

# Public Comments Received (Verbatim)

## **Amendment #2 to the FY2023-2029 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Public Comment Period: January 3 – January 17, 2023

Total number of comments received by COMPASS: 10

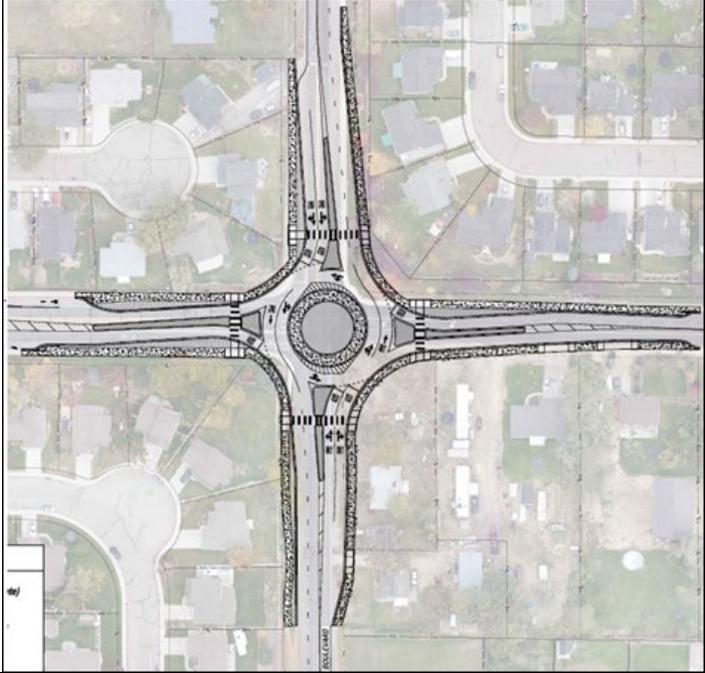
### **Topics:**

The proposed amendments would add two new projects and extend the scope of three projects in the regional transportation improvement program (TIP):

- Add a project to complete the Glenwood Corridor Plan in the City of Garden City
- Add an intersection improvement project at Midland Boulevard and Iowa Avenue in the City of Nampa
- Change the scope of a project on State Highway 55 near Avimor to add operational improvements
- Change the scope of two projects in Ada County to meet budgetary limitations

<b>Comment</b> <small>(The comments below are verbatim, as submitted by the commenter. As such, typographical errors have not been corrected.)</small>	<b>Staff Response</b>	<b>Name, Zip Code, Affiliation</b>
<p>1. ACHD should make a priority to relieve pressure on Bogus Basin and Harrison Blvd by completing the 36th street segment between Hill Road and Cartwright. Eminent domain should be used if necessary. The speed limit in this segment should be 25mph.</p> <p>2. ACHD should fix the horrible intersection congestion at Curling Road and Bogus Basin by installing a roundabout versus the 3 way stop. Yes, ACHD just rebuilt this a couple of years ago, and it should've been done then.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, Ada County Highway District, the City of Boise.</p>	<p>Gary Roeder</p>
<p>I support adding the SH-44 (Glenwood) Corridor Plan. The existing facility is deficient, particularly for bike and ped connectivity. With the potential redevelopment of Expo Idaho, ITD needs to get ahead of development.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, the Idaho Transportation Department, and the City of Garden City.</p>	<p>Bob Taunton</p>

