

Public Comments Received (Verbatim)

Proposed amendment to the long-range transportation plan, *Communities in Motion 2050*, an amendment to the FY2024-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, and the DRAFT FY2025-2031 Transportation Improvement Program


Public Comment Period: July 1 – July 31, 2024

Total number of individuals submitting comments: **29**

Email: **4** Online Comment Form: **20** Hard Copy Comment Form: **1** Letter: **4**

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Comments on the proposed amendment to the regional long-range transportation plan, <i>Communities in Motion 2050</i>			
I oppose all of these proposed amendment project. Larger amounts of traffic need to be moved first - finish 16 from State to the Freeway first, work at night, use the amendments funds as incentives to these contractors to finish sooner.	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department, the Ada County Highway District, the City of Boise, the City of Garden City, the City of Meridian, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Online Comment Form	83669
I highly support the CIM 2050 Amendment, specifically the addition of hard pathways for non-vehicular traffic .I also like the addition of weather monitoring stations to improve driving safety and information.	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department, the City of Boise, the Ada County Highway District, the City of Garden City, the City of Meridian, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Online Comment Form	Elizabeth Bridges, 83702
Pathways are a wonderful addition to our communities; however, we have major issues with congestion that need to be addressed. These issues are the priority. Pathways are a nice to have addition.	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department, the Ada County Highway District, the City of Boise, the City of Garden City, the City of Meridian, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Online Comment Form	83686
I support the proposed expansion of N. Linder Rd.	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Ada County Highway District, Idaho Transportation Department, the City of Meridian, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Online Comment Form	83616

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Comments on the proposed amendment to the regional long-range transportation plan, <i>Communities in Motion 2050</i>			
<p>Absolutely love to hear that we as a community are exploring the possibility of rail transportation locally. If done correctly I feel it can solve many of the transit problems we encounter daily while easing disruptions caused by road construction. Upkeep once established is important to me as well, as it would reflect the great care we have for the Treasure Valley and our beautiful state. I would be very happy to see a thought-out and realistic plan for maintaining the railway once it's been established. I'm very happy to hear this opportunity is upon us, in the future I would very much like to be updated on what the community can do to help this become a reality. Thank you for reading my comment and for all the hard work being put into doing it correctly and ethically.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Ada County Highway District, Idaho Transportation Department, Valley Regional Transit, the City of Meridian, the City of Nampa, the City of Boise, the City of Caldwell, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p>	<p align="center">Online Comment Form</p>	<p align="center">Thomas Gage, 83686</p>
<p>Needed now.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department, the City of Boise, the Ada County Highway District, the City of Garden City, the City of Meridian, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p>	<p align="center">Online Comment Form</p>	<p align="center">83669</p>
<p>Keep going, keep adding, more will use it. Need straight shots to downtown. You are appreciated!!!! The kids are stoked too!</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department, the City of Boise, the Ada County Highway District, the City of Garden City, the City of Meridian, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p>	<p align="center">Online Comment Form</p>	<p align="center">83713</p>
<p>Pathways are essential to our valley in providing safe and comfortable routes for people to commute, recreate, and live healthy lives. I believe we should invest in these two additional pathways and look at opportunities to invest more funds to create a network of routes throughout the valley.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department, the City of Boise, the Ada County Highway District, the City of Garden City, the City of Meridian, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p>	<p align="center">Online Comment Form</p>	<p align="center">83714</p>
<p>I am in support of the CIM 2050 Amendment, particularly the project related to fixing the North Glenwood Street.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department, the City of Boise, the Ada County Highway District, the City of Garden City, the City of Meridian, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p>	<p align="center">Online Comment Form</p>	<p align="center">83712</p>

