

Public Comments Received (Verbatim)

For amendment to FY2022-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program

Public Comment Period: March 31 through April 14, 2022

Total number of comments received by COMPASS: 13

Topic: Add seven new public transportation projects.

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 (City) Name Affiliation	Format
<p>I support all of these projects. Expanding affordable and useful transportation areas is very important to our state's infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Support transit administration, operations, and preventative maintenance (Treasure Valley Transit) in rural areas of southwest Idaho •Support transit operations (Kuna Senior Center) •Support preventive maintenance (Kuna Senior Center) •Fund community transit services in rural Ada and Canyon Counties (Valley Regional Transit) •Replace 12 vans serving rural areas (Ada County Highway District Commuteride) •Replace three transit vans for use in rural areas of southwest Idaho (Treasure Valley Transit) •Replace three compressed natural gas 25-foot buses with three 35-foot electric buses (Valley Regional Transit) 	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, Valley Regional Transit, the Kuna Senior Center, Ada County Highway District, and the Idaho Transportation Department.</p>	Danielle Boyd	Email
<p>West of Boise area to airport express route would be nice. Currently, it will take 2+ hours to get to the airport so no one would use it. But if we have an option to park and ride an express bus to the airport, I think more people will take it. Thank you.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and Valley Regional Transit.</p>	Naho Nakashima	Email
<p>I can support all of the items except #4 and #7. You know my feeling that we should not be spending money on VRT buses that have such a low ridership.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, Valley Regional Transit, the Kuna Senior Center, Ada County Highway District, and the Idaho Transportation Department.</p>	Mac	Email
<p>I am aware of the amendment and its proposed projects. I whole-heartedly support them.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, Valley Regional Transit, the Kuna Senior Center, Ada County Highway District, and the Idaho Transportation Department.</p>	Al Schneider District 3 PTAC Representative	Email

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<p>I support all 7 as useful projects that benefit all of us . One concern is, has the past 5 years of building BOOM in all of SW Idaho changed where "rural" areas are?</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, Valley Regional Transit, the Kuna Senior Center, Ada County Highway District, and the Idaho Transportation Department.</p> <p>In response to your question, what is considered “urban” and “rural” is determined by the US Census. We expect to receive updated information from the 2020 Census in the summer 2022.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>	<p>Email</p>
<p>it all sounds good, please pass this. we need more transportation, more functional transportation and updates to help reduce pollution and traffic. make it better and more convenient for people and people will use it and it will make things better for all of us.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, Valley Regional Transit, the Kuna Senior Center, Ada County Highway District, and the Idaho Transportation Department.</p>	<p>Patricia McDermott</p>	<p>Email</p>
<p>We don't necessarily need electric busses. We just need more busses, more routes, more stops. We need ways to get people to work and activities that do not involve driving all thetime. Seniors who can no longer drive, those without drives license like Youngs need to have reliable SAFE transportation. The Treasure Valley is getting so much growth that traffic is becoming a huge problem. We should make rhe developers pay in part for the needed transportation . Our long time citizens should not have to bear so much of the burden via increasing taxation.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and Valley Regional Transit.</p>	<p>(Nampa) Joy Lewis</p>	<p>Email</p>
<p>I am in full support of the proposed amendment to add seven new public transportation projects to the FY2022-2028 TIP. I hope the board passes this amendment.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, Valley Regional Transit, the Kuna Senior Center, Ada County Highway District, and the Idaho Transportation Department.</p>	<p>Deanna Smith</p>	<p>Email</p>
<p>I am writing to voice my support for the proposed amendment to FY2022-2028 plans for transportation projects. They all address current needs and are forward looking. Thank you</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, Valley Regional Transit, the Kuna Senior Center, Ada County Highway District, and the Idaho Transportation Department.</p>	<p>83703 (Boise) Elaine Garris</p>	<p>Email</p>
<p>I would like to know why Star has been overlooked in any of these road projects. This town is growing by leaps and bounds and the roads are not big enough and will never accommodate the influx of the building going on. We need widening of every road in Star right now. Just drive out here and you can see why it is impossible to drive anywhere without a longer transit time due to the large amount of cars and people.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p> <p>In response to your question, funding is severely limited, and the City of Star competes for funding with other similarly sized jurisdictions across the state.</p>	<p>(Star) Susan McCleery</p>	<p>Email</p>
<p>Please consider the latest data to reduce light pollution in Idaho. Let us see our starry skies.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Margo Szlanic, MSN, RN</p>	<p>Email</p>

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I was able to look at the proposed projects and looks great. I am really happy to see that improvements/additions will be considered for rural areas such of Wilder, Homedale and other small towns. I am really pleased to see that you are including the access for people with disabilities. It is very complicated for them to travel to places they like for medical and other necessities. THANK YOU!	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, Valley Regional Transit, the Kuna Senior Center, Ada County Highway District, and the Idaho Transportation Department.	Griselda Camancho Aprendiendo Together, LLC	Email
I think the proposal for the FY 2022-2028 TIP had items that need to be addressed and I approve of the proposal.	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, Valley Regional Transit, the Kuna Senior Center, Ada County Highway District, and the Idaho Transportation Department.	Elizabeth Vavricka	Email

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