

## ITD - ITIP Verbatim Public Comments

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| Comment<br>(The comments below are verbatim, as submitted by the commenter.<br>As such, typographical errors have not been corrected.)  | Zip Code<br>Name<br>Affiliation  |
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| My name is Brad Hammer and I am a resident of Meridian, ID. I am writing this to urge the transportation department to quicken the process of widening Chinden/Hwy 20/26. I used drive every day from Blackcat road to Caldwell and I know firsthand the need for Chinden to be developed better from Caldwell to Boise. I urge the state to find the funds to help our the many citizens who use this road. Chinden is becoming more unsafe everyday with the more people moving to the valley. I believe that the rate our area is growing, if you all do not widen and make better Chinden, then there will be major accidents and possible loss of life. I am writing as a concerned citizens and see the importance of widening Chinden ASAP, not waiting until 2022!  | Brad Hammer                      |
| I support of all three road widening projects; but would like to see them advanced in the plan. The timeline is too long to wait to widen Chinden. Basic safety infrastructure is currently lacking - there are no contiguous sidewalks, bike lanes, or pedestrian crossings. Crashes are common and costly; there have been over 100 crashes between Can-Ada and Eagle Road in 2014 and between 2010 and 2014 more than 1,100 people were involved in crashes costing \$7.4 million per mile. Businesses and residents (including me!) are frustrated; current configuration of Chinden prohibits the efficient movement of commuters, goods, and services into and through the area. Peak travel time on Chinden between Eagle and Can-Ada Rd both directions was between 11 and 12 minutes in 2005; travel times have increased to between 14 and 15 minutes in 2015. Please fix it before 2022! Thanks! | Jennifer L Adams,<br>PharmD, EdD |
| Hi, I am a Paramount Subdivision Homeowner. I use and observe Chinden Road on nearly a daily basis. I also know when not to use Chinden as the traffic backup during morning and evening rush hours are total gridlock. The heavy traffic on the two way highway is also high risk for accidents with all the stop and go traffic. I have personally observed numerous traffic accidents on Chinden. Please reconsider moving up all scheduled widening projects for Chinden. The widening of Chinden definitely needs to be completed sooner than later. Thanks for allowing me to express my timing concerns regarding the Chinden Improvements Project.  | Bill Durham                      |
| Chinden needs to be widened all the way to the freeway now. There is too much traffic for the way it is now and it will get worse in the coming years to wait.  |                                  |

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First off, your website did not work tonight on submitting comments. I tried Edge and Chrome both would not submit the comment so here it is below. I did request a response!

Craig Allison

Once Again we see ITD abandoning Canyon County. ITD is going to be receiving 18 million in funds for Congestion mitigation a year. But low an behold all that money is being spent in Ada county. Widening projects in Canyon County can't even get the funding for the environmental impact studies from your biased leadership. ITD plans to extend HWY 16 again at the cost of I84 being expanded from Karcher to Franklin road. Since the last extension there was over 350-600 accidents from Karcher to Franklin BLVD. I thought safety was you #1 priority. That extension only services 12,000 cars a day. That was a great use of money. Now we can't even get HWY 55 to get on the board even though it has more than HWY 16 has on it and it already has 4 lanes. Why is that? Why is it that ITD won't do the studies to expand our roads when Caldwell is the 3 fast growing city in the valley and I84 has already more cars than the Broadway to Gowen Interchange has. So why hasn't the study been done? If you are unwilling to spend sales tax dollars on widening projects in Canyon county, money that we paid into, then maybe we should request an accounting of every dollar and where it is being spent. Since obviously the leaders in Dist 3 cannot be unbiased when preparing cities with growth and accident rates. In Fact, ACCIDENTS FROM 2003-2012

Karcher and Nampa-Caldwell Boulevard

Total accidents: 234

Total fatalities: 1

Total people: 879

Total injuries: 130

Karcher and Middleton Road

Total accidents: 99

Total fatalities: 0

Total people: 361

Total injuries: 53

Karcher and Midway Road

Total accidents: 66

Total fatalities: 1

Total people: 224

Total injuries: 75

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| <p>Karcher and Lake Avenue<br/>Total accidents: 71<br/>Total fatalities: 4<br/>Total people: 238<br/>Total injuries: 81</p> <p>Karcher and Indiana Avenue<br/>Total accidents: 65<br/>Total fatalities: 2<br/>Total people: 234<br/>Total injuries: 54</p> <p>Karcher and 10th Avenue<br/>Total accidents: 29<br/>Total fatalities: 0<br/>Total people: 82<br/>Total injuries: 19</p> <p>Where was ITD during this time. At any time they could of done something, but they ignored the accidents during those 10 years then put them on a 5 year wait and then postponed 2. Also, with 50-100 car accidents a year from Franklin BLVD to Karcher and an interstate that was falling apart they chose to help an affluent town and a road that gets only 12,000 a day over that accident rate. Then the Interstate fails only two years later. Engineers could not spend enough time on us to do a proper analysis of the interstate that took into a chance of a bad winter, a winter that has been recognized in this valley during the 80's several times. So no, no road in Ada County should be widened or test intersection should be done until we see that our projects get the same due diligence.</p> |                |
| <p>This comment is in regards to the widening of Chinden Blvd. Chinden needs to be widened immediately (from Eagle Rd. to at minimum Ten Mile or Linder). I live off of Chinden (S Bergman and Chinden) and use Chinden to commute to work downtown. With the growth on and around Chinden (new homes, new schools and school expansion between Locust Grove and Meridian Rd, new retail/restaurants, planned Linder Village, etc.), traffic is horrendous and it will only continue to get worse unless something is done to improve the situation. Please widen Chinden ASAP. Chinden Blvd in it's current state was not designed and is not adequate to handle the current and future situation. Please help!</p>  | Griffin Lawler |

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| <p>I am writing to support and express my thanks for planning additional phases of Chinden in the ITIP. I support all three of the widening projects from Eagle to Hwy 16. These improvements are critical and urgently needed. Please consider advancing the design, right of way and construction of all phases in the ITIP. We do appreciate your continued support to improve the capacity of this important corridor that connects Caldwell to Boise.</p> <p>Chinden Boulevard (US 20/26) improvements will increase safety, attract economic development, and improve mobility. Crashes are common and costly. Over 100 crashes between Can-Ada and Eagle Road in 2014 and between 2010 and 2014 more than 1,100 people were involved in crashes costing \$7.4 million per mile.</p> <p>Basic Safety Infrastructure Lacking - No contiguous sidewalks, bike lanes, or pedestrian crossings.</p> <p>Businesses and residents are frustrated. Configuration prohibits the efficient movement of commuters, goods, and services into and through the area - Peak Travel Time on Chinden between Eagle and Can-Ada Rd both directions was between 11 and 12 minutes in 2005; travel times have increased to between 14 and 15 minutes in 2015.</p> <p>Economic opportunity is limited until improvements are made.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment.</p> | Tammy de Weerd<br>City of Meridian |
| <p>We would like to voice our support in the widening of Highway 20/26 sooner than 2021. As you are well aware, Chinden Boulevard's high level of traffic is extremely unsafe during peak hours of the day as well as non peak hours. Right turns lanes would be especially beneficial to decrease wait times and safety concerns. We thank you for placing this area on your draft project list. Thank you for your consideration.</p>   | Shane and Libby<br>Standley        |
| <p>Please widen chinden ASAP</p>  |                                    |
| <p>I'm so disappointed in the "planning" for Chinden road. The perfect time to widen the road (at least the next section) would have been now. Instead of just repaving it, efforts should have gone to widening. We can't wait until 2222 for this. Please accelerate the widening of Chinden road to Locust Grove and through Linder road!</p>  | Danae Fails                        |

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| Please widen Chinden Rd   | Pat           |
| Please consider widening Chinden. Traffic is heavy in this area. This is good for both business and residents. Thank you!   | Clark Hill    |
| We have just moved into Foxtail Estates and my understanding is that this project only does improvements from Eagle to Locust Grove and is in major need of being extended to at least Linder. I'm not sure of the timeframe on that but the sooner the better.   | Scott         |
| Please widen Chinden at least from 10 mile to Eagle ASAP! The area has terrible congestion already and should be taken care of before it gets much worse!   | Nick          |
| Please widen this highway to alleviate the horrible bottle neck of traffic during the morning and evening rush hour. This needs to be a number one priority for the huge influx of people coming into this area of Meridian. Costs will climb even higher if this plan is on the back burner for a much later date.   | Linda Arnold  |
| Please consider widening Chinden, west of Eagle Rd, sooner than the current planned date of 2022. From someone who lives in that area, the amount of houses and businesses being built there will only continue to increase traffic along that corridor. Relief sooner than 2022 is necessary and would be much appreciated. Thank you!   | Jackie Steele |
| The Chinden widening (Eagle Rd and west) needs to happen ASAP! Congestion is already unbearable.  |               |
| Yes chinden definitely needs to be widened and a traffic signal at Bergman. It's a mess getting out of there and by Fred Meyers. There is always traffic backed up till you get to eagle. With all the new planned retail going in, it will only get worse. Perhaps you might look at other states and what they have done for efficient toad design.   | Peggy Goldey  |
| Please consider modifying the Chinden improvement project by expanding the scope to include areas West of Locust Grove and by moving up the timeline. The continued growth between Eagle and ten mile is exponential and Meridian needs the infrastructure to support this growth. This is a great opportunity to deliver services in a just in time fashion rather than waitiing until people are moved in and the project is more disruptive. |               |

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| <p>Please widen Chinden between Eagle Rd and Ten Mile NOW!! With all of the building going on, traffic is going to become unbearable. It is already so congested! This needed to be done 2 years ago! But please do not wait any longer!!</p>   |                 |
| <p>Having lived here only 3 years, we were unhappily surprised by the traffic congestion on every route we can take to get to Boise. Chinden from Linder Road is especially inadequate for the amount of traffic it has. We were excited to hear of a plan to expand it, then learned it was only from Eagle to Locust Grove, with completion in 2022. Please expand and accelerate this plan!</p>                                  | Bruce           |
| <p>Chinden needs to be widened from Nampa to Boise. This is a main avenue within the valley. The valley is experiencing tremendous growth and in order for Boise not to squander this opportunity, this avenue needs to be a top 2 priority.</p>  | Stephen Mullane |
| <p>We have lived many years in Banbury. We do not want to see our Chinden berm with trees destroyed. We do not want another Eagle Rd for Chinden Rd. Why not make more lanes on State Street....why not finish highway 16 from Chinden to the freeway? We are against accelerating the scheduled widening of Chinden.</p>   |                 |
| <p>Please consider widening Chinden Blvd. West of Locust Grove. What normally should take 15 minutes, can take up to 40 minutes due to heavy traffic at rush hours. This is a source of pollution and lack of quality of life for the Meridian community. Thank you!</p>  | Laura Cuellar   |
| <p>Widening Chiden road 20/26 from Eagle Rd to Star needs to be the highest priority to get completed ASAP. This road widening is already years behind based on the amount of traffic that travels this road each day. The growth along this road is not going away and is only going to add to the current dangerousness of this road. Again please consider this project as a critical project to ensure safety on this road.</p> | Jeff Walsh      |
| <p>Chiden from Eagle road needs to be widen in the worse way. It is a very dangerous road with all the traffic along with all the growth happening. Chiden needs to be widen from Eagle Road to Star at the very least. Thank you</p>   | Natosha Walsh   |
| <p>The widening of Chinden road needs to be a priority. The amount of backup on Chinden during peak hours is increasing daily as new homes and businesses are built in this highly developing area.</p>   | Lindy Epperly   |

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| <p>The traffic from Eagle Road to Star Road is getting worse by the month (and extending all the way to Caldwell). Chinden really needs to be widened to 5 lanes all the way to Caldwell. Or better yet a limited access divided highway similar to the road from Rexburg to Yellowstone in east Idaho. Even better would be a freeway from Garden City to Caldwell - if we don't get proactive now the costs will be higher and the gridlock will overcome the speed at which we can construct roads.</p>  | Lance Sullivan |
| <p>Please widen chinden as soon as possible. It already poses safety risks with the traffic it currently has and with all the new changes and the proposed changes it will be even busier. We need to stay ahead of the increased traffic that is coming to the area as new businesses come. Thank you for your consideration.</p>  | Stacey McClure |
| <p>Chinden needs to be widened to at least 2 lanes each way with turn lane at each light along the way. It is imperative that you have an infrastructure in place before more retail and subdivisions are built alongside Chinden. I live in Meridian, and I'm originally from an area outside of Idaho that believes in Master Planning. Chinden is a FARM road that is not capable of handling TODAY'S traffic concern. I'm amazed I have to make that clear. Mel plans to WIDEN the road NOW, or eventually you will see those that understand poor infrastructure choosing NOT to live in an area where they have to travel to MAJOR subdivisions, retail, and apartment communities via FARM roads that do not support current volume. It's ridiculous that I have to even write this email to what is such an obvious need. DO SOMETHING!!!</p> | Victor         |
| <p>I agree and fully support the Mayor and believe Chinden needs to be widened now. Thanks for hearing us citizens out!</p>   | RaeAnn Ellis   |
| <p>Please widen Chinden.</p>  |                |
| <p>We live in Foxtail Subdivision. This is a high growth area, and the traffic flow and congestion on Chinden is a challenge for many of us. With the proposed Linder Village, widening Chinden Rd. now is a must.</p>  | Denae Huber    |
| <p>NW Ada County is one of the fastest growing areas in the state, and the burgeoning population is ill-served with the current state of Hwy20/26 (Chinden Blvd.) west of Eagle Road. I would strongly recommend that ITD consider placing a greater priority on the set of projects that are designed to widen Chinden Blvd. from Eagle Road on the east to Hwy. 16 on the west.</p>   | Irwin Horowitz |

