

Bill Moad, Chairman
Idaho Transportation Board

Dear Chairman:

I am writing in support of the City of Meridian's request to add the Linder Road Overpass at I-84 to the FY 2023-2029 ITIP. Brighton is a home-grown business located at the Ten Mile / I-84 interchange. We have been in business for over 50 years and employ 85 people directly with many hundreds of other local contractors. We have personally witnessed the City of Meridian grow from a sleepy agrarian town of less than 10,000 citizens to over 125,000 today, one of the fastest growing cities in the nation and by far the fastest growing city in Idaho. We can expect that to continue as the area south of I-84 becomes the next hot-spot for new residential and commercial development in both Meridian and Kuna.

ITD has done a good job of scrambling to keep up with the growth, particularly with GARVEE funding that has been so instrumental in expanding I-84 and providing new interchanges at Ten Mile Road and Meridian Road. Linder Road is a critical investment that will help protect the functionality of those previous investments. We can look back to the addition of the Locust Grove overpass and recognize that this provides significant relief to congestion that would otherwise be funneled through the Eagle Road or Meridian Road interchanges. We should be forward-looking in recognizing that Linder Road is a project that needs to be planned now and built in the near future. This is the center of Treasure Valley and a major driver of the State's economy. The payback from investing in critical infrastructure is important to keep our economy moving forward and meeting the needs of the local taxpayers.

Thank you for your consideration.

David Turnbull

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I support adding the I-84 Linder Road Overpass to the ITIP.

Thanks,



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I support a new bridge over I-84 at Linder Road and ask that it be included in the ITIP.

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13 July 2022.

Dear Mayor of Meridian, the Worlds greatest city:

We don't need an overpass on interstate-84 for Linder Road.

We need an on an off ramp for Linder Road to accommodate all the increased traffic due to two high schools and one middle school that are currently on the Linder Road which goes from one lane north and south to Two lanes then back to one lane on Linder Road. And with the new developments in north Meridian like the Or hard Plaza Development (Linder/Chinden Rd) there is continued increasing traffic on Linder Rd., Ustick Rd., MacMillian Road and Ten Mile Road now and into the future.

Therefore an on and off ramp would better suit the growing needs of Meridian rather than an overpass to Overland Rd.

The other recommendations with ACHD would be to widen to two Lanes - Linder Road; Ustick Road; MacMillian Road and Meridian Road from the Interstate north to Chinden Road: and East-West from Eagle Road to Ten Mile Road at minimum to accommodate the increased population, school vehicles, and traffic around our great city.

Hope this feedback helps you advocate for Meridians commuter needs as the fastest growing city in the state of Idaho and the Intermountain West.

Respectfully,

A proud Meridian resident since 2002,

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I am a resident of Meridian & live close to Eagle, Locust Grove, & I-84. The growth of Meridian, as well as surrounding areas, has grown way beyond the infrastructure to support it. Eagle road is broken & Locust Grove isn't far behind. If this area is to remain a great place to live, the road situation needs to be

addressed. I have no idea why the Linder/I-84 overpass project list doesn't have this as a top priority to take some pressure off the busiest roads here.

PLEASE, PLEASE RECONSIDER & ADD THIS OVERPASS TO THE TOP OF THE PROJECT LIST.

Thank you,

Celeste Fox
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Please reconsider the Linder overpass for inclusion into the ITIP.

Congestion in South Meridian, along with commuters from Kuna and Nampa have made the on-ramp overpasses unbearable.

An overpass at Linder Rd would ease traffic loads at the major on-ramp overpasses as well as reduce commute times for all who would utilize it. The intersection of Overland and Meridian is in desperate need of traffic reduction and this would most certainly have direct impact.

I ask you again to please reconsider a Linder Rd overpass in the ITIP

-Chase Newman
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am in full support of the construction of the new Linder Road Overpass for the following reasons:

- It will Save Time—
 - for local area residents to travel in town; for city residents and commerce who today wait at interstate arterials
- It will Save Money –
 - In reduced fuel costs due to shortened travel times, and for businesses who can shorten routes
- Improves safety in the community –
 - Providing more direct access to neighborhoods and schools in the local area, and to the broader community as resources can be better balanced throughout City.

- Reduces congestion –
 - Morning and evening commutes gain more options to get around and through town, and interstate arterials see less direct burden.
- It would give another unbroken north-south arterial in County, providing another option for connectivity from Beacon Light to Snake River.
- It would free up arterials and State Highway 69 and overall reduced congestion.
- It would take needed pressure off of the interchanges at I84&Meridian and I84& Ten Mile.

Best Regards,

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Please make Hwy 16 from Hwy 44 to Emmett 4 lanes a priority. There has been such an influx of moving to the area that the increase in accidents is phenomenal.

Thank you for your time
Heather Spicer

You have a long term plan listed at itd.idaho.gov/funding which details many plans at many locations throughout the State including a small list for Gem County. I do not disagree or otherwise opine on those plans.

This message is to request that you include a long term plan to properly deal with Highway 52 in and around the City of Emmett. As you obviously know, tremendous area growth is projected and expected in the area of Gem County around Emmett in the upcoming years.

Handling traffic on the existing route of Highway 52 through the middle of the historical town of Emmett would be difficult and expensive unless serious changes are made in the long term plan. One can easily visualize essentially destroying the commercial activity along H-52 in emmett and thus effectively

destroying the viability of the small city to exist and resulting in some other entity resulting to governmentally operate this area of Gem County. Such state highway construction will be very expensive when it happens.

Choosing a new route now to get the highway into position to far better serve the ultimate Gem County area while making a state highway that will serve the traveling public more safely and at much more acceptable cost is proposed.

