



MEMO TO TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Agenda Topic on the Transportation Commission Agenda

From: Miranda Carson, Coordination Planner **Meeting Date:** December 5, 2022
Topic: Staff Communications

Below are summaries of relevant correspondences received by City Staff since the last TC meeting.

Lost Rapids Traffic Calming and Crosswalk Evaluation

At the November Transportation Commission (TC) Meeting the TC requested a crosswalk evaluation; Shawn Martin has confirmed that the crosswalk evaluation will happen in the spring when there is better weather. It was also discussed that TC did not need to request neighborhood outreach for traffic calming as that was the next step in ACHD's process. ACHD recently corrected their stance; in order to circulate a petition for those traffic calming measures they *do* need a request from a resident. I inquired if the initial request for additional signage or if City staff requesting the petition was sufficient, but ACHD staff did not feel it was. I followed up with Mr. Maclean (the original inquirer) with this information and the contact information for ACHD to make a request directly if he wished. I also asked that he let me know if he made the request or needed any further assistance.

COMPASS Public Comments Received

Below are the public comments received during the October 15 – November 8, 2022 COMPASS public comment period on the Amendment to the regional long-range transportation plan, Communities in Motion (CIM), and the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

- Please consider building grade separated intersections on Eagle Rd and major east-west streets, Franklin, Fairview, Ustic, and Chinden
- Let's get small rail service going between Caldwell, Nampa, Meridian and Boise, before the land is gone. Coming from Salt Lake & Utah County where we were able to ride light rail to SL Bee's Baseball, Utah Utes Football, Utah Jazz basketball games and many concerts where they attack anywhere from 10,000 to 50,000 spectators. It was great to get in short line to get on the train not too far from our home to our destination and ride it back avoiding all the traffic. Thanks again for what you are trying to do.
- I am commenting on the proposed amendment.
 1. Regarding the addition of an interchange modification report to investigate a future southern connection at the Interstate 84 and future State Highway 16 interchange: There is a great need for another route to connect NE Nampa and NW Meridian to Highway 16. As the population in Emmett and surrounding communities grows, having a safe route for commuters is essential.

2. Add a roadway widening project on Franklin Road in Nampa: We definitely need to widen Franklin Road in Nampa. This Road is used as a major way to get from NE Nampa to Meridian. The traffic becomes very congested during commute times. All the stop signs and stop lights make the commute miserable. If the Road were widened and Round-a-bouts installed, it would help the flow of traffic.

Since the Population Explosion in Nampa, Meridian, Kuna and Boise, our transportation Department really must find ways to help move all the additional traffic in a safe, expeditious way. Slow, congested traffic can cause drivers to be impatient and increase the number of accidents, both for vehicles and for pedestrians/bike riders. Developers in these new housing areas should be responsible for the cost to improve our Regional Transportation. And homebuyers in these new communities need to share some of the responsibility also. Long time residents should not be taxed for the needs caused by the influx of population.

Black Cat at Gondola Crosswalk Progress

I met with West Ada's design consultant this week on another transportation topic, and Black Cat/Gondola crosswalk was discussed briefly. He told me the design is complete and still at ACHD in the review process. They are moving up ACHD's queue, but still waiting to get the review complete. I have reached out to ACHD to clarify how long that process will take and if there is any action to expedite the request. I have also asked the school district to share when they have a construction start date.

Top Golf Lights

City administration and staff has been made aware of concerns regarding lights at the new Top Golf development adjacent to I-84. The City is working with ITD and Top Golf to come to a resolution on the issue.