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| <p>We live in Foxtail Subdivision near Chinden and Linder. This is the probably one of the busiest areas of growth now in Idaho. Traffic is increasing exponentially, and with a commute to HP Inc. every weekday, it is essential that Chinden Boulevard is widened to meet the needs of commuters from Eagle, Meridian, Star, Middleton, and Emmett. Plus, the number of businesses in this area is exploding which increases traffic significantly, especially if the new Linder village is approved, which I hope it is not.</p>  | <p>Jon T. Huber</p>   |
| <p>I live off Chinden right next to Fred Meyer. PLEASE make the Chinden widening project a priority before 2022. As someone who travel Chinden very often, the need to widen Chinden is needed now, not in 5 years. Instead of chip sealing, possibly consider saving that money and start the widening project sooner, 2018 would be fantastic. The Meridian/Eagle area is only going to continue to grow, we need a road system that supports this growth. Thank you!</p>   |                       |
| <p>As suggested by others, Chinden rd SHOULD be widened immediately. There are literally thousand of new transplants each year with no end insight. Chinden, at best, is still only a 5 lane rd, 2 both ways and a centerlane. Most of Chinden heading west is a 3 and 2 lane rd. Being a transplant myself, I still can't believe that is the case with any major artery within the Treasure Valeey especially given there is just 1 major freeway with very few off ramps into the most congested area of the Treasure Valley which many studies have now shown that Eagle rd. and Fairview is now the center of the Valley. Eagle rd is already a disaster between the highway and Chinden. Meridian rd dead ends on Chinden as does Locust grove and Ten Mile which are major thoroughfares around Eagle rd. Having them dump out on Chinden only exacerbates the already crowded nature of Chinden and then reducing Chinden to a 2 lane rd is just plain stupid in my opinion. State Street (Highway 44) is another issue as well. As more and more sub divisions are approved, ITD falls further and further behind. Gridlock is coming quickly al9ng with more accidents and more road rage. You don't have until 2022 to solve the issues, you should have solved these issues 10 years ago. Please, just get started, float the bonds or get the funds, but stop living in the past and embrace the future of what will become an amazing place to live. It already is, but the road situation, in my opinion, is the biggest downfall to an otherwise very livable city.</p> | <p>Tracey Walcott</p> |
| <p>Please move up the priority for widening Chinden from 2021 to as soon as possible.</p>   | <p>Bruce Penske</p>   |
| <p>Please widen Chinden to 5-7 lanes from Eagle to McDermott ASAP. Not a 5 year plan, or a 7 year plan. ASAP. Don't wait for another 20,000people to move here in the next year. Please be proactive for a change!!!</p>  | <p>Leif Thompson</p>  |



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| Please widen Chinden next year, it is becoming unbearable.  | Rosa Bendeck     |
| Traffic in Eagle and Meridian is getting so bad with all the building and people moving here. I would like to see a lot of streets widened to accommodate this influx .the longer we wait the price to do it will go up. Plus these builders need to be responsible for putting in some resources every time they buy property.     | Lisa             |
| Widen chinden between eagle and ten mile now. Don't wait until after everything is developed. It is not very cost effective or very safe.   |                  |
| Please widen Chinden (US20/26) as soon as possible. There is an almost constant traffic jam on the highway and constant accidents. Much of the area is urban and the highway with is for a country lane. The highway needs to be upgraded to meet the new urban needs.  | Stephen Chrysler |
| We need a wider Chinden Road very badly, at least from Eagle Road to Ten Mile Road, and as soon as possible!  | Phillip Hunt     |
| It is incumbent upon the ITD to keep up With the unprecedented growth we are experiencing in Meridian and Eagle. Chinden needs to be widened between Eagle and State Highway 16 NOW. The current relaxed schedule is deadly and costly.   |                  |
| Chinden Road west of Eagle Road needs higher priority for widening. With the growth in north Meridian, the Chinden corridor is currently overloaded and needs widening to Highway 16. The current schedule proposed by ITD is much too long and needs to be accelerated   | Robert Willis    |
| We need to see the widening of Chinden Blvd accellarated to extend to at least Black Cat Road much sooner than planned. Eagle to Locust Grove in 2022 is a huge strain on congestion that gets worse by the month. Please do anything you can to start this expansion ASAP.   | Scott Kennemore  |
| CHINDEN WIDENING PROJECTS - We're really looking forward to widening Chinden, hopefully before 2022. We live in Spurwing, and the traffic has increased so much in the 1-1/2 years we've lived here. Five years from now will be unbearable. We are very much in favor of widening Chinden and as soon as possible. Thanks so much. | Sharon Page      |

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| <p>Our family travels the Chinden/Eagle intersection at the very least 6 times a day. Traveling West-bound is the worst with traffic trying to merge into one lane in very little space. I could video every time I pass through and you could witness a near major collision almost every time! In addition, trying to turn from Locust Grove on to Chinden going East bound is getting more and more difficult resulting in near collisions too. I have even witnessed persons driving across the open field on the south-east corner to avoid waiting for the light at that intersection. If you wait until 2021 it will be so bad and drivers so uptight that major accidents will increase and so will road rage. Please seriously consider widening Chinden as soon as possible. Thank you for your time.</p> | <p>Jeanmarie Wheeler</p> |
| <p>Chinden traffic problems need to be addressed before 2022. This needs to be a priority NOW!</p>  |                          |
| <p>Regarding this study, I would like to suggest that development of this roadway stays consistent with the current plan of keeping this an expressway. As such, this roadway should have traffic lights limited to the current status of no more than 1 every half mile. In order to keep this roadway an expressway, it is important that large commercial developments not occur along this road. The traffic from such developments (i.e. Costco, WinCo, etc) would result in large traffic volumes that would necessitate adding traffic lights. I think these types of stores should not be located off Chinden, for the reasons already stated. Thank you for your consideration.</p>  | <p>Farrah Storli</p>     |
| <p>I strongly urge ITD to widen HWY 20/26, also known as Chinden Blvd between Locust Grove and McDermott Rd and to do so BEFORE its currently scheduled time. This road has needed to be widened for a very long time and city streets are bearing the brunt of the traffic because Chinden is so slow. Growth along this corridor only brings more traffic and threatens to slow travel times further. We have lived around Chinden since 2001 and cannot believe it has not been widened at all, given the growth of the Treasure Valley over the last two decades. The cities are doing their part and we need ITD to do its part as well. Thank you.</p>  | <p>Sally Reynolds</p>    |
| <p>Please widen Chinden. Fund the project and accelerate the projects too.</p>  |                          |

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| <p>The Chinden corider from Eagle to Ten Mile - I have written beforehand it was fruitless but will try again. This section of Chinden has becomes heavy with traffic that it is ridiculous to try and travel it during most times of the day. Rush hour has so much traffic that it takes three times the normal time to get home. The accidents are many along this section but even more concerning are the near misses. Whatever your records show for accidents along this section does not reflect how many near disasters there are along this one section. Due to the growth in this area there are large volumes of construction vehicles turning into and off of this section which causes delays and many of the near misses. Emergency vehicles struggle getting through traffic along this corridor. I do understand that growth is good but the infrastructure to support the volume of traffic is rapidly becoming grossly at risk. With the number of apartments being rapidly built just in the Locust Grove to Ten Mile section combined with the badly needed number of stores and restaurants the county is being negligent in ignoring the needs of this section of Chinden. The side streets are no better as people try to avoid the congestion of Chinden. The time to improve the infrastructure was before the volume was this bad. Even if you do decide to accelerate improvements and begin immediately, the disruption on this vital artery into this area will be devastating. Shame on the government planners for this situation. Putting your head in the sand has resulted in great risk to all of us. Regardless, this simply must be addressed and not in 2012. It needs to be rapidly addressed and rapidly repaired.</p> | Brenda Duggan   |
| <p>Children really needs to be widened prior to 2022. Considering the amount of traffic on Chinden is already bad, it's going to get worse before it gets better unless it is dealt with now. Then throw in the additional shopping they are talking about adding at Linder and Chinden and it will be a complete mess!! Please widen Chinden before 2022.</p>  |                 |
| <p>PLEASE consider widening Chinden from Eagle Rd to Linder. I drive home from HP every day and there is always a huge backup and very agitated motorists trying to get across Eagle, where is narrows to one lane quickly after crossing over. People get so frustrated with the backup that they do really dumb / aggressive things to try to cut in line. It is normal for me to have to wait 2-3 lights every day in just trying to get past Eagle Rd. Thank you for your consideration!</p>  | Tara Tackett    |
| <p>As a resident on this end of the valley, I can say without hesitation there is a definite need to widen Chinden between Locust Grove &amp; McDermott sooner rather than later. Thank you for your consideration.</p>   | Travis J. White |
| <p>Widen chinden soon!!</p>   | Pat Yorke       |

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| <p>I urge you to prioritize the widening of Chinden Blvd so that construction can start as soon as possible. The current traffic on Chinden is quantitatively far greater than any rational, or responsible, acceptable carrying capacity. Development continues to steal from the present negative-capacity volume available. It erodes both the residents' quality of life and our faith that ITD can cogently plan for either the present or future growth. Please widen Chinden Blvd. by FULLY FUNDING it as well as making it the highest priority available to the ITD.</p> | <p>Dr. Sarah Haynes<br/>83616</p> |
| <p>RE: Chinden wideing project - Sorely needed, and needs to be a urgent Priority, overdue, needs to be done asap.</p>  | <p>Cheryl Oltman</p>              |
| <p>Just adding our names to the request for widening Chinden Road from Eagle Road to Ten Mile Road, a situation which is obvious to anyone who lives or has spent any time traveling this road, especially during rush hours.</p>   | <p>Phil and Erica<br/>Hunt</p>    |
| <p>Chinden Road needs to be widened- this decade. Also it may be wise to have 1 Meridian exit with 4 lanes from the freeway to where it dead-ends (since not a single Meridian exit crosses the river). This pushes traffic to Linder and Locust Grove-both are inadequate for the traffic flow. When was the last traffic study conducted? Everyone is aware of the LDS Temple, but the traffic won't start until it opens.</p>  | <p>Jo Greer</p>                   |
| <p>Chinden road needs to be widened all the way through to Caldwell. That road has deep areas of congestion at all of the major intersections. Such as at Star Rd, Meridian Rd, Middleton and Midland Rds, just to name a few. This expansion should incorporate all of these areas.</p>  | <p>Ernesto</p>                    |
| <p>We need this done before 20202 because it has gotten so back will all the homes going up and business opening but the roads are staying the same. Causing so much traffic.</p>   | <p>Matthew Mitchell</p>           |
| <p>This is going to be a necessity. With the enormous amount of growth, it's a must for our community!</p>  | <p>Greg Young</p>                 |
| <p>The infrastructure of this area needs to keep up with the population growth...like it or not, we are expanding! Please widen Chinden before it's any more of a commuting problem than it is now.</p>   | <p>Chris Betlock</p>              |
| <p>Funding and construction on (Highway 20-26) should be re-evaluated and should begin as soon as possible. At the present time this road is extremely over crowded.</p>  | <p>Blaine</p>                     |
| <p>To ease the burden during high traffic times.</p>  |                                   |

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| I hope Chinden will be widened soon. So much congestion on that street and I live right off of it   | Allen            |
| We need to widen chinden asap. North meridian has grown so much and we need the road widen to support that growth.  | Chris Williams   |
| I live in Ashbury and I would love to see Chinden widened. Chinden gets very busy during certain times of the day and it's only going to get worse as more people move here.  | Ashley Cofield   |
| Please widen Chinden sooner than the planned timetable. The growth in the area around Chinden warrents the widening project date being moved up. Chinden backs up and as a result people have started cutting through neighborhoods so the do not have to wait on Chinden. This is getting worse by the day and needs to be addressed. Thank you  | Renee Hanson     |
| Meridian and Eagle are growing steadily and making traffic issues increasingly troublesome. Chinden needs to be widened to accommodate the increased amount of cars on the road. Please consider our request for this the road work.  |                  |
| This project should be prioritized above other widening projects in the valley. Why? Because Chinden is fed by 4 or 5 lane roads from I-84 tithe west, Chinden/Eagle to the east, and Highway 16 in the middle. I saw a proposal to even widen Linder to 5 lanes from Chinden to State Street. Chinden is the bottle-neck to all of these roads!!! NO more development, including that proposed for Chinden and Linder, should be allowed until this state highway is widened to support it!!! Why widening other roads feeding Chinden even be considered until Chinden is widened to take the traffic load? | Dennis Gray      |
| Please escalate the priority to widen Chinden Blvd from Locust Grove continuing West. Increased commercial and residential construction have increased traffic Additional planned construction will increase commute times and unsafe conditions  | Jo Mallard       |
| Please please widen chinden. Before 2040!!!!  | Erin Ebright     |
| Need to widen chinden as soon as possible   | Ronald Sandow    |
| We hope to see Chinden widened sooner than 2022! The traffic is awful during peak hours and only getting worse. Thanks!   | Christina Hirsch |

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| <p>Increasing development along the Chinden corridor west of Linder has made Chinden Blvd. a major traffic artery. However, it can accommodate only one lane of traffic in each direction. It badly needs to be widened, with limited traffic signals that inhibit the flow. The region really needs an east-west limited access expressway serving north Ada County. Unfortunately, there is no right of way available. Chinden Blvd. is what we have, and it should be widened sooner rather than later.</p> | <p>Jonathon M. Kahnoski</p> |
| <p>Chinden' one lane traffic is unacceptable especially with the growth that is happening NOW. Get Chinden to 5 lanes all the way to Caldwell. It should have been done years ago, now where behind the eight ball. Please!</p>  | <p>Lynnea McCullough</p>    |
| <p>I am in full support of the proposed Chinden road improvements. However, with the growth Chinden has become very congested and can no longer be the expressway it is intended to be. I am asking that you move your timeline up and advance your road improvements plans for the Chinden corridor to be widened now and not wait until 2021 to begin. These improvements are critical and need to happen now. Thank you.</p>  | <p>Lori Badigian</p>        |
| <p>I strongly support moving up the timetable to widen Chinden Boulevard. IF the current timetable is kept there will be total gridlock from Eagle to Rt 16 intersection. Chinden really needs to be given a higher priority.</p>  | <p>Michael</p>              |
| <p>Chinden needs to be widened sooner rather than later. I already avoid certain businesses such as ZamZows and Coffee Studio depending on time of day due to access issues on this ridiculously busy stretch of road. With the continued development of the area, an already bad situation will be getting much worse. Please accelerate the timing of this much-needed project.</p>  | <p>Tracy Killeen</p>        |
| <p>Please widen Chinden now. The traffic congestion commuters deal with daily is very much overdue. We moved back from Denver suburbs 3 years ago after being gone for 7 years and came back and were shocked to see the development growth in Meridian and the highway had not been widened yet. This widening is unbelievable overdue. Please widen Now!!</p>  | <p>Gena Carson</p>          |
| <p>All of the neighbors in Foxtail Estates are wanting to express the importance of expanding Chinden road between Eagle road and Linder road in the near future. With all of the new businesses being built we feel our overall satisfaction and happiness with the community would decrease without a road expansion. We greatly appreciate a second thought on this.</p>  |                             |

