



# MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL

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## Request to Include Topic on the City Council Agenda

**From:** Brian McClure, Comprehensive Planner      **Meeting Date:** December 5, 2023  
**Presenter:** Brian McClure      **Estimated Time:** 15 minutes  
**Topic:** Linder Road, Pine to Ustick Concept Report Update

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### Recommended Council Action:

Information only, leading up to public involvement.

### Background:

The Ada County Highway District (ACHD) is currently developing concepts for Linder Road between Pine and Ustick. Linder is a regional corridor planned for 5-lanes and one of the few crossings over the Boise River. After the Linder overpass of I-84 is constructed (a separate project) it will also be the longest continuous north-south road in the County.

As part of concept development, several design variations are being considered. For much of the corridor, widening to five-lanes is planned which matches existing conditions to the north and south of the subject project. Standard design features such as detached multiuse pathways and medians are also included.

Between Washington (just north of Pine) and Cherry, the project is constrained by front on housing, and ACHD is considering roadway improvements unique in Ada County. Meridian High School and Tully Park are both in this segment of Linder. Three- and five-lane concepts are being considered, with one of each lane configuration option considering roundabouts that form a couplet between Sandalwood and Chateau. These couplets also include a combination of one-way shared use roads which paired with roundabouts, provide local access and eliminate back-out traffic onto Linder. The third concept for the outreach effort is a standard five lane configuration with signalized intersection at Chateau. These initial concepts will be shared further with Council during the work session.

Due to the constraints in this segment, all project concepts consider more than average property acquisitions, chiefly due to front on housing that would create inadequate driveway depths and unsafe back out conditions onto Linder. The five-lane concept with signalized intersection at Chateau would include the most acquisitions. The three- and five-lane couplets have varying impacts with the three-lane option having the fewest.

Public outreach begins the first week in December, which will inform selection of the top two concepts, likely with revisions, and ultimately go to the ACHD Commission next year to decide on a preferred. The design year (construction documents) for this project is 2026, followed by right-of-way in 2028; a construction year has not been identified in ACHD's Integrated Five-Year Work Plan.