

Public Comments Received (Verbatim)

**For amendments to:
Communities in Motion 2040 2.0 and
FY2021-2027 Regional Transportation Improvement Program**

Public Comment Period: February 8-22, 2021
Total number of comments received by COMPASS: 6

Topic: To widen the westbound Interstate 84 off-ramp at State Highway 44 (Exit 25), just west of the City of Caldwell, install traffic signal and improve sight distance

Outreach methods: Three email blasts; legal notices placed in *Idaho Statesman* and *Idaho Press Tribune*; public comment information posted to COMPASS website and social media channels

Comment <small>(The comments below are verbatim, as submitted by the commenter. As such, typographical errors have not been corrected.)</small>	Staff Response	Zip Code (City) Name Affiliation	Format
<p>Can we see a drawing of the proposed widening, stop light, etc for the Middleton exit of I84. I worry a stoplight will just back traffic up further on I84, unless there is a new lane installed specifically for the exit by widening the existing I84 to accommodate an additional lane.</p> <p>That exit is already a backup onto I84 at 5pm.</p> <p>Also, I am curious if there is a proposed stoplight at the intersection of Hwy 44 and Emmett Road?</p>	<p>Thank you for taking the time to comment! We will share your comments with the COMPASS Board of Directors and the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD).</p> <p>Please see the information posted on the COMPASS website: https://www.compassidaho.org/documents/prod_serv/trans/FY21/1%20Amend4_public.pdf. (It is also attached for your convenience.) This information provides details, including a conceptual drawing of proposed improvements.</p> <p>There is currently not a stoplight planned at the intersection of SH-44 and Emmett Road.</p> <p>We look forward to receiving any additional comments you may have.</p>	Frances Gale	Email
<p>I think this is a good addition to the TIP.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and ITD District 3 staff.</p>	Susan Bradley Technical Records Specialist I	Email

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<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the CIM 2040 2.0 proposed amendment to include Interstate 84 off-ramp at State Highway 44 (State Street) (Exit 25). This off-ramp regularly backs up traffic on to the westbound lanes of I-84 at peak hour, creating an unsafe condition, especially for unfamiliar drivers who don't use the Interstate shoulder for storage. The District recognizes ITD's efforts to improvement the situation by providing a speed limit reduction on I-84 at this locatin and providing reconfigured lanes at the intersection as a temporary measure. The signal and additionl lane proposed will help to improve this situation. Canyon Highway District No. 4 supports this proposed mendment. The District would like to stress that the Old Hwy 30 & SH 44 intersection is also in need of improvements to address capacity issues and has a significant crash history. We would urge ITD to evaluate the proposed traffic signal at the I-84 off-ramp to assure that it does not further degrade the traffic operations and safety of the Old Hwy 30 & SH 44 intersection and encourage this intersection also be considered for improvements in the near future.</p>	<p>Thank you for sharing your comments and concerns; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and ITD District 3 staff.</p>	<p>Tim Richard Director Canyon Highway District No. 4</p>	<p>Email</p>
<p>Given the cost and in my opinion what is proposed will do little to improve traffic flow I would recommend a roundabout at the intersection where traffic meets the hiway to Middleton. Even with a traffic light a left turn at the intersection could be very dangerous</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and ITD District 3 staff.</p>	<p>Hubert Osborne Nampa</p>	<p>Email</p>
<p>The most important project in the Treasure Valley is the completion of highway 16. It is the only project which has the potential to relieve widespread congestion across routes. Continuing to disperse hundreds of thousands of dollars in monies for lessor projects delays the real fix.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and ITD District 3 staff.</p>	<p>Fred Hoadley Nampa</p>	<p>Email</p>
<p>The Project proposed to make improvements to Exit 25 from I84 in the Caldwell area would be very helpful. The sooner it could be done the better! It would not be costly and by improving drivers vision as they exit, it would make both the Freeway and the exit safer for everyone.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and ITD District 3 staff.</p>	<p>Betty Brigante</p>	<p>Email</p>

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