

**Public Comments**  
**FY2016-2020 and FY2017-2021**  
**Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**  
**December 2016 Amendments**  
 Number of comments received: 1

<b>Comment</b> (The comments below are verbatim, as submitted by the commenter. As such, typographical errors have not been corrected.)	<b>Staff Response</b>	<b>Zip Code and Name/affiliation (if included)</b>	<b>Format</b>
<p>Some quick comments on the TIP ...            I am encouraged by the 11/15/16 amendment that listed the widening of SH 44 from Linder to SH16. IMHO we need to focus limited funds on improving state highways to carry the brunt of area traffic and design roads to accommodate speeds of 50-60mph (no center turn lanes!!). My suggestion is to put the Collister/State St intersection project on the back burner. That frees up \$7M dollars. Exactly what you need to fund the SH44 widening project! I would also ask you to reconsider the timeframe for the widening projects on 20/26 west of Eagle Road. Focus needs to be on expanding state highways BEFORE money is used to widen local roads. You just might find changing traffic patterns that eliminate the need to widen local roads. So much money can be saved! SH20/26 resurface should not be done from SH16 to Locust Grove. Plan on widening that section in the next 2-3 years. With that, and SH44 widened from Linder to SH16, there will be greater east-west mobility with multiple north/south access points. Then focus on SH16 to I84 and 3 cities river crossing.</p> <p>As far as this funding, "ITD received additional funding at the end of fiscal year (FY) 2016. The Idaho Transportation Board directed staff to use the funds to improve documented safety issues across the state, both on state and local facilities."</p> <p>Can you please look at safety improvements on Old Horseshoe Bend Road for school kids at Rolling Hills Public Charter School. The principal there has pleaded (to no avail) with Eagle, Boise and ACHD trying to get someone to recognize the safety hazard for students who walk. There is no slow zone or sidewalks on parts of the road. ACHD gave some lame excuse that when the school opened <u>10 years ago</u> the school's traffic report said all kids would arrive by car. Things have changed. This is a Title I school with several students walking and riding their bikes. More probably would if something was done to make pedestrian travel safer for these kids! Please contact the administrator, Mr Shane Pratt at [REDACTED] for more information.</p>	<p>Comment provided to the COMPASS Board of Directors</p>	<p>Kathy Pennisi</p>	<p>Email</p>