

Public Comments Received (Verbatim)

For amendments to: *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0* and FY2022-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program

Public Comment Period: January 3 through 17, 2022
Total number of comments received by COMPASS: 18

Topic: Add a planning and environmental linkages (PEL) study in the City of Kuna for the realignment of the State Highway 69 (Meridian Road) and Kuna Road intersection and the extension of Meridian Road south to Kuna Mora Road, including overpasses over the Union Pacific Railroad and Indian Creek.

The proposed amendments would also add a pavement preservation and Americans with Disability Act (ADA) improvements project in Ada County in the TIP.

Outreach methods: 3 email blasts; legal notices placed in *Idaho Statesman* and *Idaho Press Tribune*; public comment information posted to COMPASS website and social media channels

Comment (The comments below are verbatim, as submitted by the commenter. As such, typographical errors have not been corrected.)	Staff Response	Zip Code (City) Name Affiliation	Format
Not only widening 55 in Canyon County but adding more freeway access in Canyon County will help make Middleton rd a 84 access point and even unstick to many wrecks from people racing to get ahead on 55 at each stop light where it goes from one to two lanes and then back to one 55 should two lanes from tenth ave all the way to Nampa Caldwell Blvrd	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and the Idaho Transportation Department.	Anonymous	Email
First of all, thanks - again - for the opportunity to provide input regarding proposed road projects. I would strongly encourage avoiding those which seem to contradict re: benefits to be derived, specifically, additional roads/expanded roadways and the mitigation of problematic air quality. The additional flow (and uptick in speed) of traffic and generation of carbon monoxide is worrisome. What are the planners proposals for improving air quality, a persistent problem in the Treasure Valley, within the context of roadway extensions and expansions?	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, the City of Kuna, and the Ada County Highway District. Regarding air quality planning, the Meridian Road extension is included in the Ada County Highway District's Capital Improvement Plan; therefore, the project is part of COMPASS' air quality conformity demonstration, which is a process to verify that planned transportation projects will not cause the region to exceed established air quality budgets. You can learn more about air quality conformity demonstrations at www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/aq-demo.htm .	Tom Trotter, PhD University of Idaho	Email

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<p>I support the propose amendments to add the following project to both CIM 2040 2.0 and the TIPs: A planning and environmental linkages (PEL) study in the City of Kuna for the realignment of the State Highway 69 (Meridian Road) and Kuna Road intersection and the extension of Meridian Road south to Kuna Mora Road, including overpasses over the Union Pacific Railroad and Indian Creek. And to add a pavement preservation and Americans with Disability Act (ADA) improvements project in Ada County in the TIPs.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, the City of Kuna, and the Ada County Highway District.</p>	<p align="center">83646 (Meridian) Walter M. Steed</p>	<p align="center">Email</p>
<p>I'm in favor of this Amendment Although the ADA project is not high on my priority list</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, the City of Kuna, and the Ada County Highway District.</p>	<p align="center">Mac</p>	<p align="center">Email</p>
<p>I think it would be a good thing to extend Meridian Road out passed Kuna. 😊</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and the City of Kuna.</p>	<p align="center">83709 (Boise) Susan Bradley Idaho Commission on Aging</p>	<p align="center">Email</p>
<p>My comment goes to the amendment for funding additional curb improvements in compliance with the ADA. If this includes the funding of additional orange plastic ramp curbs, it is a waste of money. A more sustainable installation is needed. My observation is that many of the ramps installed in the past quickly deteriorate and in their fractured condition become a hazard for all uses. I would suggest ACHD undertake an inventory and condition and life span analysis of the existing ramps before installing any more. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and the Ada County Highway District.</p>	<p align="center">83707 (Boise) Diane T. Kushlan, FAICP Kushlan Associates</p>	<p align="center">Email</p>
<p>I support the proposed amendments. Kuna Mora Road needs to be a major belt route in the Treasure Valley just like I-215 in Salt Lake. Please do not squander the opportunity to preserve this belt route for Nampa, Caldwell, Kuna, and Boise. I have lived in the Treasure Valley for over 40 years. This needs to happen.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, the City of Kuna, and the Idaho Transportation Department.</p>	<p align="center">Bryan Palfreyman Palfreyman and Associates, PLLC</p>	<p align="center">Email</p>
<p>The only comment I would have is long as they do a thorough due diligence on the project and coincide it with the other projects at the same time to save taxpayer dollars instead of putting a project in and then tearing it up later when both could've been done during that particular timetable, I'd say it is a good project. Traveling that area often, I hope they can get it in sooner than later because of the traffic pressure currently in that area. It seems we are always really late with traffic needs and wait too long.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and the City of Kuna.</p>	<p align="center">Chuck Stadick</p>	<p align="center">Email</p>

