

D-3/Draft ITIP Comments

U.S. 20-26 (Chinden Boulevard):

Please start the project as soon as possible. The traffic on US 20-26 between Eagle Rd and Meridian Rd already exceeds capacity.

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I support the widening of Chinden RD. from Eagle Road to Locust Grove. I feel this should be done as soon as possible---not wait till 2021. Chinden needs to be widened for several miles past Eagle. Thank you for your consideration.

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Adam / ITD,

I wish to express my opinion on the Chinden expansion which is scheduled for 2021. Have you ever driven Chinden? It seems obvious that if you and those at ITD think that a 1 mile widening project from Eagle to Locust Grove is the best you can do, then you have your head firmly in the sand. This project needs to be moved up way prior to 2021 and it needs to extend much further than to Locust Grove. At a minimum it needs to be widened to Ten Mile. This project needs to be TOP priority for ITD. Currently there are way too many accidents on Chinden along the stretch from Eagle to Ten Mile. I do have a news break for ITD: There is an explosion of growth in Western Ada county. If you get any further behind on this project the costs will skyrocket and ITD will have nobody to blame except yourselves. This needs to be your highest priority. I also hope there is not another computer glitch so you can blow off another group of citizens. Please let me know that this email is going to be read and reviewed by the appropriate personnel at ITD.

Thanks,

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I am writing to request the widening of Chinden Blvd be done in the next couple of years, not in 2021. I drive Chinden daily to and from work and there is a great need for additional lanes and bike paths.

Thank you,

Debra Skinner

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Regarding the Chinden widened project (west of Locust Grove): I am firmly in support of the road widening project. Not only that, I would like to see it started prior to 2021 - NOW if possible - and would like to see additional phases of Chinden to be programmed as well. Chinden west of Eagle road is a parking lot during busy times - and that is without and incidents/accidents. And the busy times/hours seem to be expanding. It will only get worse with all the construction going on along Chinden! Please make this road expansion the highest priority for both traffic speed and safety. Please also consider installing a traffic circle at the Chinden exit/entrance to the Fred Meyer/Eagle Island shopping center. As the plot on the south side of Chinden is developed, this will be a good way to meet the egress needs of both those shopping centers and keep traffic flowing at a reasonable rate.

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Widen Chinden: I would like to see Chinden widened from Eagle Rd to I-84 & not by 2021. The speed limit needs to be LOWERED to 40, not 55 with all these subdivisions emptying onto it, and more traffic lights put in to slow it down. No more merge lanes where people pass you on the right & cut you off. We live on Chinden & Linder (Lochsa) & heard Costco wants to come in but needs another light. All these businesses & homes bring more traffic. Something's got to give. Maybe that can become a toll road to pay for it? Thank you.

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Please get this rolling a lot soon than just discussing in 2021. With all this growth we needed it yesterday! Thank you for listening and acting on it.

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On behalf of the 20 homeowners in Almaden Acres (20 five acre lots just north of the Chinden/Linder intersection) I urge you to accelerate the widening of Highway 20. Just today, my wife asked me why I was driving on Chinden instead of another street because of the traffic. She was right. The traffic flow on Chinden has reached the critical stage and waiting 6 years to get started on the widening project is simply unacceptable.

Notice the explosive growth of business on Chinden in recent months...a strip mall on Linder just south of Chinden...Primary Health office on Chinden...Commercial Tire in front of Fred Meyers...A new restaurant and strip mall on the corner of Linder and Chinden...a new Mormon Temple on Linder...a new Catholic school one block south of Chinden...and the list expands each week.

It's time to step up to the obvious traffic needs between Eagle Road and Ten Mile and get the road widened to five lanes as quickly as possible.

If Highway 20 is the #1 state maintenance need...why isn't it reflected in your schedules?

Thank you,
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I am anxious that the widening of Chinden be stepped up as it is an immediate need. It is so over-crowded that it has become a safety issue. Only making matters worse is the lack of sidewalks, bike lanes, and pedestrian crossings.

Peak travel times are a nightmare now and will only get worse as more houses are being build on the south side of Chinden. Since the start date of the widening of the one mile between Eagle and Locust Grove is not until 2021, it seems like the lack of urgency by the ITD is very unwise.

Please consider putting this project on the front burner.

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(Meridian resident of almost 35 years)

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Dear Sirs: I am writing you in support of your efforts to widen Chinden Blvd. west of Eagle Road. I would strongly encourage you the do whatever possible to expedite the planning for the continuation of the road expansion and expedite the road widening construction for those sections currently planned. As ACHD and the City of Meridian continue to widen and expand the north-south corridors that terminate at Chinden, it is imperative the Chinden be widened to handle the much increased traffic along this major east-west corridor. This is surely a very positive use of taxpayers funds and other highway funding sources. Best wishes on your continued successes.....Randy

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Please work on expanding Chinden long before 2021. It is now adequate now and only worsening. Thank you

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Inasmuch as this road has been there as long as it has, and inasmuch as the plans for developments along side this road have been on paper for a long time I begin to wonder why has nothing been done to begin this project.

It seems to me there is a problem with traffic that cannot be dealt with on paper but rather by widening the road!

Now, I am not an engineer but I do think this project needs to get started immediately.

Respectfully,

Jim Lucker

James A. Lucker

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We live in Spurwing and are concerned that Chinden is not scheduled for widening until 2021. The road is very crowded and often stopped with long lines of cars waiting to get through a light. Businesses are not locating on this road because the road will not accommodate their trucks and delivery times cannot be met due to traffic. Please work on finding funds for this necessary improvement. The road needs to be wider from Eagle Road to Black Road. Many houses are being built in the Bainbridge community and will just add to the congestion.

Thank you,

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I am concerned that the widening of Chinden is not scheduled for another 5 years and then only to Locust Grove. The road is backed up for every light between Eagle Road to Black Cat. The traffic is slow and congested all along this corridor. Businesses are not moving into the area because their trucks cannot keep the schedule they need because of the traffic and small road. Please consider doing this project in the very near future as the community needs this state highway improved.

Thank you,

Lynn Southam

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It has come to my attention that the ITD's plans to widen Chinden Road is scheduled to begin in 2021 (not completed until 2040!). I am writing to let you know that as a commuter this date is too far away for the amount of traffic on the Hwy 20/26. I would like to see a road widening project between Eagle and I-84 begun as soon as possible. I feel that it is unsafe with so many cars as the road is now.

Thanks for your time,

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Please begin widening Chinden before 2021 when it becomes a real serious problem! It needs to happen ASAP! And please consider widening a larger

portion than just from locust grove. Meridian is growing quickly and we need this main thoroughfare to remain a viable option for traveling!

Respectfully,
Katie McDaniel

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the propose Chinden widening. This corridor has terrible congestion during peak hour traffic.

I am in support of the widening from Eagle to Locust Grove. However, it needs to occur sooner than 2021. Please phase in Locust Grove to Linder by 2021.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

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I drive this road weekly, and I noted last Thursday the big increase in traffic from Eagle to Locust Grove. I am certainly in support of widening Chinden and the sooner the better. I am not supportive of waiting FIVE years to complete this job.

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We support the construction of Chinden Ave from Eagle Rd to Locust Grove road but want to offer the following comments:

1. Preliminary work (survey, ROW acquisition, signal relocation) should be

taking place as soon as possible.

2. Ancillary work other than actual construction (utility relocation, ingress/egress approached, tree clearing) should take place as soon as possible.
3. Actual construction should take place as soon as practical and certainly before 2021 as presently scheduled.
4. If construction cannot begin before 2021 due to budget constraints or some unavoidable delay, then the actual construction should be from Eagle Rd all the way to Meridian Rd (or farther) as the more work that a contractor can do under one contract the cost will be less per mile.
5. After the preliminary & ancillary work is completed from Eagle to Locust Grove, these activities can be done from Locust Grove to Meridian.

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I am a business owner on Chinden. There was a near fatal accident at the intersection of our business off Chinden. Please before someone gets killed, widen this road and put in stop lights every 1/2 mile.

Thank you,
Dr Beede

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I am writing to urge the Idaho Transportation Department to move up the timing of the Chinden-Hwy 20/26 Expansion Project from its present planned date of 2021.

- Chinden-Hwy 20/26 is a very important northern east/west corridor for this valley and sees increasing rush hour congestion, due to the volume of commuter traffic. It is busy even during non-rush hour times during the day and weekend.
- It also contributes to north/south rush hour congestion on Eagle Rd. due to frustrated drivers waiting on Eagle to make left turns. Usually 1-3 cars continue to turn after the light turns yellow. This, of course, impedes through traffic on Eagle. Sometimes traffic backs up nearly to McMillan on the south and down the hill past the BanBury entrance to the north.
- Smooth traffic flow also reduces fuel consumption and helps household budgets in our struggling economy.
- Given the amount of traffic on the Chinden-Hwy 20/26 corridor, I also urge the Idaho Transportation Department to move up the rest of the expansion segments on the Chinden-Hwy 20/26 corridor to fully complete the corridor connection.

I live in Hobbles Creek close to the Eagle/Chinden intersection and Micro 100 Tool Corporation, with 100 employees and international sales, is located in Meridian.

Best Regards,

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I am a business owner (intermountain Pet Hospital) on Saguaro Hills Ave. To

me widening Chinden road would greatly alleviate the congestion of traffic out in front of our hospital. More importantly, a light at the intersection of Saguario Hills and Chinden is critical. We have had a few of our clients get in accidents at that intersection trying to traverse the intersection with no light. It is and will become a bigger safety issue in the future. I strongly support widening Chinden road at this location and putting in a light at Saguario Hills and Chinden Rd ASAP.

Thanks,
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Good morning,

I'm writing to express my concern with the traffic on Chinden and the immediate need for expansion from Eagle to Ten Mile. I encourage you to travel the road during peak traffic times to experience it for yourself. No further comment would be required.

I encourage support for public transportation by bus from the corner of Chinden and Linder to downtown. Commuters need service to downtown on a half hour basis. Parking costs and commute costs have greatly increased. With the development of the bus terminal, increased routes from Meridian are needed. This would also decrease traffic.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concern. Feel free to call me at 388-4225.

Cindy Lange

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I understand there was a glitch in gathering comments for this very important subject. I use Chinden to get home each night at 5 pm and I cannot imagine

what five more years of growth will do to my evening commute. I live in Bristol Heights at Eagle Road and Chinden. Please, please find a way to bump up the widening date. Our neighborhood is at a loss for why money was just spent to repave it. It looked perfectly fine to us and we would have liked to see those materials go into an additional lane.

Thanks for listening, now let's get this party started!

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Chinden needs to be widened between Eagle Rd and Locust Grove BEFORE 2021. There is too much growth and too many cars that travel this route and to have it a 2-lane is ridiculous. To delay this project any longer should not be an option for safety and numerous other reasons. Thank you.

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We are for widening Chinden sooner than later to help with traffic congestion. Also they may consider changing the speed limit in the areas were is one lane by time. For example speed limit 35 or 40 between 7 - 9am and 4:30 - 6pm. It doesn't make any sense to have a speed limit of 55mph when people are hardly moving. They see traffic starting to move get anxious and rear end you. I've lived off Chinden for over 7 years and seeing so many accidents that I truly don't know why they haven't made any changes to the speed limit during rush hours.

Highway 44 is more pleasant to drive with the widening. Can't wait to drive on Chinden after changes are made. For now hope and pray for everyone to drive safely.

Yara and Stephen Schenk.

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Thank you for allowing us to have a voice in the widening of Chinden. As a resident off of Chinden in the subdivision of Paramount, I am grateful that the left turn arrow was replaced on Fox Run Way to a blinking yellow. This little change has improved traffic flow in that area.

With the new businesses and developments going in along Chinden, it is necessary to widen that road. There is talk of larger businesses like Costco or Winco going in along that road and it already is over capacity at one lane in each direction. I can't imagine that road with large delivery trucks daily to add on to the already congested road. The longer the city waits, the more difficult it will be to shut down sections to expand later. At the intersection of Eagle and Chinden, the westbound direction congests long past Target as two lanes merge into one, and each light along Chinden has long wait times to pass (mostly during commute times) as there is only one lane in each direction to pass the lights.

The only concern I see with widening the road, is that the city has a reputation of hiring contractors who lazily take 7-10 months on even small stretches of widening projects (i.e. 10 mile and the Cherry/Meridian intersection) for that period of time. I was in Guatemala recently and saw a project that would take Meridian 2 months at least, be finished in 2 days, because they had a large team working day and night. If that project can be done in a reasonable amount of time, it needs to be done before the traffic worsens and makes it more difficult on the city and the citizens.

Thank you for letting us have an opinion on the matter.

Sincerely,

Alicia Muhlestein

Paramount resident

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Please consider to speed up the date of the widening of Chinden Blvd. We need it now. In reality, the widening of Chinden only 1 mile makes little sense. It needs to be widened to Linder Rd. at least. The traffic is so balled up now, in 5 years it will truly be a nightmare.

Thanks for your consideration.

Paula Miller

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We are submitting our requests for Chinden road to be widened North of Eagle road - asap. As one of the major east/westbound roads in Meridian, it is the ONLY one not widened to accommodate the traffic. Even McMillan and Ustick are widened to Locust grove, and they aren't even major roads that facilities traffic to/from Nampa.

Chinden is CONSTANTLY backed up, even at non-peak hours - between Eagle and Linder. It is a major road for construction trucks, commuters, buses. There are constant accidents along the road due to traffic being so backed up. Furthermore, traveling west on Chinden and having no turn lane turning right on Locust Grove is treacherous due to the tight 90 degree turn cars are forced to slow down for that dramatically backs up the rest of the west bound traffic.

Please Please Please do not delay in widening chinden. With the dramatic increase in housing in Meridian, the traffic is only going to be worse if it is not accommodated in the near future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Robin Rissell

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I would like to see Chinden widen the traffic is very bad on that section from Linder to Eagle Blvd.

People use that street/ave Chinden to go to Boise.

Please get this fix as soon as possible.

thanks

Louise

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I have been a resident of Meridian and lived in Lochsa Falls since 2005. I frequently drive Chinden between Linder and Eagle Rd and I have seen a gradual, but steady increase in the traffic on this road in the last 11 years. Only having one lane to travel east/west is increasingly frustrating to me and to other drivers. I also own a small business on Chinden and Long Lake and have had many customers complain to me about the traffic delays because of only 1 lane being available.

I understand Chinden is scheduled to be widened between Locust Grove and Eagle, but not until 2021. Five years from now is too long to wait for this widening project, and additional phases need to seriously be looked at. There is a lot of growth going on in this area-residential and commercial, and the traffic will become even more unbearable and dangerous if this project does not get scheduled.

Please consider adjusting the timeline of the 2021 project and also consider adding additional widening projects in the near future.

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I'm writing to let you know that I am in support of widening Chinden Boulevard (US 20/26) from Eagle Road to Locust Grove, but would *absolutely* like to see it started prior to 2021. That one-mile stretch of road is *massively* failing in its level of service, and has impacts that ripple "upstream," especially during peak commuting hours.

It is extremely frustrating to see such a busy thoroughfare as a single two-lane road, because commuters traveling west (planning ahead) don't even utilize the northern lane on US 20 east of Eagle Road because they know it funnels down to one lane west of Eagle Road. This, in turn, adds to back up in traffic and blocks those vehicles that would be turning left (south) onto Eagle Road from

even getting into the protected left-hand turn lanes, so those lights stay green for way too long without the ability for any cars to actually pass through the intersection. Just one example of how the stretch of road in question has impacts in other areas in the vicinity.

Chinden as a whole needs to be advanced and expanded such that additional phases are moved up and planned for accordingly. Meridian's growth has passed the tipping point, please get ahead of this and right the ship before it's too late!