There have been some considerations regarding routing Highway 16 more or less straight north toward Black Canyon Dam. It is too late for that since the area through which such a route would go is nearly filled up with subdivisions and other development. Those problems provide a very good reason for the proposed relocating of Highway 52. Timing of such a possible relocation is becoming critical for a successful result.

You are urged to initiate a proper study to consider the Highway 52 concerns along with Highway 16 so to result in showing the planned solution for this growing area.

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July 5, 2022

Bill Moad, Chairman
Idaho Transportation Board
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RE: FY2023-2029 Draft Idaho Transportation Investment Program (ITIP)

Dear Chairman Moad,

The City of Meridian respectfully submits this letter as part of the public comment process for the FY2023-2029 Draft ITIP. Meridian applauds the efforts of ITD to advance several projects in the draft ITIP that have been needed for many years. The State of Idaho continues to grow at an unprecedented rate, and providing for the mobility needs of our residents and businesses will be key to continued success. Unfortunately, one project that is not currently in the Draft ITIP is the City's number one transportation priority – an overpass of Interstate 84 at Linder Road.

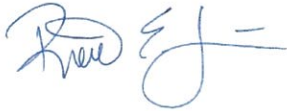
A new bridge over I-84 at Linder Road will provide additional capacity and north-south connectivity between Kuna, Meridian and Eagle. The City believes that a bridge over I-84 at Linder Road is one of the most critical improvements that ITD can make - it will improve safety, have a positive impact on economic development and improve mobility. In fact, Meridian is committed to seeing this project built and has allocated \$2.5 million from our general fund to date in order to fund the design of the overpass and associated roadway widening north and south of the Interstate on Linder Road.

The City recognizes there are limited funding sources and many other transportation needs around the State. This project is important for our region to have an efficient, effective, and integrated roadway network to transport goods and services. Without the Linder Road Overpass, the functionality of the recent investment by ITD at the interchanges of Ten Mile and Meridian will degrade further. These facilities and roadways are struggling to meet the needs of current users and will continue to get worse if nothing is done while the Valley continues to grow.

In summary, transportation improvements on Linder Road are necessary to realize our full economic growth potential and for the long-term viability of our region and the State of Idaho. Therefore, we encourage ITD to include the Linder Road Overpass in the FY2023-2029 ITIP,

identify construction funding dollars for it and further the effort to construct this critical improvement as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Simison
Mayor



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City Council President



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City Council Vice President



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Cc: Scott Stokes, Director
Caleb Lakey, District 3 Engineer
Miranda Carson, City of Meridian Comprehensive Associate Coordination Planner



July 12, 2022

RE: FY2023-2029 Draft Idaho Transportation Investment Program (ITIP) Linder Road Overpass Letter of Support

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The City of Kuna offers its support to the City of Meridian in their request for a new bridge over I-84 to be added to the FY2023-2029 Draft ITIP.

State Highway 69 (Meridian Road) and Ten Mile Road serve as the main travel corridors connecting the cities of Kuna and Meridian with the existing interchanges at I-84. Both of these roadways terminate at or near State Highway 26 (Chinden Boulevard). The construction of the bridge over I-84 would provide the Linder Road corridor with approximately 17 miles of continuous roadway, which is approximately five (5) miles longer than that of Meridian and Ten Mile Roads. This provides a continuous route serving the cities of Kuna, Meridian and Eagle.

The Linder overpass will provide a benefit to the regional transportation system by reducing congestion, improving community safety and increasing opportunity for economic development.

Sincerely,

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July 5, 2022

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RE: FY2023-2029 Draft Idaho Transportation Investment Program (ITIP)

Dear Chairman Moad,

The Meridian Chamber of Commerce respectfully submits this letter as part of the public comment process for the FY2023-2029 Draft ITIP. The Meridian Chamber, representing almost 800 business members, applauds ITD's efforts to advance several projects in the draft ITIP that have been needed for many years. Unfortunately, one project that is not currently in the Draft ITIP is a project we believe is an important component to smart growth and reduction in transportation congestion in our community - an overpass of Interstate 84 at Linder Road.

A new bridge over I-84 at Linder Road will provide additional capacity and north-south connectivity between Kuna, Meridian, and Eagle. The Meridian Chamber Board of Directors and Government Affairs Committee, as well as our Economic Development Committee agree that this overpass will have a positive impact on economic development and improve mobility in Meridian to allow for more efficient north/south transportation. We support the City of Meridian's commitment to seeing this project built the allocation of \$2.5 million from its general fund to date to finance the design of the overpass and the associated roadway widening north and south of the Interstate on Linder Road.

In summary, transportation improvements along Linder Road are necessary to realize our full economic growth potential and for the long-term viability of our region and the state of Idaho. Therefore, we encourage ITD to include the Linder Road Overpass in the FY2023-2029 ITIP, to identify construction funding dollars for this project and further the development effort to construct this critical improvement as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature that reads 'Sean Evans'.

Sean Evans
President/CEO
Meridian Chamber of Commerce

Cc: Miranda Carson, City of Meridian Comprehensive Associate Coordination Planner





West Ada

SCHOOL DISTRICT

July 8, 2022

Bill Moad, Chairman
Idaho Transportation Board
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RE: FY2023-2029 Draft Idaho Transportation Investment Program (ITIP)

Dear Mr. Moad:

The purpose of this letter is to encourage the Idaho Transportation Department to include the Linder Road Overpass in the FY2023-2029 ITIP.

The West Ada School District has previously expressed support of an overpass at Linder Road. This will benefit the community by connecting schools on the north and south sides of the freeway which can help shorten bus routes and reduce fuel costs. It also provides option for balancing enrollment among our schools.

A bridge over I-84 at Linder Road will improve safety, have a positive impact on economic development and improve mobility. Thank you for your consideration of this critical improvement.

Sincerely,

Marci Horner
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