

Black Cat Road

Black Cat Road is an important arterial facilitating north and south travel.



WHY THIS CORRIDOR MATTERS

Black Cat Road carries a significant amount of traffic between its termini at US 20/26 and King Road, a span of thirteen miles. In 2035, the corridor is expected to carry over 19,000 trips per day on its busiest segment north of Franklin Road, and 5,000 trips per day on the least traveled section north of Kuna Road. The estimates of increased traffic demand assumes a new SH 16 river crossing that connects SH 44 to US 20/26 in the McDermott Road vicinity, and the widening and completion of an interchange at Ten Mile Road.

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 Black Cat Road Corridor to meet CIM goals:

- ❖ Widening of the corridor to five lanes is recommended from Franklin Road to Chinden Boulevard.
- ❖ Support a corridor plan for Black Cat Road

Recommendations for Black Cat Road Corridor Public Transportation:

- ❖ As a section line arterial, Black Cat Road will have local bus service with connections to east-west routes and a future fixed-guideway system based on the Treasure Valley High Capacity Transit Study.
- ❖ As with other corridors, provision should be made for direct connections to transit stops from adjacent development. Transit stops should be considered in street design, including provision for bus shelters and potential bus pullouts.

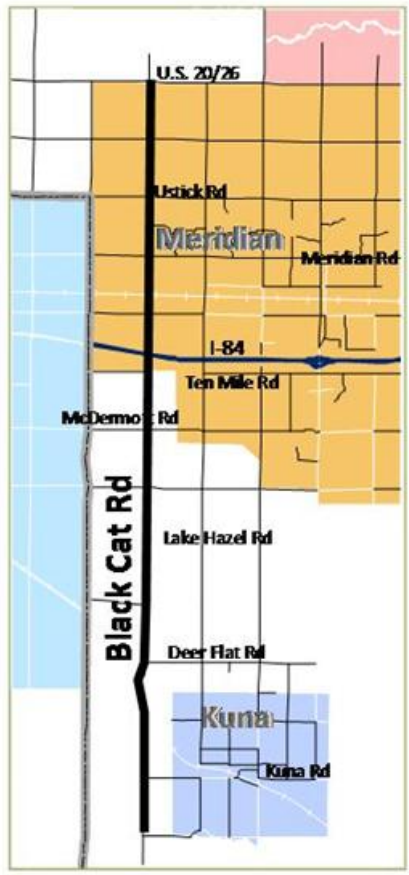
Land use decisions needed to implement the plan:

- ❖ To reinforce the future land-use pattern, local governments along the corridor are recommended to focus development in designated growth areas.
- ❖ Land-use decisions need to ensure access to the Black Cat corridor is managed to preserve its function as an arterial.



Regional Connection

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES



Black Cat Road has the potential to evolve as a north-south local access route between McDermott and Ten Mile Roads. An Interchange is currently under construction at Ten Mile Road and scheduled to open summer 2011. This leaves the Black Cat corridor serving as a minor arterial corridor between the two roadways. While it would carry more traffic than it does today and is a long corridor in terms of length (13.6 miles), it will not be a primary regional route due to its lack of access to I-84, no river crossing and its proximity to SH 16/McDermott Road, which is planned, although unfunded, to be a major north-south route.

The rail crossing north of Franklin Road will be a challenge with increased traffic on Black Cat Road and the plan for the rail corridor as a future passenger rail or bus rapid transit facility. Over one-hundred twenty homes are within one-hundred feet of the corridor between Franklin Road and Chinden Boulevard.

The increase in travel demand on this corridor is partly due to the level of development anticipated in North Meridian. The North Meridian area is a twelve-square mile area bound by U.S. 20/26, Ustick Road, McDermott Road and Eagle Road. This area could contain as many as 52,000 people by 2035.

Past and Current Investments through 2015	Funded Investments through 2035	Unfunded Improvements through 2035
<p>In past long range transportation plans, the proposed SH 16 river crossing showed a connection to Black Cat Road and Ten Mile Road. A river crossing is no longer a potential given the plans for a SH 16 river crossing in the vicinity of McDermott Road.</p>	<p>No projects are recommended at this time.</p>	<p>Widen Black Cat Road to five lanes from Franklin Road to US 20/26 (Chinden Boulevard) in the City of Meridian. Estimated Cost: \$38,100,000</p> <p>Raised medians may be warranted in the higher traffic section due to forecasted traffic demand.</p>