Thank you,

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I'd like to comment on the ITD 5 year plan, specifically with regards to widening a tiny slice of Chinden in 2021. Please, *please* widen it sooner than 2021, and widen it all the way to Linder, at a minimum.

Both my house and my work are directly off Chinden, and it's an unsafe nightmare to navigate daily. It's an area that's growing quickly with lots of potential. I'm also aware that the internal numbers within ITD back me up on the importance of this project relative to others. Please do what you can to make it happen.

Thanks.

Bryan
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As a resident of Meridian, and someone who travels the dangerous "Chinden" road every morning, please let me respond to your email with the following: Yes, I am in support of road widening project (Eagle Road to Caldwell would be my preference); Yes, it needs to happen prior to 2021, as it is a daily accident waiting to happen; Yes, additional phases (see first Yes

statement about widening to Caldwell).

Now to the specifics. It is like playing dodgeball when driving the road in the early morning each day. There are no sidewalks or bike lanes, thus people are always walking/riding on the fog line without proper reflective markings, and they are nearly hit every day. I have witnessed numerous rear-end accidents on my commute, because the 1 lane promotes stop/go traffic. In general, if there is any truth to the rumor that a Costco may eventually go in on the corner of Linder/Chinden, then the traffic will likely double/triple, and for those residents (like myself) who live in that general area, it is already a congested nightmare, and will only get worse.

Please feel free to share this with anyone you feel compelled to share it with. If I can be of any other service, please let me know. John

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My family has lived in the Lochsa Falls subdivision for 10 years. Our main entrance/exit to our part of the subdivision is at Long Lake and Chinden, and I travel Chinden daily on my commute to and from downtown Boise.

I am writing to request that ITD strongly consider making improvements to Chinden between Eagle Rd. and Ten Mile (if not further).

Driving Chinden has been a hassle since the day we moved into our house in 2006, and has only gotten worse in the intervening years. When school is in session Sept-May each year, I have to add an extra 10-15 minutes onto my commute just to accommodate the traffic on Chinden between Linder and Locust Grove (and this is if I leave between 7:00 - 7:15am, its even longer if I leave later!). The intersection of Chinden and Locust Grove - oh my! Once they built the Ambrose School it feels like complete deadlock at that intersection. At bare minimum, it needs a separate right turn lane from eastbound Chinden to southbound Locust Grove. And traffic probably wouldn't be so bad if parents didn't feel like they had to drive their kids to school for lack of sidewalks in that area. I've seen kids walking through the dirt field on the southwest corner of the intersection just to stay away from the cars.

And rarely does anyone go the speed limit of 55 between Eagle and Ten Mile. It is frustrating to have a single lane of traffic each way, and then get stuck

behind someone going 35mph. This whole stretch desperately needs to be 5 lanes with dedicated turning lanes. Going back and forth along that stretch between an intersection that is already 5+ lanes back down to 2 lanes is difficult for people to master, and truly unsafe for anyone who is trying to ride their bike or walk somewhere. And the traffic is only on the rise, with all of the construction along Chinden. More business, more neighborhoods... they all bring more traffic.

Chinden is also a heavily trafficked road even without the construction. It is a major east/west thoroughfare and your best alternative to the interstate when going out to Canyon County. It needs to be improved simply to make it safer to share with the big rigs, farming equipment and all of us normal commuters who use it every day.

We love living in this area of Meridian, so we are very much in support of any effort to widen Chinden. And we will happily pay our share to see that it happens sooner rather than later!

Thank you for the consideration,
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Just wanted to share my thoughts around the current proposed widening of a single 1-mile section of Chinden by 2021. Anyone who drives Chinden in either direction during rush hour can tell you that one section in 2021 is too little WAY too late. That section needs done this year, with the next 3 or so miles westbound done in the next 2 years.

Thank you!

Daryl Crook
Concerned Citizen of Meridian
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I am definitely in support of widening Chinden but it needs to be done now!

Not in 2021. Also, the whole thing needs to be widened. At least to 10 mile. I live off of Chinden between 10 mile and Linder and I never use Chinden because it is backed up no matter the time of day. It seems like there are always accidents slowing traffic down as well. And with a lack of sidewalks, crosswalks, and bike lanes, people who could have otherwise walked or ridden their bikes to their destinations have to drive, adding to the problem. Please fix it now!

Taryn Sanford

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Please start the Chinden project before asap. Also, please start all the other improvement projects asap.

Please get started on the infrastructure projects before the present plan becomes obsolete and you have to go back to the drawing board. Which means more time and money. Delays happen. But, projects that haven't been started are more likely to be cut from the budget in the future.

Just as a reference. I worked for Arizona DOT for 30 years. Don't let Idaho fall behind as Arizona did. It's too difficult to catch up.

Thank you for reading my email.

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I support the widening of Chinden road

I support the construction to start as soon as possible

Thanks,

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I wish to go on record in favor of :

- the road widening project;
- advancing the time prior to 2021
- adding phases of Chinden to be programmed at least to Linder if not Star Rd

I have been a builder and realtor in this valley since returning from Viet Nam in 1972 and have worked in the northwest part of the valley a good part of that time. The greatest residential growth in the valley is occurring in the 2 mile radius of Chinden and Linder. This area, a major conduit to North Nampa and Caldwell has been terribly underserved forever. Please consider the extraordinary demand that is already placed on Chinden at current levels and please encourage the project and added phase to proceed on an advanced time table.

Best Regards,

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1) you are in support of the road widening project;
Yes, I am in support of the road widening project

2) you would like to see it started prior to 2021; and
Yes, widening is needed now, not in 5 years

3) request additional phases of Chinden to be programmed as well.
Yes, I'm all for improvement and safety of a highly traveled road.

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I am in favor of widening Chinden Blvd before 2021.

I will be taking my children to school and need to turn off of Chinden onto Locust Grove coming from Ten Mile. There is currently NO turn lane so traffic has the potential to be quite bad in the mornings especially. There are no bike lanes either so allowing my kids to ride their bikes is out of the question as well. This area gets very congested, so personally, I would love to see it widened ASAP.

Thank you for considering!
Nancy Sugarman
Meridian Resident

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I am in support of the road widening project on Chinden Blvd between Eagle Rd. and Locust Grove, but we desperately need this started prior to 2021. I would also ask that additional phases of Chinden be programmed as well.

I am extremely frustrated with the congestion at Eagle and Chinden. There is a safety concern as well. Many drivers take the right hand lane of Eagle across Chinden where it immediately becomes a turn-only lane into Banbury subdivision. But rather than turning, they cut into the left lane to continue down Chinden. I've witnessed several close calls there.

As a bike rider, it is also extremely dangerous due to the lack of bike lanes.

Chinden Blvd West of Eagle Rd needs to be widened and improved NOW.

Thank you very much.

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I would like to chime in on the Chinden Rd widening project. I live near Chinden and Locust Grove, in the Hightower subdivision .

I'm in complete support of the widening of Chinden Rd.

I would like to see the project date moved up. I feel that if it doesn't get moved up there will be more traffic and more headaches for everyone involved.

I would also like to see additional phases of Chinden to be programmed as well.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

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I want to let you know that I am in total support of widening Chinden Rd from Eagle Rd to 10 Mile. You cannot wait until 2021 however. Traffic is already horrible. Accidents happen frequently and it is difficult to get to and out of the Eagle Island shopping area.

Please do whatever is necessary to make Chinden more usable for cars, bikes and pedestrians. It needs to happen quickly and definitely before 2021.

Thank you.

Molly Mills

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Please widen Chinden between Eagle and Locust Grove. It is such gridlock already driving home from work. With the rate at which new subdivisions and homes are popping up everywhere west of Eagle road Chinden just cannot support the growth as it currently is. It really should be 4 lanes all the way to Ten Mile, but at the very least it needs to be widened yesterday from eagle to locust Grove.

Stefanie Blackwood Northwest Meridian resident

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I wanted to let you know that I am in support of widening Chinden. However, certain phases really need done before 2021 and it would be great to have it widened clear to Caldwell in 2021.

Specifically, I think the widening project from Eagle to Locust Grove should begin ASAP. Currently the road narrowing to a single lane west of Eagle causes significant congestion heading west on Chinden. I see lots of aggressive drivers using the right hand lane and then cutting into traffic to get through the light. Many times people even drive on the shoulder to get ahead. This is just not safe.

This backup affects not only Chinden Traffic, but Eagle Road traffic as well. The Chinden backup blocks the turn lanes onto Eagle Rd, so traffic in multiple directions is slowed.

Another point to consider is the lack of safe walking and biking paths from travelling on Chinden in Meridian. There is no safe way to travel in that area other than by vehicle.

It really feels like Chinden needs widened along the entire Meridian corridor to meet the increased traffic. I hope that we can at least start with some critical areas before 2021.

Thanks for Your Time,

Jared Franklin

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It is interesting that ALL of the comments regarding the widening of Chinden mysteriously were lost. No doubt that many people who commented the first time will not do this again. Many of us poured out our feelings and now we are told it was for nothing.

We travel a lot of Idaho roads that have fewer people and more lanes than Chinden. We live right off of Chinden and Ten Mile, and we hear traffic 24/7 on Chinden. There are many times during the day when traffic is backed up on

Chinden. Most of these people are Idaho taxpayers who deserve a better commute. It is projected that even more people will be living along this corridor, and NOW is the time to expand Chinden from Eagle Road to CanAda Road!

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I am a resident of Meridian and use Chinden (US 20/26) on almost a daily basis.

I was shocked to hear that Chinden is not slated to be widened (from Eagle Road westward) prior to 2021. Seriously?

I don't like that ITD extended Highway 16 from 44 to 20/26 without extending 16 further South. The result is that (it feels like) considerable traffic that was once on Eagle Road now travels down Chinden between Eagle Road and Highway 16. In my opinion, the Highway 16 extension has made traffic even worse on Chinden. If ITD would have at least allowed traffic to continue down McDermott, then some of that traffic on Chinden could have been avoided and spread out. To then not widen Chinden makes no sense.

The traffic on Chinden can be absolutely ludicrous at times. Because of that, it is highly dangerous. Drive down Chinden and look at all of the black skid marks in the roadway on both sides of the Meridian Road and Locust Grove intersections. Because traffic is so bad, people speed up trying to make lights, causing countless accidents.

Once the school year begins (and school traffic from Chinden turns South onto Locust Grove (to access the four different schools within 1.5 miles of Chinden on Locust Grove), I can guarantee that (heading Eastbound between 7:30 and 8:30 am) I'll have to sit on Chinden through at least one or two stoplights at Locust Grove to get through the intersection, **MAINLY** caused by people turning onto Locust Grove. Chinden desperately needs turn lanes. If ITD only went as far as to add right turn lanes at Locust Grove and Chinden, just that act would make a huge difference to traffic.

I do not want a reply to my email.

Thanks for letting me speak my two cents.

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I am in favor of Chinden widening but don't think it should wait until 2021. Already we're experiencing high traffic levels and it's only getting worse as more and more developments are put in. Commuting to HP from Ten Mile is a nightmare at peak times. Turn lanes (both left and right turn) can be added which may help short term. If rumors are true about Costco and WinCo coming in at Linder and Chinden, things are going to be a mess. Please, widen Chinden sooner rather than later!

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Capacity improvement to Chinden Rd. between Eagle and Locust Grove are needed now. Waiting until 2021 will turn it into a parking lot and contribute to many more accidents and possible deaths. It's hard to imagine where the traffic-relief needs are greater in this community. Paul Nicholas

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I am writing to request if there is any way to start the Chinden widening project earlier than 2021, that would be fantastic. Chinden has basically become one long parking lot during rush hour. I know previously ITD presented a huge plan showing the proposed widening to seven lanes with massive intersections at each major crossroad. I think that plan is way over scope at this point in time and it would take forever to be funded. If in the interim Chinden could be widened to just four/five lanes from Eagle all the way to I-84 that would help alleviate the congestion that is only going to get much worse before 2021. That

scope of project might have a chance of getting funded.

Thank you,
Jennifer Pedrali

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It really feels like Chinden needs widened along the entire Meridian corridor to meet the increased traffic. I hope that we can at least start with some critical areas before 2021.

Thanks for Your Time,

Jared Franklin

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Please widen Chinden. And, lower the speed limit to 40.

There are so many subdivisions & businesses now that one lane each direction

is just not cutting it. I don't know where the money would come from or where it goes to but it must not be spent properly if all these building permit fees don't allow for making it two lanes each direction. Going 55 is just not feasible. We need more traffic lights to slow people down to 40. I don't care if you put in a toll booth. I seldom drive it due to fear of accidents at 55 MPH. There are black skid marks all over it & fatalities. We had a cop pull out in front of us in the dark near Fred Meyer at Linder & almost ran us off the road, spraying gravel, didn't even have his fireballs on. We can't sit around until 2021 to fix this. It's become the LA of Idaho here. Not liking it. Need it from Eagle to Star. And why are merge lanes allowed to be used to cut people off & pass them on the right? Even visitors from back home who come to see us notice that they get passed on the right. Need more cops enforcing traffic safety & being good role models. Cops & firemen should wear seat belts. Some have died locally not using them. Disgusting.

Dorothy White
living @ Linder & Chinden

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The Chinden Blvd. widening project planned for 2021 appears to be too little too late. The road widening is needed NOW.

The backup on westbound Chinden at Eagle road due to the narrowing to a single lane sometimes backs up a half mile or more at the light causing extremely long delays which consume countless hours of many commuter's time. This also induces drivers to speed forward around the line and merge dangerously from the right turn only lane beyond Eagle, risking damage not only to property, but to lives. Road rage and accidents will continue to be caused by the lack of accommodation on this thoroughfare. Please give hundreds of drivers their hour back daily by accelerating this much needed widening.

Thanks,

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I am strongly in favor of widening Chinden Blvd. and it needs to be **started sooner than 2021!** It is currently difficult and dangerous to travel Chinden Blvd. and the plan to widen it from Eagle Rd. to Locust Grove is critical. A traffic signal is needed at Saguaro Hills - it is difficult and unsafe as traffic backs up, blocking the intersection. I do not see this changing with the widening only to Locust Grove. If a **traffic signal is in the too distant future,** please consider a **"do not block intersection" sign and lines indicating turns from Chinden onto Saguaro Hills in both directions.** There is a tremendous increase in residential housing in this area and more construction underway creating a multitude of additional vehicles.

Thank you.

Bette Eckroade
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I am writing to support the effort by the City of Meridian and others in support of widening Chinden from Eagle Road/Hwy 55 to Caldwell. This project is far overdue and needs to be completed long before the suggested start date of 2021. As someone who uses Chinden on a daily basis in my route from Locust Grove to Downtown Boise, traffic west of Hwy 55 is brutal at almost all times of the day. Trying to get west of Hwy 55 during peak traffic hours has become impossible. Even with all the accidents we seem to have along this corridor, I'm quite surprised we don't have even more with the amount of traffic on the road and the inability of the road to handle increased flows. Getting into businesses along the route is getting worse by the day. The expansions you have made at Ustick and McMillan have definitely helped relieve pressure on those roads so it's now time to do the same for Chinden.

Expanding the corridor on Chinden from Hwy 55 west to Caldwell will alleviate the traffic conditions. Please consider expanding not only the intersection, but the entire route long before 2021.

Thank you,
Bob

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Please consider moving the scheduled widening project forward. I moved to Spurwing from a neighborhood in Eagle. If I'd had any idea how difficult it was to Navigate Chinden during peak hours, I might have reconsidered my decision to move here. As more and more subdivisions are approved and built up in this direction, it becomes increasingly more difficult to manage the amount of traffic on Chinden each day. Please do all you can to begin widening this highway as soon as possible. Thank-you for your attention to this problem.