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| Widen chinden!!  |                       |
| Please widen Chinden between Linder and Eagle road asap.   | Hannah                |
| It's unconscionable to me that widening Chinden past Locust Grove isn't planned until 2022. This is one of the most travelled corridors in Meridian and will only get worse with all the developments not only in Meridian but also Star, Nampa, Caldwell, etc. Plus the barrier of the rim makes it to where getting to McMillan is the only other west east option. It's a safety hazard in my opinion, not to mention a huge quality of life issue in what is supposed to be one of the most desirable areas of Meridian to live and work. Please reconsider alotting funds sooner. | Susan Stern           |
| Please move up the schedule widening of Chinden Blvd from 2022 to now. Please consider the widening at least from Eagle Road to Linder Road. Thank You.  | John T. Murray        |
| Please widen Chinden as soon as possible. We can't wait until2012!   | Bob Howe              |
| Please widen Chinden Road before the schedules 2022. It back up to the freeway and Fairview and 5:00. Widening it past Eagle road would help with traffic all the way through Meridian and Boise.  | Ann Collins           |
| With the residential and commercial growth in this area, Chinden Blvd., needs to be widened and improved upon at least to 10 Mile Road...A.S.A.P.  | Carole<br>Dobrowolski |
| Chinden road is so backed up and dangerous!! I know that some widening projects are in the works for the future, but they are not coming soon enough! Chinden from eagle road through Linder needs to be widened ASAP. Please do whatever is possible to make this happen. Thank you.  |                       |
| Please widen chinden fro ten mile to eagle road! I live in paramount and this increase in population and businesses is making for an unpleasant community.   |                       |
| Please widen and add traffic improvements now and don't wait until 2022. Thank you!  |                       |
| Please!!! Widen Chinden from Eagle to at least Linder now!   | Sharlene Murray       |

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| <p>I would like to register support for our mayor's initiative to widen Chinden Blvd MUCH sooner than the current plans indicate. We live just couple of blocks from that road and do NOT want to see it turn into another Eagle Rd. That also means no further impediments to traffic flow, like traffic signals every few yards. One per half-mile will do just fine. Thank you.</p>  | Jeanne Ambrosio  |
| <p>I support all three road widening projects. It is imperative that they be done within the next year to accommodate the increased traffic from the construction of 196 homes at the corner of Chinden and Meridian, the Linder Village Development and the elementary school on Meridian.</p>   | JoAnn Curtis     |
| <p>We live adjacent to Chinden Blvd @ Linder. We have seen traffic increase exponentially in recent years and find the current plan to defer addressing the problem until 2022 is ill-advised. We support strongly the initiatives to make widening of Chinden an urgent priority. Thank you.</p>   | Douglas Humphrey |
| <p>Please expedite the plan to widen chinden from Linder to Eagle Rd. The current traffic is at a dangerous level and the current plan will take too long when considering all the development planned in the area. Please make this a bigger priority.</p>   | Tyler Wilson     |
| <p>While I do understand that Chinden Blvd (Hwy 20/26) and any roadwork or improvements done to it is governed by the State of Idaho, there is an apparent lack of infrastructure planning between the local city governing bodies and the state when it comes to residential and economic growth. As a result, traffic on the arterial two lane roadways has been getting worse over the past 5 years to the point of creating major bottlenecks at every intersection (both signaled and stop signed). Although most of this is aimed at the ACHD, there are major business developments in the queue along the Chinden Blvd corridor in West Ada county that will most likely be built and open for business long before planned improvements to widen Chinden Blvd are started / completed. I know Garvee bonds aren't in wide abundance to fund your roadway projects, but waiting until 2020 to start the Chinden widening project at Eagle Rd, then in 2022 to continue it at Locust Grove Rd is not only irresponsible but is not in the best interest to residents of West Ada county. Whether this work starts earlier than scheduled or later, it will pose a commuting nightmare during its construction for sure. Knowing though its purpose, we will be able to see a light at the end of the tunnel making the roadwork construction bearable. Thank you for your consideration.</p> | Mickey Smith     |
| <p>Please prioritize Chinden widening in Meridian. It's absurd to think development can be supported by the existing infrastructure. If this area is the fastest growing, why is it not being prioritized?</p>  | Greg Reynolds    |



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| <p>Meridian is the 13th fastest growing city in the US, and we are still driving around on one-lane farm roads! Where is the priority of getting the infrastructure in place to support this growth? Houses are going in left and right and the roads are not being expanded! Its' nearly impossible to safely turn left onto Chinden at many hours of the day, and itis scary to slow down to turn right off of Chinden for fear someone will barrel into the back of you. Please widen Chinden ASAP, not in 2021.</p>   | <p>Kate Asbury</p> |
| <p>Thank you for the inclusion of US 20/26 in ITD's transportation plan for capacity improvements! My husband and I support all three road widening projects, however, we would like to see a higher priority given to these long overdue improvements. Widening 20/26 from Eagle to Locust Grove, Locust Grove to Linder, and Linder to Hwy 16 beginning in 2021 for the first project is four years too late - these are needed today. Please move all three segments up in the plan beginning in 2018.</p>   |                    |
| <p>I drive Chinden Blvd every day to get to work. I have seen the number of cars greatly increase during my commute times. ITD needs to get in front of this problem now. Please do not wait til 2021/2022 to widen the two miles from Linder to Locust Grove.</p>  |                    |
| <p>Good Morning, I am writing with concerns regarding the proposed Linder Village Development, roads, traffic and the impact on the community. I imagine the ITD has a bit of a say in the rezoning as it affects the road and traffic. Below are my related concerns. 1. Increased traffic and congestion on Linder (a residential road) and Chinden which was intended to be an expressway. I am also thinking of the safety concerns with it=B9sproximity to Rocky Mountain High School. With Rocky Mountain literally steps away, adding those student drivers to the congestion and mix, could be deadly. 2. There is a known route from Chinden through Paramount to Linder. The traffic "by pass" will add heavy traffic to our quiet, safe community. No longer will it be quiet and safe to take our children or grand children for bike rides and walks. These are obviously only a few of my concerns. Aim requesting that you be voice of alarm and concern where the rezoning request is concerned. The current zoning would be more beneficial to the communities, traffic and roads. Thank you</p> | <p>Lisa Hamer</p>  |
| <p>Chinden widening</p>   | <p>Jill McLean</p> |
| <p>Besides widening Chinden Road, in order to keep pace with ever-growing population in Meridian, need to expand mass transportation services in Meridian and vicinity.</p>   |                    |

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| <p>I am writing in support of three important roadway projects in the Meridian area. The Chinden projects are desperately needed to ensure public safety, enhance traffic flow and improve long overdue roadway improvements. As a citizen and taxpayer in Ada County, I support public funding to 1)widen one mile from Locust Grove to Eagle in 2021; 2) widen two miles from Linder to Locust Grove in 2022; and, 3) widen from Linder to State Highway16 (McDermott). Population growth is expected to continue in this vital economic region of Ada County into the foreseeable future. These projects are a necessity and should be placed on a priority list.</p>   |            |
| <p>As a family living in three corners, we drive this section of road daily and see wrecks at all times of day. We often sit in stopped traffic between locust grove and meridian and that's typical throughout the day. It seems as though four years is too long to wait for this road project. Thesis a growing area with lots of new homes being built, and new restaurants coming in, and another school that is going to open this fall and chinden and meridian. I feel unsafe driving my kids to school each day, as I have to take chinden from locust grove, just past linder. . Please consider this project much earlier than proposed.</p>  | Niki Dean  |
| <p>Chinden needs to be widen from Eagle to Caldwell. It is as busy as any freeway, nearly impossible to make a left hand turn anywhere. Way too busy for just too lanes</p>  | Gail Davis |
| <p>I am a resident of Castlebury (Eagle) and am in support of the gradual plan to widen Chinden as growth continues in the Treasure Valley; however, my suggestion is that if/when this effort takes place the Task Force research/use some of the newer asphalt technologies available. One example is to check with Cal Trans in California (East Bay - Danville, Alamo, Walnut Creek Areas and the work they did on I680). They used an asphalt that incorporates rubber; thus, the noise levels were significantly reduced and in turn that helps with property values in all places (like Castlebury that is an upper end priced development). I suggest we use such technology regardless of the price to do what is right for homeowners, long term road users, etc. and this such solution would be wonderful.</p> |            |
| <p>Please expedite the Chinden widening projects! Please look at your projects (and ACHDs) and consider 24 hour operations. The work/rest cycles during the summer greatly impact highway/roadway projects. Meridian is expanding well beyond its britches. We ask that you consider working 24hour crews across all projects and expedite scheduling of the Chinden projects... for safety and sanity! Thank you!</p>   | Kathryn    |
| <p>Please widen Chinden Blvd. now!</p>   |            |

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Dear Mayor and Planning Commission, Let me give you a bit of our background first, Our names are Barbara and Leonard Badigian, we live at [REDACTED]. My husband and I along with our son and his family plus our daughter and her son, moved here to Meridian, Idaho from California in 2006. We have lived here for 11 years now and have loved our home. We bought our home in Paramount at the time because we loved Meridian and it was an ideal place for us to retire and our son and daughter to raise their children. Our daughter and son lived with us. Our son lives on Booth with the large property behind their home. We did our homework prior to moving here and knew that in time the property behind us and the large property to the North of us would be developed. We checked the plans the city and the builder, Brighton, had for this area and we were satisfied that when it did get developed it would be as proposed at that time. It was illustrated as "mixed use community" with medium density residential near the subdivision. The plan showed that, by our best guess, we would have at least another couple of streets of residential area on the North and offices or small businesses/shops, or restaurants behind us. Nothing that was going to be open 24 hours a day and high traffic. Here are some of our concerns if the city goes along with the developers and changes the current zoning. Traffic is a big concern as there is way too much traffic as it is. Changing the zoning will only make it worse. I see that our street, Arliss, along with Bergman, Booth and Fox Run would allow cars to access the residential section then continue on to the proposed Linder Village. The increase of traffic will happen because people will want to avoid Linder and Chinden congestion. This will cause more problems for the Paramount residents. Noise is another concern if you allow a WinCo store or any other big box store to be open 24 hours a day. I can't understand why Meridian City would allow such a thing to happen right here on Linder and Chinden when there are so many other areas that would be more desirable to large stores like WinCo or Costco etc. It seems to me that when Fred Meyers wanted to build in Meridian near the same place they are now that Meridian didn't want to have more increased traffic on Chinden or street openings off Chinden. Why would you want it now? Property Values, when we moved here in 2006, we hit at the top of the bubble and our home lost a lot of value at that time...since then we have recovered and our home is finally worth what it should be, now if you change this zoning and allow a WinCo to come in our property will decrease in value. As a retiree this is a big concern. Congestion, there is already too many traffic problems with Chinden and now with Linder trying to access a big box stores. We chose to live here in Paramount with the understanding it would be a delightful place to live and that the City of Meridian stand behind the original Comprehensive plan already in place for this land. Thank you for taking our concerns into consideration on the rezoning of the properties on Linder and Chinden, or aka, Linder Village.

Barbara and  
Leonard Badigian

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| I feel that the widening of Chinden Blvd between Eagle Road to Linder needs to happen sooner. The point at Eagle road, west bound, were two lanes goes to one causes Chinden to be backed up, sometimes all the way to the HP complex. With new homes being built along this route, this problem will only get worse.  | Kevin              |
| I support all Chinden widening projects: 1) widen one mile from Locust Grove to Eagle in 2021; 2) widen two miles from Linder to Locust Grove in 2022; and, 3) widen from Linder to State Highway 16 (McDermott). I also would like to see these done before the estimated and planned 2022 timeframe. This investment needs to be done sooner, not later!                                 | Andrea             |
| We need improvements, widening of roads... Chinden, for instance... sooner than later.   |                    |
| This project needs to be moved up to in the next couple years.2022 is too long for the widening of Chinden. The increased travel time will continue to increase and this is a main road and crucial to better commuting time for my household and my neighbors to get to work and shopping, especially with the increased businesses going in that area. Thank you for your consideration. | Kaitlyn Anderson   |
| Chinden is getting more and more congested. Widening in 4 years but yet planning Linder Village which will clearly create a traffic nightmare is not wise. Please reconsider your timeline.  |                    |
| I feel that it would be of benefit for all who live in Meridian and Eagle if Chinden was made at least 5 lane from Eagle road to highway 16.It is such a bottleneck now, and will only be worse with each passing month. We need it now not in years. Thank you  | Donna              |
| I want to put in another request to have this project's timeline moved up. Chinden is getting so bad at peak times, we need to make this wider now! Help us out - Meridian is growing fast and we need the roads to Keep up.   | Clark Mahy         |
| Please consider widening the 20/26 earlier than 2021! The traffic during peak hours is crazy. I live right off Chinden and the time it takes to get out of my housing track to go west on Chinden is ridiculous! Having your timeline not start widening until 2021 is unacceptable. This widening project you have proposed needs to start NOW! PLEASE consider moving up your timeline!! | Stacy Palmer       |
| Chinden needs to be widened now not in 15 years. That is ridiculous time frame. We need a north south freeway bad!!!!  | Jennifer Pfefferte |

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| <p>My comments are in regard to Chinden from Eagle Rd. west to Linder. This project simply CANNOT wait until 2021 to be widened to 4 lanes. It is a mess! We need that widened NOW. In reality it needs to be widened to Hwy. 16, but at a minimum, Eagle west to Linder. That whole area of Linder and Chinden will be in trouble when Costco and Winco go in, plus you have the traffic from the Temple. Please push this project ahead of others. It will help relieve some traffic on Eagle Rd.</p>   | <p>Daryl Elliott</p>          |
| <p>Has anyone from the IDT driven West from Eagle Road between 8:00am and 9:00am during the week? I did and counted a solid line of 125 cars before there was a break. This project should be everyone's radar and the top priority of things to be done.</p>   | <p>Jake Conklin<br/>83713</p> |
| <p>Chinden Boulevard needs to be improved now. Accidents continue to delay traffic, there aren't any safety features such as a shoulder, bike lane, or sidewalk. If your mission is our mobility please address this area before 2021 and 2022 respectively for the improvements to Linder Road.</p>  | <p>Jenny Simison</p>          |
| <p>20/26 should have been widened yesterday. It is one of the major routes to cities to the west of Boise. There is a lot of farm land that is for sale along this route and I would assume that most of that land will become housing or business areas which means more traffic on the highway. Lets get the road widened now.</p>  | <p>Christine</p>              |
| <p>I have lived in other larger cities before I came to Idaho so as I watch the process of roadwork I wonder why ITD doesn't seem to prioritize wider roads based on need and growth. Other cities have collector roads that are wider to facilitate cross valley traffic needs. We should have options like wider roads around the valley rather than only one through the middle (I84). Dallas and Salt Lake are good examples. Because of the collector routes around the cities, drivers don't need to short cut through residential areas to have reasonable commutes. Here the roads are too narrow and there are too few options north and west of the interstate. Please reschedule the improvements to Chinden for safer travel. The growth is already there and far outpacing the roadways.</p> | <p>Karen Smart</p>            |
| <p>I support all three road widening projects and I would like to see them advanced in the plan.</p>  | <p>Cianna Ey</p>              |
| <p>This project is needed now, not years from now. Sidewalks are badly needed. Children in 4 huge subdivisions must walk on the roads edge with the crowded traffic. Accidents are a constant. It's getting worse as businesses are cropping up. Help, Please.</p>  | <p>Marsha Denis</p>           |

