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Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) for Northern Ada County and the Nampa Urbanized Area to be Amended

GARVEE Projects will be amended or added to the TIPs

The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) seeks public comment from June 10 through June 24, 2006 on amendments to the FY2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) for the Northern Ada County and Nampa Urbanized Areas. The TIP must be amended to include GARVEE (Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles) projects approved by the Idaho Legislature in spring 2006.

PROJECT AMENDMENT

The following changes are proposed to the TIP:

- I-84, Eagle Interchange Ramp – This project is in the current Transportation Improvement Program as a study. The Idaho Transportation Department would like to convert the project to a construction project that will widen the westbound off-ramps at the Eagle Road interchange. The ramp will be extended on I-84 and an additional right turn lane and signals for right turns will be added.
- I-84, Junction SH 44 to Five Mile Road – This project is also in the current Transportation Improvement Program as a study. The Idaho Transportation Department would like to convert this project to an environmental analysis and preliminary project scoping for the entire corridor to determine improvements to the congestion along this stretch of the Interstate. Specific projects may be the outcome of this analysis creating multiple small projects to enhance travel along the Interstate corridor.
- I-84, Garrity Interchange to Meridian Interchange – This project is a new project for construction of a third lane in each direction on I-84 between the Garrity Interchange in Nampa and the Meridian Interchange. The improvements will help ease congestion along this section of the Interstate.

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