

Public Comments Received (Verbatim)

Amendment #2 to the FY2024-2030 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Public Comment Period: March 15 – March 25, 2024

Total number of comments received by COMPASS: 3

Topic:

The proposed change would increase FY2024 funds for transit capital projects using available/unprogrammed funding.

Comment (The comments below are verbatim, as submitted by the commenter. As such, typographical errors have not been corrected.)	Staff Response	Name, Zip Code, Affiliation
<p>Dear Reader, The change to the costs is quite major. However, I am ALL FOR finding public transportation solutions that can bring down the number of vehicles on our roadways! As a long time resident of Meridian, I have watched our city, as well as the entire Treasure Valley, grow to unbelievable proportions! The roadways have been behind in keeping up with growth and public transportation has also not kept up with this growth. I would like to use public transportation but until it has a wider range of stops I and many others will not be able to take advantage of what we currently have. As it stands now, there are two bus lines that run near my home – a bus to the Village and I see a bus that runs on Cherry Lane. I have heard that it runs to CWI. These two lines are a simple beginning, but they do not go to the places that I need to go for my work. Also, the stops are few and I have not been able to determine the times that the bus runs. Expansion is needed as well as clarification on times and routes. I have lived in cities where I have utilized bus and trains as modes of public transportation. I knew that if I took the train, it would drop me near my destination or near a bus route that I could use. Here, that isn't obvious or available. Several years ago I tried to use the bus system, but had to have transportation to get to the bus stop, which made the use of the bus difficult. That</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with Valley Regional Transit and the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Karla Morton</p>

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bus had a straight route and not many destinations where you could catch another bus to get elsewhere. This has been my biggest complaint with the public transportation system in the Treasure Valley. I hope that with this increase in costs there will be better options for commuters and that we can have fewer vehicles on the roadways!		
To whom it may concern Given the reported unreliability of electric buses i would ask that electric vehicles of any type not be considered Thank You	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with Valley Regional Transit and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Hubert Osborne
I am NOT in favor of the amendment for transit capital projects	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with Valley Regional Transit and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Mac McOmber