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| <p>I realize there is a project forthcoming to widen Chinden (from Eagle, westbound); yet I would like to spend a few minutes discussing the "now" versus "later" argument: I drive this road every morning, and every night (as I work in downtown Boise). I am also an avid runner and cyclist. Each day I am reminded about the lack of sidewalks to accommodate pedestrians, and witness the near misses each day on my commute. Mind you, from where I enter Chinden to where it widens is less than 2 miles, and in that time frame, there are numerous accidents and other life safety issues that need addressed for people who use the roadway for pedestrian and/or cycling activity. Additionally, I cannot account for every crash that has occurred on this section of roadway, but the new stoplight configurations are encouraging "frogger" like responses in people to try and turn ahead of oncoming traffic. Let alone the start/stop traffic that could be alleviated by widening the roadway. My commute time is already ridiculous, and it's only getting worse. I am concerned with the foreshadowing of increased business activity towards the Chinden/Linder intersection, and continued expansion westbound (homes, et cetera). This roadway is by far one of the most congested thoroughfares in Idaho, and as such, should be addressed prior to any business/residential expansion, simply because, more pedestrians and vehicle traffic will frequent the establishments. For the reasons stated herein, I would strongly encourage the ITD to consider expediting funding, and/or reallocating projects to address the Chinden roadway as soon as feasible. Thank you for taking the time to read this note.</p> | John Triplett   |
| <p>Chinden - Highway 20/26 needs to be widen from Eagle Road to Star Road. It should be four lanes with a center turn lane and coordinated stoplights. The half mile light are a horrible mess and never work. Please keep in mind traffic goes into town in the morning and out of town in the afternoon on east west routes. No surprise Highway 20/26 is unacceptable. It currently takes five to six traffic light changes to get from Cloverdale to Eagle Road. Sometimes traffic is backup to HP. PS. State Street needs to be widen to four lanes from Highway 16 to Linder.</p>  | Cornel Larson   |
| <p>I understand that you are not planning on making Chinden a 4 lane road until 2021-23. I believe this to be a grave mistake as Chinden is already overcrowded. Waiting 4 more years will make the project harder and much more expensive. The congestion that is already present on Chinden is going to be hard enough but waiting will just add to that burden. Please reconsider widening Chinden from Eagle to at least Linder by 2019</p>  | Betty Jo Zappia |
| <p>Isn't Chinden a State Highway? Doesn't it connect some of the fastest growing communities in the State? Isn't it used for commercial and residential traffic? So, why wait to widen any of it - do it now.</p>  |                 |

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| <p>We live near the intersection of Ten Mile and Chinden. Chinden is overcrowded and is dangerous for all who travel it. It must be widened without delay. Traffic from Highway 16 dumps onto it so that people can get to Ten Mile where they go south to I-84 Please complete Highway 16 to the freeway so that the traffic flow on Chinden will be lessened. This area will continue to grow with hundreds of homes being built. The problems are going to get worse. In the meantime we keep paying our taxes in hopes the state will take care of our safety needs on these roads.</p>   | <p>Lynn Southam</p>           |
| <p>Please wide it. It will help all of us on the west side of town. Everyone takes Chinden or Eagle Rd. Help us get around faster.</p>  | <p>Ronda Oliver</p>           |
| <p>In an effort to improve the safety of our citizens, I support the many voices that encourage ITD to move sooner than 2021-2022, to widen the Chinden corridor between Eagle and Hwy 16. Too many people are injured on this roadway in Ads County to delay its improvement sooner rather than later.</p>   | <p>Barbara and John Walsh</p> |
| <p>I live with Chinden in my backyard. I travel Chinden from 10 Mile to 5 Mile daily and find it full of traffic all day. It needs expansion ASAP to handle the traffic. Also, businesses cannot come to that corridor as the roads cannot handle the additional delivery to their businesses. Because State Hwy 16 brings traffic to Chinden from Star and Emmett, the cars turn east to 10 Mile and then south to I84. This creates a massive traffic flow during rush hours. HWY 16 needs to go to I84 to get these northern towns to the freeway fast.</p>  | <p>LeAnn Southam</p>          |
| <p>It is extremely important that the widening of Chinden Blvd. on ALL THREE Phases be implemented with do haste. These projects and any improvements to Meridian North/South corridor streets are critical to this fastest growing traffic volume in Idaho. Thanks you for you since reconsideration.</p>  | <p>Dr. Rand Spiwak</p>        |
| <p>I have begun fining alternate routes than Chinden Blvd. From 3-6pm it is a total joke. Traffic races along at 15-30 mph and comes to literally screeching halts continually from Eagle Rd to 10 Mile. The last time I used Chinden, and this was long before the construction began, it took 35 minutes to go from Eagle Rd to Linder Rd and there were no accidents just a bunch of angry drivers. It was about 3:15 pm. ITD needs to do something drastically or road rage will become a daily problem in this area. Please widen it immediately. It is a main connector from the Nampa/Caldwell area to Boise. A few trips down that section of road by your employees should easily confirm my observations. This is an accident just waiting to explode</p> | <p>Becky Freeland</p>         |

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| <p>I take this road into Boise every morning. The traffic is regularly getting more congested and the commute becoming elongated. Furthermore if I ever need to pull out into traffic this road is very dangerous. I would like to see this project moved up in priority.</p>  | <p>Sid Wind</p>          |
| <p>I previously commented when this project first came up for review last year, and am happy to comment again to add to the list of those still anxious, as a resident who lives next to Chinden, to see its widening. The fact that Chinden is still one-lane in each direction, and plans seem to be going forward for large scale businesses along the road as well as more housing developments, is very backward. I know Meridian is notorious for extremely long slow road construction projects (i.e. Meridian/Cherry lane intersection, 10 Mile lane expansion, and currently Ustick lane expansion).The expansions of even sections take a year and completely halt traffic or impede it immensely, causing increased traffic in other places as people try to avoid the construction areas. If the city insists on adding more and more businesses along Chinden (which in my opinion those large businesses proposed are much too large to be near neighborhoods and should be in industrial sections), widening the road is the least that needs to be done. I can't even imagine a WinCo or Costco going in along there with all the commercial trucking to supply those stores and the increased traffic to those stores impeding and congesting that one-lane road. It's gridlock at it's best and increased accidents at it's worst. I noticed the accident report Jodi St-Martin released on the topic only covers up to 2015. It's 2017, and it is worse. Especially with a high school and young drivers around the corner and definitely more road rage with the snails paced traffic flow backlogged at every light. People are unprepared and surprised to stop in the middle of the road for those backlogs. I've almost been rear-ended twice, once swerving off the road to avoid being hit. During certain hours of the day, it takes two light cycles stopped at a light to pass through, and then it repeats a quarter of a mile at the next light. A road that is posted as 45-50 mph is going 25 mph. It doesn't need a planning committee and more wasted money discussing it and paving over that one-lane road to make it appear nicer to figure out expanding that road is the only solution (along with not allowing giant box store in there).</p> | <p>Alicia Muhlestein</p> |
| <p>I support of all three road widening projects; and I would like to see them advanced in the plan</p>  | <p>Jeff Bowman</p>       |
| <p>Please widen Chinden Road from Eagle Road west to the I84 a Caldwell. This needs to be done now if not sooner.</p>  | <p>Glenn Lake</p>        |
| <p>Please widen Chinden ASAP. Thank-you</p>  |                          |



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| <p>I would like to voice my support of the road widening projects planned for Chindin road from Eagle road to McDermott. This road highly impacts my commute. As a bicycle commuter, I must take a longer path to work due to Chindin not having adequate biking lanes. I hope that these plans can be advanced. They are needed now, not in 5 years.</p>  | <p>Trace Griffiths</p> |
| <p>I support of all three road widening projects; and I would like to see them advanced in the plan Safety &amp; Traffic (congestion) are the main reasons</p>   | <p>Genesis Milam</p>   |
| <p>I LIVE NEAR LOCUST GROVE AND CHINDEN - I WOULD LOVE TO SEE HIGHWAY20/26 PROJECT A WHOLE SOONER THEN 2022. THE GROWTH OF THE TREASURE VALLEYDEPENDS ON IT. THE VALLEY IS FINALLY STARTING TO SEE REAL GROWTH AND WE NEEDTO START ACCOMMODATING THAT GROWTH.LETS NOT WAIT UNTIL THE VALLEY HAS GROWNTOO MUCH MORE BEFORE IT BECOMES A REAL NIGHTMARE. THE SOONER THE BETTER, WE CAN'T WAIT ON THIS PROJECT ONE MORE MINUTE.</p>   | <p>Pam Latta</p>       |
| <p>Chinden (Highway 20/26) continues to restrict traffic flow and slow commercial growth due to its two lane configuration. This project needs to be raised to a high priority.</p>  | <p>Kathi Buttars</p>   |
| <p>I live in a new neighborhood on the corner of Chinden &amp; Linder. I've lived here for 1.5 years now and in the short span of time we continue to see traffic worsen. Homes continue to be built and retail continues to move in (rumors of Costco &amp; Winco?!), but with a single lane there's no way the current infrastructure will scale. Weekend afternoon/evening traffic jams begin around HP campus and do not let up until just after meridian road. I hope to see the Chinden widening project reprioritized and placed on a ASAP roadmap for completion because we're bursting at the seams!!</p> | <p>Jessica Lawler</p>  |
| <p>I've relocated to Meridian in 2012, and have seen the increase in traffic for sure. I know that people are moving to the area because it's great community and safe. With the increase of people brings the need for traffic solutions. I agree with all of these proposals. I moved from Denver/Aurora and traffic was always bad. They had to change roads, but it was with over 3 million residents, so please get this approved now. This community will grow, so look ahead and make good roads for everyone now and later on.</p>   | <p>Day Turner</p>      |
| <p>I support all 3 widening projects for Hwy 20/26 and I would like to see them advanced in the plan!!!</p>  | <p>Traci</p>           |

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| <p>I would really like to see highway 20/26 widened as soon as possible. The traffic is horrendous and it is very difficult to get anywhere with any efficiency when you take that road. We have way too many building projects approved along that corridor not to have the proper infrastructure in place to deal with the increased traffic. Please take this into serious consideration. Thank you</p>  | <p>Stacey Zimmerman</p> |
| <p>i am in favor of the 20/26 widen and would also like it to pushed up sooner than 2022 by than it will be like way to congested and once more will playing catch up thank you</p>   | <p>Jacob Franzen</p>    |
| <p>I hope that you will consider widening Chinden west of Eagle Road as soon as possible. Traffic there is terribly congested in the morning and the afternoon and crashes happen far too often. I can drive all the way from downtown Boise and the traffic is fine, but as soon as I near Eagle Road, the traffic is slow and frustrating. Sidewalks would also be appreciated, to make things safer for walkers and bikers. My husband used to bike to work but stopped because he did not feel safe with the traffic and the lack of sidewalks.</p>   | <p>Dianna Scofield</p>  |
| <p>PLEASE move quickly to widen Chinden. We have no other way out of our neighborhood (Spurwing Greens). We feel trapped Monday through Friday, and it only will get worse with all the new housing already approved feeding into Chinden. Don't even think about putting in more stoplights until this corridor is widened! Thank you.</p>   | <p>Elaine Taylor</p>    |
| <p>I feel like I have a pen pal in prison. Once again I must beg you to move the date up for the widening of Chinden long before your projected date of 2021. I take Chinden home at 5 pm each day and it time consuming and dangerous. Please stop spending funds to resurface it when the condition of the road looks beautiful. Put those funds towards another lane, please.</p>  | <p>Barbara</p>          |
| <p>The US 20/26 (Chinden) widening project needs to be started much sooner than 2022. It's already congested at times and as you know, will only become worse as more development goes in nearby. Housing, retailers of the proposed Linder Village, school traffic, and more will only make this segment more and more difficult for drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and the freight vehicles that use 20/26 frequently. Funding is short, but there has to be a way to advance this project, whether it's an old or a new funding source. This should be one of ITD's first priorities.</p> |                         |

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| I have lived in Meridian for more than 11 years and worked in Boise for that entire time. Chinden needs to be widened ASAP to assist with travel for workers who love living in Meridian, but have work in Boise. The commute especially in the evening is terrible.  | Suzan            |
| Please widen Chinden Ave between Eagle Road and Ten Mile Road As Soon As Possible. It is dangerously congested. This is a major Hwy and will be driven more every day. Thank you for all you do.  | Dennis           |
| Hi, Chinden Blvd needs widening RIGHT NOW. It's a mess of a road and with no passing lane, cars pass anyway whenever they get the chance. I've seen many stressful passing situations when going west on Chinden from Eagle Rd from people who don't want to get behind "the slow cars". We also need universal sidewalks and bike lanes. The time to widen is NOW, not 2022!! Fred Meyer, Winco, Costco, new subdivisions... this Rd cannot support this traffic anymore!                                | Britta McNish    |
| Many portions of Chinden are unsafe; many accidents every year; costly to everyone involved. No contiguous sidewalks in many places, also no bike lanes. Please consider advancing the scheduled widening projects upward in your scheduling. Meridian would be very thankful on many levels. Thank you for your attention to this.   | Lizzie           |
| I have been commuting to Hewlett Packard for 25 years on Highway 20/26. In just the last few years the traffic has become significantly worse. I fully support the projects to widen 20/26 (at least to Linder) and request that you prioritize them sooner than 2022. Thank you.   | David Smith      |
| I support of all three road widening projects; and 2) I would like to see them advanced in the plan   | Debra Trevaskis  |
| As a resident of Castlebury subdivision, which is between locust grove and meridian roads I would prefer that Chinden not be widened. This road is already dangerous pulling out of my subdivision in the morning, and a double lane will make it worse. I have been rear ended already once, and have had a few close calls. This road should not be 50 mi/hr and definitely not a double lane. If improvements are to be made, I would prefer sidewalks and bike lanes on both sides of Chinden. Thanks | John Stubban     |
| I would like to see Chinden Blvd widened as soon as possible. Commuting has become miserable Between Linder and Eagle Rd and continues to get worse daily. With the continual growth of businesses and more residential Housing being built, I do not feel that we can wait any longer.   | Katherine Killin |

