

# Public Comments Received (Verbatim)

Attachment 3

For amendments to:

## **FY2020-2026 and FY2021-2027 Regional Transportation Improvement Programs**

Public Comment Period: September 29 through October 13, 2020

Total number of comments received by COMPASS: 11

**Topic: Transit – Fueling Station and Parking Lot, Boise. Transit – Fueling Stock, Infrastructure, and Technology, Boise, VRT. Capital Maintenance, Phase 3, Boise, 2020. More details can be found [here](#).**

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

<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 (City) Name Affiliation</b>	<b>Format</b>
<p>As a senior citizen I am concerned that not enough attention is paid to those of us on foot. It appears that so much attention is paid to auto traffic, even bike traffic and now electric scooters that so-called improvements have actually diminished safety and convenience of pedestrians. It has become worse with the addition of scooters. Many bike riders will at least ring a bell or announce "on your left". I have never received any such warning from a scooter rider who are traveling much faster than pedal powered bikes.</p> <p>Contractors are allowed to close sidewalks for months, often with no good detour except having to walk in a busy street. I had to use a walker after hip surgery and found I had to take a four block detour to get to a destination one block away. It stayed that way for weeks with no sign of work on the project for several days.</p> <p>The road changes for St Lukes is another example. I kept seeing reports of solving issues for auto and bike traffic but things are worse for those on foot.</p> <p>I keep seeing that we want to reduce auto use but, for seniors at least, more hurdles keep showing up for foot traffic.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and the Ada County Highway District.</p>	<p>83716 (Boise) Richard Rapp</p>	<p>Email</p>

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<p>Before the pandemic I regularly met with fellow BSU Emeriti and found that many of us shared the same concerns.</p>			
<p>I'm not a big fan of the mostly empty buses running around the Valley.</p> <p>But I am in favor of this change.</p> <p>Trust you are doing well &amp; staying safe</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and Valley Regional Transit.</p>	<p>Mac McOmber</p>	<p>Email</p>
<p>I would be happier to hear that the Treasure Valley was working to design an electrically powered light rail system or electrically powered bus network.</p> <p>Thank you for asking for community input,</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and Valley Regional Transit.</p> <p>While the project presented in the public comment period is for improvements to a fuel island and parking lot extension, the overall need for these improvements is due to the transition to an electric-powered bus fleet. However, compressed natural gas-powered buses will be used as the fleet is converted.</p>	<p>Alex McKinley</p>	<p>Email</p>
<p>We need transport FROM &amp; TO downtown Eagle Area.</p> <p>I'm only 48 w/rare brain &amp; autoimmune diseases &amp; trouble getting transport as local Senior/Disabled Van is overused by local ABLE BODIED seniors to get to non essential services- while I have to fight to get to essential medical services- not ok!</p> <p>(The organizers do their best- it isn't their fault- PRIORITY seating needs to be put in place until more options r available. Those able bodied &amp; w/financial means should be using Uber &amp; Lyft as well as drive themselves when they r perfectly capable!)</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and Valley Regional Transit.</p>	<p>83616 (Eagle) Lisa Schweiter</p>	<p>Email</p>
<p>To whom it may concern Please vote YES on the proposed CNG fueling station. I can see it would result in greater efficiencies for the current bus system and hopefully the station will be accessible to the public. While few in number the closeness to the interstate would enhance the use of this under utilized cleaner air fuel Thank You</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and Valley Regional Transit.</p>	<p>83686 (Nampa) Hubert Osborne</p>	<p>Email</p>

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<p>To keep up with the explosive population growth in the Treasure Valley, the addition and expansion of public transportation in densely populated areas are crucial, in the form of public buses using compressed natural gasses, and the reinstatement of the light rail system.</p> <p>Bicycles or scooters made available in the Boise area are useful for those who are not impaired mobility-wise. Those who are mobility-impaired need other forms of transportation, such as accessible buses or vans.</p> <p>Expansion of roads is a temporary solution to explosive growth. More creative mass transit is needed to move more people into smaller geographical areas.</p> <p>Any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me via this email or phone</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and Valley Regional Transit.</p>	<p align="center">(Eagle) Fely A. Brooks</p>	<p align="center">Email</p>
<p>Hello, I support VRT applying for the competitive grant to make improvements to the compressed natural gas fueling system and the parking lot at the Orchard maintenance facility in the City of Boise.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and Valley Regional Transit.</p>	<p align="center">Caile Spear</p>	<p align="center">Email</p>
<p>Regional transportation</p> <p>I support the proposed TIP amendment to add a project for Valley Regional Transit for improvements to the compressed natural gas fueling system and the parking lot at the Orchard maintenance facility in the City of Boise.</p> <p>I also support the Come Together senecio. I am an Idaho native and have lived here the majority of my life, however I lived in Alexandria, Virginia for almost 6 years. I commuted to the Smithsonian via the metro system, and used public buses to travel about DC. The commute worked so well for me, and will work for the commuters of the Treasure Valley.</p> <p>The benefits of a Fully intagrated transit system include; speed, ease of use, avoiding traffic hassles, parking expense, better mental well being, and a bit of exercise to get to transit hubs.</p> <p>Of course the BIG WIN is reduction of greenhouse gases.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and Valley Regional Transit.</p>	<p align="center">(Caldwell) Carol Prentice</p>	<p align="center">Email</p>
<p>Thanks for pushing forward to electric vehicles. The amendment to update the fueling station for to help accomplish this goal seems a good idea.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and Valley Regional Transit.</p>	<p align="center">(Boise) Liz Vavricka</p>	<p align="center">Email</p>

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I support any and all amendments or proposals that would expand and bring forward to next year any project that supports or enhances public transportation infrastructure.	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and Valley Regional Transit.	83703 (Boise) Gary Roeder	Email
Please built a freeway off and on-ramp on Middleton rd while there is still space...  I would ease congestion on Karcher and Cleveland blvd	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and the Idaho Transportation Department.		Email

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