Joan Majors

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I am in full support of widening Chinden as soon as possible. Waiting until 2021 makes no sense! There are enough problems now. Any project that will improve travel time and safety on Chinden should be implemented as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Julie Cummings

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I wanted to voice my support of widening Chinden Blvd between Eagle Road to Locust Grove as soon as possible. I ride my motorcycle to work and because of the heavy congestion on Chinden, I don't even dare drive on Chinden between Eagle and Locust Grove any more. I understand you are not planning to widen Chinden until 2021. We need it sooner. Please move this to the top of the list.

Thanks,
Kevin Smith

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I am a resident of the Castlebury community and I am in full support of the widening of Chinden. It definitely needs to be done before 2021. It needs to be done as soon as possible! There is a real need to have 5 lanes, as well as

sidewalks for bicycles and pedestrians. My kids ride their bikes to Heritage Middle School. This is a very dangerous road right now, and I see accidents on it all the time. Also, it is almost always backed up at almost every time of day. Fridays are especially busy, all day long. Chinden needs to be expanded all the way to Ten Mile Road. Near future expansion plans should definitely be in the works.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,
Michelle Chandler

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I am a very concerned Meridian citizen-with all the new subdivisions the current road situation is dangerous. There are no sidewalks on chinden Blvd and other streets are not anywhere wide enough. Traffic is held up causing iratedrivers. Pedestrians are not safe. Boise prides itself on promoting bicycles but doesn't have the proper infrastructure supporting it. Please widen Chinden prior to 2021! By then the current project will be obsolete and a waste of time and money.

Please please please reconsider the plans and connect Boise to Meridian on this major thoroughfare Ann Morrone 434 w Archerfield street Meridian id 83646 Afm@q.com

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I would like to comment on ITD's 5-year Plan. It is entirely unreasonable and outright irresponsible for ITD to not place a higher priority on the Chinden Boulevard (US 20/26) corridor west of Eagle Road in Meridian, ID. ITD has passively stood by for more than 20 years watching demands on the corridor increase. Now, the following challenges continue to mount:

- Basic Safety Infrastructure is lacking and there are no contiguous sidewalks, bike lanes, or pedestrian crossings.
- Crashes are Common and Costly with over 100 crashes between Can-Ada and Eagle Road in 2014. Additionally, between 2010 and 2014 more than 1,100 people were involved in crashes costing \$7.4 million per mile.

· Businesses and Residents are frustrated as the current configuration prohibits the efficient movement of commuters, goods, and services into and through the area. Moreover, Peak Travel Time on Chinden between Eagle and Can-Ada Rd both directions was 11 minutes in 2005; travel times have increased to 15 minutes in 2015.

Please accept this email as my public comments to the ITD 5-year Plan with the goal of:

- 1) Supporting the road widening project from Eagle to Ten Mile Road; and
- 2) I strongly support moving the road widening projects to begin as soon as possible; and
- 3) I request additional phases of Chinden to be programmed sooner as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Tom Barry
Meridian Resident

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Please widen the road ASAP. It's awful and gets worse by the day! With all the new business establishments going in its crucial that's it's done soon. Thanks.

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I wanted to drop a quick note and have my voice heard as one of the many residents impacted by the plans for Hwy 20/26 west bound from Eagle Rd.

In short: The proposed plans to expand Hwy 20/26 west of Eagle rd. to at least 4 lanes are greatly needed as soon as possible (before 2020) to address current and expanding traffic volume.

Being a resident that lives in north Meridian along 20/26 and who commutes into downtown I drive a decent stretch of 20/26 each day. The difference in both traffic flow and safe driving is immediately noticeable when crossing Eagle Rd. The additional lanes East of Eagle Rd. provide smooth traffic flow with many cars turning on and off the road. I witness many less near-collisions and rapid braking in that section compared to the two lanes west of Eagle. Heavy traffic during "rush hour" is also much better in the 4-lane

section, even with the almost constant business accesses along the road.

In addition to vehicle safety, the safety of pedestrians should be considered. Without continuous sidewalk along 20/26, I frequently see children on bikes dangerously close to cars on the shoulder of the road. I have had to hunt for alternate routes through neighborhoods for my wife and I to bike to a nearby coffee shop on the weekend to avoid the danger of biking along 20/26. Pedestrian/bike routes between the many new neighborhoods and businesses in north meridian should be considered a priority.

Finally, I believe that tackling at least some of this problem now could simplify the process before more homes and businesses are built along the road. Each new entrance built on the road is another that needs to be moved when expansion does happen. I would like to see this project happen with the growth of the area as opposed to when it becomes "too little too late".

I appreciate your time and hope this project can get the focus it deserves.

Sincerely,

Adam Eldred

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I have heard that there are plans in the works for expanding Chinden Road but that they are still several years out. I would like to express my opinion that waiting that long is a bad idea due to several reasons: The accident rate on that road is appalling. The danger to pedestrains as the road is currently configured without crosswalks or sidewalks for a great deal of it is unacceptable and: The rate of growth for this city and thus the demand for traffic on that road is mounting very quickly. Please consider making this planned expansion a more urgent priority, thank you

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I am writing to inform you that I am in favor of widening Chinden Blvd and I would like to see this happen prior to the current plan of 2021. I would also

suggest that Chinden be considered and swiftly planned for future phased expansion beyond the planned Eagle to Locust Grove span.

I frequently travel along this major roadway and have observed this thoroughfare lacking in terms of safety and overall efficient movement of traffic. Safety concerns include lack of contiguous sidewalks, bike lanes, and pedestrian crossings. It can also be frustrating to commute along Chinden as the overall time taken to travel along this busy road has significantly increased over the years. The time has come for city planning to take this popular roadway more seriously as it relates to the overall ability to move commuters, goods and services through the area in a more efficient, effective, and acceptable level.

It is my sincerest hope that you take this into consideration and move up the current plan for expansion of Chinden Blvd.

Sincerely,

Jay Juedes
Meridian Resident

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We've lived near Chinden for nearly 11 years now. We spent 10.5 years in Bristol Heights (Boise), and have recently moved to Bainbridge (Meridian). (Both neighborhoods are along Chinden.) I spent roughly half of those years commuting into downtown Boise via Chinden. Coming home was always a hassle, as there is always a massive rush hour bottleneck for westbound Chinden traffic at Eagle Rd. I kept thinking that Chinden would get widened, mile-by-mile every year or so, but after a decade, nothing! It is really inexcusable to have neglected that road for so long. Now I hear that it will be widened only 1 mile—in 5 year's time! That is unacceptable.

Chinden needs to be widened from Eagle Rd. to Ten Mile Rd. (a four mile stretch) immediately. The Linder and Ten Mile intersections are already widened, and I see that the other intersections are on the schedule to be widened, so there should be no issues there. (The reason why Chinden needs to be widened all the way to Ten Mile is because Ten Mile is like Eagle Rd. and Meridian Rd. in that all of them have I-84 access, and there are neighborhoods all along that corridor that are only adding to the congestion.) After that, an

additional mile of widening needs to happen the following two years until Chinden is 5 lanes all the way to Hwy 16 (McDermott Rd.).

This is where we want our tax dollars spent. Please make this happen. It is long overdue.

Tim & Callie Elton
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I have lived in the Paramount subdivision since 9/3/05. I have seen all the streets, by me, improve except for the most important, Chinden. It not only has not improved but is worse with the added traffic lights and traffic due to the new subdivisions opening off the street. This widening should be a top priority, not the widening of Meridian from Cherry to Ustick or any other project now being developed before the widening of Chinden. Plans are for the widening from Locust Grove to Eagle? That will still not stop the traffic backing up a mile from Locust Grove to Meridian every morning. You can't even plan on right turn lanes for Locust Grove and Meridian which would help greatly. I was coming back from a long trip yesterday and you had Chinden down to one lane at 10 mile. The traffic was backed up for over a mile in each direction. I don't see how Chinden should not be improved immediately. Did we really need the extension of the Emmett Highway before the widening of Chinden? I would happily pay extra on my taxes for this most important project. Just curious. When these subdivisions decide to build on Chinden how much does ACHD have to say about it? I know the developer pays for the traffic light but are there any surveys done to determine traffic impact? At least 5 new lights have been added between Linder and Emmett highway since I moved here. How is that helping Chinden which is a State highway? One last comment. I have heard large retailers want to build on Chinden but are delaying because of traffic and that ACHD has no current plans on fixing the issues. These retailers would help traffic in many other areas, that they service, by customers not having to drive to those locations. So ACHD is also not only stopping the progress of convenient shopping but letting more and more subdivisions add customers who have to drive on Chinden. Please put Chinden on the top of the list.

Respectively,

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I am writing in support of improvements to Chinden ASAP.

I live in the Castlebury subdivision which is located immediately north of Chinden between Meridian and Locust Grove roads, and I work in Meridian.

The traffic congestion on Chinden is unconscionable at times and is always bad during commute times. Accidents seem like a daily occurrence. In addition to the safety issues and property damage from vehicle accidents, the productive time lost to commuters and the pollution from idling vehicles is significant. The locust Grove intersection is definitely not safe.

Please do what you can to move-up the widening of Chinden between Eagle and Locust Grove roads—we simply cannot wait until 2021!

Sincerely,

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Let me start by saying I am in support of the road widening project, however, I would like to see it started much sooner to 2021. Also I'd like to see additional phases of Chinden to be done as well at least out to 10 mile.

Over the past 5 years I've been driving Chinden from Linder and the lack of infrastructure along this road makes for a dangerous drive every day and it has gotten a lot worse year after year.

- Multiple accidents daily
- Car Bike accidents- Due to no Bike lanes
- Long commute waits at each light and if construction equipment or semi-trucks are on the road it slows even worse.
- The lack of a simple turning lane at all the main intersections would be a huge improvement if widening can't be done out to 10 mile, at least having turn lanes off the main road would alleviate a lot un-needed accidents at intersections. Besides allow the flow of traffic to

move without jamming everyone up so someone can turn.

Thank you,

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My name is Brenda and currently live on Chinden & Eagle. I'm a very concerned home owner learning that Chinden is not on a schedule to be widened until 2021. I have lived in this valley since 1976 and in my opinion it should have be completed way back then! I'm letting you know that I'm in favor of getting Chinden widened! I love seeing the growth in this area and loving the commercial businesses that are there and planning on moving in the area. Please, please help us get this done sooner then later!

Sincerely,
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I am in support of the Chinden Road widening project. It is critical that this project be started prior to 2021. I have lived in the area for almost 11 years and the increase in traffic is phenomenal. The great Highway 16 improvement that goes nowhere has increased traffic on Chinden as well. With the growth in this area, I do not understand why this is not a higher level of importance. Chinden Road 20/26 needs to be widened to the freeway.

Thank you,

Diane McLain
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Please widen chinden to meridian rd as soon as possible before 2021! It's so bottlenecked.

Thx Kate
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It is almost an unthinkable act to put off the expansion of US 20/26 until 2021 and am shocked that this hasn't happened, yet. This should have already been started for Meridian as most other areas have been expanded, already.

Meridian is one of the fastest growing cities in the nation but yet is constantly clogged with car traffic between Eagle Rd and Linder Rd each and every single hour of the day but yet I hear that it's out until 2012?

McMillen road was just widened last year from Eagle to Locust grove and it has nowhere near the traffic that US 20/26 has on it on a daily basis, what's up with that? And with rumors circling that a Costco is planned to be built on the corner of Linder & US 20/26 in the next 1-2 years, this is only going to make matters much worse.

I would strongly suggest that ITD make some adjustments to their road construction plans to at least swap some other project with the US 20/26 road project as this is a huge log jam each and every day. Traffic normally backs up from Eagle road to HP during rush hour from people trying to go west on US 20/26. I'm not sure what studies have been done for traffic patterns but from what I've seen, on a daily basis for the last 7+ years, is that the lane merge just after the crossing of Eagle Rd and Banbury is a huge pile up along with traffic lights on Meridian Rd & Linder Rd, but then again most of the homes are between these roads whereas beyond Linder Rd is mostly farm land, still.

Widening this section from a single lane both ways to 2 lanes both ways (just like McMillen) would have a huge reduction in traffic for this 2-3 mile section that Eagle road could be offloaded of traffic as well, which is somewhat of a no-brainer to me and I'm certain thousands of others would agree.

Please make this happen in the next year or so.

Thank you for your time and serious consideration,
Sean Parrish

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Please...Chinden must be improved before 2021. Reality: It should be 5 lanes, with bike lanes and sidewalk from Eagle (55) to I-84. Only then will it address growth that *is going to happen* in the Boise Valley. At this moment public safety is in great danger along this corridor. It certainly is a road I avoid if at all possible. Widening from Eagle to Locust Grove is a welcome improvement, but it barely cuts into the serious driving problems of Chinden to Caldwell. Much more must be on the drawing boards, now! I beg of you: Get started on this project ASAP and expand the plans to include all of Chinden.

Thank you.

Bob Kellogg
President
La Playa HOA
A Community of Persons 55 & Older

Member:
Mayor's Senior Advisory Board
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We are definitely in favor of seeing Chinden widened as soon as possible. We drive it often, and, at different times of day. A real concern we see is the load of traffic, especially at the Locust Grove and Chinden traffic light, and, then on down the road heading West and East. There have been many "close call " near traffic accidents.

Please consider this at utmost priority,

Sincerely,
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We live just off Chinden and Fox Run. Like many others, we've seen traffic logjams increase steadily since we've lived here. It has gotten bad enough at times that we simply won't go that way. Others do the same, of course, putting additional pressure on alternative roads. Ultimately, it must be bad for the developers and businesses who are trying to invest in the area, not to mention those that won't bother to come in at all.

We understand the current plan is to widen Chinden as far west as Locust Grove, but not for 5 years. That strikes us as inadequate on two fronts: Five years is much too long, and Locust Grove falls short. The bottleneck leading eastward on Chinden from Linder occurs AT Locust Grove, and it's hard to see how widening beyond that point will help. The initial phase needs to go to Meridian, at least.

One further thought -- we would hate to see Chinden turn into another Eagle Road, with all the big boxes and parking lots. This is a residential area and we'd like it to stay that way. We know the farming community will inevitably decline and that Chinden is destined to be a major east-west artery, but let's not jam it up with too many access points.

Thanks for listening.

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My wife and I live one block off Chinden at its intersection with Saguaro Hills, so we see, as well as experience, the congestion that has developed on Chinden as our community has grown. Therefore, we are in full support of the project to widen Chinden from Eagle to Locust Grove. Furthermore, we would like to

see it done earlier than 2021 and ASAP due to the increasing amounts of accidents and safety concerns. In fact, we would like to see this project taken further and widen Chinden ASAP all the way to Ten Mile (or at least Linder). This extension needs to be programmed sooner rather than later due to the increased traffic on Chinden. It is becoming increasingly dangerous to navigate Chinden from Eagle all the way to Linder and beyond.

Another concern of ours is that a traffic light needs to be placed at the intersection of Chinden and Saguario Hills. It is certainly not safe, and sometimes almost impossible, to make a left turn onto Chinden at this intersection. With further developments going up in this area, this intersection is only going to get worse with time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tom and Sue Kuziej
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I recently submitted my comments regarding the widening of Chinden proposed for 2021 and understand that they may have been lost electronically; I am therefore sending another request to the Idaho Transportation Department to push up the dates for widening of Chinden.

First, 2021 is not soon enough. Also, this plan is insufficient. Chinden needs to be widened to five lanes at least to Linder if not Black Cat Road. There are over 2600 homes already approved by the city of Meridian between Chinden and McMillan, from Ten Mile to Black Cat, and many of these homes are already under construction. I don't know how many homes Eagle has also already approved that will also dump more traffic onto Chinden adding more pressure to the traffic.

