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COMPASS Requests Public Comment on
Proposed Amendments to *Communities in Motion: Regional
Long-Range Transportation Plan 2030* (CIM) and the *FY2008-
2012 Transportation Improvement Program* (TIP)
Public Comment runs October 8 – 23, 2007

Meridian – COMPASS requests public comment on proposed amendments to *Communities in Motion: Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan 2030* and the *FY2008-2012 Northern Ada County Transportation Improvement Program*. The amendment is for a proposed project that would result in three through lanes in each direction on Eagle Road from I-84 ramps to ½ mile north of Fairview Avenue (River Valley Street) —approximately two miles in length. The cost of widening to Eagle Road and for associated operational improvements along Eagle Road and Fairview Avenue is estimated at \$15 million, which would be funded by a developer for a project on the NE corner of the Fairview Avenue /Eagle Road intersection. The amendment is required since Eagle Road is a regionally significant facility with its principal arterial status.

The public comment period opens October 8, 2007 and runs through October 23, 2007. A public open house about the amendment will be held Thursday, October 18, 2007, from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., at COMPASS (800 S. Industry Way, Suite 100, Meridian, Idaho).

The widening project would be funded under a Sales Tax Anticipated Revenue (STAR) mechanism recently enacted under Idaho Code 63-3641 and 40-201. No local or Idaho Transportation Department transportation funds will be used for the widening. The estimated \$15 million cost of widening and operational improvements would be paid by the developer, CenterCal, which would seek reimbursement from the State of Idaho based on sales taxes generated by its project. Additional work could include operational improvements such as medians and turn lanes, but these are not part of the amendment. Also, some work may be required on Fairview Avenue or other Ada County Highway District streets. Fairview Avenue is already shown in CIM for widening.

For more information: <http://www.compassidaho.org/comm/publicmeetings.htm>, or call 855-2558, ext. 228. Written comments must be received no later than 3:00 P.M. October 23, 2007 to COMPASS, attn: Toni Tisdale, 800 S. Industry Way, Suite 100, Meridian, ID 83642, or ttisdale@compassidaho.org or fax: 855-2559.

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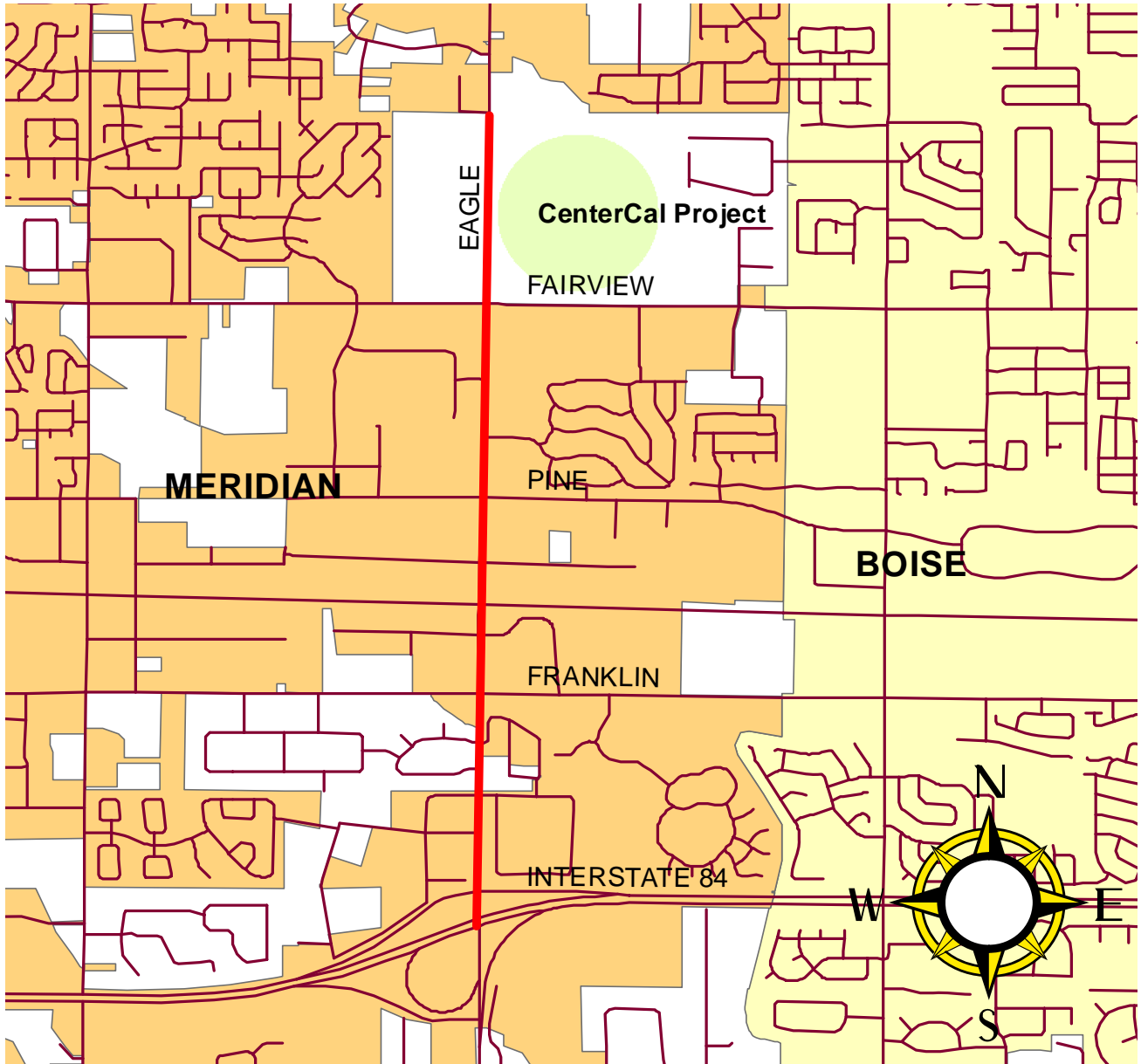
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