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Public input needed for I-84 widening project in Nampa

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Traffic travels on I-84 near the Midland Blvd exit in Nampa Wednesday afternoon.

MERIDIAN — The Idaho Transportation Board approved \$150 million in funding to widen a portion of Interstate 84 in Nampa, but the regional long-range transportation plan known as Communities in Motion 2040 needs to be amended before the project can move forward.

The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho, which is responsible for the plan, needs to update the project's funding status from unfunded to funded in the plan. That requires public input.

"We did receive feedback on our unfunded needs as Communities in Motion was developed," COMPASS Executive Director Matt Stoll said in a statement. "But now is the time when the rubber truly hits the road. We want to hear from our residents if they support this \$150 million project."

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.

COMPASS will accept public comments through May 14. Comments may be submitted at www.compassidaho.org or to the COMPASS office at 700 NE Second St., Suite 200, Meridian, 83642. Questions about the project may be sent to info@compassidaho.org or 208-855-2558.

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