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<p>Remove the flashing lights. Mainly on meridian road from Overland to deer flat. So many accidents with the flashing yellow light.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department, the City of Boise, the Ada County Highway District, the City of Garden City, the City of Meridian, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Online Comment Form</p>	<p>83634</p>
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<p>I support the Pathway N. Glenwood Street west side from Glenwood Bridge to Riverside Drive. I have bicycled along this area for 29 years and in those years, I have felt unsafe because there is nothing that separates people biking/walking from cars. It is narrow and inconsistent with the pedestrian/bicycle infrastructure that is on the Glenwood Bridge. I look forward to this project being completed.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department, the Ada County Highway District, the City of Meridian, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Online Comment Form</p>	<p>Mary Beth Nutting, 83703</p>

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Comments on projects in the regional transportation improvement program (TIP)			
Charging stations for electric cars and bikes. More bike lanes. Light rail to Caldwell. If you don't do it now, the valley will suffer and die in the next 30 years.	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department, the City of Caldwell, Valley Regional Transit, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Online Comment Form	Robert J Hart, 83703
I like the addition of a roundabout as it will improve traffic flow and reduce left-hand turns across traffic. I like the addition of a bicycle and pedestrian counter and all work to improve the safety and flow of non-vehiculart traffic.	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Online Comment Form	Elizabeth Bridges, 83702
Most of this needs to be done. I hope that some of the repairs or upgrades can wait until the projected date.	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Online Comment Form	Tamalla Roby, 83642
Middleton Road, SH 55 to Nampa-Caldwell Blvd has become congested. Additional lanes need to be added. This is an important route for local traffic. Improving this route would relieve congestion at the Karcher Rd Nampa Caldwell Blvd intersection. South Middleton Rd from Karcher Road to Greenhurst is an important bypass around the Nampa inner city. Improvements to this route would ease congestion in the Nampa inner city	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department, the City of Nampa, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Online Comment Form	83686
The deployment of EV charging stations within the city of Boise should NOT prioritize placing them in parks. Put them on the Streets - work with ACHD to prioritize putting them at Park-N-Ride lots and large commercial centers (the Mall).	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the City of Boise, the Ada County Highway District, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Online Comment Form	83705
I would like to commen in support of Amendment #4 for FY2024-2030 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) As an owner of an electric car I am in strong support of the electronic fuling station. More and more care manufacturers are stating that they are moving to exclusive electronic vehicles and Boise needs to be prepared to support the growth in such vehicles.	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the City of Boise and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Online Comment Form	Sabrina Schroeder,83714

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<p>I wanted to submit some comments about public transportation in Idaho. First of all, not everyone drives. I am 48 years old and I don't drive. Because of health reasons I don't drive and have never driven. I used to live in a bigger city and was able to get around on the bus. Now in Caldwell, Idaho, I am stuck in my house unless my husband takes me out on his days off. This causes depression and is causing many problems in my life. I can't even make it to doctors appointments. Because of this, my health is getting worse and worse and there's not a darn thing I can do about it. Public transportation should be available in every city, every neighborhood and every subdivision. Thank you.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with Valley Regional Transit, the City of Caldwell, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Email</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>Regarding the proposed \$4 million Charging and Fueling Infrastructure - I am opposed to this amendment. While EVs have some benefits, a thorough analysis of the entire life cycle of EVs also poses serious questions and challenges. Moreover, the government is not in the business of building fueling stations of other types, that is left to the private sector, as should EV fueling/charging stations - it is not the government's business to help citizens cope with re-fueling for any vehicle choice, including EVs. I support the removal of the road conditions technology at Hwy 44 and Hwy 16 for three reasons: most drivers have other ways of readily obtaining weather information, in other places where such technology has been deployed the information is quickly stale and keeping it relevant can be challenging, and lastly, saving taxpayers funds rather than spending on safety measures that don't materially affect safety. Additionally, driving conditions do not always need to be perfect, such as snow and ice removal...it's a luxury not a right, people need to know how to navigate/operate in such conditions or make other transportation arrangements.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department, the City of Boise, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Online Comment Form</p>	<p>83616</p>
<p>1) An additional bridge is needed as a major vehicle and pedestrian crossing of the Boise River. 2) Developers need to be paying for roadway upgrades as housing, etc is added in the valley.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department and the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Email</p>	<p>NA</p>

