



Linder Road

Linder Road relieves pressure on Ten Mile Road and Meridian Road.



WHY THIS CORRIDOR MATTERS

The Ada County cities of Eagle, Star, Meridian, and Kuna are expected to grow significantly through 2035 and beyond. Eighteen thousand households are within a mile of the Linder corridor today, compared with a forecasted 41,400 by 2035. Linder Road will serve as a “reliever” for Ten Mile Road and Meridian Road in the future.

Communities in Motion focuses on the seventeen mile section of Linder Road between Beacon Light Road and King Road. Linder Road could carry over 30,000 trips per day on its busiest segment north of Franklin Road in 2035.

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 Linder Road Corridor to meet CIM goals:

- ❖ As an alternative to Ten Mile Road and Meridian Road for many regional travelers, Linder is recommended to be widened to four to five lanes from Beacon Light Road to Kuna Mora Road. However, this corridor is not in the funded category of the plan. Projects within the corridor, notably the Linder Overpass at I 84 may be funded earlier as a traffic operations measure for the Ten Mile interchange and Meridian Road corridors.
- ❖ Continued support for the completion of the corridor plan for Linder Road is needed.

Recommendations for Linder Road Corridor Public Transportation:

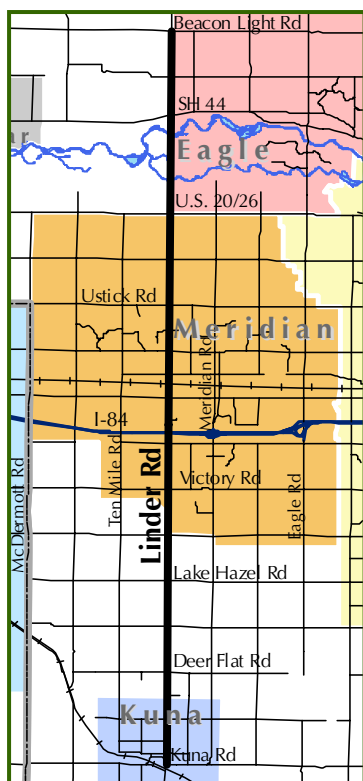
- ❖ Development and street design should allow for direct access to transit stops and consider appropriate locations for shelters and bus pull-outs.
- ❖ Both corridors are likely candidates for major fixed-route services given the residential and commercial uses. Park-and-ride facilities should be considered.

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 Linder Road corridor is consistent with the standards of the Idaho Transportation Department.



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CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Linder Road has an opportunity to become an alternative route for north-south travelers on Ten Mile Road and Meridian Road. The planned expansion of the road from two to three lanes to four to five lanes

A new overpass, although not funded in this plan, would enhance its ability to serve as a “reliever” for the surrounding corridors.

Growth in the North Eagle Foothills will add demand on north-south corridors and improvements to the river crossing, again not funded in this plan, would be critical.

On the south side, Kuna has long desired a rail overpass to connect with development south of the UP track.

Past and Current Investments through 2015	Funded Investments through 2035	Unfunded Improvements through 2035
<p>Linder is one of the longest north-south roads in the region, running from north of Beacon Light to Swan Falls (35.5 miles)</p> <p>2009: Linder Road / Ustick Road Intersection. Project included left and right turn lanes and two through lanes in each direction, install traffic signal, curb, gutter, sidewalk and bike lanes within project limits. Approximate Cost: \$4,600,000</p>	<p>Franklin to Chinden – Construct to five lanes. \$28,000,000</p>	<p>Widen Linder Road from two lanes to five lanes between Kuna-Mora Road south of Kuna to Ustick Road in Meridian, including a rail crossing in Kuna and a new overpass at I-84. Estimated Cost: \$72,876,000</p> <p>Widen Linder Road from two lanes to five lanes between Chinden and Beacon Light Road north of Eagle. Estimated Cost: \$40,000,000</p> <p>Portions of it may be implemented based on safety or traffic operations issues. Two key projects within the corridor that may meet these tests are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Linder overpass at I-84 ▪ Rail crossing in Kuna