

Public Comments Received (Verbatim)

FY2018–2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Public Comment Period: May 14 – May 28, 2018

Total number of comments received by COMPASS: 7

Outreach methods: Two email blasts; legal notices placed in *Idaho Statesman* and *Idaho Press Tribune*; public comment information posted to COMPASS website and social media channels

Comment (The comments below are verbatim, as submitted by the commenter. As such, typographical errors have not been corrected.)	Staff Response	Zip Code Name Affiliation	Format
<p>Toni</p> <p>As you know I'm not a big fan of having "bike lanes" on so many of our roadways. This is a great idea for Eagle Road over the north channel. I certainly support it.</p> <p>Separating bike lanes from roadways is surely safer. I understand that ACHD is considering having a combined sidewalk/bike lane on their new Eagle Road project from Amity to Victory; a great idea in my opinion.</p> <p>I would hope it is also considered for the upcoming Ten Mile Road project from Ustick to Chinden.</p> <p>Take care Toni</p> <p>Mac, Sent from my iPhone</p>	<p>Thank you for your response, Mac!</p> <p>We will share your support for the project with the COMPASS Board and City of Eagle.</p> <p>Toni G. Tisdale Principal Planner</p>		Email
<p>I emailing to express my support for the Bicycle and Pedestrian bridge over Eagle Road. My family and I live in XXX XXXXXX and we would love to have the ease and availability of walking and biking in to downtown Eagle.</p> <p>Thank you, Angie Creasey</p>	<p>Thank you, Ms. Creasey!</p> <p>We will share your support for this project with the COMPASS Board of Directors and the City of Eagle.</p> <p>Toni G. Tisdale Principal Planner</p>	83642	Email
<p>Hi Tony The bike/ped bridge is a great idea for this area. Go for it! Are there any conceptual drawings of the proposed structure?</p> <p>Public Comment Opportunity: Amendment to Regional Transportation Improvement Program</p> <p>Comments are being accepted on a proposed amendment to the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The City of Eagle applied for a new project to add a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over the North Channel of the Boise</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, Mr. Guise.</p> <p>Your comments will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and City of Eagle.</p> <p>COMPASS engaged a consultant, along with the City of Eagle, to complete a concept level report on this project in 2016. The entire report, including concept plans and renderings, is provided on the COMPASS website: http://www.compassidaho.org/documents/prodserv/report_s/EagleRoadBikePedBridgeProjectDevelopmentFinal_04-12-16.pdf</p>		Email