Additionally, there is a huge spurt in commercial construction at Linder and Chinden and it will add to the congestion already anticipated to be generated by the new LDS Temple on Linder Road. I would think that right of way should be purchased immediately because the costs to the taxpayer will only increase as this development continues and the land becomes more valuable. Of huge concern to the residents, in addition to the nightmare of Chinden completely

being overwhelmed by traffic, is the real possibility that property values out here will be horribly impacted. This could impact hundreds of families and scores of businesses who have located in this area in good faith that the city, county and state would act appropriately to provide adequate infrastructure. Without it, people will no longer wish to live, invest or work here.

Further information was provided by our Mayor's office that should be given great weight in the decision surrounding a timeline change to widen Chinden:

- Basic Safety Infrastructure Lacking - No contiguous sidewalks, bike lanes, or pedestrian crossings.
- Crashes are Common and Costly – Over 100 crashes between Can-Ada and Eagle Road in 2014 and between 2010 and 2014 more than 1,100 people were involved in crashes costing \$7.4 million per mile.
- Businesses and Residents are Frustrated – Configuration prohibits the efficient movement of commuters, goods, and services into and through the area - Peak Travel Time on Chinden between Eagle and Can-Ada Rd both directions was between 11 and 12 minutes in 2005; travel times have increased to between 14 and 15 minutes in 2015.

Please, begin the process now to widen Chinden.

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I'm all in favor of widening Chinden from Eagle Rd west. But, it needs to be done much easier than 2021 and at least to Linder. As it is now, Westbound Chinden at Eagle backs up almost to Cloverdale during rush hour, and widening Chinden only to Locust Grove will likely result in a similar back up. Considering how bad it is now, 2021 will be a terrible.

I don't understand the logic used to widen roads. For example, why is the intersection of Franklin and Black Cat being done? I never see more than 2 or 3 cars there, and that's from every direction.

Locust Grove from Fairview to Ustick is another road that is in desperate need of being widened. During rush hour, morning and night, that section can be

completely full. The constant stop at E. Chateau doesn't help much, either.

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It is our desire to express our concerns regarding Chinden Boulevard, the road way that we all love to hate.

As we live on Waggle Place just off of Black Cat Road, we travel on Chinden Boulevard often; this is currently an exercise in frustration. The traffic coming in from the West has already accumulated a significant volume and is traveling in a steady stream. Merging into that traffic from any road without a signal light is often all but impossible. A widening project needs to be in place now as several housing projects are in progress and others approved that will only quickly add to the already bad congestion. Any delays in getting the approvals needed to begin the process prior 2021 will only increase the accidents, frustrations and road rage that are piling up now. Not only does the mile between Eagle Road to Locust Grove need to be improved NOW but additional phases need to be programmed in as well.

Please, please give Chinden Boulevard your urgent attention. We appreciate all that you do and urge you to give this matter your immediate attention. Thank you!

Larry and Katherine Shiflet
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I am in favor of making chinden wider in the spots indicated. also i think it should be done before 2024 by than it may be too late with the growth in this area thanks

jfrenzen58@gmail.com

I support the widening of Chinden road prior to 2021 and request additional phases of Chinden to be programmed as well.

ryanarchabal@hotmail.com

As you know, Chinden Blvd. is a mess. During the recent re-paving, I thought that some improvement would be made; but alas, not to be. Since the crews were already there and lane closures were in effect, it would have been so easy to reduce the congestion at the intersections of Chinden and Meridian and Chinden and Locust Grove by simply doing a little extra work and putting in right turn lanes for the eastbound traffic. I believe that it would have reduced the congestion by at least 25% because the people turning right off Chinden at these intersections would not slow down the traffic flow of those proceeding straight.

Sincerely,

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Improvements are needed on Chinden US20/26. They have been needed for quite some time.

To see that the improvements are scheduled out as far as 2021 is disappointing and frustrating to homeowners and drivers that need to use Chinden to get to their destination.

My home is located off Chinden and Locust Grove and have seen a dramatic increase in traffic using our neighborhood as a cut through so they do not have to sit in the bumper to bumper back up to make a right hand turn on Locust Grove.

This letter is in support of widening Chinden now and consider not addressing the issue before 2021 to be irresponsible. The accident statistics are alarming.

Concerned Citizen

Renee Hanson

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My name is Ryan Harris. I live in Spurwing Greens right off of Chinden Blvd with my wife and 4 kids. I am writing to express my support for widening Chinden Blvd. I think this is a major issue that needs to be addressed for a variety of reasons. We love our neighborhood and the proximity to everything in Boise and Meridian, but we have grown increasingly frustrated with the lack of adequate lanes on Chinden. My 2 oldest children attend Andrus Elementary which is their assigned school. Without traffic it takes about 15 minutes to get them to and from school, but traffic makes that ride much longer. My kids spend 30 minutes getting home some days on the bus when traffic is bad and don't even get home until 4:30 some days. This is far too long for young kids to be gone during the day.

I also worry about the effects on local businesses. I feel that companies would be much more likely to expand into the area if traffic flowed better. I know we are reluctant to go to stores during certain hours because we know that traffic will be backed up.

I think that it is essential that widening Chinden be given the highest priority. It has been neglected for far too long and I am urging you to address the issue as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Ryan Harris
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I am in support of a road widening project for Chinden road. I drive this road daily & it is necessary that it be started prior to 2021. I also request that additional phases of Chinden be programmed as well.

Chinden needs to be widened NOW for many reasons: basic Safety
Infrastructure Lacking - No contiguous sidewalks, bike lanes, or pedestrian

crossings. Crashes are Common and Costly – there are accidents on Chinden road several times a week frequently during rush hour driving times. There have been over 100 crashes between Can-Ada and Eagle Road in 2014 and between 2010 and 2014 more than 1,100 people were involved in crashes costing \$7.4 million per mile. I am a very frustrated resident of the Paramount neighborhood & for the past 10 years the commute into Boise has gotten progressively much worse. Chinden configuration prohibits the efficient movement of commuters and services into and through the area, especially with the growth this area of Meridian is experiencing!! Peak Travel Time on Chinden between Eagle and Can-Ada Rd both directions was between 11 and 12 minutes in 2005; travel times have increased to between 14 and 15 minutes in 2015. I personally have experienced commute time during rush hour in recent months/ years on Chinden from Linder to Eagle increased to 20 minutes plus. If there has been an accident in this section of road, which there often is, traffic will be at a crawling pace through this entire section of road. Also, the timing of the light at Locust Grove is often set where there is minimal traffic backed up northbound waiting at the light while Chinden is backed up west of this light for 2 miles!! Something needs done to improve the road!!

Respectfully,
Janel Alonzo

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I am in support of starting this project now and not waiting until 2021. I work at HP and heading West on Chinden after work is already a major problem. Waiting for another 5 years to get started will just make the problems worse. I think that Chinden should be widened from Eagle road to at least Linder or Ten Mile and also have future plans to widen it out to at least to the new Highway 16 express way.

Traffic is only going to get worse along Chinden with all the new neighborhoods going in, the new businesses and the LDS Temple in Meridian that will open soon. The priority for these projects need to be moved up to support all the additional traffic that will be coming.

Thanks for allowing us the opportunity to share our support of moving up this

important project.

Thanks,
Eric Dalling
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I support the widening of Chinden as soon as possible and hopefully all the way to Linder. As a resident along Chinden we use it daily and after 3:00 pm it takes us almost 30 minutes to go east on chinden, across Eagle road and even longer to come home west on Chinden. We avoid it at all costs. Please consider widening it to Linder.

Thanks,
Jamie Jacobsen

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I'm against widening chinden Blvd if it's only one mile!! What, exactly, will this accomplish? More congestion after the one mile mark? All the cars will be bunched up again. It's a waste of time and money unless you do all of chinden from Linder to Eagle.

Karen Schwartzburd

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I don't have a nice long thought out response, but do want to add my vote to widening it as soon and as far as possible. My wife commutes Chinden daily during peak rush hour. It isn't uncommon for her to sit at the light at Chinden and Eagle for 10 -15 minutes. Adding to that is the frustration of all of the people that purposely get in the right hand lane and then cut in immediately after crossing Eagle. Definitely a location for road rage.

The back ups on Chinden both in the morning and afternoons extend for miles. It's frustrating how long it takes and reduces the amount of businesses we frequent that are along Chinden.

Also, there is no bike or pedestrian friendly pathway for the numerous subdivisions to bike or walk to eagle road or chinden locations. My kids ride their bike for a portion of Chinden to get to Fred Meyers and it's scary for them to be near a road where cars are traveling at 55+ miles per hour.

I would love to see Chinden widened as soon as possible. I know that in reality it will probably just push the backups further out but I think it will still go a long way to reducing congestion, accidents, stress.

With the new businesses going in at Linder and 10 Mile, I think it should be widened at least to one of those cross streets.

Thanks for listening (reading)!

Gerry McPhillips

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I am writing today to voice my ardent request that ITD accelerate the Chinden Rd Widening Project. Given the rapidly increasing population, constant construction of homes and businesses and the expected addition of "THOUSANDS" of apartments, Chinden no longer has the capacity to support the already heavy traffic it supports daily. In order to avoid traffic on Chinden so many residents already take the side streets which also are in need of reassessment and improved planning for expected growth. As a main artery into and through Meridian the amount of traffic we already see on Chinden has caused increased traffic accidents and the traffic flow studies reflect increased travel times. People who attempt to use alternate transportation are at a disadvantage given the absence of sidewalks for so much of the corridor between Eagle and CanAda. The movement of emergency traffic on Chinden has also slowed and is driven to the side roads as well. The side roads that take up the extra volume have had increased accidents and are community roads where our kids frequent to move between schools and parks. The increased traffic on these roads could potentially lead to tragedy. Moving goods and services into and out of the area is a frustrating proposition for both the businesses depending on deliveries and for those fighting traffic delays and experiencing delays from impatient drivers trying to get around delivery vehicles.

I understand the need for increased businesses in the growth of Meridian as well as the rapidly expanding homes and apartments, but it seems to me that

this is all reflective of poor community planning beginning over 10 years ago as Meridian City Council and other county/city/state resources worked in silo's to make decisions about growth. Now we the homeowners find ourselves experiencing an ever diminishing infrastructure to support the growth we already have, much less the soon to come explosion from way too many apartments in a concentrated area.

Something needs to be done now, not 5-10 years from now. City, county, and state need to get together and address this issue NOW so that serious repercussions can be avoided. It is NOT merely a matter of inconvenience. There are serious safety issues to be concerned with here while construction seems to be booming ahead, oblivious to the coming disaster.

Sincerely,
Brenda Duggan
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Meridian, ID 83646
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I'm writing in regards to the proposed expansion of Chinden not set to take place until 2021. Having lived in this area and first hand seen the expansion, I'm formally writing to request this timetable be moved up. This is a major thoroughfare through the second largest city in Idaho and Chinden needs to be expanded sooner rather than later. In addition I strongly feel Chinden needs to be expanded not just to the proposed Locus grove, but to ten mile to handle the immediate needs of the businesses and residents and in short term to Black Cat Road to be capable of supporting the new developments that are quickly being built. There are several reasons this needs to happen, first Chinden is a major thoroughfare and lacks even the basic sidewalks, bike lanes, and pedestrian crossings that need to be in place from a safety standpoint. In addition I have seen firsthand the congestion caused accidents that occur on this extremely busy two lane highway. Finally, the two lane highway simply cannot support the current traffic loads during peak travel times that is necessary. In addition this is only getting worse each and every day as subdivisions and businesses continue to be constructed on Chinden at a record setting pace. In short we need relief now not starting in 2021. Thank you for your consideration in supporting the needs of your Idaho residents.

Kind Regards,

Travis & Lacey Averett
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I support of the road widening project and I would like to see it started prior to 2021. I would also request additional phases of Chinden to be programmed as well. This is a main artery and causes daily stress on our family getting to and from work and activities - please reconsider moving up the project date many years! I would ask you to drive on Chinden at rush hour daily and see how your quality of life is impacted.

Thank you,
Crystal Guray

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I am writing to express my support for expansion and siding if Chinden road as soon as possible.

I drive the road east to eagle and west to ten Mile and everyday see congestion, accidents and near accidents.

Please consider this road for immediate expansion. Thank You.

Max Anthony
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For safety and economic reasons my wife and I feel Chinden should be widened.

High speed limit, increased volume of traffic and limited lanes increase the

danger to commuters every day. As the population grows in this area the widening is needed not just to support the population growth but must support the economic growth as well.

Start now, not 2021, and widen the lanes out to a minimum of Ten Mile, not just to Locust Grove.

Thanks for your consideration.

Bob and Donna Boxall
La Mirada Subdivision

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I live in Meridian between Ten Mile Road and Linder Rd. Traffic on Chinden Blvd has become atrocious with stop and go speeds for most of the day. I feel the travel options from this side of Meridian toward West Boise are lacking and frustrating. Please consider widening Chinden much sooner than 2021. Also, with the numerous new subdivisions being built in this area and further west, it will be necessary to have the road widened for several miles instead of just Eagle to Locust Grove.

In planning, please also consider adding sidewalks or at least a bike lane along the length of Chinden. I see many bikers using McMillan Rd as an alternate, safer route, however there isn't room for bikers on all miles of the route traveling to or from Eagle road. The Treasure Valley prides itself on being biker friendly, but many areas in Meridian do not reflect this claim.

Please consider making major road changes to Chinden in the very near future. It is desperately needed to maintain traffic flow and safety as Meridian continues to rapidly expand west of Linder.

Ashley Durham

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My wife and I are supportive of immediate efforts to bring needed capacity improvements to Chinden Boulevard (US 20/26) - to reduce congestion, improve safety, and create economic opportunity. The ITD proposed

widening of Chinden Blvd. between Eagle Road and Locust Grove is currently slated for 2021. This only encompasses a 1-mile stretch of a 9-mile Chinden Blvd. roadway that is quickly becoming an unsafe and inconvenient bottleneck for travelers between Eagle Road and Can-Ada Road. Waiting for another five years to correct this 9.0 mile pinch point along Chinden Blvd will surely prove to be a motorist's nightmare. Here are some key points to assist you with your decision to expedite and expand your decision to widen Chinden Blvd. (US 20/26):

- . Basic Safety Infrastructure Lacking - No contiguous sidewalks, bike lanes, or pedestrian crossings.
- . Crashes are Common and Costly - Over 100 crashes between Can-Ada and Eagle Road in 2014 and between 2010 and 2014 more than 1,100 people were involved in crashes costing \$7.4 million per mile.
- . Businesses and Residents are Frustrated - Configuration prohibits the efficient movement of commuters, goods, and services into and through the area - Peak Travel Time on Chinden between Eagle and Can-Ada Rd both directions was between 11 and 12 minutes in 2005; travel times have increased to between 14 and 15 minutes in 2015. With all the current and proposed home sites along this expanse of road, these delay times will only get much worse.

Thank you for your consideration, and I hope you will revise (shorten) your Chinden Boulevard (US 20/26) construction plans and include the entire 9-mile span from Eagle Road to Can-Ada Road.

Bob & Gail Bacon
Meridian, ID

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We moved into Saguaro Canyon development (south of Chinden) 3 years ago. At that time, we could easily enter and exit Chinden. With added homes and retail development, it is now dangerous and time consuming to use that route. With additional development west of us on Chinden, we cannot wait for 5 years to increase lanes. Please reconsider widening Chinden between Eagle and Locust Grove before more accidents occur. Have you done any traffic studies in that area? If you have, where can we access those?

