

# Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) – Public Comments on the Idaho Transportation Investment Program (ITIP)

**Comment period: July 1-31, 2021**

Comments for ITD District 3, specifically pertaining to Ada and Canyon Counties

## Comments via Email

Name	Comment
Jairo Barbosa	Hi I think everyone would benefit with another freeway exit on I84. Midland overpass and Ustick overpass would be perfect areas especially with the new houses being built. If People don't get off on Karcher, they have to go all the way to Franklin in Caldwell. It would decongest everything. I'm a barber and have many clients and most of them encouraged me to write this. Thank you for your time.
Blank	What? No projects to widen SH-44 from Linder Rd. to the intersection with I-84. ITD owns a lot of R/W. Every day AM/PM traffic is backed up from Linder past Star then the first light on the east side of Middleton is just as bad! ADT doesn't mean a thing, it is the congestion that is pissing people off!
David Palmer	The intersection at So. Cole Rd. and Victory Rd. is a nightmare! You cannot make a left turn going south on Cole Road onto Victory unless you cross the Victory intersection and make a U-turn into the oncoming traffic lane approaching from an elevated road level. I frequently travel So. Cole Road and have witnessed several near accidents at this confusing intersection. Why is there NO LEFT TURN lane at this busy intersection?
Paul Kov	It looks like you might redo the corners on front and Broadway in Boise. It would be nice if you didn't "ACHD" the pedestrian ramps this time.
Christine Collett	SH 45, JCT SH-78 TO DEER FLAT RD, CANYON CO This project needs to include passing lanes or two lanes both directions. It seems we are getting more traffic on this highway than the road can handle. More sightseers, people moving to Melba and Owyhee County. Also it needs to be 65 all the way.
Stephen Lewis	I-84 Linder Road Overpass I request that Idaho Transportation Board add the I-84 Linder Road Overpass project to the ITIP. This project is important to the Treasure Valley as it completes the single largest north-south corridor gap in the region. Once this bridge is completed, Linder Road would run from Eagle north of Beacon Light Road, to south of Kuna 29 miles into the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area. Linder Road already has a bridge crossing over the Boise River. This critical transportation improvement would help to improve emergency response times by providing greater connectivity and access in the area, alleviate congestion at both the Ten Mile Road and Meridian Road interchanges by reducing reliance of these facilities for local trips. Its location is consistent with the practice of alternating interchanges and overpasses each mile along the Interstate in urban areas. I appreciate your consideration of this project.
Tracy Hopkins	Attached PDF
Tom LeClaire	Hi ITD, I strongly support the proposed Linder Road Overpass in your planning document. You should make it a #1 priority and get the overpass constructed as soon as possible. Sincerely,
City of Meridian	Attached PDF
De Yo	It would be nice to have another freeway exit on 84 freeway between Caldwell/Nampa (N 21st St/Franklin Rd and W Karcher Rd). It may help to alleviate the traffic congestion at the W Karcher Rd exit.
Georgia Konkoly	Stoddard Road between Overland and Victory in Meridian is in bad shape and needs to be re-surfaced. I did not see it on the list of improvements. I am a four year resident of Meridian and I drive this road every time I go to I84 or Walmart which is at least once daily. I have seen the increased usage of this road by at least 75% during the past four years. It passes a school and Walmart is on the corner of Overland and Stoddard. There have been a number of new housing developments built in the area and several more new housing developments are being built in the area as I am writing this comment. Stoddard now has significant traffic and it can only get worse as the developments are being completed. There is one pothole when you make a left turn from Victory onto Stoddard which has been filled time after time and needs to be filled again. Thank you for the opportunity to comment!