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| <p>Sirs we moved here to Castlebury 6 months ago and drive Chinden Blvd. about 5 to 8 times a week between Locus Grove and Linder. In the 6months we have lived here we have witnessed 6 collisions on that section of road just in the times that we have driven it! Think of how many accidents we have not witnessed in that same period of time! It is such a dangerous section that I do not ride my motorcycle or my bicycle on that stretch of road, ever. I always take the long way around to where I am going. With all the new homes going in, and also the possibility of Costco and Win Co, I cannot imagine the congestion there will be in a year or two, let alone waiting until 2021-22 for extra lanes to be added. I would appreciate you making this widening project a top priority and moving this job up a few years to address our immediate needs. Thank you much.</p> | Joseph Zappia |
| <p>Chinden Road between Eagle and Ten Mile continues to be a problem. Rush hour is dangerous due to the number of people now accessing this road. This is especially true due to the increased number of people working and living in the area. The lane reduction at Eagle and Chinden results in dangerous driving and many accidents. I encourage you to accelerate the timeframe for the road improvements. The current planning schedule is inadequate for the amount of traffic and current/proposed population growth. Thank you</p>   | Robert Ryan   |
| <p>Please move up the Chinden Boulevard project and do not push it out. Chinden is a busy Hwy that needs to be widened and sidewalks put in. the commute to work is getting worse by the quarter. thanks</p>  | Joe           |
| <p>I just heard Chinden wasn't on the list to be widen until 2022.You got to be kidding? That has become a major street from Eagle to Linder. Lets move that date up.</p>   | Bill Babcock  |
| <p>It is completely irresponsible to wait until 2022 to wide Chinden. It is a gridlock now and we are adding 100's of homes. The accidents are on your conscious.</p>   | Eva Steinwald |
| <p>We live just off of Chinden and Linder. I thank goodness that we are retired. If we ever have to go downtown for an appointment, we have to leave a hour in advance due to slow traffic. I feel sorry for the the folks coming from Canyon County. Not only for traffic matters but to all allow for new growth for new schools and any other infrastructure that us badly needed this way. Either widen Chinden Or give us a freeway on this side of our the great city of Meridian.</p>  |               |
| <p>Please please even the McMillan as well</p>  | Deborah       |

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| <p>Please increase the number of lanes on Chinden to 5 which would include a left hand turn lane. Presently, the two lanes to 4 lanes is very dangerous especially during peak hours. Changing your priorities would safe all commuters driving from all areas west of Garden City would make the Treasure Valley air quality much better hand sooth every ones nerves.</p>   | <p>Patrick Schleibaum</p> |
| <p>I live in Spurwing Greens near Ten Mile and Chinden. I think it is essential to make widening Chinden a priority and to get it done ASAP. Our children are assigned to go to Andrus Elementary, but we decided to switch schools and the primary factor was the amount of time it took to travel to and from school on Chinden. Our children weren't getting home until almost 5:00 many days. Since switching schools, they now get home a little after 4:00. I don't think parents should have to make decisions like this due to over congestion on Chinden. Please make this a priority. Thanks.</p>   | <p>Ryan Harris</p>        |
| <p>I strongly support the following: 1) widen one mile from Locust Grove to Eagle in 2021; 2) widen two miles from Linder to Locust Grove in 2022; and, 3) widen from Linder to State Highway 16 (McDermott) in future years. These improvements are critical and needed NOW! The congestion that is already on this road is UNSAFE. This is a fast growing community and ITIP needs to keep up.</p>  | <p>Amy Young</p>          |
| <p>I fully support the widening of Chinden RD from Eagle, west. Thank you for making this a priority, but please consider moving up the timeline for the projects. I have lived here for four years, and as someone who regularly uses Chinden RD, I have seen the traffic only get worse. We know with the continued development of Meridian, this will only add to the congestion and delays. With better infrastructure, I would consider riding my bike on a more regular basis, to commute on. The improvements would not only reduce traffic but I believe reduce cars on the road, as continuous sidewalks and bike lanes are added. Thank you for your work and consideration in moving up this project timeline.</p> | <p>Chris Z</p>            |
| <p>With incoming business projects (Costco/Winco) planned for the new Linder Village, traffic on Chinden blvd needs to be addressed ASAP. The current 2 lane highway is significantly insufficient for the increase in traffic that will occur in this area. With so many schools and residences in close proximity, safety must be the highest priority. PLEASE, widen Chinden for better traffic flow and safety.</p>   | <p>Jenifer Crook</p>      |
| <p>the widening of Chinden Road needs to be considered before 2021, for the the safety and well being of the travelers using this road.</p>   | <p>Maureen Magee</p>      |

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| <p>I live in the area of Chinden and Linder Road. I have lived at my present location since 2004. I have used Chinden as a primary commuting route to jobs near HP and later downtown during that time period. Chinden has become unusable as a commuting route. To commute downtown I generally take Ten Mile to the freeway....a route that adds considerable mileage, because Chinden between Linder and Eagle Rd. Is so congested. This stretch should have been given priority for widening long ago and the present schedule for widening is unacceptable with the current development in the area. The lack of additional lanes on Chinden is a safety concern and a general economic concern. Please consider moving up your time frame for widening Chinden.</p> | Jeff Warr       |
| <p>I think that ID Dept of Transportation should respect and not infringe on any sacred sites along the route, including the Catholic Church located at the corner of Chinden and Meridian Road. Native American sacred sites are honored and not disturbed and this same respect should be extended to ALL sacred sites. I also think the project should be implemented sooner. There is already traffic backup on Chinden Road, even when it is not considered rush hour. With all the new development occurring, residential and commercial, this traffic will only become worse.</p>  | Lisa Subcasky   |
| <p>The Chinden project cannot wait until 2022 to even start and only doing 1 mile from Eagle to Locust Grove is unacceptable there are no turn lanes for turning traffic on Meridian or Locust Grove which causes massive congestion all the way down Chinden every morning and every evening that project needs to start now. The city roads are congested and us only been one lane and our main vein is still going to only be one lane until 2022.Unacceptable Idaho</p>  | Ammie Holden    |
| <p>I am in favor and would like this done sooner!</p>   | Amanda Thompson |
| <p>I am in favor and would like this done sooner! The congestion is horrible on Chinden Ten Mile!</p>   | Amanda Thompson |
| <p>I am in favor and would like this done sooner! We live in Lochsa Falls on Ten Mile/Chinden and congestion is horrible!</p>   | Amanda Thompson |
| <p>Chinden needs to be widen now. Not 3 or 4 years from now.</p>  | Hugh Fryling    |
| <p>Do it</p>  | Tammy           |

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| <p>I live on Ustick and Linder and work on Chinden. The slow pace of traffic is extremely frustrating. Already the traffic is extremely heavy where Chinden is still only 2 lanes. To wait another 5 years with all the development planned out there and that commute will be unbearable. Please widen the roads now when the traffic is still only intolerable and don't wait for the traffic to become unbearable!</p>   | <p>Ben Workentine</p> |
| <p>I would like to comment on the proposed Chinden road widening projects ((1) widen one mile from Locust Grove to Eagle in 2021; 2) widen two miles from Linder to Locust Grove in 2022; and, 3) widen from Linder to State Highway 16 (McDermott) in future years). I think these projects need to be completed AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I live near Linder and Chinden and frequently drive and ride my bicycle on Chinden, but also just as frequently avoid that section of Chinden because of the regular traffic jams and accidents that I see on this stretch of road. When I do ride my bicycle on this stretch of road - because it isn't any less dangerous than riding the equivalent sections of McMillan but has a better surface, I am reminded of the lack of bike lanes, pedestrian crossings, and sidewalks. Please if at all possible move up the road widening projects on Chinden in Meridian to the most proximal schedule.</p> | <p>Cortino Garcia</p> |
| <p>Something needs to be done soon about extending Chinden Blvd to two lanes each way past Eagle Road. Most drivers know to merge left to form a single file line approaching Eagle Road, but some like to drive in the right lane to get to the front of the line, causing delays for the courteous drivers who formed a single file line. I've seen cases of road rage which will only get worse. Either move the date to widen Chinden Blvd forward, or put stripes in the right lane well before Eagle Road so motorists get the idea in Idaho that we merge early and don't push to the front of the line. Give this project some urgency.</p>   | <p>David Crandall</p> |
| <p>With the increase in population, which increases our traffic greatly, the Chinden project needs to be addressed sooner than later. It's not going to get better, as growth is going to continue, so ahead, not behind! Thank you</p>   | <p>Mike Cole</p>      |
| <p>While there are many needy projects throughout the state and political pressure requires addressing issues that are geographically diverse PLEASE understand how important the Chinden widening project is to the entire Treasure Valley. Identified by compass as an express way currently Chinden operates at a level that is unacceptable for a minor arterial during commute times. The area between Eagle Road and Ten Mile operates at less than 10 percent of design speed and capacity. By opening this area up (widening) will significantly help every other East-West corridor in the valley. Please move this project to the top of the list.</p>  | <p>Joe Marshall</p>   |

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| <p>Please consider widening of Chinden Blvd...it is very much needed for the growth &amp; impact of Eagle and Meridian Id....</p>   | <p>Michele Serviss</p> |
| <p>Hello, I recently read about ITD's plans to widen Chinden between Eagle Road and Highway 16. I am in favor of all three options that have been presented. From 2008-2012 my office was near the corner of Eagle and Chinden and I saw the aftermath of several accidents along Chinden. I feel it is imperative to widen the road to increase safety and move traffic along more efficiently during peak hours. The only issue I see with the plan is the timing. I think that this project needs to be prioritized above many others. North Meridian is a high growth area and traffic will only get more congested as a result of more people and businesses - especially near the intersection of Linder and Chinden. 2021-2022 is not soon enough. In my opinion, construction should commence by next year or the following year at the latest. Thank you!</p>  | <p>Robert Leavitt</p>  |
| <p>Traffic on Chinden is becoming extremely congested and building in this area is growing at an alarming rate. Projects in the future is good but the infrastructure in this area needs to be addressed now so quality of life can remain at a high standard.</p>  |                        |
| <p>When you presented this nightmare monster to the public a couple of years ago at the school on the corner of Locust Grove and Chinden, my husband and I went. We commented then the same as now... we do NOT support the 11 lane, confusing stop light set up you proposed on Chinden from Eagle Road to Caldwell. Everyone we talked to that evening who attended your presentation was AGAINST it. Now you want extra comments to support this mess (I got a message on Nextdoor from Jodi - Community Liaison Mayor's Office, Meridian Mayor's Office and she included this link for comments ...so I'm commenting again because I am AGAINST IT. This plea for support is so typical of Meridian and Ada County ... harp and harp on people to support something that the majority is against... have barely advertised meetings and voting ... until you get your way. You work "for the people" not your own agenda ... did you forget that?</p> | <p>Sue Spafford</p>    |
| <p>Let's make Chinden wider. Let's do it now. Also, let's put in a separate bike path with a median between the cars and the bikes.</p>   |                        |
| <p>I strongly encourage you to advance the Chinden widening project from Eagle to McDermott Road as soon as possible. Please do not make us wait for widening of this Corridor. Safety is a major concern as well as commuting times. I see more and more accidents here every day, and it is hurting business as well</p>  | <p>David Cantwell</p>  |



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| <p>The expansions that you have on the table for Chinden are definitely needed and needed RIGHT NOW. It concerns me that ITD is this far behind the curve. Immediate action to expand Chinden further West of Ten Mile (expand to two lanes each direction) and between Ten Mile and Eagle (additional widening) needs to be planned immediately!</p>   | <p>Mike McMahon</p>   |
| <p>I am very much in support of this project. Traffic is insufferable during rush hour.</p>   | <p>Matthew Poole</p>  |
| <p>Dear ITD, I am responding to a query concerning the long time line to widen Chinden Blvd from Eagle westward. I travel this roadway every day and find great frustration in the congestion due to one lane each direction. I feverently ask you to reduce the time that is planned for this widening project. Our streets are congested now and waiting until the future to address these issues make travel time a burden to our citizens. In short I support a project to widen Chinden adsp. Now you know my feelings. Also I want to commend you for your efforts, albiet a day late and dollar short. Still respect you anyways.</p>                        | <p>Craig Graf</p>     |
| <p>I support the widening of Chinden Blvd project. It is much needed. I also ask you to evaluate the timing and bump up the timeline because it is needed now, not several years down the road. With the new Meridian Idaho Temple in that area along with businesses such as Fred Meyer and the newly announced Winco Foods going in on Linder/Chinden the need for traffic support is now. Also there are rumors that Costco is going into that same area. This is needed to handle the traffic and for safety reason to add sidewalks and bike lanes. Thank you for your consideration.</p>  | <p>Chad Larsen</p>    |
| <p>Chinden needs widening, from Eagle Rd to 10 Mile Rd ASAP. The current proposed dates of 2021-2022 are too far in the future. Congestion is beginning now, and the opening of the Linder Mormon Temple in October 2017, as well as the development of Linder Village, Catholic school off N. meridian, and housing additions in 3 Corners and Paramount will bring huge increases in traffic within a year or two.</p>  |                       |
| <p>I have always thought Meridian put its residents first, but this continued hesitation to widen Chinden has me stumped and very disappointed. Chinden (from Eagle Road to Ten Mile) is an incredibly busy stretch of highway that is used by residence, businesses and heavy equipment. Accidents and near misses seem to be a daily occurrence. The fact that it has not been widened and improved is irresponsible, especially when you take into account the amount of schools along this stretch of highway. I feel it's just a matter of time before something tragic happens and everyone regrets the fact that they didn't put this as a top priority.</p> | <p>Wendy Hettinga</p> |

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| <p>Projects to widen Chinden from Eagle Rd westward. Please initiate all of these projects much much sooner than the current plan. Chinden becomes a parking lot during commute hours. It will become that much worse with the development planned on the corner of Chinden/Linder with Winco and Costco stores coming in. There is such a rapid pace of development west of Locust Grove that none of the east/west roads can handle it. The widening needs to start NOW!</p>   | Jennifer A. Pedrali |
| <p>Are you guys nuts??? You're schedule of phasing the widening on Chiden to be completed by 2022 and only to Linder is insane! A WinCo AND a Costco are coming to that corner - SPEED IT UP, this widening should already have been done by now AND all the way to 10 mile with just the current traffic flow - it's already way too restrictive. EAGLE TO 10 MILE NOW!</p>   | Shawn Graham        |
| <p>I live in Lochsa Falls S/D between Linder &amp; Ten Mile. I urge you to consider moving up the date to widen Chinden from Locust Grove to Linder. The traffic problem is getting horrific &amp; accidents are more frequent due to the congestion in the area of Linder &amp; Chinden. We need sidewalks for safety reasons as well as there are more &amp; more pedestrians using this intersection. This is affecting not only homeowners &amp; commuters but businesses as well. Businesses on the south side of Chinden/Linder are finding it difficult for their customers to access their parking lots. Please consider moving up the date for this improvement. Meridian is growing so fast &amp; it is important for the infrastructure to keep up the pace with the population increase.</p> | Cloma Kelly         |
| <p>My opinion is that this project needs to be completed much faster than is now being scheduled. Thank you.</p>   | Ed R. Thompson      |
| <p>We are in support of widening Chinden Rd from Eagle Rd to Nampa and accerlating the timeline for the project! We need it immediately and definitely before 2040!!!</p>  | Erin Ebright        |
| <p>Chinden road needs to be widened now not in 4 to 5 years. If you were planning based on population density, it should have been done a few years ago. Since the bridge over Highway 16 was built, the traffic has increased dramatically on Chinden and Ten Mile road. Please do not delay further for safety purposes. Potential for many accidents and deaths. Thank you for your consideration.</p>  | Robert Holland      |
| <p>I am STRONGLY in favor of all three Chinden Widening projects and if there is a way they can be completed even sooner would be all the better</p>   | Lyric Payne         |