Thank you,
Nancy and Phil Burke

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I would like to voice my opinion concerning widening Chinden Blvd. I am in support of the road widening project. I would like to see it start before 2021 and request additional phases of Chinden to be programmed as well.

Thank you for your time.

- Roy Billings

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My name is Cheryl Davidson and I am writing you in support of the wide in of Chinden road project. I would like to see the project start well before 2021, and I also respectfully request additional phases to the road widening project, to include other segments of Chinden.

Thank you for your time,

Cheryl Davidson

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I am writing to inform you that I am in favor of widening Chinden Blvd and I would like to see this happen prior to the current plan of 2021. I would also suggest that Chinden be expanded at least as far as Ten Mile Road to handle immediate needs. During the morning and evening commute times, the single lane in each direction along Chinden is backed up bumper to bumper from stoplight to stoplight between Eagle and Locust Grove, Locust Grove to Meridian, and westward from there as well. The volume of traffic far exceeds Chinden's current capacity to efficiently manage traffic flow. In addition, with the upcoming commercial construction near Chinden and Linder, traffic volumes can be expected to increase even further.

I frequently travel along this major roadway and have observed this thoroughfare lacking in terms of safety and overall efficient movement of traffic. Safety concerns include; lack of contiguous sidewalks, bike lanes, and

pedestrian crossings. It can also be frustrating to commute along Chinden as the overall time taken to travel along this busy road has significantly increased over the years. The time has come for city planning to take this popular roadway more seriously as it relates to the overall ability to move commuters, goods and services through the area in a more efficient, effective, and acceptable level.

It is my sincerest hope that you take this into consideration and move up the current plan for expansion of Chinden Blvd.

Sincerely,

Marcel Goldberg
Meridian Resident

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I am in support of the project. This needs to happen before 2021. I think this should be done as soon and as fast as possible.

While I have your attention.... The remainder of Ten Mile between Chinden and Ustick needs to be widened ASAP. I hope ITD is aware of the large increase of traffic on ten mile from Emmett commuters to the freeway. Ten mile is a neighborhood road, not lined with businesses. In the morning 1/2 of the plates on the road are not 1A or 2C plates. Why wasn't the bypass to Emmett followed through to the freeway via McDermott Rd? A real problem has been created in our neighborhoods.... I would appreciate some feedback on this

Thanks, Mark Tubbs

marktubbs7@gmail.com

I am writing to highly encourage that the capacity improvements for Chinden Road be made a top priority for the ITD and be completed as soon as possible. My family travels this road almost daily and encounters heavy traffic at most times of day.

Chinden Road west of Eagle Rd all the way to Linder Road is without

sidewalks, is unsafe, and is a huge bottleneck for motorists along Chinden. The lack of bike paths along this area is a serious deficiency as well.

The huge residential development rate and new businesses is making this a dangerously congested stretch of road.

We strongly request that the funding for all phases of the Chinden road improvements be made a high priority and moved up much sooner than the proposed five-year plan schedule (2021).

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeff and Sandy Gould
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We would like to voice our support for widening Chinden - at least out to 10 mile - as soon as possible. The road is a constant source of frustration due to heavy traffic - which leads to more traffic diverting onto smaller roads like McMillan and Ustick. Traffic is even bad mid-afternoon, not just during rush hours. with back-ups up to 1/2 mile at times. At a minimum, dedicated right turn lanes should be available at the Chinden/Meridian and Chinden/Locust Grove intersections to help with E/W traffic flow. I really think this should be one of the highest priority projects for the state to consider, given the amount of people/cars affected.

Rob and Jen Drewett

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I understand that it would be more expensive however, doesn't it make more sense to widen all the way to ten mile or at least Linder? With all the new constitution in this area and in flux of people Chinden is seeing much more utilization.

Thank you,

Christian Schobert

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I live in Paramount subdivision right off Chinden. I have lived there 11 years. I am writing to let you know I support Chinden being widened, the sooner the better, from Eagle Road all the way to 10 Mile Road.

Thank you,

Amber Brownlee

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With all the new housing and businesses being built in north meridian I believe that the widening of Chinden needs to be considered immediately rather than 2021. Further, the scope of the project needs to be extended to the west as far as Star Road. Chinden has become a major route from Nampa/Caldwell to Boise and congestion, especially during rush hour, has become too much for the current road to handle.

It is imperative that some action be taken prior to the 2021 date now being considered and that include more than the 1 mile stretch from Eagle to Locust Grove. There are more houses being built in this area, the LDS Temple is just about finished, and there are rumors of several big box stores being planned for this area as well.

If planning was started this year it will still be several years before any action could be started but to wait until 2021 puts the current project plans as too little and too late.

Dave Mulvihill

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Please know that my husband and I are in full support of widening Chinden. In

all reality, with the constant loss of farm land and addition of homes, small business centers, schools, and huge box stores coming, going to Locust Grove is just not enough. Truly, living just one block off Chinden and on Meridian rd, I would rather it remain small. But when these Urban Development projects are approved, the infrastructure must also be in place. Currently it is bad, and will only continue to get worse.

The project needs to happen NOW, and it NEEDS to go to at least 10 Mile.

Thank you for hearing our opinions!

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Hello, as a resident of the area I completely agree with widening Chinden Rd West of Eagle, it needs to be done ASAP (not 5 yrs) and it needs to be widened to Linder minimum (preferably farther). Chinden is critical to the area and between the residential development (Ashbury, Foxtail, Bainbridge, Spurwing etc) and commercial (Costco, Home Depot, Fred Meyer etc) we need this now. We are already far beyond capacity and growing rapidly. Please consider widening ASAP and farther, thank you!

Megan Schomer

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My husband and I are both in favor of stepping up the schedule to widen Chinden. PLEASE so not wait until 2021...it needs widening NOW from Meridian to at least Black Cat.

Cloma & Allen Kelly
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Please perform the following:

- Near term: Widen 500 yards from Chinden and Eagle intersection westbound . This will alleviate much of the west bound backup at rush hour.
- Short term (2 years): Widen Chinden to five lanes from Linder to Eagle.

Thank you,

Patrick Carlson

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I would like to comment on the need to expand Chinden Blvd. Highway 20/26. I travel this roadway daily, as it is the only egress from our subdivision. There are times during the day that traffic is backed up at least a quarter of a mile and rear-end crashes are common. We have lived at our current address for 5 years and are astounded by the increased development and subsequent increase in traffic along this corridor. Postponement of the planned expansion will cost thousands of dollars in vehicle repair and personal injury. It is imperative that ITD take a serious look at this project. If possible, enhancement of intersections at Locust Grove and Meridian Road could aid traffic back ups at peak hours--as done at Linder and Ten Mile junctions. These enhancements now may well fit with the overall expansion of the project at a later date.

Traffic on 20/26 will continue to increase with future development in the area. The completion of the Highway 16 connection has already added to the congestion on 20/26. Delaying the project til 2021 is not prudent for the safety of those who must travel this byway and the damage cost will increase as well. Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Steven A. Joyal
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I am a homeowner in Paramount since 2005. I have seen how terrible the traffic has become now with Chinden, and getting more schools, business,

etc. All this is great IF the streets and avenues are updated to cover the demand of the zone.

I think that with a few spots that Chinden can be widened, the traffic will be easier, like in the corner of Locust Grove and Chinden, where due to the Ambrose School, has become almost impossible to pass during several hours a day.

Thank you,
Isabel Orellana Villers

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I would:

1. Like Eagle Rd widened
2. Started as soon as possible, it's redo lupus you want to wait three more years. It should have been done years ago. With all the growth and development on Linder and Chinden, why and how it wasn't widened before now, is incomprehensible. I live in Paramount and deal with this traffic daily. I often find myself going through neighborhoods to get to McMillan to avoid backed up one lane roads (both McMillan and Eagle are one lane locust to Chinden) at rush hours.
3. Please widen Chinden all the way to Ten Mile. Between all the new housing and commercial, LDS temple, etc on Linder, it needs to be widened all the way.

Thanks!
Richelle

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To whom it may concern:

We are in support of widening Chinden road as soon as possible. There is a growing urgency for this to happen at least to Linder road, and probably to Ten Mile road as soon as is actually feasible. There are significant developments going in, and many more that would if traffic were not an issue. We have lived in northwest meridian (currently in Paramount) for more than 10 years and have been constantly hoping that the road expansion would begin since the day we first moved to Idaho. Please consider expediting and expanding this project

posthaste.

Thanks,

Cameron Larsen

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I am writing to provide my support for the widening of Chinden Ave/US20/26 and would like to see this project occur sooner than 2021 as currently planned. With the growing population in Boise/Meridian/Eagle communities, the state highways need to be the first line of defense for accommodating increased traffic. These state roadways need to be improved to provide basic safety infrastructure that is lacking - No contiguous sidewalks, bike lanes, or pedestrian crossings, etc. Businesses and residents are frustrated as the current and inadequate configuration prohibits the efficient movement of commuters, goods, and services into and through the area. Please consider this email as support for the immediate widening of US 20/26 from Locust Grove to Eagle Rd.

Hugh Crawford
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We recently learned that Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is *not* planning to improve Chinden Blvd (Highway 20/26) until 2021! Improvements need to be done now.

My husband and I live in SpurWing Green Subdivision. Our only exit is via Chinden Blvd. In the past five years, the area has grown significantly, but the roads have not kept up with the population increase. The improvement to Ten Mile and an extension of Highway 16 has also increased traffic on Highway 20/26. Vehicles have backed up so that we are unable to turn east onto Chinden during rush hours. Several neighbors have suffered rear-endings and near accidents. As a result, we turn off of Chinden whenever possible because of our concern for safety.

Even if the entire project cannot be completed immediately, several changes need to be made as soon as possible to improve traffic flow and to increase safety:

- turning lanes at Meridian Road and Locust Grove;
- electronic, reduce-speed-limit signs during rush hours; and
- widening of the highway from Eagle Road to Highway 16.

Please do not postpone the needed improvements on Chinden Blvd in Meridian. More and more Ada County and Canyon County residents use this travel corridor every day.

Sincerely,
Nancy Joyal
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Meridian, Idaho

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We live in a subdivision just a mile south of Chinden Blvd. and try to avoid getting on Chinden because of the VERY HEAVY traffic and speed. If you drive either direction on Chinden, you will notice extreme tire marks at all the stop lights because of the speed and then having to stop suddenly. There are MANY new subdivisions on either side of Chinden built in the last couple of years, which has increased the traffic volume immensely!! Since Chinden Blvd. is a State Highway and a main thoroughfare off I-84 from Caldwell into Boise, it would be highly recommended that Chinden be widened, not only from Eagle Rd. to Locust Grove, but much farther west, and as QUICKLY as possible. If you (ITD) wait till 2021, many people will be injured or possibly killed in that time period.

We all realize money is limited, but Chinden should be put at the top of priorities for expansion - and as far west, at least to Can-Ada - all the way to Caldwell would be better.

Thank you for listening,

Ron and Helen Robins
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I am in support to widen Chinden from Eagle to Locust Grove

- I believe we cannot wait until 2021, the massive expansion of homes in the region is already clogging the infrastructure
- This should get fanned out past ten mile road, not just stop at Locust Grove

Adam Haigis

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I am writing to encourage the Idaho Transportation Department to review and revise the current five year plan on Chinden Boulevard.

I would ask that ITD please update the plan to include widening of Chinden Boulevard West of Eagle road sooner than 2021. In addition to an earlier start date please consider adding additional miles, at least to Ten Mile road or even to the McDermott road connection to the new crossing to Emmet. My observation is that there is currently adequate right-of-way to do the widening without much, if any, additional purchase.

I reside in the Paramount subdivision on the South side of Chinden between Meridian road and Linder road. Paramount has an entrance directly onto Chinden. I travel Chinden between my home and downtown Boise almost daily and am keenly aware of the congestion and long delays at the intersections. The recent reprogramming of the left turn lights has been beneficial to traffic flow but it is still very challenging most days. In addition to the large number of cars there is some heavy truck traffic that can add to the congestion at times, and on rare occasion a piece of farm equipment.

I am volunteering to work with the city of Meridian on this project and would be happy to work with the ITD board as well.

Please share my comments with board members Gagner, Kempton, and Horsch my former legislative colleagues.

Sincerely,

Douglas R. Jones
Executive Director,
Growers for Biotechnology
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drjonestwf@msn.com

I'm here to voice my opinion that Chinden needs widened from Eagle to 10 mile. I travel this road no less than 4-6 times per day. My children attend Ambrose. My grocery store is Eagle Island Fred Meyer. My favorite coffee shop sits on chinden and locust grove.

My husband travels Chinden out to Nampa each day. We buckle in tight because nearly every day there is an accident. Bad ones too. The speed limit is ridiculous. It's a matter of time before we are one of the victims of a rear end crash.

There's just plain too much residential traffic going through this zone anymore. It wasn't designed to handle all the traffic. The churches. The subdivisions. The shopping. The schools. Something needs to be done and quickly.

Please widen the road. Thank you.

jstiffler71@gmail.com

Hello,
Please know that the drivers in our family, who reside near Locust Grove and Chinden:

- 1) are in support of the road widening project for Chinden west of Eagle;
- 2) would like to see it started prior to 2021; and
- 3) request additional phases of Chinden to be programmed as well.

Thank you,
Ashlee Anderson-Ching
ashleeching@gmail.com
425.218.9101

I have been a Meridian resident for two years. I live off of Linder north of

Cherry. In just those two years, I have witnessed a lot of growth along the Chinden corridor between Eagle and Can-Ada. Therefore, I urge the ITD to reconsider the current timeline for widening and improving traffic flow on Chinden to ASAP as commercial and residential growth is happening NOW, accidents are happening NOW, population growth is happening NOW.

There is also a safety component to this corridor that needs to be addressed quickly. We can't afford more school bus accidents; residents injured with life changing injuries; citizens losing income due to lost wages, doctor bills, replacement or repair of vehicles or worse, funerals.

Please reconsider the ITD's current timeline and advance the plan to meet the current needs of its citizens.

Thank you,
Barbara Walsh

bobbie61@cableone.net

I appreciate ITD including improvements to Chinden Boulevard between Eagle Road and Locust Grove in the ITIP. Unfortunately this investment is too little for the of this corridor and is too far out in planning. ITD needs to increase funding for capacity related improvements and including additional segments of Chinden from Eagle Road to the intersection with Highway 16 into the ITIP. In addition these improvements should be moved up into program years so that construction can begin as soon as possible.

Robert Simison

rsimison@hotmail.com

I am totally in favor of any and all expansion on Chinden, the sooner the better.

Sue Bonin, Spurwing resident.

suebonin@gmail.com

We are interested and are in support of the road widening project that would allow a Costco to be built in Meridian/Chinden. We would love to see the project started prior to the year 2021 and we request additional phases of

Chinden be programmed as well.

Thank you for allowing our voice to be heard and taking care to read this email.

Gary and Rosalyn Rock
gdrock@juno.com

I'd like to go on record both personally and on behalf of the Meridian Chamber that we:

1) Support of the road widening project; 2) Would like to see it started prior to 2021; and 3) Request additional phases of Chinden to be programmed as well.

Best regards,
Anne

Anne Little Roberts | President/CEO
Meridian Chamber of Commerce
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I live in Meridian near Ten Mile and McMillan. I unfortunately must use Chinden to get to appointments and find it very difficult to manage my time due to the traffic congestion. It offers such valuable access to all surrounding cities that taking care of widening it is crucial. I am also concerned over the safety aspect too, I see too many trying to squeeze out a few extra cars by passing on the right while heading west, gets scary at times.

I would really like to see ITD put a higher priority on widening the first phase and include the remaining couple of miles of future projects.

