



MEMO TO TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Agenda Topic on the Transportation Commission Agenda

From: Miranda Carson, Coordination Planner **Meeting Date:** December 6, 2021
Presenter: Miranda Carson **Estimated Time:** 10 minutes
Topic: Staff Communications

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

Accessible Parking in Downtown Meridian

The City received an inquiry from Senator Lori Den Hartog regarding availability of accessible parking in Downtown Meridian. I provided the following clarification:

I am coordinating with ACHD and MDC to determine next steps on reviewing the availability of accessible parking downtown.

I did receive information from Emily Kane on parking code. Idaho Code section 49-410(7) speaks to this issue: "Any motor vehicle displaying special license plates for a person with a disability, without regard to the state of residence or displaying the special placard provided in subsections (4) and (8) of this section, shall be allowed to park for unlimited periods of time in parking zones or areas which are otherwise restricted as to the length of time parking is permitted, to park in spaces and zones designated for persons with a disability, and to park in any public parking space with metered parking without being required to pay any parking meter fee." If a person has a disabled parking placard, that person can park in any spot and not get a ticket – even a spot that would otherwise has a time limit. Here is ITD brochure that explains this:

<https://itd.idaho.gov/dmv/vehicleservices/documents/vsdisabl.pdf>

Excerpt:

Plate and Placard Use:

A motor vehicle displaying a special license plate or placard issued by Idaho or any other state for a person with a disability is subject to all Idaho motor vehicle laws and is granted the following privileges when the person with the disability is present:

1. Authorization to park in any public parking space with metered parking without being required to pay any parking meter fee.
2. Authorization to park for unlimited periods of time in parking zones or areas which are otherwise restricted as to the length of time parking is permitted.

Meridian Code Enforcement is aware of this provision. They will not issue a ticket if the disabled parking placard is properly displayed.

Eagle Rd, Franklin to Ustick Widening

Eagle Rd, Franklin to Ustick Widening Project Construction to begin

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is beginning construction on a project to widen SH-55 (Eagle Road) between Franklin Road and Ustick Road in Meridian. The project will increase mobility by adding a third southbound lane along this 1.6-mile segment.

Construction will begin this week and is expected to be complete in Fall 2022. Work will occur primarily at night in order to minimize traffic impacts. Nightly work will conclude each day before the morning commute begins. During the nighttime construction, speed limits will be reduced, flaggers may be directing travelers to stop, and lanes may be reduced. During the day, two southbound travel lanes will remain open to traffic.

This project is funded through a Sales Tax Anticipation Revenue (STAR) agreement with the development at the northwest corner of SH-55 and Fairview Avenue. The STAR agreement allows the developer to pay for the roadway improvements now, and be reimbursed later via sales tax revenue generated by the development. This southbound widening is the third and final phase of the original STAR agreement to expand Eagle Road to accommodate economic and population growth in the area.

Learn more about this project and sign up for construction updates @ www.ITDProjects.org/EagleRdWidening.

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November 2021

**A newsletter for COMPASS members to keep abreast of
COMPASS Board, committee, and workgroup actions.**

Board of Directors – October 18, 2021

More information: www.compassidaho.org/people/boardmeetings.htm

Next meeting date: December 20, 2021; Physical location TBD/Zoom

October Special Items:

- Accessible Parking. Received an overview of issues and opportunities regarding accessible parking.
- Design Effects on Speed. Received an overview of how road design and land use affect vehicle speeds.

October Action Items:

- CIM 2040 2.0 and TIP. Approved amendments to *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0* ([CIM 2040 2.0](#)) and the [FY2021-2027](#) Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and approved the [FY2022-2028 TIP](#) and the associated [air quality conformity demonstration](#). Final federal approval of the FY2022-2028 TIP is expected by the end of December 2021. The FY2021-2027 TIP will remain in effect until that time.
- CIM 2050 Performance Measures. Approved *Communities in Motion 2050* (CIM 2050) [performance measures](#) and [targets](#).
- CIM 2050 Funding Policy. Approved the CIM 2050 [funding policy](#). This policy will guide funding of projects in CIM 2050 and the TIP.
- Resource Development Plan. Approved the [FY2022 Resource Development Plan](#). This plan will be used to guide COMPASS resource development activities, such as assisting member agencies in finding and applying for grants, throughout FY2022.
- NARC Board of Directors. Approved the appointment of Ada County Highway District Commissioner Mary May to fulfill the remainder of Mayor Garret Nancolas' term representing COMPASS on the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Board of Directors and approved Commissioner May to run for a full term in the next NARC Board election in June 2022.

Executive Committee – October 12, 2021

More information: www.compassidaho.org/people/execmeetings.htm

Next meeting date: November 9, 2021; COMPASS First Floor Board Room/Zoom

October Information/Discussion Items:

- State Highway 44 Corridor. Discussed the impacts of a decision by the Middleton City Council to remove the State Highway 44 alternate route from the city's comprehensive plan on the current draft State Highway 44 Environmental Assessment, funding opportunities, and future corridor improvements.
- State and Federal Legislative Priorities. Reviewed potential legislative priorities for the 2022 state and federal legislative sessions. This item will be brought back to the Executive Committee for recommendation to the full Board of Directors at the November 9, 2021, Executive Committee meeting.

Workgroups

Public Transportation Workgroup

Meeting date: October 1, 2021

Highlights:

- Reviewed and provided feedback on the process and considerations for identifying public transportation needs and projects for *Communities in Motion 2050*.
- Discussed research findings regarding rail projects from elsewhere in the country.
- Provided input for further technical analyses of regional rail in *Communities in Motion 2050* and the supporting bus system and park and ride facilities.

Regional Geographic Advisory Workgroup

Meeting date: October 14, 2021

Highlights:

- Reviewed, updated, and finalized a request for proposals for a 2022 regional orthophotography project.