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<p>My comments re Treasuer Valley transportation are as follows: Eagle Rd from Hwy 44 in Eagle to I-84 should have been a limited access, freeway type highway. Too late for that now, so: Major intersections should be grade seperated so that traffic on Eagle and the crossing street do not need to stop. This would be appropriate for Chinden, Ustick, Fairview, and Franklin.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, Ada County Highway District, and the Idaho Transportation Department.</p>	<p>John Olden, PE, Retired</p>
<p>Please keep the flow of traffic. Right hand turn lanes. Going into these housing tracts backs up traffic. Bus pull into housing tract or a place for them to pull in too. Build elementary schools in tracts larger the 500 homes 300 pick a number so the children don't have to be bussed. Traffic lights are so extremely long people almost fall asleep. Light on ustick waiting for eagle is so long of a wait and so fast for Eagle. I hope you plan on a street light on uptick at Venable. It already is a long wait with first faze now next faze opens yikes. The developer should have to pay for them.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, Ada County Highway District, and the City of Meridian.</p>	<p>Gretchen Shetler</p>
<p>The project is listed as: Add an intersection improvement project at Midland Boulevard and Iowa Avenue in the City of Nampa. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this project. I am in favor of a roundabout at this intersection. I live off of Midland Boulevard, between Iowa and Greenhurst. I use this intersection a couple of times per day. To be clear, I avoid this intersection about as often as I use it. A four-way stop sign is not working here. It is probably more of a reflection on the driving habits than it is on the intersection itself, but this is the environment we are dealing with. It might be worth considering putting a police officer at this intersection on a daily basis to encourage people to drive with sanity. Maybe changing the driving habits in the long run is cheaper. But assigning a police officer at the intersection means he/she is removed from a different assignment that might be more important. But the cost savings of having a police officer slow</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and the City of Nampa.</p> <p><u><a href="#">Response from the City of Nampa:</a></u></p> <p>Midland &amp; Iowa is slated to be a roundabout (see below photo). It may be constructed this year, but most likely it will be next year. The improvements at this intersection were incorporated in the Midland Corridor study that spanned Midland between Greenhurst and Karcher, but the project is being advanced because of the high need.</p>	<p>NA</p>

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<p>traffic down may be cheaper than installing a roundabout. Just a side thought. With our growth, we need to be forward thinkers. If Compass Idaho is looking for feedback, you have my support for what you are trying to do. However, I am curious about something. I recently took a look at a couple of proposed projects for the Midland Corridor between Karcher and Greenhurst. I am not clear if this roundabout is a part of that project or will replace any part of a proposed project. If this roundabout is being offered as a replacement to four-way stop signs, then I am all for it as I've said. If you are asking if I like a roundabout rather than traffic lights, then I will tell you that I prefer the roundabout. I appreciate the opportunity to have a voice. Thank you once again.</p>		
<p>I am totally in favor of this. Change is hard for some to accept but roundabouts work in slowing traffic down, and letting traffic from both directions to continue to flow. I know it's more expensive at the startup up but slower speeds enforced by the curvature of the roads prevents running red lights at high speed causing tragic accidents. Count my vote in favor.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Sue Bruening</p>
<p>My only concern is the vague wording for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add a project to complete the Glenwood Corridor Plan in the City of Garden City</li> </ul> <p>I hope it relates to changes near the county fairgrounds. Otherwise, I am opposed to any changes to the Glenwood corridor. It has the best level of service it can with so few river crossings in town. I suggest you better identify the scope of the</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, the City of Garden City, and the Idaho Transportation Department.</p>	<p>Patricia Matthews</p>

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<p>Glenwood study. I was the designer for the last Glenwood corridor improvement in the 90s.</p>		
<p>Hi I'm Ken I just have some thoughts NAM04 Midland Boulevard and Iowa Avenue Intersection Improvements, Nampa. I am all for the improvements that includes curb, gutter, sidewalk, pedestrian ramps, and bicycle facilities, as well as illumination and stormwater improvements. I would love for Middleton Rd to have sidewalks and bike lanes that connect to each other that go from Greenhurst Rd all the way north to the city of Middleton. I am against the conversion of the intersection into a roudabout, honestly I just don't see people here in Nampa/Caldwell using the roundabouts in a correct manner. Sometimes one lane of traffic just continually moves [Ustick Rd] and blocks all others from using the roundabout until traffic dies down. Also this is something Drivers Ed never covered for us in the 90's/2000's so we don't have the ingrained training to use them properly. So for the intersection please leave it as a 4 way stop or convert it into a traffic light intersection like the one at Roosevelt. Thank you for your time</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, the City of Nampa, the City of Middleton, and the City of Caldwell.</p>	<p>Ken Benson</p>
<p>Adding turn bays and acceleration bays at N. McLeod Way will enable traffic to move through the area faster in the short term but will make the area less safe for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists in the long term when more development occurs in the area. Recommend that a second look be given to this project.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, the City of Eagle, and the Idaho Transportation Department.</p>	<p>Carl E. Whaley</p>
<p>The City of Nampa requests to add an intersection improvement project at Midland Boulevard and Iowa Avenue using local funds, with the intent that the project could be eligible for federal-aid in the future.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p>	<p>City of Nampa, Darl Bruner</p>