## Comments via Social Media

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Joe Boonen	Highway 16 freeway surface roads through meridian can't handle more . Middleton, Star and eagle residents all drive through on ten mile and Blackcat! It was way over designed years ago so now hardly affordable \$500,000,000 for 4 1/2 miles ? Start spending money like it's yours and you're broke a 4 lane with bridges would have worked. Not the best 4 miles of freeway in Idaho . Also more exits in Boise ! Should be an exit every mile ! Like big city's with lanes that get on and exits at the next one no merging . Why Pocatello has more exits than Boise is stupid !
Bonnie Ford	Widen highway 16 from Emmett to highway 44, it's getting very dangerous
Dolly Fink Hiens	Please , I would like to see some lines painted on Middleton and Smith here in Nampa. it is so hard to tell where those little pop up things are in the dark..... Please by the way, I love the lights there and light! and Thanks for asking!
Jerry Finnegan	Work with the Federal Government to get I-484 built between the Boise Stage Stop, across the desert south of Boise, to somewhere just west of Caldwell before every field is full of houses and apartments. All thru-traffic is removed from I-84 corridor, easing rush hour traffic for decades to come. Other than that, extend Hwy 16 to Ten Mile exit of I-84 on south end and New Meadows on the north, taking a lot of traffic off of 55.
Chris Hulse	How about first finishing the ones you've started before you start another project, I 84 is a complete disaster!
Kevin Fisk	Hwy 55 Nampa to Marsing
Cynthia Brogdon	A bypass for hwy 95 around parma
Birdeena Bakly Fleck	Chinden and State being 4 lanes all the way from the freeway to Boise.....and a ustick on/off ramp.
Daniel Jensen	ITD needs to capitalize on the initiative to convert freight rail to passengers service in the Boise Valley. Resurrect the Regional sprinter project. It's time for it and the project could get lots of federal funding as a Green project.
Linda Goller	Horton in Nampa from the blvd to past nampa christian school. I thought I was on a 2 wheel drive road.
Ann Tenney Rogers	An actual freeway belt route around treasure valley
Liberty Smith	4 lanes each way Caldwell to Nampa instead of 3. Just do it now.
Hailey Vis	Highway 16 in Emmett to Highway 44 needs to be widened. There are constant accidents and fatalities due to only being 2 lanes with limited passing or pull outs. Please! And thank you.
Ron LaRochelle	Clean the center divider area on the 84 east and west between Karcher and 10 mile
Daniel Murphy	FRICKING FIX BROADWAY, MYRTLE AND FRONT STREETS. RAISE THE MANHOLE COVERS, PATCH WINTER POTHOLES PROPERLY AND NOT 1/2 ***. SMOOTH BROADWAY OVER CANAL BRIDGE 100 YARDS FROM 84. IDT, ACHD AND MANY OF THEIR WORKERS NEED A TALKING TO. THEIR WORK IS INFERIOR.
Clif Ellis	3Lanes all the way to Caldwell
John Nesbit	I 84 needs to be 6 lanes between Boise and Mountain Home - actually to Twin would be great.
Brian Thiemer	Where is the highway 16 extension south to freeway 84 project listed on the map?
Fred Norton	55 from Marsing to Nampa.
Matt Stoffel	Is interchange at Ustick and the freeway
Jeremy Boyle	Northbound option from chinden to state street. Maybe fivemile to State street
Gale Colton	Highway 16 from emmett to 44.
Jon Fimea	Realizing funding constraints drive construction, I'd love to see on/off ramps at Middleton and Ustick. This would relieve traffic congestion at Karcher.
Eric Morris for Boise	If I'm translating this correctly it costs \$2million per mile to repave eagle road? To "rehabilitate the roadway to improve ride quality and extend pavement life."
Roger Hart	Expand Hwy 44 to four lanes from Linder through Star to Canyon County line.
Barb Satterfield	Hwy 55 from Nampa/Caldwell Blvd to Marsing widened to 5 lanes and get rid of those dangerous lanes on the right, that should only be a turn lane.
Daniel Murphy	IDT is a failed organization. And their workers do half ***** jobs filling potholes. Look at Eagle Road for a good example and proof.
Lynn Maxwell	Passing lanes on 16 from Emmett.
Bob Olson	There needs to be A205 from Caldwell to the I'm called well to the to the scale outside of Boise

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Antonio Tijerino	Join Five Mile Road with HWY55. That would take a lot of the congestion from Eagle Rd.
Lowell Lynde	Marsing to karcher intersection very dangerous.
Philip Anderson	I 84, Build a fwy bypass south of boise that reconnects to I 84 west of caldwell. Building a bypass that goes thru boise and every other town before it reconnects to I 84 isn't going to solve your traffic issues
Victoria Houdek	Hwy 20/26 widen that part of Chinden, traffic always gets backed up and with as much traffic there is it shouldn't just be one lane each way
Preston Cline	Plan a 5th lane on I84 in Boise for HOV lanes we could really benefit from those.
Ryan Duncan	Karcher (Hwy 55) needs to be finished, all the intersections are done but the road remains a 2 lane highway.
Brad Betzold	Coming soon: floating feather stop lights..emmett to state street 45mph...new subdivisions
Nikki Telford	Can you finish 20/26 between Locust Grove and Meridian. That less than mile section that needs widen is embarrassment. And what about widen hwy 44 from Linder to hwy 16. These are both high trafficed roads that have no business being two lanes.
Sabrina Cave	I would like ITD to put in a WHITE BOX-DO NOT BLOCK INTER SECTION at EAGLE AND COTTONWOOD CT before someone gets killed . Driver's are so STUPID. You are NOT supposed to block intersections. PAY ATTENTION DRIVERS.
Jon Fimea	Just like the City of Nampa, ITD keeps asking what the people want and do whatever they want anyway... Stop with the useless surveys!
Lee Brannan	Anything but I84