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| <p>I definitely support widening and improvements on Chinden west of Eagle Road and hope the project would include widening and improvements to at least 10 mile Rd. or beyond. The single lane backups especially during rush hour can be 1/2 mile long at times blocking intersections. We appreciate the fine maintenance that you do on our roads and know you have lots of projects with all of the growth but hope this project can be moved up.</p>   | <p>Ben Strawn</p>                            |
| <p>Chinden Road (Hwy 20/26) really needs to be widened at least to the new Emmett Hwy (Hwy 16) to five lanes due to the massive amount of traffic it carries each day. Waiting until 2022, 2023 or 2024 as is currently scheduled makes absolutely no sense. I currently live in the area of Chinden and Tree Farm (have lived there for three years) and the traffic has gotten terrible during that time and with the tremendous growth going on in this area, it gets worse daily. PLEASE reconsider the widening of Chinden Blvd. from the mid 2022-2024 to immediately. WIDENING IS NEEDED NOW, not in eight years! Thank you</p> | <p>Rick Padour</p>                           |
| <p>I believe that the plans to widen Chinden Blvd from Eagle to Highway 16 should happen as soon as possible. There is too much congestion on this stretch of road and this leads to frustrated drivers making poor choices. In the interests of safety and keeping traffic moving, I believe that the projects adding lanes to Chinden should be a top priority.</p>  | <p>Jennifer Pitts-Hammons</p>                |
| <p>As someone who commutes five days a week on Chinden between Meridian and Boise, I urge you to please expedite plans to widen all phases of Chinden 20/26. My greatest concerns for the current state of Chinden are: 1. Traffic congestion for commuters and nearby residents. 2. Safety of pedestrians and bikers. 3. Attracting and retaining business to support the local economy. Thank you for considering.</p>   | <p>Ashlee Ching</p>                          |
| <p>I believe everything possible should be done to expedite adding lanes to Chinden 20/26 at least from Eagle Road to 10 Mile Road. I feel this would provide help to a large amount of people who are stuck in traffic daily due to an over-used road. At the very least, I would recommend adding dedicated right turn lanes in each direction off of Chinden onto Locust Grove and Meridian roads, as this also contributes to slowdowns. This area continues to grow dramatically, and I can't imagine another project affecting large of a population. Thankyou!</p>  | <p>Robert and Jennifer Drewett<br/>83646</p> |
| <p>I support the project to widen Chinden Blvd but think they need top priority in regards to time.</p>  |  |

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| <p>I absolutely support the widening of Chinden from Eagle to Linder. I live just off of chinden and these improvements would make traveling down this road so much easier and safer. My only concern is how far in the future that they are planned for. I would love to see these projects moved up on your timeline. With the number of homes and business going in along Chinden these improvements are needed now.</p>  | <p>Aleah Southfield</p>    |
| <p>Please put an urgent rush on the Chinden widening project. The dangers and difficulties are already far beyond what we should have. Thank you for your considerations.</p>  | <p>Anna Barton</p>         |
| <p>It is absolutely essential, due to growth, that this project be stepped up and performed as soon as possible. It is presently scheduled fora much later date than acceptable. Please rush this project. Thank you</p>   | <p>Roland Barton</p>       |
| <p>They are coming!!!!!! Respectfully, Meridian is so far behind forth amount of growth we are seeing. I know this is not Mayor Tammy's fault. Would have been nice to have a crystal ball for lots of things in life. However, these people are paying taxes that move here. Why did we just do a band aid fix on Chinden? Seems like such a waste of time and money. There is always more to the story, but we need another Costco and a Winco would be nice for a lot of families. Please look ahead, not behind. Thank you.</p>  |                            |
| <p>Please raise the priority to widen Chinden Hwy 20/26 between Eagle Rd and Linder Rd in Meridian. The existing road cannot handle traffic demands.</p>   | <p>Justin Butterfield</p>  |
| <p>I am a relatively new resident to Eagle, and live just North of Chinden, between Locust Grove and Meridian. Since my families arrival toEagle, we have been very aware of the need for Chinden Road to be widened. There is such an enormous amount of growth that the traffic on this existing two lane road continues to grow worse, seemingly week after week. To cross Chinden and head east has become nearly impossible, as traffic lines extend from Meridian to where the road widens, 100 yards or so before Eagle Road. Bumper to bumper stopped is the condition, many hours throughout the day. The inconvenience is obvious, but the safety hazard that this creates is a reality to those of us that reside near here. The only way to cross this stream is to take a chance, and go when it is best, not necessarily when it is safe. Please seriously consider an expedited expansion of Chinden Road. It is inevitable, but it should be done sooner rather than later, as all local residents are included in this dangerous area (between Linder and Eagle Rd) Thank you for your thoughtful consideration</p> | <p>Lynn L. Vlasschaert</p> |

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| <p>Please, please, please consider widening Chinden ASAP. The traffic is beyond capacity, backed up most of the day. I live in the area and many times it takes nearly 20min to get to Eagle from Linder (3 miles). Also, with all of the residential and commercial developments going in this will only exacerbate the current issue. Safety is also a huge concern, we need sidewalks and a bike lane, making our area accessible for more than just vehicles. I would love to ride my bike through out the area and my son as well but it is not safe at all. Thank you for your time.</p> | Megan Schomer     |
| <p>I moved to eagle rd-chinden area 7 years ago and thought chinden west of eagle was a joke being only 2 lanes with sometimes a middle lane. Now 7 years later, its even more of a hassle, frustration and traffic pattern that is 10 years behind the demand. Please widen to allow smooth and safe flow of traffic to get out west.</p>   | Mona Tippetts     |
| <p>Our household is in favor of widening Chinden from Eagle Rd to Hwy16. With the addition of many new homes in Bain Bridge and Spurwing Greens the traffic on this stretch of the Chinden is horrendous with only 2 lanes. Please consider moving this project higher on the list of needs.</p>   | Alice Stanley     |
| <p>Chicken needs to be widened now! Also 10-mile from Ustick to Chinden needs to be widened before the new Linder village construction begins as it is already a bottleneck and is creating issues getting in and out of the BridgeTower neighborhood just with the new Wal-Mart.</p>  | Heidi Mills       |
| <p>Widen chinden from eagle to Linder before 2022. It is imperative for our safety and our families. We live Hightower subdivision and chinden is our main entry and exit road. Waits to do this are exceptionally long now and with no light will be impossible by that date</p>  | David Seely       |
| <p>I support all three road widening projects but I feel that the plan needs to be advanced to ASAP. Thank you.</p>  | April Guinsler    |
| <p>The 20/26 corridor from Highway 16 to Eagle has gotten to the point that it is not safe to travel. The intersection at blackcat-20/26often times sees traffic back up both on black cat as well as the southbound center turn lane on 20/26 to the point the hard shoulder is being used to get around traffic. With the continued growth of northwest meridian, its time to improve the thoroughfare by putting traffic signals in at the remaining key intersections as well as widening to at least 2 lanes in each direction in ada county.</p>   | Eric Christiansen |

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| <p>It is critical that this section of improvement for Hwy 20/26 be completed as soon as possible. Traffic dead lock occurs every morning and afternoon and creates dangerous situations for pedestrians as well as drivers as there are no allowances for pedestrians along Chinden from Eagle to Linder. The growth in this area is the greatest in Ada County with multiple subdivisions being built as well as several multi family projects. Please consider making these improvements in advance of the scheduled 2022time line.</p>  | <p>Reginald E. Dobbs</p> |
| <p>I drive this road daily between Meridian Road and Eagle Road on Chinden and it's ALWAYS BACKED UP and a problem - but clears once the road widens. The congestion, road rage are a problem and needs to be widened especially since there is so many new subdivisions and talk of Costco coming.</p>   | <p>Tammy Parrish</p>     |
| <p>If for no other reason than Public Safety, Chinden Blvd. should be 4 lanes from Eagle Road to I-84 at Caldwell. Today's growth is merely the "tip of the iceberg". A decade from now will see horrific traffic on Chinden if it is not improved into an expressway. Please, plan on a 5-laner ALL THEWAY, not just several miles or so. Funding? I would gladly pay a one-time, \$100.00 fee for this project. Multiply that times cars on the road. That, plus regular funding, would cover or nearly cover the cost of the project. Thank you.</p>   | <p>Robert W. Kellogg</p> |
| <p>Please widen. So much traffic already. Let's get this moving!</p>  | <p>Suzanne Adams</p>     |
| <p>It is taking far too long to widen Chinden Blvd. For years it has been no secret the traffic pattern was getting heavier and yet, planning has taken so long. Recently repaving was done East of Locust Grove and yet no widening! How long does it take to sink in... the widening needs to be done NOW!!!</p>  | <p>James Lucker</p>      |
| <p>I am a business owner on Saguaro Hills and Chinden. I see traffic congestion in front of our veterinary hospital on Chinden on a daily basis and frequent accidents at the Saguaro Hills and Chinden intersection. As the valley continues to grow this congestion and accidents will only get worse unless we do something about it. I highly support expediting the widening of Chinden Blvd in the proposed areas all the way out to McDermott AND putting a light at the 1/2 mile intersection of Saguaro Hills and Chinden. Thanks for listening and for providing an area for comment.</p> | <p>Brett Bingham</p>     |
| <p>I am very frustrated when I drive through many parts of rural Idaho on divided highways, and there is hardly anyone on the road! Yet many many taxpayers live here in the Treasure Valley and we SIT in traffic. Widen Chinden now!</p>  | <p>Diane Graheck</p>     |

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| <p>We are encouraged to hear of the plans to widen Chinden road from Eagle to Highway 16. This project is direly needed as the area is severely lacking in infrastructure for existing commuters (bike, walk and vehicle) and will get significantly worse in the coming years due to the dramatic increase in housing currently being constructed. Traveling this route is already slow, lacks proper access and has frequent accidents. The current configuration around Chinden and Black Cat, Chinden and Linder and Chinden and Meridian roads causes frequent accidents which is costly to families, resources, and community. We strongly encourage you to shorten the timeframe for these projects. They are already long overdue and the cost to wait until 2021 and beyond for these improvements far exceeds the cost of doing them sooner. Thank you for your consideration.</p>  | Janet            |
| <p>Once again, we are dealing with the expansion of Chinden to wherever. I'm not sure why this is such a debate for whomever but seems that the ball is continuously being dropped on this so called project. Chinden HAS to be widened from Eagle road all the way out to the new Emmett road expansion, immediatly! Everyone in Meridian is clueless as to why Emmett road and McMillan roads were expanded before Chinden? It is simply beyond anyone's comprehension. What is the hold up here? Maybe you guys should travel west on Chinden during the day, every day, for the next year and see for yourself how bad traffic is and how most people have to wait 3-5 traffic light rotations at Eagle/Chinden when leaving HP. It's simply a total disaster at this intersection. Let alone, once you get through it, you've got several miles of bumper to bumper until you get out to Emmett road. Thesis a major traffic jam and it seems that nobody is doing anything about it! And if something is being done, let's see some progress and get the road crews out there and start widening Chinden!</p> | Sean Parrish     |
| <p>Chinden between state highway 16 and eagle needs to be moved up the priority list of roads that needs to be widened. The amount of houses, businesses and traffic on this road now is causing many more accidents and commuter time. This road should have been made at least 5 lanes years ago not in 2022.</p>   | Kerry McCullough |
| <p>This corridor project should be started As Soon As Possible. It should not wait until 2021 to begin. It is and has been a traffic hazard for multiple years. The sequencing should be Eagle Rd to Locust Grove in 2018, then Locust Grove to Linder as soon as Project 1 tasks are 75% complete. Then continue on Chinden to McDermott Rd and beyond. This corridor is unsafe for pedestrians, bicyclists and all who travel this corridor. There are limited sidewalks, bike paths and turn lanes. Even though this project will disrupt traffic for multiple years, the project is long overdue. When it is completed, it will result in less accidents (multi-million dollar factor) and much safer traffic flow.</p>   | Jim Multerer     |