Thank you,

Bill

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Bill@BillRe.com

Please move up the date to widen the road. There have been too accidents and deaths on Chinden due to the congestion.

Thank you

Joy Cameron

joy@camfam5.com

I am writing to add my name to the list of people asking for widening Chindon Road. In my opinion the entire road west of Eagle Rd. needs to be widened, but Eagle to Locust Grove is a start.

Thanks,

Trish Trader

Financial Services Professional

MassMutual Idaho

We are now located at The Village at Meridian.

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I am in support of the road widening project of Chinden between Eagle Rd and Locust Grove

I would like to see it started prior to 2021

Thanks,

Keyara Wade

keyara@43re.com

Hello Adam,

I support the Chinden road widening project and feel that it needs to happen before 2021 and feel that project scope needs to be expanded to at least 10 mile road. I cross Chinden road two times a day and have seen many accidents due to traffic congestion.

Thank you

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1. You are in support of the road widening project;
2. You would like to see it started prior to 2021; and
3. Request additional phases of Chinden to be programmed as well.

Best,

Shelly
Shelly@mikebrowngroup.com

Good Morning Adam,

I would like to add my voice to this discussion as I am in support of the Chinden Road widening project. We all need to have this work finished prior to 2021, much earlier if at all possible. Chinden is a major east west connector for those of us that work between Meridian and Caldwell, so I am also requesting ITD add as many additional phases to the west as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Matt

Matt Newton
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I support this road widening project and would like to see it started prior to 2021.

Also, please add additional phases of Chinden to be programmed as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

David G. Ballard
Law Office of David G. Ballard
PO Box 935
Meridian, Idaho 83680

Telephone: 208-859-0922

Email: david@lawballard.biz

Hello,

I'll keep it simple:

1. YES I am definitely in support of the Chinden Rd widening project
2. YES - Begging - please start before 2021. Why is 2021 the suggested date? Reasonable question, deserves an answer, thank you!
3. Additional phases to widen Chinden - yes, please! Treasure Valley growing fast fast fast the sooner ITD can get on this the better.

Thank you!

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Lisa Olnick, Owner
Meals Made With Love, LLC
208-577-5311

info@MealsMadeWithLove.com

Thank you for extending the comments on the IDT project and planning for Chinden/Hwy 20-26.

I am in support of the road widening project! Highway 20-26 has great potential to be a major thoroughfare for all residents that live along this route and connecting North/South streets. Chinden in its current state is a huge bottleneck Eagle Rd and West. Additionally, traffic signals west of Eagle Rd. are not synchronized and cause frequent stops all along this route, typically from 1 car coming out of a residential subdivision. Personally, I avoid Chinden at all costs because of traffic delays; hence, I don't support businesses on Chinden that are West of Eagle.

The building and population is growing tremendously along this route and its arteries. Any road widening delays will only make the traffic and safety issues more problematic and businesses along this route suffer loss of clientele.

This important Highway should be a top priority for Ada County ITD work and deserves to be started prior to 2021. This route should connect Meridian to North Boise/Garden City easily. It is very time-consuming using I 84 as an alternate. Getting this important highway widened to at least Ten Mile Rd. in advance of 2021 will allow the communities of Boise & Meridian to have functional access to each other's communities.

ITD should have a planned program for widening Hwy 20-26 all the way to I-84 (Caldwell).

Thank you for all the hard work ITD does on behalf of Idahoans and our visitors.

Sidney McDonald
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Meridian, ID 83646
sidney.m@benchmarkli.com

It is my understanding you are the person to reach out to regarding the

widening of Chinden Blvd.

I am absolutely in favor of the widening of the road, it is quite often gridlocked now and either widening or having turn lanes would eliminate a great deal of that issue. I believe the proposed 2021 plan is truly way too far out to be effective and would think a more recent date would be extremely beneficial.

Thank you,

Vonna Torrey
Branch Manager
Adecco Group North America

vonna.torrey@adeccona.com

We live in Spurwing and are new to the area. Chinden is a key road for us -- The Chinden traffic is INSANE – and very frustrating. I would support moving the project up. Thanks, Kathy Silk

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I am very much in favor of the Chinden road Project and I want to encourage you to find a way to make that project happen much sooner. The need is immediate, certainly not 5 years from now.

Thank you for your hard work

Doug Gross
humancompass1@frontier.com

As a member of the Meridian Chamber's Government Affairs committee, I am strongly in favor of the widening of Chinden Road from Eagle to Locust Grove and beyond. It is imperative that infrastructure be in place **before** the final development efforts. This project should be expedited along with the entire Chinden corridor.

Thanks,

John T. Berg, CPA
jberg@rdcpa.com

The great quality of life we enjoy in the Treasure Valley is partially attributable to well-designed and maintained arterial roads. Over the 27 years my wife and I have lived in the Valley, we have seen a diminishing quality of life due to the increased amount of time we spend on the roads. This is largely a function of the significant increase in population. However, continued attention to the major roadways that accommodate massive automobile volume is vital to prevent the Valley from becoming one large “parking lot” during rush hour like what has happened in Los Angeles, Phoenix, and Seattle.

As a resident of Eagle who has an office near Overland & Eagle Roads and frequently drives on Chinden Blvd between Eagle Road and Linder Road, I wish to emphasize the URGENT IMPORTANCE of widening Chinden Blvd between Eagle Road and Linder Road to five lanes (including a middle turn lane). I have learned from the Meridian Chamber of Commerce that the widening of Chinden between Eagle Road and Locust Grove Road is not scheduled to be completed until 2021. Based on the current high volume of traffic on that stretch of Chinden, the widening project needs to be done MUCH SOONER, preferably in 2017.

Furthermore, the volume of traffic on Chinden Blvd to the west of Locust Grove Road all the way to Ten Mile Road warrants widening the road on that stretch within the next two years as well.

I would be happy to discuss this matter with you at your convenience. My cell number is 208-861-5539.

Thank you for “listening” to a concerned citizen and daily motorist!

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Adam,

As a resident of Meridian and living near Linder and Chinden, traffic on Chinden has gotten worse in recent years. With the continued development commercially and residentially in the area, the widening of Chinden in Meridian should become a priority for the department. In reality, with the continued growth of the area, the project should start long before the original plan of 2021. Ideally, it should begin within the next year.

Additionally, further phases of expansion/widening of Chinden should be planned in an effort to be proactive in expectation of additional growth and traffic in the area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jarrold M. Galm Account Executive, Cumulus Radio - KKGL & KIZN
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Please widen Chinden Road! I drive my kids to Andrus elementary every day from a neighborhood called Spurwing near 10 mile Road. It takes me 25 minutes to their school because Chinden is so slow and stop and go. With all the growth we are experiencing in eagle and meridian it is only getting more congested and slower. The expansion needs to happen sooner than later.

Thank you for your time,

Cheryl Harris
cherylwh@gmail.com

Please consider widening Chinden between Linder and Eagle. The traffic is always so backed up and congested during high volume times. It would sure be a benefit to our community at this time of increased growth and development.

Sincerely,

Terry Callen

Callen.Terry@westada.org

I wanted to write in regards to the future of Chinden Rd. I do not write to badger or complain as I know that things aren't as easy as just saying let's lay down some pavement. I am sure there are money issues and all sorts of other things that tie in. My only hope is that improvement and expansion of Chinden is a priority. As a newer business on this corridor with hopes of additional business and commerce in the area I can see that Chinden struggles to sustain the current traffic load let alone an increase in that from new business in the area. As a resident of the area I can't wait to have more opportunity to do business closer to home instead of leaving the area to do a majority of my purchasing. Large business will likely delay their presence in the area until infrastructure can sustain the traffic they will generate. Until more businesses come into the area, especially around the Eagle Island Marketplace, I think the area will continue to be a thoroughfare instead of a destination. Once this area is able to provide the shopping necessary for folks to rely on it as their primary shopping, dining, entertainment area it will become a hub and will likely divert or reduce traffic from other areas. Chinden is going to be that main backbone that will support access to this hub. Again, all I can hope for is Chinden improvements being a high priority among all the other things you have going on. If you would like additional feedback or have anything you want to bounce off people living and working in this area please feel free to use me as a resource.

Sincerely,

Kyle

Kyle Schnoor

Idaho Central Credit Union

Branch Manager, N. Linder Branch

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Please, this is unbelievable how in 2016, HWY 20-26, a major highway between NW Boise and Middleton is still a single lane. This road is shared by farmers and Californians and it's getting worse by the month.

It was several years ago Meridian City council announced all new growth would take place to the north of the city. That is when the expansion should have begun. Now those subdivisions are right up against 20-26. That road is at capacity now and will be beyond capacity long before 2021!

Please, I submit to your common sense, there is no reason why Fairview/Cherry lane has been widened to Black Cat and not 20-26. Start the project now!!!

Leslie

lmiller@yahoo.com

Dear Mr. Rush, I am in full support of widening Chinden west from Eagle. There should be no doubt about the increased and increasing traffic from that point. The number of times I have witnessed near accidents when drivers try to force themselves back into the one remaining lane when headed west from Eagle, is a scenario meant to encourage road rage. I'm having difficulty understanding what other priorities would be greater than this project given the lack of east/west transportation alternatives.

Please let me know I can provide any further opinion.

Sincerely,

Alan Moore
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Eagle, ID 83616

Alan@meridian-plumbing.com

Please widen Chinden! Travel time takes twice as long as any other route. East

bound lanes are always backed up from Locust Grove to Linder any many people are having to slam on their brakes not expecting traffic to be at a standstill.

Thank you,

Harmony
MGM Association Management

Harmony@gomgm.com

Was hoping you could push for widening Chinden Blvd. between Linder and Eagle Rd. sooner than it's planned for...it's very congested and there has been a lot of traffic jams & accidents lately....Thank you

springtime5547@gmail.com

1. We are in support of the road widening project; 2) You would like to see it started prior to 2021; and 3) Request additional 'phases' of Chinden to be programmed as well.

do2878@gmail.com

I am writing in support of the widening of Chinden. I would like to see it started prior to 2021 and I request that additional phases of Chinden be programmed as well. Lisa Lindley.

lisalindley@gmail.com

Drive that section at 5 pm any day. It's mind boggling how DOT doesn't see this as a high priority.

It should be widened from eagle rd to interstate 84 in Caldwell now, not years from now.

The state is not keeping up with growth

Rus

ruslol@hotmail.com

We moved to Lochsa Falls from Wisconsin in 2014, and the traffic congestion on Chinden has gotten worse. I see more skid marks at traffic lights, and have seen more rear end collisions here, than I've seen in the 64 years that I lived in Wisconsin! With all of the new development going on, Chinden needs to be improved sooner than 2021! Bike and walking paths should also be considered. Major intersections along Chinden also need to be addressed, to improve safety and allow for smoother vehicular traffic through those intersections. Turn lanes are needed at all intersections. More traffic lights will be needed at major commercial developments.

Thanks

Charles & Cheryl Hoepner

cacbhoepner@live.com

I am in favor of the widening of Chinden much sooner than later. We need Costco too!! Please do not delay.

Diane

diane.bevan@mikebrowngroup.com

I would like to comment on chinden widening.

- 1) I support of the road widening project; this is one of the busiest most congested roads right now. There is at minimum 1 car accident a day! It is very scary to drive on this road
- 2) I would like to see it started prior to 2021; I think it's CRAZY to not start it sooner!!! It is a very dangerous busy road.
- 3) I also Request additional phases of Chinden to be programmed as well. Doing just eagle to locust grove will not accomplish anything. The

growth is farther. The Meridian Temple is almost finished and that will bring in LOTS of traffic. The road needs to be widened now!

Blessings, Trinity Emineth
1859 E. Golden Oak Ct., meridian

trinity.emineth@yahoo.com

We certainly support the widening of Chinden from Eagle to Locust Grove but would hope it will occur prior to 2020. The entire stretch to Hwy 16 should be considered as soon as possible. I live off of Black Cat and frequently travel on Chinden. It is congested and slow since the additions of the several lights approved for developments that have been added to an otherwise steady moving State Highway. Please consider widening that entire stretch of highway earlier than planned.

Thank you.

Bill and Christine Donnell

bandcdonnell@gmail.com

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to voice the need of improvements to Chinden road. Chinden is a main thoroughfare for many daily commuters and it needs to be widened to accommodate the increasing usage. The hazards of people trying to merge either on or leave the road would be greatly reduced with more lanes (even a center turn lane) from Eagle road, through the Linder intersection.

I would like to voice the need for the widening to happen ASAP, as I also understand how long these improvements can take to plan and fund. The upcoming widening project is a great start, but I do not think we can wait until 2021 to get it accomplished either.

Please hear us asking for Chinden to be widened. From Eagle, through Linder. Please make Chinden a safer option for those of us who depend on this vital road in our daily family needs.

Thank you for your time,

Jennifer Couchman
Family of six,
Chinden and Locust Grove area

jdcouchman@gmail.com

To whom it may concern:

I am in support of the project to widen Chinden between Eagle Rd and Locust Grove. This needs to be done NOW! I am also requesting that it be widened as far west as Ten Mile and beyond.

I know the project between Eagle and Locust Grove is "on the books" to begin in 2021. This is ridiculous. I know there must be studies, plans, and budgets. How many years has the "study" phase been going on? I know since at least 2004, if not earlier. I realize that Meridian's population doubled about ten years ago, that should have been a huge indicator that it would need to be completed soon. And that the rest might not be widened until "who knows when" it outrageous.

The corridor has many safety concerns. It is frustrating. I avoid driving west from Eagle Rd to my home near Chinden and Linder between 3:30 -6:30 pm. The area is growing rapidly - homes, subdivisions, businesses, schools, etc. There are already too many people and not enough road. We seem to keep bandaging Chinden by chip seal, repairs, widening an intersection here and there only to funnel everyone back in to only one lane each way. For heaven's sake, stop the bandaging and just do the surgery and fix the darned thing.

"US Highway 20/26 is one of a few east-west roadways that stretch from Caldwell to Boise. Its role as an alternate to I-84 makes it a vital transportation route, supporting more regional travel in the Treasure Valley than any other arterial roadway. ... Congestion is especially heavy on the portion of US Highway 20/26 between Linder Road and State Highway 55 (Eagle Road), which has only two travel lanes. Additionally, intersections at Middleton Road and Linder Road will become even busier once activity centers planned for these areas are built. ... As a major mobility highway, US 20/26 is experiencing congestion along much of its length but especially between Linder Road and State Highway 55 (Eagle Road), a stretch with only two travel lanes. US 20/26 has been a regional priority for a number of years but it remains unfunded, causing traffic to divert to other routes such as McMillan Road. In addition to

high traffic levels on this road, the intersection with State Highway 55 (Eagle Road) is ranked #2 on ITD's list of high-accident locations." These are excerpts from a COMPASS report from 2014.

I could go on and on; my initial letter to ITD through the website last month was much better and really shared my feelings, but I did not save it in my files. It is late, I'm tired. Let's get this put as a top priority and get it done. As they say in many work places, "just figure it out, make it happen, YESTERDAY!".

Widening Chinden from Eagle Rd to Ten Mile and farther west needs to be a priority with completion very, very, very soon.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Cherie Marion
Meridian Resident

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To whom it may concern, I would like to express my concern that Chinden Road and additional phases be expanded as soon as possible. I drive this road every day and live just off Chinden and Meridian. This is a major highway and with all the new infrastructure taking place both residential and commercial something needs to be done. I see to many individuals taking chances on the highway because of being frustrated. I believe doing the expansion would also take pressure off many other roads in the area. Thank you for your consideration. Robert Giesler 2718 W Sugar Crest Dr. Eagle

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I submitted some feedback on-line but understand there was a glitch in the portal process so wanted to make sure I sent some feedback on the widening of Chinden. I am the President of Food Services of America located in Meridian, Idaho. I also sit on the Executive Board for the Meridian Chamber. Food Services of America provides food products to many of our community schools, hospitals and restaurants. As we continue to see Meridian grow, the need for safe and accessible roadways is imperative to my business. The traffic congestion currently on Chinden Road is becoming more or more problematic. My greatest concern is for the safety of our citizens and

the safety of my drivers so would be in support of widening this significant artery as soon as possible. As we continue to grow, Chinden will become further congested and even more unsafe so would like to see a widening project begin within the next year.

