



# Amity Road

Amity Road connects Nampa with Boise south of I-84.



## WHY THIS CORRIDOR MATTERS

Amity Road is one of only three corridors south of I-84 that connects Nampa to Boise. It also serves as an alternative route between the Garrity and Meridian Interchanges during high levels of congestion and delay on I-84.

This corridor extends east from Southside Boulevard in Southeast Nampa to Maple Grove Road in Southwest Boise.

Amity Road is two lanes and posted speeds range from thirty-five miles per hour to fifty miles per hour. It serves rural and residential land uses. A large number of the intersections along the corridor do not have signals. Travel demand along

the corridor could be up to 34,000 vehicles per day by 2035. This increase in travel demand is dependent upon the Locust Lane/ Lake Hazel Road corridor becoming a primary east - west route connecting to I-84 at the Isaacs Canyon Interchange.

### Goals for *Communities in Motion* (CIM)

**Connections:** Provide options for safe access and mobility in a cost-effective manner for the region.

**Coordination:** Achieve better inter-jurisdictional coordination of transportation and land use planning.

**Environment:** Minimize transportation impacts to people, cultural resources, and the environment.

**Information:** Coordinate data gathering and dispense better information.

### Recommendations for Amity Road Corridor to meet CIM goals:

- ❖ Consider widening portions of the corridor to accommodate increases in future travel demand.
- ❖ Consider the signalization of key intersections.

### Recommendations for Amity Road Corridor Public Transportation:

- ❖ As an arterial road, transit services would be expected the length of the corridor with transfers at major north-south routes operating on the section-line (one-mile grid).
- ❖ Development and street design should promote more direct access to transit stops on Amity, with provision for shelters at transfer or other high activity locations (schools, shopping centers, etc.)

### Land use decisions needed to implement the plan:

- ❖ Local governments along the corridor are recommended to focus development in designated growth areas.
- ❖ Access to the corridor needs to be managed and additional right-of-way needs to be preserved to ensure the corridor's long-term function as an arterial.



# Regional Connection



## CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

As the area south of I-84 continues to develop and the capacity of the interstate reached, demand on Amity Road will increase. The need for safety/operational improvements (such as intersection signalization or roundabouts), access management and right-of-way preservation will increase as traffic flows increase.

Past and Current Investments through 2015	Funded Investments through 2035	Unfunded Improvements through 2035
<p>As the cities of Nampa, Meridian, and Boise grow south of I-84, the function of Amity Road has evolved from that of a rural section line road to a minor arterial.</p> <p>The overpass project at King's Corner overpass in Nampa made the western end of the corridor safer and more accessible. The bridge crossing is funded through a local bond.</p> <p>The City of Nampa obtained high priority funding through SAFETEA-LU to widen Amity from Chestnut to the King's Corner overpass. The various stages of this project will occur through 2011. \$8,350,000</p> <p>Additional roundabouts would be considered in lieu of signals or four-way stops. ACHD has completed a study of roundabouts for its portion of Amity.<sup>1</sup></p>	<p>Amity Road: Southside Blvd-Cloverdale Road. Widen from 2 lanes to 5 lanes. Estimated Cost: \$67,528,000</p>	

<sup>1</sup> Amity Corridor Roundabout Study found at <http://www.achdidaho.org/Projects/Default.aspx>