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| <p>We've lived near Chinden for nearly 12 years now. We spent 10.5 years in Bristol Heights (Boise), and have recently moved to Bainbridge (Meridian). (Both neighborhoods are along Chinden.) I spent roughly half of those years commuting into downtown Boise via Chinden. Coming home was always a hassle, as there is always a massive rush hour bottleneck for westbound Chinden traffic at Eagle Rd. I kept thinking that Chinden would get widened, mile-by-mile every year or so, but after a decade, nothing! It is really inexcusable to have neglected that road for so long. Now I hear that it will be widened only 1 mile in 5 years time! That is unacceptable. Chinden needs to be widened from Eagle Rd. to Ten Mile Rd. (a four mile stretch) immediately. The Linder and Ten Mile intersections are already widened, and I see that the other intersections are on the schedule to be widened, so there should be no issues there. (The reason why Chinden needs to be widened all the way to Ten Mile is because Ten Mile is like Eagle Rd. And Meridian Rd. in that all of them have I-84 access, and there are neighborhoods all along that corridor that are only adding to the congestion.) After that, an additional mile of widening needs to happen the following two years until Chinden is 5 lanes all the way to Hwy 16 (McDermott Rd.). This is where we want our tax dollars spent. Please make this happen. It is long overdue.</p> | <p>Tim Elton</p>      |
| <p>I am happy to hear that you have now finished your plans for widening Chinden but I am very much concerned that all the money and time is being spent on the planning and nothing is getting done. Please consider stepping up the construction and stop putting all your resources into the planning. I am in full support of completing the widening projects of Chinden BEFORE 2021 and 2022. We need sidewalks, turn lanes, bike lanes, and middle lanes NOW to prevent traffic jams and increased likelihood of accidents. My children attend a school at the intersection of Chinden and Locust Grove. When we take Chinden to get there, we travel from west to east and cannot avoid the traffic jam that almost always happens because there is currently no turn lane to the right onto Locust Grove. Everyone must lineup single file and wait. The amount of people moving into this area is causing real problems with traffic and I have a hard time understanding WHY the city keeps approving more housing without adjusting the roads to accommodate the huge influx. This seems very irresponsible and causes great frustration on the part of the valley's residents. If the roads cannot be adjusted before 2021, then please stop approving the building of more houses. It's just compounding the problem. Please seriously consider widening Chinden sooner. Thank you</p>  | <p>Nancy Sugarman</p> |
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| <p>We live at Chinden/Linder intersection in Lochsa Falls. Never did I imagine when we moved here 11 years ago there would be a FMeyer, a Temple, a Winco, a Costco, a Dollar Store, etc etc etc. The traffic here is awful. The speed limit is too fast for all these businesses. It needs to have extra lanes, extra traffic lights &amp; slower speed Immediately. I want to move away. And there are so many complaints in our neighborhood about broken windshields re chip sealing. Truck loads should be covered! Onions &amp; beets fall all over the road.</p>   | <p>Dorothy White</p>      |
| <p>Please widen chinden blvd from eagle rd to blackcat.</p>   | <p>Corey Schomer</p>      |
| <p>Chinden HWY 20/26 needs to be widened so that it can handle traffic flow between Eagle Rd and Ten Mile.</p>  | <p>J. Ferronato</p>       |
| <p>Hello, Please consider widening Chinden Rd. as a major improvement priority because it is a long-g-g-g wait just to enter Chinden Rd. from residential road and then traffic is slow-w-w for miles; especially at peak am and pm hours. This frustrates commuters, requires leaving home much earlier to assure that they get to work on time. Impatient drivers often become dangerous drivers. It would be a boon to add sidewalks as many of us trek with fear to stores, schools, churches, parks and neighbors. Thank you for considering this plea from concerned citizens.</p>  | <p>Ginnie</p>             |
| <p>I am a home owner in Castlebury Subdivision which is between Linder and Meridian roads. Our subdivision entrance is off of Chinden Blvd. Our biggest concern is safety and traffic entering and exiting the development. 15 years ago, the traffic was only bad in the morning and evenings. Now it is backed up two miles in both directions most of the day. Crashes are almost a daily occurrence. People trying to "jump" ahead of others at the Chinden intersections of Eagle, Meridian, and Linder roads are causing road rage and safety concerns. There are no sidewalks or bicycle lanes to use, another safety concern. The situation on this stretch of road is becoming unbearable. Waiting until 2012 - 2022 is really crazy. How much did the repaving project just completed cost? Why wasn't this enormous expense not saved and put into the widening project? Patching for a few years would have expedited the widening project. Total waste of money in my opinion. I support the widening project but would like to see the plan advanced and completed prior to 2021.</p> | <p>Michael D. Gerhard</p> |
| <p>Chinden needs to be widened as far as possible as soon as possible. We support all three current Chinden projects.</p>   | <p>Tom and Sue Kuziej</p> |

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| <p>I know there are plans to widen Chinden Blvd in the future. It needs to be done ASAP however. Right now, it is not safe for bicycles or pedestrians. There are no bike paths or sidewalks. The congestion is so bad at almost all times of day. More businesses and houses are currently being built that will only add to the commuting problem. Our community is growing so the roads need to be improved to handle the growth. Please consider improving Chinden Blvd before 2020</p>                         | <p>Molly</p>          |
| <p>I appreciate that it has been recognized how busy Chinden Blvd is, but not even getting started for 2 years from now is unimaginable. Chinden around Ten Mile, and Linder, and Locust Grove are backed up always, and when that happens drivers make severe mistakes and accidents happen. I would like to see this project getting more attention as Meridianites are very frustrated with the longer commutes, which costs the taxpayers more in fuel consumption not to mention more time away from home.</p> | <p>Dawn Cronk</p>     |
| <p>Resurfacing Chinden Blvd. will not meet the need of widening it from Eagle to McDermott. We have lived just off Chinden for 23 years. The current traffic level far exceeds the present road capacity. Please consider widening the road in one mile increments beginning in 2018.</p>   | <p>Larry Woodard</p>  |
| <p>Meridian has been recognized as Idaho's fastest growing city. Our surface streets and highways are swiftly reaching the carrying capacity for which they were originally designed. I respectfully ask that you reconsider the timeline for this project and make it a top priority. Crippling traffic is not conducive with the vision for Meridian's long-term growth!</p>  | <p>Jamie Femreite</p> |
| <p>I would ask you to seek a way to proceed with widening Chinden Blv. now! I don't think we can wait three - five years to have this project completed. I detest driving Chinden anytime of the day. It is more difficult than Eagle Rd in my opinion. More and more people are moving to this area of town and the infrastructure has lagged behind the growth. Please seek every possible way to accelerate this program</p>   | <p>Joan</p>           |
| <p>i support the Chinden widening projects, but the timeline is too far out. we need 20/26 wider now. Sidewalks and bike lines are needed, more businesses are planned in the area and we need traffic to flow smoothly. Please make this project a higher priority in your planning. fox tail subdivision and fred meyers need stop lights add as well as the planned costco and winco in the area</p>   | <p>Randy Reed</p>     |
| <p>Please widen Chinden the congestion makes it difficult and frustrating to travel in the area. Particularly during peak times of the day.</p>   | <p>Andrea Cahill</p>  |

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| <p>With the development of the approved Firenze Commercial Center on Eagle Road between Zaldia and Amity together with a new residential community on the adjacent property as well other new residential communities approved between Victory Road and Lake Hazel including Sky Mesa, there is an urgent and safety need for a widening of South Eagle Road and the one lane roundabout on the corner of Eagle Road and Amity Rd. There is also an urgent need for a light on the intersection of Eagle Road and Zaldia at the east entrance to Tuscany Community which consists of over 1000 homes. Please advise of the status, timeframe, and/or approval for widening of south Eagle Road between Victory Rd. and Lake Hazel., the widening of the roundabout at Eagle Road and Amity, and the installation of a light at Eagle Road and Zaldia. Thank you</p> | <p>Marcella Peterson</p> |
| <p>Greetings ITIP - we appreciate all you do. In order to cut down on the traffic, having continuous sidewalks on Eagle between Overland and continuing over the freeway to Pine would be super. Thank you for your consideration.</p>  | <p>Louise Smith</p>      |
| <p>We have lived off of Chinden and Linder for the past 6 years. Asther building of new homes and businesses continue the road is more and more crowded and congested. It's time to widen Chinden. If was time a few years ago!</p>   | <p>Suzanne Nichols</p>   |
| <p>The widening of Chinden Road seems tied to building out of open spaces at critical intersections, especially at Linder Road at the Northside of Paramount residential development development. Congestion in that area is already bad due to Rocky Mountain high school, Fred Meyers, and continuing commercial building occurring on those corners.</p>   |                          |
| <p>Please widen chinden rd.</p>   | <p>Trinity Cook</p>      |
| <p>YOU GO, Mayor Tammy! Great to see someone who realizes the importance of widening Chinden from Eagle to Ten Mile Road.</p>   | <p>Phillip Hunt</p>      |
| <p>There is no doubt this road is way overdue for widening. Saturday, heading from Locust Grove to Linder, the traffic was only moving at 30 mph, and it wasn't what would be considered rush hour.</p>   | <p>David Henschman</p>   |
| <p>We need to accelerate the widening of Chinden and begin ASAP vs waiting until 2022. I also thing it needs to be widened from Eagle road until at least Ten Mile...not just Eagle to Locust Grove. With Costco and</p>  | <p>Gretchen Tseng</p>    |

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| Winco going in on the corner of Linder and Chinden traffic is going to be insane and we need the roads to support all of the people.  |                 |
| Widening Chinden would help improve the North/South traffic as well as improve commute time from Meridian and Boise.  |                 |
| Widening Chinden from Eagle Rd westward is very much needed- backups last way longer than just during rush hours. A supporting recommendation to this is to extend 16 all the way to 84 and making the necessary adjustments to McDermott as well.  | Judy Borchelt   |
| Population in West Meridian is exploding. New subdivisions everywhere. Chinden needs to be four lanes at least to hiway 16 (to Emmett) especially if Costco and Winco go in at Linder. Wish we had directed the money invested in repaving to building more lanes.  | Robert Hofmann  |
| Please accelerate the timing for the planned widening of Chinden between Eagle and Linder. With all this growth and coming development we need it!  | Laura Bridgeman |
| I would like to accelerate the Idaho Transportation Dept's speedup the schedule of widening Chinden as earlier as possible. The traffic is getting worst especially during rush hours busy traffic early morning and evening for work and school. Also, widening of Chinden West of Locust Grove that would help to ease the driving problem! | Mimi Lam        |
| I live in the Bristol Heights Neighborhood on Chinden and Eagle. Eagle Rd us always a problem but Chinden is the worst one. Traffic in the morning, day, and evening. It has become a main road in the community. If we keep expanding on development you also need to expand the road ways. Please make Chinden a 4 lane highway!!           | Kallee Gibson   |
| Please make widening Chinden a top priority in your budget. It is very busy and very dangerous. It needs to be at lease 4 lanes now as the amount of traffic has increased tremendously and continues to increase at an incredible pace with Meridian's ever growing population.  | Cathy           |
| I am in favor of making Chinden wider, with more lanes to accommodate the ever increasing number of vehicles that are using it...The traffic flow is good until I get to west bound Chinden at Eagle. Then everything slows...When I am east bound...Same thing slow, until I get to Chinden at Eagle. Thanks.                                |                 |

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| <p>Quality of life for me is rapidly diminishing because I travel Chinden frequently - a one lane road from Eagle Road. west is a nightmare. I have lived in my home near Linder and Chinden for 12 years, but am seriously thinking of moving because of the dangerous situation this road creates for all of us who use it daily. I have personally witnessed so many accidents and close calls, not to mention the unacceptable slow pace we all must travel because of the congestion. Please allocate funds at once to help resolve this situation for those of who love Meridian. Thank you.</p> | <p>Dorothy Pefferle</p> |
| <p>I support widening Chinden Road West of Eagle Road. We also desperately need a separate right turn lane from Southbound Eagle onto Chinden to get much more traffic through the intersection.</p>   | <p>Darcy Hoellwarth</p> |
| <p>Need to widen Chinden faster. Westbound traffic from Eagle Rd is growing faster than what this street can take.</p>   | <p>Sergio Morfin</p>    |
| <p>Chinden has to be widened. It is a huge issue don't wait until it is a crisis. We are getting close to crisis and it has to be done please move it to the top of the list. It has to be done now.</p>   | <p>Amy Jeppesen</p>     |
| <p>Chinden Road is in dire need to widening. Ever since you put in the lane dividers in front of Target on Chinden at Eagle, traffic has been nightmare. Please widen Chinden to two lanes each direction at least as far as Locust Grove, and please do so sooner than the 2022 date you've laid out there. There has been too much development in Meridian not to accommodate it.</p>  | <p>William Lind</p>     |
| <p>Please widen Chinden Road now including Locust Grove through Linder Road</p>  |                         |
| <p>Please do not wait until 2022 to widen Chinden. This project needs to be a priority right now!!! At any given time Chinden becomes backed up because the meridian/Eagle area has not planned accordingly for the rate of growth we've had. Please make this project happen sooner than 2022. Traveling on Chinden will be miserable if you wait 5 more years! Thank you.</p>  |                         |
| <p>With all of the new and soon to be built businesses and all of the new residential building going on Chinden needs to be widened. It's highly congested already and is a main thoroughfare which should've already been widened. In its current condition it cannot support the growth going on in Meridian and as identified in Forbes magazine as one of the fastest growing cities. I needs widened yesterday. Thanks!</p>   | <p>Debra Williams</p>   |

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| <p>The Chinden widening project is definitely a necessity much earlier than 2022. Also, it needs to go further West than Locust Grove. At least to ten Mile. With Costco and Winco possibly opening, and the development boom happening, we have to have 2 lanes both ways, with turning lanes on major cross streets. Thank you.</p>  |                    |
| <p>I'd ask that the 20/26 widening project slated to begin in 2022 needs to begin earlier. The sooner the better. The congestion west of Eagle Road is incredibly bad. If you need a temporary increase in levy or taxes to make this happen, I, for one, would support it. This area has grown so rapidly and our roadway infrastructure has not kept pace. Thank you</p>   | Bryan Leisle       |
| <p>Please widen Chinden from Eagle Road west as soon as possible. It is awful !!!! Thank you</p>   |                    |
| <p>Please widen Chinden Road between Eagle Road and Linder sooner than later. If this widening has already been approved and will be paid for by the developer of the new shopping center going in at Chinden and Linder (Costco and Winco), that would obviously be the best scenario. However, if that is not the case, the road needs to be given priority as to widening.</p>  |                    |
| <p>Please give strong consideration to widening Chinden Boulevard (west of Eagle Road) to alleviate the traffic congestion and back up caused by the 2 lanes of west bound traffic reducing down to 1 lane. The problem has been getting worse and worse during the past year and with additional residential growth and proposed retail development it will more unbearable and force traffic to find alternative west bound routes adding additional miles to commutes. This is a problem that should be addressed now and not a few years down the road. Thank you in advance for your reasonable consideration of accelerating the schedule to address the needs of the surrounding communities.</p> |                    |
| <p>With all the proposed commercial construction the need to handle traffic on Chinden is needed now not in 2020. Quality of life is why I left Portland and gridlock is not quality of life. If you do not plan on reworking Chinden and Linder for traffic then quit issuing building permits.</p>   | John Diteman       |
| <p>Needs to happen sooner than later. West of Eagle Road is ridiculous and the growth is immense.</p>  | Jessica E. Sailors |
| <p>Please, please, please put widening Chinden Blvd at the top of the list of road projects - and not just from Eagle to Locust Grove, but all the way to at least 10-Mile or Black Cat. It needs to be done ASAP. Thanks!</p>   | Pam Uptmor         |

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| Please widen Chinden... take the pressure off other roads. The congestion is horrible!!!   | Debra Sjoren Bosch |
| Chinden needs to be expanded to two lanes from Eagle to Linder now, not waiting until 2022   |                    |
| Please expedite the widening of Chinden West of Eagle Road. We can get so much more done as citizens with better transportation infrastructure in this area. Thank you.  | Jason E. Dodd      |
| Widen Chinden!!  | Kevin Jessee       |
| Would like to see the time frame moved up to alleviate the backups that are already taking place. Widen  | Ryan Scott         |
| Chinden Road needs to be widened NOW. It's already overly busy throughout the day and with all the new subdivisions and continued building out our way (Spurwing Greens), traffic will be unbearable until we have 4 lanes. Please consider moving the timeline up for widening. Thanks!   | Amelia Csrson      |
| Improvements to Chinden should move up from 2022 to now with all of the developments and traffic occurring in the area. I support Mayor Tammy in her outreach to make Meridian a safer place.  |                    |
| I please ask the State to look at widening Chinden From Eagle Rd to Linder Rd SOONER than they have planned. It needs to be started by next year! It's an absolute safety hazard to everyone!!! Widening is essential to the safety of all citizens! Please move the planned date up!!!!   | Matthew Witt       |
| I am against any early whitening or any widening at all I live in Bristol Heights and it would increase the traffic noise  | Mitchell Rubin     |
| I travel this road daily to pick up my daughter from daycare. The congestion is getting worse. The number of accidents we see is growing. Please widen soon!   |                    |
| Widening chinden is well overdue- was needed 5-10 years ago and it keeps getting pushed back. Improvements needed NOW! The traffic is backed up all hours of the day resulting in constant rear- ender collisions. Eagle rd to highway16 should be top priority. With all the new neighborhoods and growth this should have been planned a long time ago. Stop putting it off! |                    |

