

Leadership by Example, Elected Official

Senator Chuck Winder

Senator Chuck Winder is the epitome of steady, quiet leadership on transportation issues throughout the Treasure Valley and across the State of Idaho. During his decades of public service, Winder has been at the forefront of transportation planning and funding.

He has been a critical, behind-the-scenes player in the transition of transportation funding from traditional, pay-as-you-go user fees, to what is today a broader use of state general fund dollars for critical transportation projects. Each step of this transition involved long political and philosophical battles.

Improvements to I-84, US 20/26 (Chinden Boulevard), State Highway 44 (State Street), State Highway 55 in Canyon County, and extension of Highway 16 are all projects that would have never been completed under the traditional pay-as-you-go funding mechanism.

The Senator's immense dedication to the Treasure Valley and State of Idaho can be seen through his many years of public service:

- 13 years as an Ada County Highway District Commissioner
- 11 years as Chair of the Idaho Transportation Board
- Co-chair of the Treasure Valley Coalition for Regional Public Transportation
- 16 years on the Senate Transportation Committee
- Co-chair of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region's Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
- Former member of both the City of Boise's Planning and Zoning Commission and Design Review Committee