

# Public Comments Received (Verbatim)

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

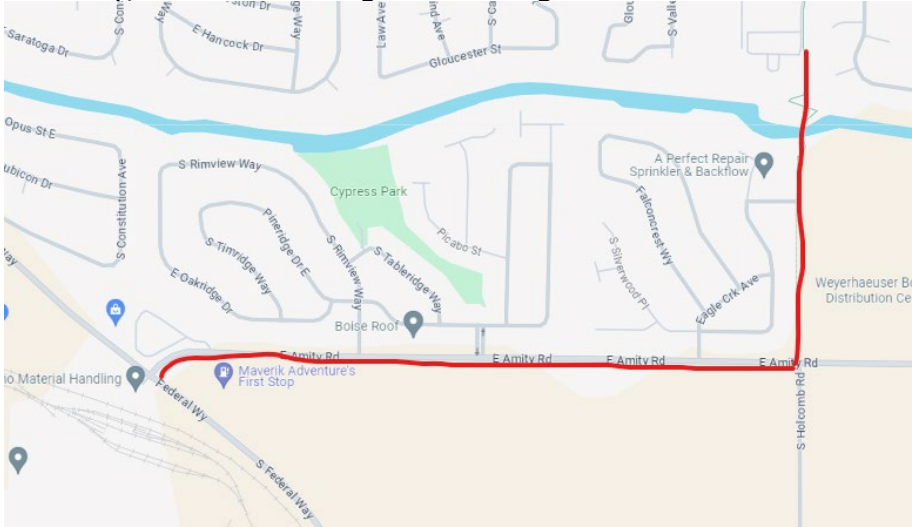
Public Comment Period: March 1 – March 17, 2024  
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### Topics:

The proposed amendment would address significant changes to the following projects:

- State Highway 16, Interstate 84 to US 20/26 and State Highway 44, Ada and Canyon Counties (increase costs)
- Interstate 84 and State Highway 44 Interchange Replacement, Canyon County (increase costs and adjust scope)
- State Highway 16, Ustick Road to US 20/26 and US 20/26 Interchange, Ada County (increase costs and adjust scope)
- State Highway 16, Ustick Road Interchange, Ada County (decrease costs and adjust scope)
- Pedestrian Crossing Safety Access, Ada County Highway District (adjust scope)
- Study, Interstate 84 Mobility Improvements, Ada and Canyon Counties (add new project)

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In my opinion we are wasting money redoing the freeway all year every year. We need more options for transportation around the valley. Our area is growing so much and our roads are overloaded because there aren't any other options. We need a tram or train system to get between our cities and better busing systems.	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared the Idaho Transportation Department, Valley Regional Transit, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	NA
I am in favor of the Amendments. Good job of identifying these much needed changes	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Ada County Highway District, the Idaho Transportation Department, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Mac McOmber

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<p>Hi There, I would like to see the following improvements:</p> <p>1.) Improve E Amity road, pedestrian pathways, and bike lane from the intersection of Holcomb &amp; Amity to Amity and Federal Way.</p> <p>2.) Extent Holcomb Road, pedestrian pathways, and bike lane crossing over the NY Canal to connect from the corner of Amity/Holcomb through to E. Bergeson St.</p>  <p>The map displays a section of E Amity Rd and Holcomb Rd. A red line highlights the segment of E Amity Rd from its intersection with Holcomb Rd to its intersection with Federal Way. Another red line highlights the segment of Holcomb Rd extending east from its intersection with Amity Rd. A blue line indicates the NY Canal crossing over the road. Landmarks such as Cypress Park and Boise Root are also visible.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Ada County Highway District, the City of Boise, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p>	<p align="center">Richard Zuercher</p>
<p>All of the projects included in the FY 2024-2030 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) are essential to the growth and safety of transportation infrastructure in southwestern Idaho, especially those programs that improve access to SH-16, I-84, US 20/26 and SH-44. These projects should be approved and scheduled for construction as soon as possible. Idaho cannot grow and prosper with out appropriate transportation improvements. Additionally, Pedestrian Crossing Safety Access projects that help protect pedestrians are important additions to the wellbeing and safety of the walking public. These projects should also be approved and scheduled for construction.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Ada County Highway District, the City of Boise, the City of Eagle, the City of Garden City, the City of Kuna, the Idaho Transportation Department, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p>	<p align="center">Pike Teinert</p>

