

# Public Comments Received (Verbatim)

## **Amendment #2 to *Communities in Motion 2050* (CIM 2050), Amendment #4 to the FY2023-2029 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Amendment #1 to the FY2024-2030 TIP**


Public Comment Period: September 1 – September 17, 2023  
 Total number of comments received by COMPASS: 8

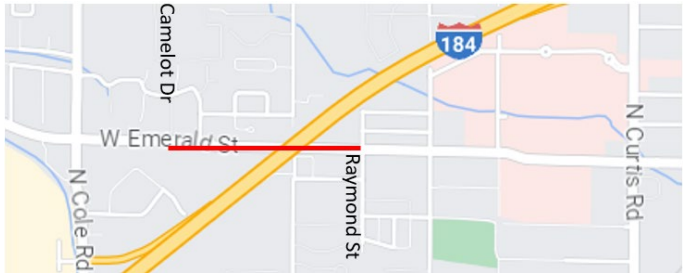
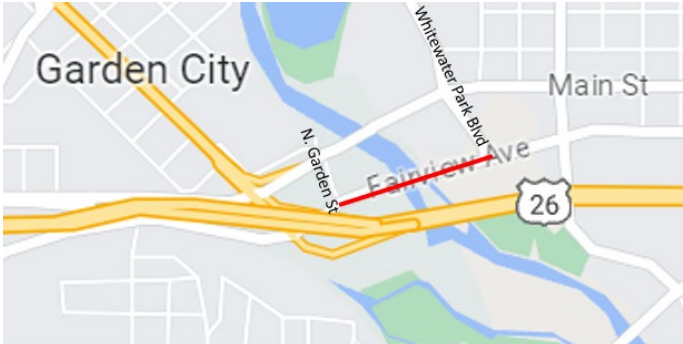
### **Topics:**

The proposed amendment to CIM 2050 would add a project to realign Middleton Road in the City of Middleton north of the roundabout at Sawtooth Lake Drive to State Highway 44.

The proposed amendments to the TIPs would add the same Middleton Road project, as well as projects to replace the Fairview Avenue Bridge over the Boise River between North Garden Street and Whitewater Park Boulevard and the Emerald Street Bridge over Interstate 184.

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I am all for your plans that includes bike and pedestrian lanes.	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Ada County Highway District, the City of Middleton, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	NA
I'm 100% in support of the Emerald Street Bridge pedestrian enhancements on both sides of the bridge replacement. A multi-use protected pathway on both sides would serve the most people.	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Ada County Highway District and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Debbie Bloom
Hi! This is transportation related, please forward to the department it belongs to.... Can we make it an idaho law that every school bus has seat belts for the kids? Especially after the recent Y bus rollover, I think we can all see our kids deserve to be safe when being transported anywhere. It's the law in any other moving automobile, school busses need to follow this law as well. Thank you,	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with Valley Regional Transit and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Courtney Anderson

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The proposed Amendment sounds good	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Ada County Highway District, the City of Middleton, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Mac McOmber
Can you submit a map of the proposed projects please? Thank you	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Ada County Highway District, the City of Middleton, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.  <i>Middleton Road Realignment</i> 	K. Young

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	<p><i>Emerald Street, Camelot Drive to Raymond Street</i></p>  <p><i>Fairview, North Garden Street to Whitewater Park Boulevard</i></p> 	
<p>Hi! Is there a place to ask that Amtrak be reinstated through boise? Making the depot a real depot again so commuters can connect to California or go the other way to Denver and beyond ? Thanks!</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with Valley Regional Transit, the City of Boise, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p> <p>Submitting a comment is a great way to make your voice heard! The COMPASS Board of Directors consists of elected officials from across the Treasure Valley. We also forward on these comments to pertinent agencies.</p>	<p>NA</p>

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<p>Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion. Yes, I would like to see this added to the plan. I was surprised that it was not part of the original proposal, given the extent of population growth in Middleton. I moved 40 miles west of downtown Boise in 1998 from the Hill Road-Collister neighborhood. I commuted into Boise for work, enduring attempts to make traffic routes more efficient. Improvements made 20 years ago are now completely inadequate. I was completely stunned by the lack of foresight in not adding already known "proposed (permits pending), subdivisions" in west Ada or Canyon Counties in the 2050 Plan. These areas will exceed the 2050 Plan in the next three years (2026). COVID-19 showed thousands of people that they could tele-commute to work, so they left expensive California for the Boise area. Add in that today's kids don't want to be farmers, so mom and pop are selling their farms to developers, taking advantage of the population growth. Our growth numbers far exceed this Plan's "steady growth" assumption. It is total chaos.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Ada County Highway District, the City of Middleton, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Keri Gibbs</p>
<p>With no new traffic light on Hwy. 44 at the Middleton Road (north &amp; south) crossing, major traffic accidents will occur. Do not "align" the No. and So. Middleton Roads until IDT is ready to install a new traffic light at Hwy. 44. Last published date by IDT for this was out in Year 2028 or so.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department, the City of Middleton, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NA</p>