

Public Comments Received (Verbatim)

Amendment #6 to the FY2026-2032 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Public Comment Period: August 1 – August 16, 2026

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Topic:

The City of Nampa requested to increase the construction costs on an intersection improvement project at Northside Boulevard and Karcher Road by almost \$4.6 million to cover the final engineer's estimate. The cost increase is due to the complexity of the project and accommodating double truck trailers near the Amalgamated Sugar factory.

Comment (The comments below are verbatim, as submitted by the commenter. As such, typographical errors have not been corrected.)	Staff Response	Name, Zip Code, Affiliation
Additional costs should be borne wholly by the business responsible for the necessary width increase of the roadway	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the City of Nampa and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Gary
Hello, I didn't know they will make an update. It's needed but maybe just maybe to accommodate the trailers for the sugar factory should be paid by sugar factory. Thanks, Bob	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the City of Nampa and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Bob
I have a question concerning "traffic control". Is a "Round-a-bout" used for greater flow than a normal traffic light or less flow? I thought that "Round-a-bouts" were somewhere between 4 way stops and Traffic lights. Thank you for your consideration	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the City of Nampa and the COMPASS Board of Directors. <u>Response from the City of Nampa:</u> The proposed roundabout at Northside Boulevard and Karcher Road was selected because it provides the safest and most efficient solution for this intersection while working within the site's physical constraints. Compared to a traditional traffic signal at this location, it is expected to improve traffic flow and reduce delays. If no improvements are made, drivers could experience average delays of more than 2.5 minutes during the predicted 2045 peak travel period. With the proposed roundabout, those delays are expected to be reduced to about 40 seconds per vehicle, better accommodating that high flow of freight traffic.	Kellen Richcreek

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Since amalgamated sugar is a main beneficiary of this improvement have you approached them to help share the cost? I think you should at least ask	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the City of Nampa and the COMPASS Board of Directors. <u>Response from the City of Nampa:</u> Thanks for your question! Northside Boulevard is a principal arterial and a designated Critical Urban Freight Corridor, crucial for the flow of both commercial and industrial traffic in north Nampa. In 2024, nearly 29,000 vehicles pass through the Northside Boulevard and Karcher Road intersection daily, with 7% of that traffic being freight trucks. By 2045, we anticipate that number will rise to 43,000 vehicles per day, including nearly 3,000 freight trucks. This highlights the necessity of the improvement, which benefits not just Amalgamated Sugar, but the entire community and its freight needs. Amalgamated Sugar has been actively involved in the design process and has been a valuable partner as we work to enhance this vital freight corridor for Nampa's industrial district.	Hubert