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<p>Hello, I am a resident of Meridian and because my daughter attended why he high school, I have seen the growth that is happening in that direction and will continue to happen. I also live near Eagle Road and I'm very concerned about the increase of traffic more and more people move to the area. I foresee a very dangerous road with how crowded it will be in 5 to 10 years. I think the highway 16 interchanges are crucial to the safety and growth of our area. I was very disappointed to see the state Highway 16 and Highway 2026 interchange being removed. I strongly believe that Highway 2026 needs to be widened at that interchange so that it will be able to handle the flow that will be there at that time. The demand for our schools increases annually. The demand for our Road does as well. I understand the importance of all of the other projects and I agree with The. However, I don't think it's wise to remove this project. I'm not the one who has to handle the budget. I understand that. But I think removing that will be a mistake. I believe that by 2029, the quantity of traffic at that interchange will increase accidents And reduce the load that would be taken from Eagle Road. Please consider that as you make this decision. I strongly believe that any alternatives to Eagle Road are high priority and that improving highway 16 all the way to the Closest interstate Access is crucial for the growth in West Eagle, star, and that is continuing to grow west of black cat Road because of the new high school. Thank you so much for all that you do! Again, I'm not saying any of the other projects are worthless. I just want to make sure that that becomes a higher priority. Good luck, and thank you for all you do! Can this next comment please be forwarded to the correct party? We Desperately need a light on Locust Grove Road to allow traffic from Star Road or from Discovery elementary and the two high schools on Leigh Field Drive to safely enter or cross Locust Grove. Additionally, it's essential to improve the backups that occur on Locust Grove when someone wants to</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Ada County Highway District, the Idaho Transportation Department, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p> <p>Clarification from COMPASS: The State Highway 20/26 and State Highway 16 interchange will still be built; it is just being assigned a different project number.</p>	<p>Marit Walker</p>

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<p>turn onto star Road or Leigh Field Drive for safe crossing, and specifically reduce the danger to Students who are crossing the street., when the school buses are trying to pull out, it can be dangerous as well. Finding a break in the heavy traffic is difficult, and the parents exiting there struggle to turn left Or go straight. I don't know of accidents there, but I have seen close calls many times. Too many times. Cars are trying to cut through quickly To turn off Locust Grove onto star Road and Leigh Field Drive because there are often 8-12 cars backed up behind them and many more coming toward them. There is just too much traffic as Locust Grove Road Has become an alternative to Eagle Road and with the explosive growth we've experienced as north Meridian has almost entirely filled up. I really believe this will be essential in the years to come to prevent not only car accidents, not only convenience, but loss of life. Thank you so much!</p>		
<p>Charge out-of-staters moving to the area a premium to move here. They're the ones causing the financial issues, let them pick up the tab. Those of us that have lived here since the 1970s-80s and have had to watch the quality of life rapidly deteriorate as developers rake in profits are sick and tired of the situation. WE'RE FULL!!!!!!!!!! Stop enabling people... make it more difficult on them.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Patrick Fuchs</p>