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7-14-2021

Bill Moad  
Chairman  
Idaho Transportation Department Board  
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Boise, ID 83707-1129

Re: 2022-2028 ITIP Public Comment: Inclusion of Linder Road Overpass

Dear Chairman, Moad:

I am writing on behalf of Specialty Construction Supply letter as part of the public comment process for the FY2022-2028 Draft Idaho Transportation Investment Program (ITIP). I request that Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) Board consider the Linder Road Overpass project for inclusion on 2022-2028 ITIP so that additional resources can be allocated for this project.

The Linder Road Overpass will give us access to the southside of Meridian, very efficiently and will cut down on the bottleneck, which is a very busy Franklin Road. It will do this, by cutting down on traffic traveling east and west to get to either Meridian Road or Ten-mile Road to get to the southside of the Interstate. I believe that this new overpass would also cut down on the congestion on Meridian Road, Ten Mile Road and Eagle Road, benefiting the residents of Meridian.

This project is important to the region as it completes one of the single largest corridor gaps in the Treasure Valley. Once this bridge is completed, Linder Road would run from north of Beacon Light Road, South 29 miles into the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area; Linder Road already has a bridge crossing over the Boise River. This critical transportation improvement would help to improve emergency response times by providing greater connectivity and access in the area, alleviate congestion at both the Ten Mile Road and Meridian Road interchanges by reducing reliance of these facilities for local trips, and greatly improve bike and pedestrian access in the area. Further, this facility will provide another connection between Kuna and Meridian north of I-84. I appreciate your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Tracy Hopkins  
Managing Member  
Specialty Construction Supply



Mayor Robert E. Simison

**City Council Members:**

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July 16, 2021

Bill Moad  
Chairman  
Idaho Transportation Board  
3311 W. State Street  
Boise, ID 83707-1129

Dear Chairman Moad,

The City of Meridian request that the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) Board include the Linder Road Overpass project as part of the FY2022-2028 Draft Idaho Transportation Investment Program (ITIP) so that additional resources can be allocated for this project. With Meridian serving as a central connection in the growing Treasure Valley, citizens continue to request road capacity improvements allowing for more efficient travel in our community. Construction of an I-84 overpass at Linder Road will address a significant transportation infrastructure need, making it easier and safer for the community and public.

Linder Road overpass will alleviate existing barriers to efficient movement of people, goods, and services and improve emergency service reliability. It will reduce excessive out of direction travel, unnecessary trips on adjacent I-84 interchanges, and signal delays for local trips. The overpass is critical as Amazon and Federal Express are both building significant distribution centers on Franklin Road in Meridian, between Linder and Ten Mile Roads. These facilities are adjacent to the West Ada School District bus facility and Republic Service's Meridian transfer station location. Amazon and Federal Express alone are projected to add over 1,700 vehicle trips per day onto the existing system. This bridge would also fill the last gap in the Linder Road corridor and would be the longest unbroken north-south arterial in Ada County. Unquestionably, a huge boost for commerce and travel interconnectivity between multiple cities and within Ada County overall.

This project has garnered regional support. In November 2020, the Meridian City Council, Ada County Commissioners and Ada County Highway District (ACHD) Commissioners submitted a joint letter of support encouraging the ITD Board to add this project into the current State Transportation Infrastructure Plan (STIP). West Ada School District has also sent their own letter of support for this project. Meridian has also identified the Linder Road overpass as the number one priority road project through our efforts with the ACHD Integrated Five Year Work Plan.

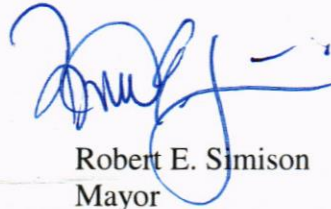
Chairman Moad

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Meridian is hopeful that this project will quickly come to fruition and has committed \$2.5 million to be a partner with ITD. With this support and fiscal partnership, the City believes that inclusion of the Linder Road overpass in the FY2022-2028 ITIP, and ultimately the STIP, is critical to move forward with the planning, funding, and construction of this regionally critical bridge.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Simison  
Mayor

cc: Meridian City Council  
Caleb Lakey, ITD District 3 Administrator  
Matt Stoll, Executive Director COMPASS  
Miranda Carson, Comprehensive Associate Coordination Planner