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| <p>I live in a neighborhood that backs to Chinden. I believe it is absolutely necessary for physical and mental safety to WIDEN Chinden road. There is too much congestion and it sometimes makes it difficult to cross. To leave it the way it is is going to produce stress and reduce the quality of life. I think in the long run it will hurt the economy because people will just leave and take their money with them and go to a city that has sensible infrastructure. In other states where there is healthy road planning for traffic and sidewalks has increased their value and have become attractive places for good people to move into. Thank you for reading</p> | <p>Tina Brock</p>       |
| <p>I please ask the State to please look at widening Chinden From Eagle Rd to Linder Rd SOONER than they have planned. It needs to be started by next year! It's an absolute safety hazard to everyone!!! Widening is essential to the safety of all citizens! Please move the planned date up!!!!</p>   | <p>Melissa Witt</p>     |
| <p>Widening Chinden from Eagle to 10 Mile, at a minimum, makes great deal of sense. Safety would be the number one reason with increased economic activity a close second.</p>   |                         |
| <p>Please don't wait until 2022 to widen Chinden Boulevard. It is a mess already and has been for several years. It needs to be widened now!</p>   |                         |
| <p>Please widen chinden blvd. from eagle road to ten mile road immediately. It is a traffic hazard and a huge bottleneck.</p>  | <p>Stan Moss</p>        |
| <p>Widen the sucker!</p>   | <p>Eric Blank</p>       |
| <p>Please push to have Chinden Road widened ASAP. It is so very much needed right now. And not just between Eagle and Locust Grove. Traffic is becoming unbearable all along Chinden. I can't express how strongly I feel about this. Please know how much this is needed!</p>   | <p>Lisa Rawlings</p>    |
| <p>Page froze up so this may be a repeat comment. Chinden Road needs to be widened well before the planned 2022 date. With Meridian and Boise growing at such a rapid rate, our infrastructure is woefully lacking. Please make commuters' rides home more pleasurable and widen this road at the earliest time! Thank you</p>   | <p>Peggy Lee Hodson</p> |
| <p>Chinden from Eagle road west is extremely busy and congested currently. Being a realtor I know that over 2,000 new homes are slated to be built in the area of Ustick &amp; Ten Mile in the next 12 months.</p>   | <p>Mike Scrima</p>      |



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| Chinden is a major route to get there east bound from Boise. Also this highway is connected to fast growing Eagle, Star, and the new connector across the river from Emmett. Lots of additional traffic onto Chinden 20/26 from those areas is greatly increasing. Also widening Chinden from Eagle road through to Nampa to the freeway in Caldwell makes sense sooner than later to take part of the burden of east to west traffic off of the I84 between Boise/Meridian to Nampa and Caldwell. |                   |
| Please widen Chinden! We desperately need it done earlier than the projected time! We are at Linder and Chinden and it's a nightmare now in the morning, noon and night and they are wanting to add more retail/commercial to the area.  | Andrew E.         |
| Please consider moving up your initiative to widen Chinden Road. The traffic is becoming unbearable and it is almost like a parking lot during rush hour.  | Darrell Eastburn  |
| The congestion on Chinden Blvd from Eagle Rd to Linder is already severe. Please consider bumping up the widening schedule.  | Andrea Lasley     |
| It's of the utmost importance to widen Chinden. If not then no further projects on Chinden should be allowed to be developed. I've seen way too many crashes on Chinden.   | Melissa Delaney   |
| Widen Chinden NOW  | Keri Price        |
| Please accelerate the schedule and widen Chinden from Eagle to Linder ASAP. This has been a problem spot for many years and will continue to get worse.  | Jennifer Galloway |
| Chinden gets more back up with traffic yearly. We are near the corner of Eagle and Chinden and the slowdown in traffic is significant in the last 5 years. PLEASE widen Chinden now. New housing developments are sprouting up on each side of Chinden, adding more pressure year by year to the 2 lane road. Thank you!   | Carol Pangburn    |
| Please give more thought to speeding up the widen of Chinden project! The traffic is already a safety concern and with current and future development it will only get worse. Your careful consideration is appreciated. Thanks you  | Diane McLain      |

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| <p>Please widen Chinden as soon as possible. We truly need a major East/West highway to handle the traffic from our increased population in Meridian. Chinden is the logical street to handle this traffic, so please get started right away!</p>  | <p>Roslyn Graham</p>   |
| <p>Considering the fast influx of homes and businesses being built here, I absolutely agree our roadways need to be able handle the extra traffic. I think widening Chinden Rd, a major thoroughfare, is critical! Not just between Eagle and Locust Grove either. There has to be widening of Chinden west of Locust Grove. It seems all these new communities and business developments take precedence over pre-planning for increasing traffic concerns. Living between Linder Rd and Ten Mile off North of Ustick, I do all I can to avoid the rush hour traffic. It's getting more difficult to access 84 also. It used to be I could access the highway from Ten Mile with ease but now even that has become a headache ever since Walmart went in. Please do something!! Make our tax dollars count!</p> |                        |
| <p>As a new resident to Banbury Meadows community in Eagle I've been amazed at how heavy traffic is on Chinden Road from Eagle to Linder. This section of Chinden is in desperate need now for 4 lanes of traffic.</p>   | <p>James Blaisdell</p> |
| <p>Please consider funding The widening of Chinden. I drive from Cloverdale To Meridian road and it takes 30 minutes sometimes. I have been late picking up My grandchildren sometimes from their daycare. Please, Please. Thank you. So much change since we moved here in 2010.</p>  | <p>Judy Dosch</p>      |
| <p>Chinden rd., West of Eagle rd. is an absolute nightmare. The merge lane ends immediately after Eagle road and cars try to zoom up and cut over and I have almost been hit several times because of us. The traffic get stacked up clear down to Cloverdale during rush hour. Chinden Road needs to Have more lanes. And please stop with the silly merge lanes.</p>   | <p>Crystal Ikebe</p>   |
| <p>Prioritize the widening of Chinden/Hwy 20/26 between Locust Grove and McDermott</p>   | <p>Scott Stringham</p> |
| <p>The widening of Chinden should not wait any longer! So many people travel down that road and it is always backed up. Save us all the money and stop repaving and just widen the road.</p>   | <p>Rochelle Dunlap</p> |
| <p>Please, Please widen Chinden Road from Eagle Rd West. It is stop and go from West of Meridian Rd to Eagle Road most mornings and afternoons - especially during the school year. Now it will be even worse with the new Catholic School on the corner of Chinden and Meridian opening this year.</p>  |                        |

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| <p>In light of the potential commercial expansion at Linder and Chinden, we strongly encourage the city to reprioritize the widening of Chinden Road. There are so many families with children, elderly, high school drivers, etc. If the side roads within Paramount re utilized for cut through traffic, this will lead to accidents, injuries and a declination of the neighborhood. Thank you.</p>  | <p>Catina Tharp</p>   |
| <p>Chinden needs to be widened. What should be an efficient route has turned into a bottleneck in recent years and with the planned Costco and Winco at Linder, the situation will get out of hand very fast.</p>   | <p>Joel Alexander</p> |
| <p>Please accelerate the widening of Chinden between Locust Grove and McDermott. 2022 is too far in the future. Along Chinden, farmers sold their land to developers for subdivisions. A farmer may have had 4 cars. Now, the subdivision may have 500 cars. Chinden needs to be widened already, and there are even more houses being built along this corridor. Please widen Chinden sooner! P.S. Thank you very much for resurfacing Chinden from Locust Grove to Caldwell! It's so much better now!</p>   | <p>Steve Easley</p>   |
| <p>I am writing to provide public comment on the three Chinden Blvd projects (to widen one mile between Locust Grove and Eagle Rd in 2021, to widen 2 miles from Locust Grove roads, and to widen from Linder to McDermott). I am writing in support of all 3 of the above-described projects, and I strongly urge ITD to advance the start date for each of these projects. I live in a subdivision located north of Chinden between Meridian and Locust Grove roads and travel Chinden ever day. I have serious concerns about public safety and believe that these projects should be completed as soon as possible. The lack of adequate pedestrian crossings, sidewalks, and bike lanes place residents in harm's way. I see both children and adults crossing Chinden in unmarked areas attempting to cross or move along Chinden on a daily basis and it is just a matter of time that there will be a fatality. In addition to the potential for serious personal injury, the daily vehicle collisions that I see/encounter on Chinden stall traffic, suck time, and increase the frustration of persons travelling Chinden every day. The failure of Chinden to handle the traffic load is simply increasing the time drivers spend on the road and likewise their frustration. These projects are badly needed and are long over-due. I urge you to do what you can to see that they are completed well in advance of the deadlines you have projected. The safety and well-being of everyone using or attempting to cross Chinden is at stake. Thanks You.</p> | <p>Mark Freeman</p>   |
| <p>Please advance US20/26 in the STIP for the widening of one mile from Locust Grove to Eagle in 2021; widening of two miles from Linder to Locust Grove in 2022; and widening from Linder to State Highway 16 (McDermott) in future years. These improvements are overdue and critical on a key corridor in the valley. Thank you!</p>   | <p>Carl Miller</p>    |

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| Chinden should be widened today not later. Traffic is already congested, waiting will make things worse.   | Dionicio Baeza |
| With all the development happening in North Meridian over the past years, WIDENING CHINDEN SHOULD BE THE TOP MOST PRIORITY. PLEASE DRIVE A DAY AROUND THE AREA DURING WEEK DAYS TO HAVE FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE OF PAIN SO MANY PEOPLE GO THROUGH EVERY SINGLE DAY. I hope common sense prevails at the end of the day. Thanks   | Mural Gualala  |
| <p>The comment form in the interactive map did not seem to take my comments; I did not receive any confirmation. Therefore, I'm sending them to you directly. Please include my comments below into the record. Thank you.</p> <p>Thank you for including additional segments of roadway widening for Chinden Boulevard (US 20/26) in the draft ITIP. Unfortunately, improvements to several key segments listed in the ITIP are many years out. I am requesting that you advance Key No. 19944, US 20/26, Chinden; Locust Grove to Eagle; Key No. ORN20440, US 20, Linder to Locust Grove; and, Key No. ORN20493, US 20, SH-16 to Linder in the draft Program and start making improvements to the corridor sooner, rather than later. Improvements to Chinden will increase safety, have a positive impact on economic development and improve mobility in the region - all things I know ITD strives to do. I appreciate the opportunity to comment and be part of the programming process.</p> | Craig Hood     |
| I am emailing to request that Chinden be widened from Linder to Locust Grove sooner than the original planned date. I request that if could become a priority so the planned development at Linder and Chinden could move forward.   |                |
| I am contacting you in regards to the extremely overloaded section of Highway 20/26 between Eagle Road and 10 Mile Rd. The congestion during rush-hours is creating an untenable situation. Traffic backs up for more than a mile in either direction from several stop lights, causing tremendous delays and increasing air pollution. New subdivisions are being approved, but no improvement is being made to the infrastructure to keep up with the demand. I strongly urge you to reconsider your priorities and move up the widening of the Chinden corridor much sooner than 2024. How many more accidents and deaths must happen before action is taken?   | Larry Smith    |

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| <p>I have two concerns that I would like to bring to your attention. 1- 20/26 needs to be widened ASAP. With the intersection at Linder and Chinden widened to 4 lanes and then squeezing back to 2 lanes the road rage and congestion is actually a safety issue. Not only that, but large businesses like Costco are taking their business elsewhere. Meridian needs 20/26 widened and common sense along with safety this should have been done years ago. 2- The bridge on Ten Mile just north of Ustick. I have watched kids on bikes, kids on skateboards, joggers which includes kids and adults, and people trying to walk to Walmart and back, almost get hit. The bridge has had patch job after patch job. Tractor trailers are crossing it a lot more often. Road rage at RV's and other vehicles trying to get in and out of storage facility. The bridge cannot sustain the traffic that crosses it and the safety of the pedestrians does not even exist. The bridge needs replacing now. Someone will die there.</p> |                  |
| <p>As a concerned citizen of Meridian/Idaho I would like to express an urgency of the current and future projects on the 20/26 corridor. I feel it will be a safer and more effective use of tax dollars as it is major traffic flow tie between Canyon and Ada county. Putting a shorter time frame on these projects is needed. Your continued support regarding this issue is greatly appreciated.</p>  | Patrick A. Brown |
| <p>We need Chinden widened from Locust Grove to Linder now, not in 2021 or 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Basic Safety Infrastructure Lacking - No contiguous sidewalks, bike lanes, or pedestrian crossings.</li><li>- Crashes are Common and Costly: Over 100 crashes between Can-Ada and Eagle Road in 2014 and between 2010 and 2014 more than 1,100 people were involved in crashes costing \$7.4 million per mile.</li><li>- Businesses and Residents are Frustrated: Configuration prohibits the efficient movement of commuters, goods, and services into and through the area</li><li>- Peak Travel Time on Chinden between Eagle and Can-Ada Rd both directions was between 11 and 12 minutes in 2005; travel times have increased to between 14 and 15 minutes in 2015.</li></ul> <p>Thank you!</p>  | Nancy Schwend    |
| <p>I find it completely unacceptable to see the timeline for Chinden widening is not scheduled to happen until 2021. Are you kidding me? I drive all over the valley and consistently find that this road between Eagle and Linder is the worst for traffic in the area during rush hours. I watch ACHD constantly improving and widening roads like Meridian, Ustick, Linder ect and yet our state with a much larger budget cannot get a 2 mile stretch of road widened in an area where there is already setbacks established and land acquisition will not be required. Come on guys! This is one of the reasons our state struggles to recruit</p>  | Greg Guymon      |

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| <p>businesses of any substance and size. We lack infrastructure and forward thinking by our public servants. Look at Utah- a state with similar demographic. Their state highway system and overall infrastructure makes us look pitiful. Look at their economy, also making us look pitiful. If you build it, they will come. Help grow our infrastructure and our economy. Start by widening our most important roads and highways NOW. I pay more than my share of taxes in this state. I am one of the 1% of wage earners, I understand this might raise my taxes a bit. I am ok with that. Whatever it takes lets accelerate this project. 2017s already too late=8A 2018 is absolutely unacceptable. Are you missing the growth happening in this Valley? What about the development of Linder Shopping complexes with Costco, winco and countless new homes along this corridor. Open your eyes and spend tax payers dollars including mine on this way past due improvement. Thanks</p> |  |
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