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It would be environmentally improved if the bushes, trees, weed growth would be trimmed around the canal that runs parallel to Roosevelt Ave between Midland & 11rhAve. Also as it backs the Dallas Woods subdivision on the opposite side of the fencing. It is almost as tall as a man at this point. If leveled now but would be less weeds for neighbors to deals with & much more aesthetic looking. Thank you The Russon Family	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department, the City of Nampa, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Email	NA
*****Where is the proposed NEW I-84 at Ustick Interchange that is desperately needed? Karcher is gridlocked way too often. This is HIGH PRIORITY!! *****	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department, the City of Nampa, the City of Caldwell, the City of Middleton, and the COMPASS Board of Directors. A study for an interchange justification report, which is the first step in planning a new interchange, was scheduled this year (FY2024) and will soon be underway.	Online Comment Form	83686
I support the proposed expansion of N. Linder Rd.	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Ada County Highway District, the City of Meridian, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Online Comment Form	83616
Needed now.	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Online Comment Form	83669
Love the new expansion on VTA, been here 14 years and wanted a bus that came by our busy street corner (Ustick and Cloverdale) so glad it finally happened	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with Valley Regional Transit, the City of Boise, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Online Comment Form	83713
See Attachment [Pages 10-11]	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department, the City of Greenleaf, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Hard Copy Comment Form	83626
See Attachment [Pages 12-13]	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Letter	City of Nampa and Nampa Highway District

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See Attachment [Pages 14-15]	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Letter	Highway District No. 4, City of Nampa, and City of Caldwell
Question, are there any plans to have a bypass of I84 from Caldwell id to south of Kuna id and back to I84 east of Boise to help travelers who don't to too stop in the area, and relieve some congestion on through the valley on I84.	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department, the City of Kuna, the City of Nampa, Highway District No. 4, the City of Caldwell, the City of Boise, 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, Communities in Motion 2050. To that end, a study is currently being considered to analyze extending State Highway 69 to the south, identify possible "paths" to make Kuna-Mora Road a continuous corridor, identify the potential type of roadway that would be the best fit for the area, and more.</p>	Online Comment Form	Kent R Tjemsland, 83642
I would like to see the 3 Rivers Crossing put as a top priority. It is at least 20+ years overdue and needs to be implemented as soon as possible.	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department, the City of Eagle, the City of Garden City, the City of Boise and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Online Comment Form	83616
Happy about improvements to pedestrian, bicycle, and public transportation systems	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with Valley Regional Transit and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Online Comment Form	83702
In your plans work with any new housing and business developments to consider transportation concerns and include biking walking buses or vans and then cars and trucks. I would like to see walkable developments and more alternatives to driving cars and trucks. Thank you. Use safety standards for non vehicle lanes and access like bike and pedestrian right of ways .	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department, the Ada County Highway District and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Email	Ingrid Brudenell

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I would like to see preliminary studies on needed improvements to the Boise Cutoff rail alignment to support future community rail development in order to restart the stalled momentum for non-road-dependent mass transit in the treasure valley.	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with Valley Regional Transit, the City of Boise, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Online Comment Form	83687
We need a lot more turning lane on the right side of the roads. To keep from traffics back up. I know and realize our roads are small, with so Much traffic. Maybe round snouts done differently to force the car to exit on the right if in the right lane. Too many accidents with cars running into each other, with so many open lanes	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Online Comment Form	83634
While there are a lot of projects to comment on, I'll focus on a general thought from looking through the detailed list. I would like to express my support for providing options for transit and mobility. I'm not against motor vehicles, but how amazing would it be if more neighborhoods in our community could bike, walk, or ride the bus for a percentage of trips. I've recently been able to walk to a local coffee shop that is new and I've been able to bike to work most days. While my family still drives for certain trips, it has improved our lives dramatically by being able to reduce our vehicle trips. I just want to clearly state my support for enhanced bus routes, bike routes, and pedestrian facilities alongside the efficiency of our roads. I'm specifically excited about the State St. Premium Corridor improvements and the Chinden 43rd improved crossing.	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Ada County Highway District, Valley Regional Transit and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Online Comment Form	83714
See Attachment [Page 16]	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department, the City of Eagle, the City of Meridian and the COMPASS Board of Directors.	Letter	City of Star
See Attachment [Page 17]	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department and the COMPASS Board of Directors.		City of Meridian