Next meeting date: TBD

Next meeting date: November 3, 2021

Active Transportation Workgroup

Meeting date: October 25, 2021

Highlights:

- Reviewed and recommended changes to a map of prioritized regional pathway segments.
- Received an overview of the COMPASS project application process.

Next meeting date: November 2021

Public Participation Workgroup

Meeting date: October 25, 2021

Highlights:

- Selected Lara Disney as the 2022 Public Participation Workgroup representative on the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee.
- Provided feedback on revisions to the *Communities in Motion 2050* (CIM 2050) Vision map.
- Provided input into the concept of a CIM 2050 "master map."
- Reviewed how COMPASS communicates project performance related to regional and federal performance measures in the regional transportation improvement program (TIP).
- Discussed quality vs quantity measure of success in virtual public involvement.
- Received an overview of how to use the US Census Bureau's website to find local data.

Next meeting date: TBD

Access past editions of *Keeping Up with COMPASS* online at www.compassidaho.org/comm/newsletters.htm.

Call for Comments on TIP Amendment Regarding I-84

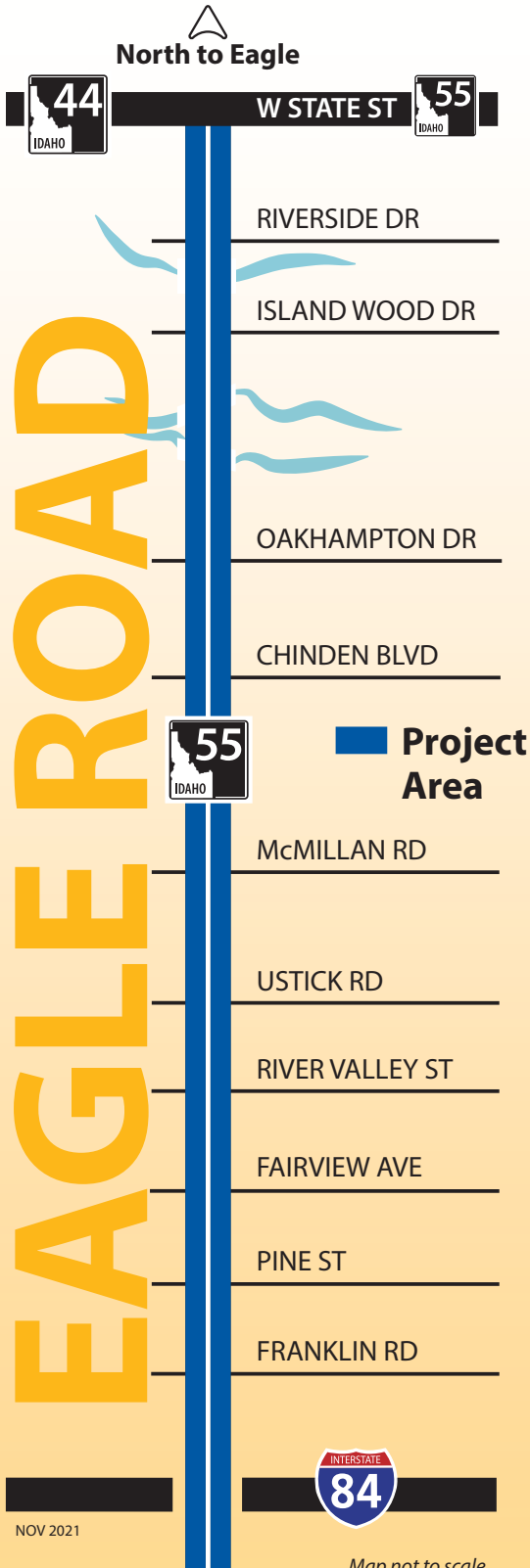
The following comments were sent to COMPASS:

The City would like to comment on the TIP amendment in support for evaluating the addition of an auxiliary lane on I-84, Meridian Road to Eagle Road. The Eagle/Overland intersection and surrounding area has been on our radar as a bottle neck of traffic congestion. The City is supportive of efforts that improve traffic in that area.

Eagle Road Paving, I-84 to Idaho 44

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is developing plans to repave Eagle Road from I-84 to Idaho 44. They provided the attached fact sheet and maps.

Eagle Road Improvements I-84 to Idaho 44



The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is developing plans to repave Eagle Road from I-84 to Idaho 44.

Approximately 49,000 vehicles travel on Eagle Road each day. Resurfacing the roadway will help preserve the pavement into the future.

Project description and benefits

Existing pavement was built in 2012 and has deteriorated due to increased traffic.

A portion of the existing pavement will be milled off (removed) and replaced with new pavement.

The new pavement is expected to last over 10 years.

Process and schedule

Design improvements	Fall 2021
Gather public input on design plans	Fall 2021
Finalize design plans	Early 2022
Construction begins	Spring/Summer 2022

For more information visit our project website:
itdprojects.org/EagleRoadRepairs



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Eagle Road Improvements

Overland Rd to Fairview Ave

North
to Eagle

FAIRVIEW AVE

FLORENCE ST

PRESIDENTIAL DR

PINE ST

COMMERCIAL ST

LAMARK ST

55

FRANKLIN RD

LOUISE DR

ST LUKES ST

OVERLAND RD

84



Eagle Road Improvements

Fairview Ave to McMillan Rd

North
to Eagle



MC MILLAN RD

MEADOWDALE DR

WAINWRIGHT DR

BALDCYPRESS ST

55

USTICK RD

SEVILLE LN

RIVER VALLEY ST

VILLAGE DR

FAIRVIEW AVE



Eagle Road Improvements

McMillan Rd to
Chinden Blvd



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Chinden Blvd to Highway 44