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<p>River in the City of Eagle. The bridge would be adjacent to State Highway 55 (Eagle Road) on the west side of the highway, connecting existing pathways to the north and south of the river.</p>	<p>Toni G. Tisdale Principal Planner</p>		
<p>Hello, we would like to encourage more pedestrian walkways for foot traffic in Eagle. It's very hard to get from our neighborhood XXXXXX XXXXX over to downtown Eagle to enjoy the restaurants, market etc. I hope that these comments will help to have more pathways. Thanks! Dilara Sent from my iPhone</p> <p>Reply: Great, thank you! Finishing the pathway to eagle island and a path to the area by T-sheets that is being developed would also be great! Thanks</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, Dilara. Your comments will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and the City of Eagle.</p> <p>Toni G. Tisdale Principal Planner</p> <p>Reply 2: Thank you! We will add your additional comments with your original statements.</p> <p>Toni</p>	<p>83616</p>	<p>Email</p>
<p>As a resident of Eagle, I think we need to do everything we can to encourage more foot and bike traffic. A pedestrian walkway would make going into downtown Eagle safer and faster for my family and would help ease the traffic congestion our growing town is dealing with. My family and others would be more likely to frequent Eagle restaurants and businesses more often if we were able to do so more easily by bike or foot.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Jackie Moran, Sent from my iPhone</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, Ms. Moran:</p> <p>Your comments will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and the City of Eagle.</p> <p>Toni G. Tisdale Principal Planner</p>		<p>Email</p>
<p>This bridge is a real good idea. The amount of cars parking by the north bound river has increased over the past couple years and continues to increase. I see more and more people biking and walking over eagle rode to cross from one side to the other. It is only a matter of time before a distracted driver injurries a pedestrian. I am in favor of this project and hope to see it expedited.</p> <p>Thanks, Kevin</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, Kevin.</p> <p>Your comments will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and the City of Eagle.</p> <p>Toni G. Tisdale Principal Planner</p>		<p>Email</p>
<p>May 28, 2018</p> <p>Dear COMPASS,</p> <p>I am writing to comment on your proposed TIP Plan. I will just make my comments below:</p>	<p>Hi Ms. McLaughlin:</p> <p>Thank you for your comments and questions. Please see responses to your questions below. Your comments will be provided to the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p> <p>Toni G. Tisdale Principal Planner</p>	<p>83616</p>	<p>Email</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why are you spending 10's of millions of dollars for VRT? What are the ridership numbers that justify such expenditures? • Why are you spending money on Highway 16 to study future traffic projections? I can tell you in one word what they are: Gridlock. Why not spend the money for acquisition of property so you can start building it instead of studying it. • Why are you spending 12 million for the Black Creek interchange instead of widening Chinden from Eagle Road to Locust Grove? Much more effective use of funds! • Who approved a continuous flow intersection at Hwy 55 and 44? Did the City of Eagle ask for this? I don't remember ever seeing anything on this proposal. I saw a presentation on the Linder and Chinden intersection but never one here before. I have seen no advertising about this possibility. Please explain. • My biggest question is why are you waiting until 2021 to widen Chinden from Eagle Road to Locust Grove.? This is a nightmare. You need a dedicated right turn lane going south on Eagle Road and to widen the whole intersection going west. • My last comment is I see lots and lots of money for COMPASS. • Build Roads Please. We need another interchange off I 84 to relieve Eagle Road, Hwy 16 would help tremendously, or another north/south connection form Chinden to Hwy55.(Cement Plant) <p>I like most of your proposals but the above ones seem to me to need another look. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Diane McLaughlin XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Eagle, ID 83616 ddmclaughlin7@aol.com XXX-XXX-XXXX</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Much of the funding for Valley Regional Transit is to replace existing buses that have reached the end of their useful life, as well as current operations funds for existing services. This allows the Valley Regional Transit system to continue to operate as it is, but it does not provide the ability for expansion of current service. In FY2017, Valley Regional Transit reported approximately 1.4 million rides on their systems. • The study on State Highway 16 will help the Idaho Transportation Department determine the right-of-way needs for the State Highway 16 expansion, which will tell them what property will need to be acquired. • The Idaho Transportation Department must plan projects for the entire State of Idaho. The I-84 Blacks Creek Interchange was built in 1963 and is considered to be in poor condition. The interchange also has safety needs due to the increased speed limit to 80 miles per hour on the interstate. The ramps were not designed for this high of speed. • The Idaho Transportation Department started preliminary design work on improvements to the intersection of SH-55 (Eagle Road) and SH-44 (State Street) as early as FY2013. The project was removed from the TIP in FY2016 and added back in FY2017. Design for this project started in the spring 2018. ITD will hold public meetings as they enter the design stage of the project and more information will become available. Construction is currently scheduled for funding in FY2021. • Funding is extremely limited, especially for projects that add capacity (widening). In addition, it takes several years to complete design work and right-of-way acquisition for complex projects, such as the US 20/26 (Chinden Boulevard), Locust Grove Road to State Highway 55 (Eagle Road) project. Design work just started on this project in FY2017. Right-of-way acquisition is scheduled to begin in FY2018. Construction funds are currently scheduled in FY2021; however, if the project 		

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Reply 2: Thank you for responding to my concerns. Diane Sent from my iPhone	progresses faster than anticipated and funding becomes available, ITD has the option of advancing construction to an earlier year.		
Thank you thinking of the masses of bicyclist who are in dire need of their own bridge while the rest of us sit in traffic while little is done to make the roads more efficient (like widening....let's see Chinden, 10-Mile, 5-Mile, Cloverdale, Linder, Locust Grove.....basically ever street that needs more than one lane in each direction. But lets keeps all that bike traffic flowing. Asses	Good morning: Thank you for your comments. They will be shared with the COMPASS Board. Toni G. Tisdale Principal Planner		Email (after deadline)

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