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<p>First of all, I'm all in favor of growth... However, the proposals would be ok IF, and I repeat IF there is some discussion on traffic movement on Meridian Rd (hwy 69) from Kuna to the Hwy 84 on-ramp. Currently, with all the new housing construction off of Meridian Rd from Meridian to Kuna, the influx of additional vehicles both private and commercial on Hwy 69 will and have at least doubled the amount of vehicles on this hwy. With this increase, there is an increase in traffic collisions and pollution for the existing surrounding homes and businesses. There needs to be additional ways to divert traffic from Hwy 69 to Interstate 84 in the form of more on/off ramps or parallel roadways alike Overland Rd. With summer just around the corner the increase in traffic from Hwy 69 and Interstate 84 to the Waterpark will create additional vehicles to this area. When looking at expansion, please keep in mind the traffic and those of us who have lived here for a very long time. As I said, I'm not against growth, but we need smart growth that doesn't decrease the livability of existing residents.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, the City of Kuna, and the Idaho Transportation Department.</p>	<p>Ann Farace Meridian Homeowner in Elk Run II</p>	<p>Email</p>
<p>We travel to Kuna regularly, although we almost always come in via Meridian Road. While we ourselves would not likely use this proposed extension often, we can definitely see its benefits. Since it takes years to get something like this accomplished we definitely support a study on it and hope it gets h a high enough priority to get approval and into the mix of approved projects. For now I see both the Lake Hazel and Amity projects as higher priorities.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, the City of Kuna, and the Ada County Highway District.</p>	<p>Harold Klein</p>	<p>Email</p>

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<p>I am absolutely in favor of a planning and environmental linkages (PEL) study in the City of Kuna for the realignment of the State Highway 69 (Meridian Road) and Kuna Road intersection and the extension of Meridian Road south to Kuna Mora Road, including overpasses over the Union Pacific Railroad and Indian Creek.</p> <p>With significant growth taking place and planned for between Meridian and Kuna, and east on Kuna Mora road to Blacks Creek, this project is a must. A future Utah I-215 like corridor for this area is compelling. I-84 is becoming so congested west of the Boise airport to Caldwell. There is a need for a belt route to alleviate auto and truck traffic congestion now and into the future. Not to mention safety. There is significant capacity on I-84 east of Blacks Creek interchange. This concept has been discussed for years. I am glad to see that there is a least a start by addressing the transportation need south of Meridian to Kuna Mora Road. Thanks,</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, the City of Kuna, and the Idaho Transportation Department.</p>	<p align="center">(Boise) David L. Palfreyman</p>	<p align="center">Email</p>
<p>I do feel this is very much needed. The other two crossings are overloaded and sometimes emergencies happen but emergency vehicles can not cross because of the train. I feel an overpass is very important to our community. Thank you</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and the City of Kuna.</p>	<p align="center">Anonymous</p>	<p align="center">Email</p>
<p>I disagree with the road going thru to Kuna mora. I don't agree with an overpass at all, I know we are the minority there. If an overpass is needed...why not just throught o king road. I don't understand the need to continue it to Kuna Mora Rd.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and the City of Kuna.</p> <p>The study will mainly review extending Meridian Road to Kings Road but will also explore the option of extending Meridian Road to include a future connection to Kuna Mora Road to the south.</p>	<p align="center">Anonymous</p>	<p align="center">Email</p>