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<p>Hello Sir's and Madam's, I looked on the website for information on the new proposals. It seems like a bunch of wonderful buzzwords and desired plans that anyone would have regardless of whether they supported this or not. Everyone wants safety, convenience and quality of life, if an organization was working against this, it would be concerning. But there seemed to be no real plans on how you were going to do this other than to write grants. Unless I am missing a tab on the website, and I searched quite a bit. I was interested in the plans for my area and really couldn't find anything. So, my public request for comment advice is to please put what you plan to write grants for, what is actually on the docket to do and the order to do it in so people can vote on what is actually safe, convenient and will give them quality of life. If I have missed a tab containing this information, please let me know so I can give you a more detailed response to your requests. Thank you for your efforts!</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p> <p>In regards to your concern about obtaining more information on the proposed TIP amendment, you can find the details regarding our comment periods on our "<a href="#">Comments and Questions</a>" webpage. Here is the specific document with the details for the proposed amendment:  <a href="https://compassidaho.org/wp-content/uploads/TIPAmendment_PublicCommentDetails.pdf">https://compassidaho.org/wp-content/uploads/TIPAmendment_PublicCommentDetails.pdf</a>.</p> <p>If you are interested in looking at specific projects planned for your area, please refer to the <a href="#">Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)</a> webpage. For a more detailed list of projects, please refer to the TIP Detailed Report, here:  <a href="https://compassidaho.org/wp-content/uploads/FY24-30DetailRpt.pdf">https://compassidaho.org/wp-content/uploads/FY24-30DetailRpt.pdf</a>.</p>	<p align="center">Kimberley Smith</p>
<p>Dear committee, due to the increase in our population, we are in dire need of efficient and convenient public transportation. Over 20 years ago, there was a pilot that utilized a rail Transit between nampa and boise mall. I hope that this is being reconsidered as an necessito ease traffic issues. Public Transportation needs to be Convenient to the patrons to be used. Taking an hour and a 1/2 to 2 hours to go from Nampa to downtown Boise is not convenient nor efficient. Studies should include Convenient locations for hubs and park and rides. .Please contact me if you have any questions or clarification needs.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with Valley Regional Transit and the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p>	<p align="center">Mary Ann Vande Brake</p>

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<p>I just happened on your web page and thought I could give my opinion on a few roadway signage problems I've run across while driving in the Treasure Valley area. I've seen several instances where 2 lanes merge into 1 lane without warnings causing near misses. I've also noticed around road construction sights, there are temporary road signs (erected by construction crews), that have either blown over or are placed down temporarily. But it is up to the drivers to figure that out. If the sign has blown over, it is hiding important information for the oncoming traffic and could cause a dangerous situation. I've probably sent this to wrong entity and if so, could you please forward thus to the right people or let me know who I can send this to?</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Ada County Highway District, the City of Nampa, the Idaho Transportation Department, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p>	<p align="center">Vernon Steinkamp</p>
<p>Hello my name is Shane, I am wondering when lane filtering will be implemented here. I have many friends that all feel the same way and it is very dangerous sitting in traffic out in the valley any more. I am just curious thank you and have a blessed day.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p>	<p align="center">Shane Spalding</p>

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<p>Dear COMPASS staff, I am emailing in regard to the proposed changes to the FY 2024-2030 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. Key Number 24228 lists "Beacon Road and Grant Avenue" as an area to be scoped for an enhanced crossing. In attempting to identify the area, I found that it is not "Beacon Road and Grant Avenue", but "Beacon Street and Grant Avenue". I had first thought that there was a mistake in listing the project and that it was possibly on Beacon Light Road, but after not finding a Beacon Light Road/Grant Avenue, I realized that it was Beacon Street and Grant Avenue. Beacon Street and Grant Avenue is a very worthy project for an enhanced crossing considering the proximity of the university and the connection that Grant Avenue provides to services and student living. I was very disappointed to see that Parkinson and Hill were removed from the list of projects to be scoped and that Edgewood and Hill was instead listed. South Parkinson Way currently has a painted crosswalk crossing Hill Road and it leads directly to Stephen C. Guerber Park, a popular park in the City of Eagle. I am aware of the importance of the pedestrian connection that Edgewood provides across Hill Road and the value in providing an enhanced crossing at that location. I believe that an enhanced crossing at both Edgewood and South Parkinson Way across Hill Road would provide a valuable safe crossing for pedestrians. I would like to encourage staff and the board to NOT remove Parkinson as a project to be scoped in the 2024-2030 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. Thank you for your consideration.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Ada County Highway District, the City of Boise, the City of Garden City, the City of Eagle, the City of Kuna, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p> <p>COMPASS staff corrected the street name to Beacon Street.</p>	<p>Mary Beth Nutting</p>