

WHEREAS, it has become apparent that additional property, a portion of which is located within the City of Pocatello, and a portion of which is located within the City of Pocatello's area of operation within unincorporated Bannock County, may be deteriorating or deteriorated and should be examined as to whether such an area is eligible for an urban renewal project;

WHEREAS, in October 2023, the Agency authorized SB Friedman Development Advisors, LLC (SBF) to commence a preliminary eligibility study on several geographic areas within the City and extending to the City's area of City impact within unincorporated Bannock County. SBF presented its preliminary eligibility findings on each geographic area to the Agency Board of Commissioners (the "Board") on April 17, 2024. At its meeting on June 12, 2024, the Board directed SBF to proceed with study and planning efforts related to the South 5th Corridor and preparation of an eligibility report of an area approximately 2,292 acres in size (including public rights-of-way). The area is roughly bounded by the Union Pacific Railroad to the south and west, Barton Road to the north, and the foothills of the Pocatello Range of mountains to the east, and is commonly referred to as the South 5th Corridor Area (the "Study Area"). The Study area is bisected by both Interstate 15 and South 5th Avenue;

WHEREAS, the South 5th Urban Renewal Area Eligibility Report, dated June 11, 2025 (the "Report"), a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, examined the Study Area, which area also included real property located within unincorporated Bannock County, for the purpose of determining whether such area was a deteriorating area and/or a deteriorated area as defined by Idaho Code Sections 50-2018(8), (9) and 50-2903(8);

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code Sections 50-2018(8), (9) and 50-2903(8), which define the qualifying conditions of a deteriorating area and deteriorated area, several of the conditions necessary to be present in such an area are found in the Study Area, including:

a. predominance of defective or inadequate street layout;

- b. faulty lot layout in relation to size, adequacy, accessibility or usefulness; obsolete platting;
- c. diversity of ownership; and
- d. unsuitable topography;

WHEREAS, the effects of the listed conditions cited in the Report result in economic underdevelopment of the area, substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of a municipality, constitutes an economic or social liability, and is a menace to the public health, safety, morals or welfare in its present condition or use;

WHEREAS, the Study Area includes open space/open land;

WHEREAS, under the Act, a deteriorated area includes any area which is predominantly open and which, because of obsolete platting, diversity of ownership, deterioration of structures or improvements, or otherwise, results in economic underdevelopment of the area or substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of a municipality. *See* Idaho Code Section 50-2903(8)(c);

WHEREAS, Idaho Code Sections 50-2018(8), (9), 50-2903(8) and 50-2008(d) list additional conditions applicable to open land areas, including open land areas to be acquired by the Agency, which are the same or similar to the conditions set forth in the definitions of "deteriorating area" and "deteriorated area;"

WHEREAS, the Report addresses the findings concerning the eligibility of open land within the Study Area as defined in Idaho Code Sections 50-2018(9), 50-2903(8)(c), and 50-2008(d);

WHEREAS, under the Law and Act, specifically Idaho Code Sections 50-2903(8)(f) and 50-2018(8) and (9), the definition of a deteriorating area shall not apply to any agricultural operation as defined in Section 22-4502(2), Idaho Code, absent the consent of the owner of the agricultural operation except for an agricultural operation that has not been used for three (3) consecutive years;

WHEREAS, the Study Area may include parcels subject to such consent. While the necessary consents have not been obtained, any and all consents shall be obtained prior to the Pocatello City Council's consideration of any urban renewal plan;

WHEREAS, the Report includes a preliminary analysis concluding the base assessment roll value for the Study Area along with the combined base assessment roll values for the Existing Project Areas do not exceed 10% of the current assessed valuation of all taxable property within the City of Pocatello;

WHEREAS, Idaho Code Section 50-2018(18) provides that an urban renewal agency cannot exercise jurisdiction over any area outside the city limits without the approval by resolution of the governing body of the other city or county declaring the need for an urban renewal project for the proposed area;

WHEREAS, a portion of the Study Area includes certain real property located in unincorporated Bannock County;

WHEREAS, the Agency accepted the Report by way of Resolution No. 2025-3 at the June 18, 2025, meeting of the Agency Board, a copy of which Resolution (without exhibits) is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**;

WHEREAS, the Report was forwarded to the Bannock County Board of Commissioners for purposes of obtaining a resolution determining such area to be deteriorated and/or deteriorating and finding the need for an urban renewal project for the proposed Study Area;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 50-2008, an urban renewal project may not be planned or initiated unless the local governing body has, by resolution, determined such area to be a deteriorated area or deteriorating area, or combination thereof, and designated such area as appropriate for an urban renewal project;

WHEREAS, Idaho Code Section 50-2906, also requires that in order to adopt an urban renewal plan containing a revenue allocation financing provision, the local governing body must make a finding or determination that the area included in such plan is a deteriorated area or deteriorating area;

WHEREAS, the proposed Study Area has no impact on the jurisdictional boundaries of Bannock County;

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2025, representatives of the City and the Agency met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss the proposed Report and the Study Area;

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2025, representatives of the City and/or the Agency presented the Report to the Board of County Commissioners requesting the Commissioners consider adopting the findings concerning the proposed Study Area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BANNOCK COUNTY, IDAHO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the above statements are true and correct.

Section 2. That the findings of the Agency made on June 18, 2025, in Resolution No. 2025-3 are hereby adopted by the Board of County Commissioners.

<u>Section 3</u>. That there is a need for an urban renewal plan for the Study Area.

Section 4. To the extent a portion of the Study Area owned by Bannock County may be determined to be an agricultural operation as defined by Idaho Code Section 22-4502(2), this Resolution provides the necessary consent.

Section 5. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval.

ADOPTED this 24th day of June, 2025.

BOARD OF BANNOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Jeff Hough, Chair

Ernie Moser, Commissioner

Ken Bullock, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Jason C. Dixon, Bannock County Clerk