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<p>I fully support the Transit - State Street premium corridor, Part 2 project. Consistent pedestrian/bicycle infrastructure has been desperately needed in this area of State Street for many years. I ride the State Street bus on a regular basis and can speak to the inadequacies of many of the bus stops along this corridor. I feel unsafe waiting for the bus at several of the stops on State Street. I only wish that this project would extend west of Bogart to Horseshoe Bend Road. The development of apartment complexes along State Street has rapidly increased and there is a need for residents to be able to walk and bike safely to services and bus stops on State Street.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the Idaho Transportation Department, Valley Regional Transit, the City of Boise, the Ada County Highway District, the City of Garden City, and the COMPASS Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Online Comment Form</p>	<p>Mary Beth Nutting, 83703</p>
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Regional Transportation Projects

Comment Period: July 1 – July 31, 2024

COMPASS is seeking comment on:

- A transportation budget, called the regional transportation improvement program (TIP), that shows how federal transportation dollars will be spent over the next seven years in Ada and Canyon Counties.
- Proposed changes to the regional long-range transportation plan, *Communities in Motion 2050*.

More information and copies of draft documents can be found online at <https://compassidaho.org/> (click on "Public Comment").

All comments must be submitted in writing by 11:59 pm, Wednesday, July 31, 2024.

I am commenting on:

Projects in the Transportation Improvement Program

Please put barriers up on Highway 19 on left turn lanes. Construction trucks coming onto Highway 19 from side streets (Pinto/Weitz) are ALWAYS going into opposing traffic left turn lanes. Many near wrecks have happened as a result of this illegal maneuver.

Changes to the long-range transportation plan, *Communities in Motion 2050*



Comment Form



Regional Transportation Projects Comment Period: July 1 – July 31, 2024

Thank you for your comments!

Please tell us a little about yourself.

This information helps us improve our communication programs.

Zip Code (Required): *Providing your zip code will help us ensure we are reaching out to individuals in the entire COMPASS planning area. Thank you!*

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Comments will be accepted through 11:59 pm, Wednesday, July 31, 2024.

Send comments to: Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho
700 NE 2nd Street, Suite 200, Meridian, ID 83642; info@compassidaho.org; or fax: 208/855-2559

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July 26, 2024

Idaho Transportation Department
8150 W Chinden Blvd
Boise, Idaho 83714

Re: KN 22717 - SH-45, Locust Lane Intersection, Nampa

Dear Ms. DeLorenzo and Mr. Brinkman:

We would like to thank ITD for your partnership and the continued support and prioritization for the locals in your jurisdiction. Nampa citizens, surveyed yearly, have expressed that improving movement in and through Nampa is a top priority. Together, our agencies have a proven track record of improving safety and the transportation network for all our users.

One example of these improvements is the installation of a signal at the intersection of SH-45 and Locust Lane (KN22717). In May 2023, ITD and the City of Nampa partnered by entering into a Cooperative Agreement for development, detailing the intention for ITD to pay for design, the City to pay for Right-of-Way acquisition and the construction costs to be shared equally between the two agencies. Through this agreement, a full PS&E plan set has been completed ahead of schedule and all Right-of-Way has been acquired to complete this project.