The efforts of the Chambers, BVEP, and the City have and continue to promote a community of explosive growth within the City of Meridian as well as in Canyon County as well. We have residents of Nampa, Caldwell and Star also using Chinden to go to work and recreate, which further congests Chinden Road. The implications of growth extend beyond the City of Meridian and should be supported by the State as well.

I understand there has been some discussion about widening of Chinden Road in 2021. Based on the current use and the continued growth for the Treasure Valley, we are already in desperate need of widening efforts from Locust Grove to Eagle Road immediately. I realize the cost implications of these efforts and would support several phases of further widening over the course of the next several years.

Thank you for the consideration.

Mike

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We are really interested in seeing the road widening project that would allow a Costco to be built in Meridian on Chinden. The road widening is a necessity either way, but adding a Costco to that area would be very beneficial to this growing area. We would appreciate having the project begin prior to the year 2021 and we request additional phases of Chinden be programmed as well.

Thank you for reading this email and allowing our voice to be heard.

Kristin Hill

Boise, Idaho

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I am in support of the road widening project;
I am in favor of this project starting well prior to 2021; and
I would like to request additional phases of Chinden to be programmed as well.

Thank you!!!!
Ralph Lowe

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Boise 83714

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To whom it may concern,

I want to start out by stating that I have been so upset this summer watching our tax payer dollars go toward resurfacing Chinden road when it should have been widened. I had hope that was what was being done when construction started , but was quickly disappointed.

I am not sure what the "science" is that goes into determining when a road should be widened but I feel it shouldn't take any kind of scientific mind to recognize the absolute need for widening Chinden Road. The widening that was done on Chinden up until Eagle road needs to be continued West at least through 10 mile road. There is non- stop housing and development that entire section. This section of road has stop and go traffic congestion at all hours of the day, all days of the week. With my husband commuting to downtown everyday he is forced to go all the way to the free way and then back track because Chinden is so congested. If the housing development weren't enough to push this effort forward, the commercial building should be.

Having this road so congested is also dangerous for the thousands of High School Students attending Rocky Mountain High school (right off of Chinden) and the other elementary schools in the area. With a new LDS temple being set to finish in less than a year, traffic on Chinden will increase exponentially. Costco also has plans to build right off of Chinden road and

Linder.

Chinden and Linder has the potential to be like Fairview and Eagle in the next few years. Please, please use some foresight and widen the road as soon as possible. Don't wait until 2021! This should have been done years ago.

Thank you,
Emily Piscione

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Mr. Rush,

I wrote earlier in support of widening Chinden about a week ago and am still in total support as traffic on that road is backed up and at a standstill every morning from 7-9 am and every afternoon from about 4-7pm. What I did not realize until now, is that the proposal to widen Chinden is only planned from Eagle to Locust Grove street. That is only half the problem. If that street is just widened from Eagle to Locust Grove, we will have a worse situation, as two lanes try to merge into one at Locust Grove, and cars then get backed up at that light. If that road is to be widened, it needs to be from Eagle road to Linder road on both sides so we have two lanes in each direction.

If you do an analysis of Chinden road, Meridian and Fox Run roads are just as backed up at those time as Locust Grove and Eagle heading West and Eastbound. Only expanding half that road won't solve the back ups at Meridian and Fox Run. It will makes it worse.

Thank you for listening and allowing public input.

Alicia Muhlestein

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this email in hopes to bolster support to the efforts of widening Chinden prior to 2021. I am a current resident of a the mile block that borders

Chinden between 10 mile and Linder. I have seen the growth steadily increase over the past 11 years I have lived here. In that time, I have become increasingly concerned at the congestion forming on Chinden. As new businesses are flocking to this area, I am more concerned than ever that things will just get worse and extremely dangerous. We are surrounded by schools and children who are walking to these new businesses as well as teen drivers who lack the skills to navigate heavy traffic. The lack of lanes and sidewalks is frightening. There are dead lock traffic patterns during work commuting hours and school hours. Accidents seem to be a near miss every day. I can only imagine business owner share in this frustration as it's hard to access their establishments and sometimes areas are avoided at certain times of the day because nobody wants to take up residency on Chinden Blvd while trying to get to places.

I am in full support of trying to find other means to start improvements as soon as possible. I welcome the new growth in our area and feel excited that people want to move here and that businesses want to establish here. Help us make Meridian great by making it safe for its residents. There is no time to waste. I fear any casualty that may occur as a result of delaying this project and hope we can avoid disaster.

Thank you for your consideration,
Brittany Hamm
resident of Kelly Creek Subdivision
2639 W. Cedar Grove

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Please consider widening the area of Chinden near Locust Grove as soon as possible. The traffic and delays cause a myriad of problems and frustrations, and considerable safety issues on a daily basis. It is irresponsible to permit rampant building in West Ada County and then not put proper infrastructure in place to support it.

Please keep our kids and our families safe in the Chinden and Locust Grove areas by widening Chinden sooner rather than later.

Thank you,
LeAnna A. Fischer

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Adam,

Let me say first, that I think ITD does a tremendous job, especially considering funding issues.

My family lives in SpurWing, our children attend he Ambrose School, and work in the Boise Research Center. I would (naturally) like to see Chinden widened as soon as possible from Eagle Road to Linder.

Also, I would support an increase in vehicle registration fees to fund road projects (as apposed to a fuel tax increase). If there were a feasible way to create a toll road (or HOV lane) on Chinden, I'd support that too.

Thanks to everyone at ITD for your dedication and professionalism.

Regards,

Lars Hansen
Meridian, Idaho

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Hello,

Our family frequently travels Chinden Blvd for work at hp and school at The Ambrose School. Our opinion for the road widening are as follows.

- 1) We are in support of the road widening project;
- 2) We would like to see it started prior to 2021; and
- 3) We request additional phases of Chinden to be programmed as well.

Thank you for listening to our opinion.

Heidi and Darius Boockholdt

I'm writing to voice my support of widening Chinden Rd between Eagle Rd. and Locust Grove. I would very much like to see this project started prior to 2021. Additionally, I encourage you and ITD to program additional phases of Chinden as well.

Thanks so much!

Amy Walker

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I would like to comment on the widening date for Chinden from Eagle to Locust Grove.

That section of road, and in reality Locust Grove and beyond, is in desperate need of widening. I use Chinden each day and see the massive congestion as two lanes try to merge into one at Eagle and then produce a stream of traffic that snakes for miles. There are so many houses to the west of Eagle that this really needs to be a priority and 2021 is not an option.

Thank you,

Kevin Thompson

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I want Chinden road widened!

B Bair

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To Whom This May Concern,

Hello I am writing you today to voice my concerns with the delay in the expansion of US 20/26. The road is needs to be widened due to all the traffic during peak hours. The road was a popular road for people commuting from down town Boise to Nampa, but now it has gotten worse with Ten Mile access, more homes in the Meridian area, and the new businesses that have recently opened. The Eagle and Chinden stop light is a terrible due to the two lanes on Chinden coming from Garden City, then transitioning to a single lane just after the light. This intersection at 5:00pm is horrible no matter what way someone is traveling, with traffic not moving or people being stuck in the intersection when the light changes. This road is dangerous with all the congestion and the fifty-five miles an hour speed limit. Businesses and homes are developing quickly in this area; this means a higher demand for this road to be expanded. This road needs attention before the 2021. Thank you for your time.

Thank You,

Micki Gardner

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Hello Adam,

I understand that a glitch on the ITD web site may have prevented my input from reaching you. I also understand that the deadline for submitting comments has been extended to August 26.

I support projects that would improve the capacity of Chinden Boulevard, and reduce congestion and improve safety. I would also like to see the projects implemented sooner than they are currently planned.

I support the existing road widening project (Eagle Road to Locust Grove); I would like to see it started prior to 2021; and I am requesting that additional phases of Chinden improvement be planned as well.

The basic safety infrastructure on Chinden Boulevard is lacking - contiguous sidewalks, bike lanes, pedestrian crossings, etc. Traffic accidents are very common on Chinden, and they are very costly. Businesses and residents are frustrated with the congestion and safety issues.

Thank you for considering my input.

Sincerely,

Don Strickler

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My name is Matthew Hall and as a Costco employee I have heard for a few years now we are supposed to put a building on chinden road right across from the Fred Meyer right off of linder road, it has been finalized and we were supposed to start fall of this year and it sounds like the city of Meridian and the ITD are really making it difficult for that to happen I know it's all about the almighty dollar but I think it's ridiculous that you are finding every little excuse there is to stop Costco from putting our third building in it would bring so much revenue to the city of Meridian tax wise and I personally don't understand what the hold up is, seeing is how Costco has offered to help pay for their fair share of the road that NEED to be built and have been for years. For the company of Costco it's a great thing having 3 buildings in the valley and totalling 6 in the state I believe if we were to build it in Meridian and would be a great thing for the city of Meridian seeing is how the city is building that way and growing as fast as it there is nothing but positive that can come of it. I'm just putting my two cents in as an Idaho citizen as well and living here my whole life, driving that road fairly often it is a joke in itself anything around 8-10am and between 12-3pm you have a small window until the road becomes un drivable from about 415 to about 645pm it is the slowest road in Idaho you can get nowhere fast at all and especially with the growth happening in that area if that road isn't widened sooner rather than later it will become the worst road in the state without a doubt in my mind it HAS to be widened and NEEDS to be widened and it's needed it for years and now from what I am hearing it won't be until 2021 until you do so? That is a complete joke I don't know if ITD and the city of Meridian are just saying that to get a rise out of people or what. I don't submit letters or emails like this very often but hearing this I think it's quite ridiculous and it sounds like the city is just trying cop out of doing their job correctly like most of our cities have done for years now. You all need to understand how hard it is to get to work sometimes and for families to get around using certain roads, I'm just voicing my concern with the way certain roads are getting around our cities with the rapid growth we have coming in this is something that has to be done and my personal recommendation. So stop using companies and excuses to get out of doing your jobs and get it done it is sad the lengths that cities politicians and ITD go through to save money and get out of doing your jobs on a daily basis instead of just doing what you are paid to do. I am just giving my two cents as an Idaho citizen and using my

freedom of speech as an American. This country was built off of hard work and helping each other so let's start doing what this great country was built off of and make this very small step in one of our cities and use that as a stepping stone to start doing more good around our state everyday for years to come. Let's roll and go get it done!

Sincerely, Matthew Hall

carpethead@gmail.com

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to voice the need of improvements to Chinden road. Chinden is a main thoroughfare for many daily commuters and it needs to be widened to accommodate the increasing usage. The hazards of people trying to merge either on or leave the road would be greatly reduced with more lanes (even a center turn lane) from Eagle road, through the Linder intersection.

I would like to voice the need for the widening to happen ASAP, as I also understand how long these improvements can take to plan and fund. The upcoming widening project is a great start, but I do not think we can wait until 2021 to get it accomplished either.

Please hear us asking for Chinden to be widened. From Eagle, through Linder. Please make Chinden a safer option for those of us who depend on this vital road in our daily family needs.

Thank you for your time,

Brandon Couchman D.C.

bcouchmandc@gmail.com

I just received a copy of a letter from you, sent to I'm not sure who, about the comment period being extended to Aug 26 on the widening of Chinden Road.

I've lived 100 yards from Chinden for a year now and never saw any notice of a "comment period". The notice for a "Chinden widening project" should be

plastered all over north Boise, Eagle and Meridian so all can comment.

Widening Chinden in my opinion is the most pressing and necessary project in NW Boise/Eagle/Meridian and should be addressed immediately. Traffic on Chinden Blvd West is Eagle Road in generally terrible out to Linder and/or Ten Mile.

Whether or not Costco is coming to Linder and Chinden, the widening of Chinden should be started as soon as possible.

Regards,

Phil Ackerman
Bristol Heights

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Dear ITD:

I am a homeowner near Chinden and Locust Grove. I agree that Chinden needs to be widened much sooner than 2021 and not just from Eagle to Locust Grove but further West. The number of current and planned subdivisions make this a heavily traveled highway that is only going to increase. Also, timing the lights to keep traffic flowing into downtown is critical and I think should be continued at least until 9:00 AM each day.

Thank you,

Kevin Krafft

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We are in support of widening Chinden from Eagle Road to Locust Grove. We would like to see it happen prior to the current 2021 goal, and would like to see it happen ASAP. We would also like to see widening of Chinden from Locust Grove to Meridian Road in the plan.

We live just off of Chinden and Locust Grove and the traffic on Chinden from Eagle stretching west past Meridian is terribly congested making us avoid Chinden whenever possible.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mitch and Shannon Anderson
Meridian Residents

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I came across an article talking about the Chinden widening projects under consideration. I wanted to provide my input to these projects.

- 1) I am in support of the road widening project;
- 2) I would like to see it started prior to 2021; and
- 3) I request additional phases of Chinden to be programmed as well.

Is there anything other than this e-mail I need to do to make sure my comment is captured?

Regards,

Karla

Karla Ducharme
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Please forward my comments to the appropriate resource at the Idaho Transportation Department.

- 1) As a member of the Meridian community affected by the noted traffic issues, I completely support the Chinden Road widening project. 2) Starting the project in 2021 is an insult to the community. The traffic issues currently experienced as a result of the lack of foresight by ITD calls into question the competency of those who are responsible for traffic management in West Ada. This project needed to start years ago, not in 2021. Consider this my request to begin this project ASAP, including the redirection of funds from

other projects to ensure that this becomes be priority number 1 due to safety issues alone. 3) If the status quo isn't an indication that there was a lack of traffic planning in West Ada, I don't know what is. It doesn't take a genius to figure out that when developers convert farm land into a sea of subdivisions, 2-lane "farm" roads aren't going to support the resulting traffic. Further analysis and remediation of traffic congestion issues on Chinden Blvd in North Meridian should also be moved to a high priority.

Thank you,
-Larry Carson

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I am in support of the Chinden road widening project I would like to see it started prior to 2021 (costs will continue to rise) I request additional phases of Chinden to be programmed as well.

Thank you -

Katie Vaage
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RC Willey Home Furnishings
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I am in full support of widening Chinden Road.

We moved here in 2010 and I immediately felt that the infrastructure in north Meridian left much to be desired. Big neighborhoods, retail and building continue to be approved with little thought or plan in place to create roads and infrastructure to support this growth. Chinden, between Linder and Eagle, have always had bad traffic and it has only gotten worse. Long lines and long waits is the norm. I feel this project is way overdue and am frustrated to hear that it is not even be considered until 2021. I am on this road every day and spend a significant amount of time sitting and waiting. More growth and homes are still coming in so it is only going to get worse.

The expansion needs to continue all the way from Eagle to Linder. Only doing it for a mile, from Locust Gove to Eagle, will not help the situation or improve

traffic. It will just create a long bottleneck.

Please expand our road now and make create the infrastructure to support the population all the way down to Linder. There are days I feel like we should move simply because I am so tired of all the traffic and 2021 is just depressing! I didn't move to Idaho to sit in traffic!

Thank you!

