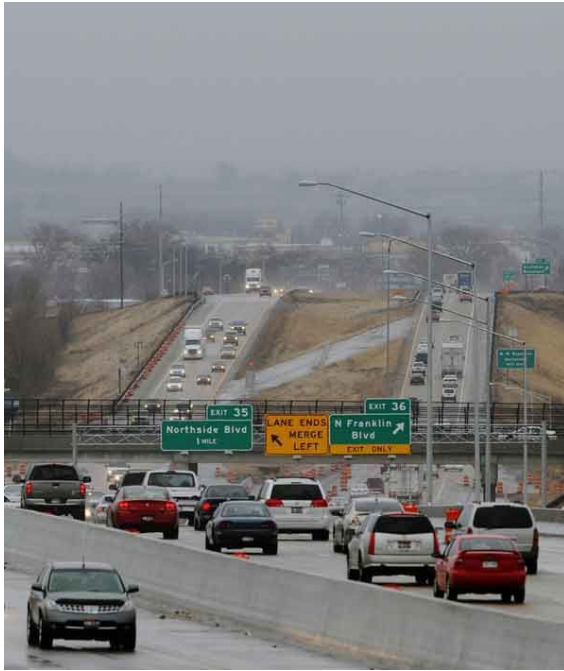


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2 projects planned for I-84 in Nampa, Caldwell

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Vehicles pass below the Interstate 84 overpass at Franklin Boulevard in Nampa.

The state has already approved money to widen Interstate 84 in Nampa, but the project still needs to be formally updated before it can move forward.

And to do that, the public needs to weigh in.

The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho, or COMPASS, is asking the public for comments on whether I-84 needs to be widened.

To move forward, the project's funding status needs to be updated from "unfunded" to "funded" in the regional long-range transportation plan known as Communities in Motion 2040.

In an 11th hour move in March, the state Legislature approved a transportation bill of \$300 million in Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle bonding — which is described as bonding to borrow against future federal transportation funding.

Of that money, the Idaho Transportation Board voted in April to use \$150 million of this bonding authority for the lane-widening project in Nampa.

The project will widen I-84 from two to three lanes each way in Nampa from the Karcher Road interchange to the Franklin Boulevard interchange. Construction would likely begin in summer of 2018 and be complete in approximately 2022. When construction will begin still has to be determined.

Idaho Transportation Department staff has completed initial planning and the environmental assessment widening lanes from Franklin Boulevard to Karcher Road. Design work is expected to begin this year.

WHAT ABOUT WIDENING ALL THE WAY TO CALDWELL?

Funding is not in place to widen I-84 from Caldwell to Karcher Road in Nampa, which is another project on the Communities in Motion 2040 plan. That plan would remain "unfunded" on the plan for now.

"We have not forgotten about the stretch of I-84 from western Caldwell to Karcher Road that remains unfunded," Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho executive director Matt Stoll said in the release. "We will continue to work toward completion of the entire Caldwell to Nampa section of I-84."

WHAT ABOUT REPAVING BETWEEN NAMPA AND CALDWELL?

Meanwhile, the Idaho Transportation Department is finalizing plans to widen I-84 from the Karcher interchange to the Franklin Boulevard interchange in Nampa.

The contract to resurface I-84 from Nampa to Caldwell was awarded on Thursday to Idaho Materials and Construction, according to ITD. The project will cost approximately \$9.5 million.

Resurfacing work will occur between late May and July, with the majority of that work occurring over four weekends in that time-frame.

Traffic flow will be shifted to one side of the interstate, and one lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained on one side of the interstate, according to ITD. These restrictions will be overnight and on specific weekends only, which are still being determined.

All lanes of I-84 will be open Monday through Friday during the daytime commute. Other construction will occur during overnight hours outside of the four designated weekends. During the overnight hours, traffic will not be shifted to one side of the interstate except during the designated weekends.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho will accept public comments on widening Interstate 84 in Nampa through May 14. Learn more and submit comments at www.compassidaho.org or at the office at 700 NE Second St., Suite 200, Meridian, ID 83642. Direct questions to info@compassidaho.org or 208-855-2558.