Since 2019, this busy intersection has seen 33 crashes, four (4) of which involved Class A serious injury accidents and over half involved either Class A, B or C injuries. It is important to note that 18 of these crashes have occurred in the last two years alone, showcasing the increasing severity of the problem at this intersection. Additionally, every year the City receives numerous complaints and concerns from citizens with outcries for an improvement to safety at this location. Because of this, in April 2024, Nampa formally requested advancement for construction of this project from FY27, fast tracking this very needed signal.

In addition to the need to improve safety for vehicular traffic, this improvement would serve as a protected crossing for our vulnerable users. Currently, bicycle and pedestrian traffic have to travel a mile to the North along SH-45 in order to cross with the assistance of a light. This intersection is within a half a mile of a school, SH-45 is designated as a proposed bike route and Locust Lane is designated as a proposed pathway (Nampa's Master Bike and Pedestrian Plan). Because of this, Nampa's Bike and Ped Committee has continually prioritized this crossing as a needed improvement.

Concerningly, it has come to our attention that in the July 1 update of the ITD Transportation Improvement Plan, the construction funding for the referenced project was not advanced, but instead delayed to FY30 & FY31. With ITD and the City equally sharing the burden for construction, the proportionate share is estimated at only \$917k each. It is imperative that our agencies continue funding this vital improvement as quickly as possible. The City of Nampa and our partner, the Nampa Highway



District, is imploring ITD to reconsider funding this project immediately. The City is prepared to fund the project as soon as ITD has their share identified.

We appreciate your consideration and continued partnership as we improve safety, mobility and economic opportunity for all our roadway users. Please feel free to contact Crystal Craig at craigc@cityofnampa.us or Nick Lehman at Nick@nampahighway1.com should you like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Crystal Craig'.

Crystal Craig, P.E.
Director of Transportation

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Nick Lehman'.

Nick Lehman, P.E.
Director, Nampa Highway District



July 26, 2024

Idaho Transportation Department
8150 W Chinden Blvd
Boise, Idaho 83714

Re: KN 23409 & KN 24310 – US 20/26, Middleton Rd to Star Rd – West Ada/Canyon County

Dear Ms. DeLorenzo and Mr. Brinkman:

We would like to thank ITD for your partnership and the continued support for the locals in your jurisdiction. ITD’s Toward Zero Deaths goal is commendable, and we appreciate the dedication to improving safety on our shared roadways.

With this goal in mind, one specific roadway is of utmost concern to our shared agencies. Since 2019, US 20-26 between Midland Blvd and Can-Ada Rd has seen 133 crashes and four (4) fatalities. These numbers are staggering, as no loss of life is acceptable.

Intersection with US 20-26	Injury	Fatality	Total Crashes
Can-Ada Rd	--	--	15
11 th Ave	6	1	25
Franklin Blvd	4	--	15
Northside Blvd	14	1	32
Midland Blvd	14	2	46
Totals			133

The July 1 update of the ITD Transportation Improvement Plan indicates the construction funding for the referenced projects was delayed from FY24 to FY28 and FY29. This is extremely concerning given the crash data. The number of crashes and fatalities on this stretch of roadway is so severe that the City of Nampa, Highway District 4 and the City of Caldwell are requesting the advancement of temporary signals, prior to the installation of the permanent signals in FY28. Safety is a number one priority and advancing these much-needed improvements could prevent the continued loss of life on this roadway.



We appreciate your consideration and continued partnership as we improve safety, mobility and economic opportunity for all our roadway users. Please feel free to contact Crystal Craig, craigc@cityofnampa.us, Bruce Bayne, bbayne@hwydistrict4.org, or Robb MacDonald, rmacdonald@cityofcaldwell.org should you like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Crystal Craig'.

Crystal Craig, P.E.
Senior Public Works Director, City of Nampa

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Bruce Bayne'.