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<p>As a resident of Kuna with roots in Idaho going back over 100 years, who has lived or worked in many US states, Canada, and Europe, I am both delighted and dumbfounded at this proposal.</p> <p>I am delighted that we are finally starting to think about the explosive growth Kuna is undergoing. I am dumbfounded that this was not planned and executed before the Kuna City Council entertained, let alone approved about 30 new developments.</p> <p>I live near Ten Mile and Deer Flat and know how bad it can be to try to get to I-84 with our current traffic. The idea of owning a home south of Indian Creek seems sheer madness. The trip across Indian Creek and the tracks can be darn near impossible if the railroad has lots of traffic. I imagine that our ignorant transplants that have made that mistake rued the day they signed their purchase contracts.</p> <p>Anything that can be done to improve traffic flow in Kuna, even something like this that will not personally benefit me, is welcome!</p> <p>Now, how about we get light rail, like so many other places that I have lived or worked, on the agenda and run a spur down to Deer Flat and Meridian. It could be in the center lane and elevated. That would be a real improvement and something I would use...as long as there was also a station near the fairgrounds near work!</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, the City of Kuna, the Idaho Transportation Department, and Valley Regional Transit.</p>	<p>Shawn Jefferds</p>	<p>Emails</p>
<p>I think that this like so many projects is way over due and would be a significant improvement t the Kuna community.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and the City of Kuna.</p>	<p>Anonymous</p>	<p>Email</p>

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<p>1 - Make all of Victory Road 3 lane to 10 mile.</p> <p>2- Build a bridge over water ditch from Amity to Cole to help with traffic. Make Amity a 3 lane or 5 lane street all the way to the airport.</p> <p>3 - Make Lake Hazel a 5 lane from airport to 10 mile before anymore congested ugly track homes are built!</p> <p>4 - Double to amount of Street Buses in ADA County with more stops South of Victory and include Kuna.</p> <p>5 - Start installing 6ft Diameter Cement package pneumatic transfer tubes to be finalized in 2040. Two parallel tubes to be installed under all rebuilt roads in all of Ida County until 2040 when transfer pneumatic pressure will be activated with floor magnetic fields.</p> <p>6 - Start installing 10ft diameter cement pneumatic tubes under all main Freeway reconstructed roads for all STATE MAIN HIGHWAYS to transmit materials, people and goods now transmitted on the freeways producing smog and CO2. Each lane! This should PART be part of a NATIONAL Transportation Program. Probably will never happen in our lifetime because of the hatred of and uncompromising Congress.</p> <p>7 - Start building 4 new grade schools, 4 new Jr. HS and 2 new, very large new High Schools south of Cole and Lake Hazel. Also build the same kind of HS on Meridian Road to Kuna on the east side of the road past the Lineman Training Center. Ada County will have 50,000 more families living here in 5 years! If the County and City Elected officials sit on their hands and do nothing - they will wake up with 40 to 50 students in every classroom and no teachers. The STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS should also build a NEW TRAINING CENTER - " The Kuna Training Center for Teachers, Electricians, Plumbers, Carpenters and Nurses South of Kuna. The land is cheap now and there is land to build low-income homes. Build now before its too late. The State Coffins have the money now - it may not be there in 10 years! America will need 800,000 trained people in these trades tomorrow. Colleges can not keep up and are too expensive for low and middle-income families. Businesses will also need to build low rent homes , on site, for low paid workers from here on. Wake up Abertsons !</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, the City of Kuna, Ada County Highway District, the Idaho Transportation Department, and Valley Regional Transit.</p>	<p>Lester A. Meade</p>	<p>Email</p>

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We don't need an overpass in Kuna. It will only bring more traffic and more people and frankly, pardon my french but that is bull****! The natives of Kuna are tired of you people selling off our town and bringing in more cockroaches from out of state. Neighborhood crime is up, traffic is up, schools are more crowded, our farmland is being sold off to the highest bidder only to build crappy California style homes so close together you can hear your neighbor fart. These hoods will look just like that in a few years, a HOOD. As a fifth-generation Idahoan whose own children will not be able to buy a home here, STOP RUINING OUR STATE!!!!	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and the City of Kuna.	Anonymous	Email
Thank you for arranging these improvements, especially ADA!	Thank you for your comments; they will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors, the City of Kuna, and the Ada County Highway District.	Sue Maben Community Member	Email

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