Jennifer Galloway

 **Jennifer Galloway | Marketing Director | Owner**
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Good afternoon Adam,

My name is Natalie Filbert. I am a local prolific realtor and and Ambrose parent. I understand that the widening of Chinden from Eagle Road to Locust Grove is not supposed to begin until 2021. With the current growth that we are experiencing in our area and the anticipation of more growth I can't imagine that waiting any longer than six months is in the best interest of our community. I beg of you to reconsider the proposed date and move it to as soon as possible.

Sincerely, Natalie Filbert

natalie.filbert@gmail.com

I completely agree with widening Chinden Rd West of Eagle, it needs to be done ASAP (not 5 yrs) and it needs to be widened to AT LEAST Linder (preferably farther). Chinden is critical to the area and between the residential development (Ashbury, Foxtail, Bainbridge, Spurwing etc) and commercial (Costco, Home Depot, Fred Meyer etc) we need this now. Waiting until it's any more developed is not only unwise, it is unsafe.

We are already beyond capacity and growing rapidly. Please consider widening ASAP (and beyond Linder).

Thank you,
Debbie Sewell

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Hi Adam,

Thank you for allowing the public to email you to collect comments on the future improvements to Chinden Blvd here in Meridian. No doubt you've been inundated with a lot of emails, so I will be try to be brief.

I found the following information regarding federal release of dollars specifically for road improvements for safety, and to encourage alternative transportation methods (walking, biking, buses) along with those improvements. I would like to see my hard-earned tax dollars spent on a project like Chinden, so I hope that ITD will apply to get this assistance, or whatever method is necessary to obtain this funding.

<http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/2016/05/12/feds-get-out-of-the-way-of-communities-that-want-to-design-safer-more-complete-streets/>

As you likely know, rear-end crashes are a significant traffic issue on Chinden. While it's likely that a lot of those were due to inattentive motorists looking at cell phones, I myself have had many near misses, just due to traffic stopping quickly as drivers back from the light cannot see it change. Something that would help immediately is the placement of warning lights several hundred feet from lighted intersections. These warning lights begin to flash yellow if the light ahead is going to turn red, giving drivers a heads up to begin slowing for the light. These are in use in Pennsylvania, and as a driver I could see how well they helped and I did not experience the quick stops I do on Chinden. I will try to find an example of this type of light and send it to you.

For future development of this road, it's important now to think beyond conventional design. I think we all can agree that Eagle Road is a failure in terms of traffic flow, bicycle and pedestrian accessibility, transit use, and difficulty in reaching retailers, so let's not repeat the same scenario. We need to think beyond current design and think toward what would make this road a liveable, integral, part of the city while satisfying the need to keep traffic moving.

Please see the attached article on liveable road design.

http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/livability/case_studies/guidebook/chap06.cfm

Thanks again for your time, hope you have a great weekend.

Shelley Lupher
Meridian, ID

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I am a resident living close to Chinden Rd, which is my main route of transportation to downtown. Please consider widening the road as soon as possible (prior to 2021) for the following reasons:

- Safety – there are numerable accidents along the road. In addition, there is no bike lane on much of the road.
- Congestion – traffic is terrible from five mile to linder rd...times have increased in the last several years as residential construction has increased without proper supporting infrastructure.

Regards, Jason

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I-84:

When can we expect the addition of east bound and west bound lanes on I-84 from Franklin Blvd in Nampa to the state line? Or at least through Caldwell?

Also, when will Northside Blvd in Nampa be re-paved or repaired between the eastbound and westbound exits & on ramps on the north and south sides of I-84 underneath the overpass?

Thank you for your reply.

Deidre Templeton
Nampa, ID

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The 5 year plan does not address the extension of SH-16 nor the widening of I-84 from Franklin to Northside. Although there are multiple projects within small communities these projects affect the entire state. Failure to at least partially address their accomplishment does not represent a proper prioritization of the state's needs.

Fred Hoadley
Nampa, Idaho

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This citizen called requesting the addition of more travel lanes from the Connector WB that merges onto the Interstate 84 near Franklin. Says traffic backs up daily to Curtis, due to the number of cars traveling westbound at rush hour.

I drive from Nampa to downtown Boise and back to Nampa Mon-Fri. It would be nice if there can be added lanes or a reconstruction of the Flying Wye Westbound. On most days the traffic is backed up to the mall or backed up further. 3 lanes merging into one lane does not make sense especially since Boise is growing more every year. It would be nice to see a change there in the near future. Also, I see tail gaiting nearly everyday on the freeway as people in the fast lane (left lane) will not move over to let cars pass. In other states, they have signs posted in the median stating "slower traffic keep right". That might help to move things more smooth. Just a suggestion that I thought I would share. Thanks.

Steve Scarone
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Idaho 55/Karcher:

Mr. Rush,

Could you please explain why from Farmway RD to Middleton RD on HWY 55 is not going to be expanded to 4 lanes? You are going to spend 12 million just on intersections on HWY 55 this year and next at Farmway (5 miles from Middleton Road), Indiana (3 miles from Middleton RD) , Lake (2 miles from Middleton Rd.), and Midway (1 mile from Middleton rd.). However, if you include the grinding of the HWY 55 the bill would come in at around 16 million. Each intersection is going to start widening at .20 miles -.25 miles from each intersection. This only leaves ½ mile between intersections at Indiana, Lake, Midway, and Middleton. You will be able to stand at where the road finally merges again into two lanes and then literally be able to see it widen again like an accordion. This is the perfect opportunity to complete part of one of COMPASS' top priorities.

Oh, if your researches already have not done the numbers, Caldwell's property valley jumped. Mine alone when up 22% and I live off Lake. Also, If you have not been out to the area please do. You can see all the new houses and land being sold off HWY 55. Caldwell is also growing faster than Boise. So it actually will save the state money. You can come up with extra money to build fancy bridges in Boise but you can't come up with an extra few million to complete the first 5 miles of a project that has been identified since 2011 as needed. I hope the legislators I have cc'd ask some tough questions to the Transportation Board and to the Director of ITD.

As for the I84 repair, what's being done to repair the bridge at N 10 Ave, see picture below, it has not been maintained or chip sealed in years? I also hope the plan is to do I 84 in one shot. The traffic backs up almost to Garrity now at 5 pm. There is 79,000 cars after Garrity, 75,000 after Franklin, and 68,000 after Northside which we only 3 lanes up to Franklin were as Boise has 4 lanes for the same amount of cars. Doesn't it seem strange Boise gets 4 lanes for 70,000 cars and we are struggling just to get a 3rd lanes.

Oh one last thing, off subject, about the roadway counts. With all the millions invested in permanent counters, why hasn't your website been updated at all this year. I get only doing it once a quarter, but not in the first six months of the year. What's the point of having them if you're not going to update the public.

Respectfully,

Craig Allison
Caldwell

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Comments: Once again we see ITD going cheap on the repair work for Canyon County. The road needs to ground down. Take a look at the East bound Franklin on ramp. YOU put an overlay that has completely come up and have not fixe and you think that cutting around cracks is going to work. Oh thanks for making us wait 2 more years while you just micro sealed the whole freeway from before Jerome to Pocatello. That's over a hundred miles with only about 25,000 cars a day. But don't mind us, we only have excess of 50,000-70,000 cars a day and we get told to wait half a decade even after a 25 percent increase in funding. Thanks!

Response Requested

Name: Craig Allison

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Comments: I would like to know if you are really going to do these programs. The interchanges at Lake and Midway was supposed to be done in 2016. The

jerry rigged light ate lake was only supposed to be for one year and its going on 2 now. You were only to do Indiana this year. We are already two months into FY 17 and their have been no information put out by ITD. with intersections taking 2-3 months we are looking at 4-6 months unless you do two intersections at a time. So I bet we will be seeing you once again postpone most of these projects and give the money someplace else. I would also like to point out that according to your on corridor study you will be giving us a level of service of E from Midway to Florida. We already cant drive the speed limit during the day so thanks for the increased mobility. This was the perfect opportunity to make the first five miles of Karcher to 4 lanes and keep this road a moving highway. But, you have chosen not to and are preparing the area for no further help with traffic flow for decades. The Vehicle Counter is after Florida and had 17,000 cars on it recently. Do you think there is a possibility 1,000-1,500 cars use the intersections at Florida, Lake, and Midway. Than means we are at 19,000 for that section on the corridor study for 2025 a full 9 years early. Thanks for planning ahead for use. IT's typical from you. You prioritized the affluent neighborhood of Columbia villige with 3 lanes that was two miles long and only had 40,000 cars when you could of used the money to get 4 lanes out to Northside that has 70,000 cars and would stop cars from backing up all the way to the Karcher onramp. But we see were your priorities are. Building Ada Counties future and their affluent neighborhoods with less traffic while we get scraps and will have to wait at least a decade for any assistance from you organization.

Response Requested

Craig Allison

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Good afternoon,

During FY 16 you were supposed to install lights at Indiana, Lake, and Midway SH 55. You were also supposed to fix Karcher/caldwell Blvd which has just started.

Question one: why was Lake and midway postponed and what projects were advanced instead of those.

Question two: why was Lake postponed when the lights there was only supposed to be one year.

Question three: since it was obvious you could not do 4 projects how are you supposed to complete 3 intersection, Farmway, Lake, and Midway which will at least 2 1/2 months each and grind the road from pride lane to Middleton RD which is about 8 miles all by the end of FY 17.

Question four: with this much construction and were are already almost two months into FY 17 why has there not been any communication. That is a lot of road work to be done just to drop us a note two weeks before start.

Respectfully

Craig Allison

Boise Area:

Office of the Mayor

July 26, 2016

Jerry Whitehead, Board Chairman
Idaho Transportation Department P.O. Box 7129 Boise, Idaho 83707
RE: Draft Idaho Transportation Investment Program

Key No. 19727: US 20, Front, Myrtle & Broadway: Pavement Restoration

Dear Jerry:

I recently met with Brian Ness, Jim Carpenter, and Vince Trimboli to discuss some opportunities on Front and Myrtle in downtown Boise, which was followed by a meeting at District 3 with Amy Revis' team and our Planning and Development team.

One outcome of these meetings is the issuance of an RFP to explore a wide range of options for calming the Front/Myrtle Corridor, reducing or mitigating barriers to crossing the corridor, and enhancing the economic viability of properties fronting and adjoining the corridor.

The goal is to better integrate the corridor into the downtown context. Also discussed at the meeting with District 3 was the proposal to advance the pavement maintenance on Front and Myrtle from 2019 to 2017, using HB 312 funds.

We request keeping the pavement maintenance project in 2019 for two reasons. Repaving a street is an opportune time to implement changes in striping and occurs infrequently, approximately once every 6-7 years.

With the results of the RFP expected in 6 months, we would like to preserve the opportunity to combine outcomes from the RFP with the mill and overlay.

Secondly, a micro seal was applied to the corridor in 2013 with the next cycle of treatment planned 6 years later in 2019. Moving the resurfacing up to 2017 appears to be sooner than needed and that the funds could better be spent on a higher need.

Thank you for your considering our request.

Respectfully,

David H. Bieter, Mayor

Elaine Clegg, Council President

cc: Karen Gallagher, Planning and Development Services
Amy Revis, District 3 Engineer
Roger Edwards, District 3 Design, ITD
Adam Rush, ITD

Response from ITD:

August 4, 2016
The Honorable Mayor Dave Bieter

The Honorable Council President Elaine Clegg

City of Boise
P.O. Box 500
Boise, Idaho 83701-0500

Dear Mayor Bieter and Council President Clegg,

Thank you for your July 26 letter regarding resurfacing on Front and Myrtle Streets.

This project was moved forward in the Program based on pavement distress that was observed in the district's review of the roadway this past winter.

While a microseal was applied in 2013 at an expected life of five to seven years, conditions indicate that we may not realize the full expected life out of this work.

We are evaluating the existing condition of the pavement and subsurface to determine if additional repairs are needed sooner to avoid a higher cost repair that may result if the work is not pursued. If that evaluation shows that delaying the work does not cause adverse effects to the ultimate repair of the roadway, then we will certainly not pursue the work at this time and put the money to work where it is more immediately needed.

If delaying the planned work is not possible, pursuing this work now does not preclude us from incorporating agreed upon outcomes of the work product that will come from the RFP process.

The focus of the RFP is a balanced look at the need to accommodate cars, people and business in the corridor. Whether changes to lane configurations are an outcome of this effort or not, it is too early to tell.

While we are actively working on getting the contract ready to bid, we anticipate the actual work would not occur until after the results of the RFP efforts are available, giving us ample opportunity to incorporate changes through an addendum or change order, if warranted.

Sincerely,
Jerry Whitehead
Chairman
Idaho Transportation Board

Julie DeLorenzo
Member, District 3

Idaho Transportation Board

cc: Karen Gallagher, Planning and Development Services
Amy Revis, District 3 Engineer
Roger Edwards, District 3 Design, ITD
Adam Rush, Public Involvement Coordinator, ITD

BICYCLE:

Name: Brian

Phone Number: Blank

Project Name: US 20, MIDDLETON TO LOCUST GROVE RD

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Comments: Once again, please take this opportunity to add bike lanes to the shoulders! This will pay off in added economic benefits. Thank you,

Response Requested



Bob Brooks I have thought about this for some time, and now I think it is time to do it.

This upgrade is for safety, for easier understanding for the police and local drivers, for interstate travelers, and a no nonsense directive.

May I suggest a series of signs starting on the west side of I-84 and Middleton Road, and on the east side of Eisenman Road and I-84.

1. The first sign to read Speed restrictions ahead in CALDWELL BOISE CORRIDORE 65 MPH
2. The second sign to read, 65 MPH for the next 30 miles in CALDWELL BOISE CORRIDORE ENHANCED FINES FOR VIOLATORS
3. The third sign to read, LAST WARNING 65 MPH NEXT 30 MILES STRICTLY ENFORCED
4. For a reminder, on every 65 MPH sign between Caldwell and Boise add strictly enforced below the present signage.
5. The signs would be the same in the opposite direction from east of Eisenman Road.

Some may think over dramatic, pushing it to far, unnecessary and a needless " cost " when everything is working just fine, however as long as there a excessive wrecks, some with death and injury, confusion with out of state drivers who feel 80 MPH in Idaho and surrounding states is the norm, commuters who feel it is OK to cheat 5 or 10 MPH – there will be confusion. These signs would help our law enforcement as well, taking the guesswork out of ticketing, and trying to be sympathetic to specific kinds of drivers. Higher the speed, the more enhanced the citation..

The out of state travelers who try to " go with the flow " to get away with whatever they can, will not feel like they are being singled out as an 80 MPH to 65 MPH speed trap..

Ladies and Gentlemen, when we go downhill, there are signs WARNING us of upcoming speed restrictions and percentage of grade for safety reasons. My feelings are the same for high density traffic where many feel " their speed " is reasonable when some follow the 65 MPH speed limit, many are short distance drivers going 45 to 55 MPH to a close exit. There are to many speeds, to many drivers / cars & trucks, and this increases the probability of wrecks.

Moreover, if this suggestion is not viable, have a brain storming of our State, County, and local police as to how they might deal with this situation of multi speeds. We owe it to our law enforcement and ourselves to simplify this small stretch of road going through high density areas.

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Dear Sirs

I travel the I 84 quite a bit. The I 84 is the main street of the state.

There are several unavoidable rough spots east bound on I 84 in the Caldwell area. The first is on ramp # 27 at the bridge.

The 2nd extremely rough spot is the downtown area exit to Caldwell east-bound.

The I 84 westbound downtown Caldwell exit area is a major rough spot in both lanes.

Whatever ever can
be done at these
varied sights in
the Caldwell area
would be appreciated.

Thanks for
all you are doing.
Looking forward
to the new bridge
for the 20/26/30
Highway. Also thanks
for keeping the
old bridge as a
walkway.
Thanks

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