Bruce Bayne, P.E.
Director, Highway District 4

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Robb MacDonald'.

Robb MacDonald
Public Works Director, City of Caldwell

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Executive Director, Compass

July 31, 2024

RE: Key# 20574, SH-44 (State Street), Star Road to SH-16, Ada County

Dear Mr. Brinkman and Mr. Stoll,

I am writing to strongly request a reconsideration by ITD on the timing of the construction for Key #20574 as the City of Star strongly opposes the listed construction start year of 2029.

This segment of SH-44 runs through the center of Star. It currently has approximately 20,000 plus vehicle trips per day on a three-lane segment. This one-mile segment is bookended by five lane segment roads creating a bottle neck event through the center of town.

With limited bridge crossing from Middleton to Eagle, SH-44 continues to be the major arterial for vehicular traffic between Canyon County and Boise/Meridian areas. Growth continues in Star, Caldwell, Middleton and rural Canyon Counties creating more stress on this roadway segment. In fact, from 2020-2024 the following cities which feed this major arterial has seen the following growth in population: Star 83.06%, Caldwell 22.37% and Middleton 39.94%. And with the current new construction housing permits continuing to climb, the increase in traffic volumes will also continue to create challenges through the center of Star with bottle necked traffic, idle times and environmental challenges with higher emissions, and not leaving out increased road rage. Additionally, this bottle neck creates slower response times for first responders with the Star Fire District, Star Police and Ada County EMS.

The City of Star has entered into a Proportionate Share agreement with ITD which allowed the city to use funds collected from new construction to widen the mile segment of State Highway 44 from Can Ada Road to Star Road. This was done with the understanding that Key#20574 would start construction in 2025 to complete the five-lane segment from Can Ada clear to Highway 16, efficiently and effectively moving traffic.

Per the FY2025-2031 Regional TIP Basic Project List, this project is now slated to not be constructed until 2029. This is completely unacceptable and dangerous for commuters and pedestrians of this area.

We are strongly asking and requesting ITD's support to prioritize the construction widening of Key# 20574 into the 2025-2026 budget year. Star, Middleton, Caldwell and Canyon Counties citizens are counting on your accelerated efforts in providing a safe and efficient corridor through the middle of Star.

Thank you for your time,

Mayor Trevor A. Chadwick
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July 30, 2024

Matt Stoll
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Dear Mr. Stoll,

The City of Meridian has reviewed the Draft FY2025-2031 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and submits this letter in support of the Draft, specifically the Linder Road overpass (Key Number 24099). The City believes that the TIP represents a significant investment in the future of our region, and that the Linder Road project is key project for the Valley. As such, the City has already partnered with ACHD and ITD to fund and complete design of this project and we eagerly anticipate construction.

The TIP plays a vital role in ensuring Idaho's transportation infrastructure remains safe, efficient, and able to support our growing economy. Advancing construction of critical projects like the Linder Road Overpass demonstrates commitment to these goals. Once constructed, the overpass will alleviate existing barriers to efficient movement of people, goods, and services and improve emergency service reliability. It will reduce excessive out-of-direction travel, local trip delays and unnecessary trips on adjacent I-84 interchanges. Further, it will fill the last gap in the Linder Road corridor and will be the longest unbroken north-south arterial in Ada County, a huge boost for interconnectivity within the region. Construction of an I-84 overpass at Linder Road is one of the most significant transportation infrastructure projects needed in Ada County.

This project will improve the quality of life for our residents, businesses, and visitors and we encourage the COMPASS Board to approve the TIP with the inclusion of the Linder Road overpass project. Should you have any questions please reach out to our Long-Range Associate Coordination Planner, Hether Hill, at (208) 489-0319.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. E. Simison", is written over a light blue star graphic.

Robert E. Simison
Mayor

cc: Heather Hill, City of Meridian Long-Range Associate Coordination Planner
Caleb Hood, City of Meridian Deputy Director of Planning