

# Public Comments Received (Verbatim)

## **Amendment #5 to the long-range transportation plan, *Communities in Motion 2050*, and the FY2024-2030 and FY2025-2031 Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs)**

Public Comment Period: September 2 – September 16, 2024  
Total number of comments received by COMPASS: 5

### **Topics:**

For *Communities in Motion 2050*, the proposal would change a project to widen State Highway 16 from State Highway 44 to Beacon Light Road from unfunded to funded.

For the TIPs, the proposal would add two projects, one to plan and design improvements to four roads in the City of Notus and one to replace Valley Regional Transit buses and expand and improve the transit center at the Boise Towne Square Mall. The proposal would also update the scope of work of the State Highway 16 project, as noted above; change the locations of several ramp improvements on Interstate 84 in the Cities of Nampa, Meridian, and Boise; and remove construction funds on a project on State Highway 44 in Canyon County (construction is still anticipated, but specific funding has not been identified).

<b>Comment</b> (The comments below are verbatim, as submitted by the commenter. As such, typographical errors have not been corrected.)	<b>Staff Response</b>	<b>Name, Zip Code, Affiliation</b>
I am in favor of this amendment: Communities in Motion 2050 Proposed Amendment #5 The proposed amendment would add one new short-term funded project: State Highway 16 – State Highway 44 to Beacon Light Road, Ada County	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Marjorie Dougherty
I am in favor of I-84 Interchange ramp works I am in favor of SH-16 Environmental work and funding construction from SH-44 to Beacon Light I am not in favor of the transit buses purchases I am not in favor of the rehab work at the Towne Square Mall	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department, Valley Regional Transit, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Mac McOmber
I am in support of widening Highway 16 from State Highway 44 to Beacon Light Road as soon as possible. These additions are crucial to keep traffic moving in an area with much growth over the next few years and beyond.	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Dana Biberston, 83616

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Comment</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(The comments below are verbatim, as submitted by the commenter. As such, typographical errors have not been corrected.)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Staff Response</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Name, Zip Code, Affiliation</b></p>
<p>To whom it may concern, Reviewing the changes to the transportation plan I have two comments: First on the electric bus upgrades, it may be beneficial to add some sort of wireless charging for the electric busses in the renovations to the town square mall. This is a loitering area for busses, we may as well add some juice to the batteries while busses wait. In the very least putting the infrastructure in place (conduits) to make future upgrades cheaper would be prudent. Second on the highway road widening, planning for some connectiveness for bikes and pedestrians (either tunnel or overpass) would be appreciated. A four lane highway is an easy way to keep people from using active transportation cross walks are not sufficient to safely cross the road. Thanks,</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with Valley Regional Transit, the Idaho Transportation Department, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Phil Chaffee</p>
<p>The solution to our traffic problems comes in the form of a freeway that goes south around the dense areas of Caldwell, Nampa, Meridian and Boise. It could then reconnect with I84 . We have too much through traffic on I84 taking up space and causing accidents with local traffic. It's not a new idea !! Just take a look at other larger cities like Indianapolis, Toronto etc. Do it Now before we lose all options for a route!! I've lived here 60 years and can't believe the mess we have now. Thx , Kreg/Caldwell</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department and the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p> <p>A regional connectivity study south of Interstate 84 is identified as a needed, but currently unfunded, study in the regional long-range transportation plan, <a href="#">Communities in Motion 2050</a>. However, as a first step toward an in-depth study, COMPASS is undertaking a planning-level study to analyze extending State Highway 69 south of Kuna, as well as analyze other possible connections, new alignments, and a grade-separated railroad crossing connecting Kuna Road to Kuna-Mora Road (or vicinity). The outcomes will provide the information necessary for agencies to determine logical next steps and priorities, inform short-term budgeting, and/or position agencies for grant opportunities to help fund a more in-depth study.</p>	<p>Kreg</p>