

Locust Lane and Lake Hazel Road

Locust Lane and Lake Hazel Road provide a southern alternative to I-84.



WHY THIS CORRIDOR MATTERS

Locust Lane and Lake Hazel Road are located roughly five miles south of the interstate. New residential subdivisions line the road, with pockets of commercial activity at the larger intersections. In Canyon County, Locust Lane runs seven miles through south Nampa and connects to Columbia Road. When an additional road extension is complete, Locust Lane will connect with Lake Hazel Road in Ada County. Lake Hazel Road continues nine miles through unincorporated areas south of Meridian, north of Kuna and extending into south Boise. The need for this corridor is driven in part by development in the area. Nearly 5,000 new residential and commercial lots within a mile of Lake Hazel were approved or are likely to be approved in the future.

Currently, Lake Hazel road ends three-quarters of a mile past Maple Grove Road. Plans call for extending Lake Hazel to connect with Gowen Road. When Gowen Road improvements are complete, Lake Hazel will then connect both with the I-84 Eisenmann Road interchange east of Boise and north up to Orchard Avenue. Travelers will also use the corridor to access McDermott Road, which is planned, but unfunded, as a major north/south commuter expressway with an I-84 interchange. These new planned connections could make the corridor a viable alternative to I-84 for local commuters. Volumes on the completed corridor would range from 13,000 on Locust Lane near 12th Avenue to 45,000 on Lake Hazel east of Five 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 Greenhurst & Lake Hazel Corridor to meet CIM goals:

- ❖ Widen Lake Hazel Road from McDermott Road to Maple Grove Road.
- ❖ Complete the Gowen Road realignment connecting Lake Hazel east to the Isaac Canyon Interchange and north to Orchard Street.
- ❖ Complete the connection between Locust Lane and Lake Hazel Road.

Recommendations for Greenhurst & Lake Hazel Corridor Public Transportation:

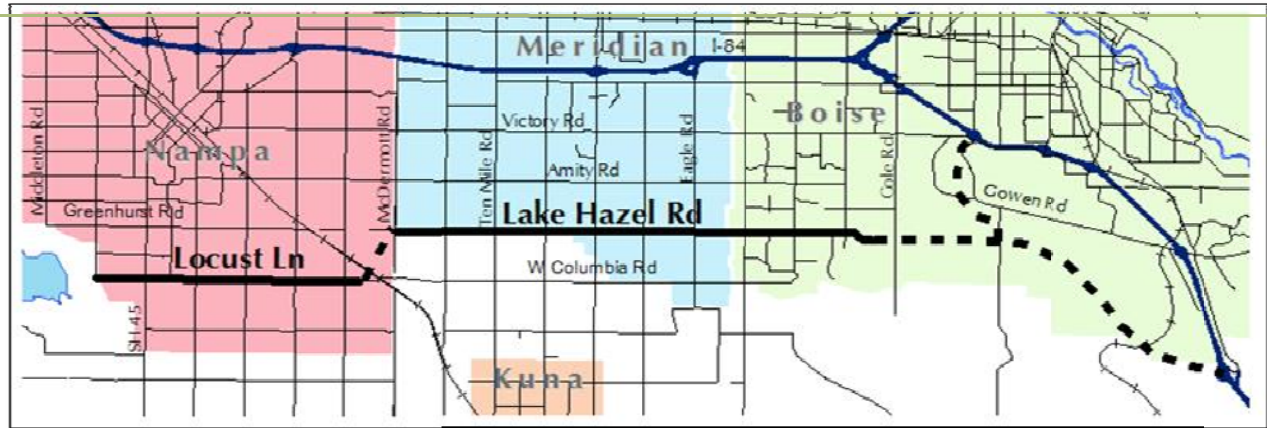
- ❖ Development and street design should allow for direct access to transit stops and consider appropriate locations for shelters and bus pull-outs.
- ❖ This corridor is a strong candidate for major fixed-route services given the residential and commercial uses and corridor length. Park-and-ride facilities should be considered.

Land use decisions needed to implement the plan:

- ❖ To reinforce the future land-use pattern, local governments along the corridor should focus development in designated growth areas.
- ❖ Direct access points along the corridor should be limited.



Regional Connection



CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Locust Lane and Lake Hazel Road have already transformed from rural roads into more primary travel routes, but changes to the corridor will become even more pronounced in coming years. Demand for an efficient travel route serving the southern county developments will only increase. Unlike other potential southern Treasure Valley corridors, where planned improvements may take 30 or more years to come to fruition, the Locust Lane and Lake Hazel Road corridor is more likely to see road improvements and increased travel capacity over the next ten years.

Past and Current Investments through 2015	Funded Investments through 2035	Unfunded Improvements through 2035
<p>Extending Lake Hazel to the proposed Gowen Road realignment has been planned for nearly ten years to increase connectivity in the southern Ada County region. A study to determine the exact location of the alignment was completed in 2007.¹</p>	<p>Lake Hazel Road from Locust Grove to Pleasant Valley - construct to 5 lanes. \$45,300,000</p>	<p>Improvements between Happy Valley and Locust Grove, including a rail overpass. \$90,289,000</p> <p>Locust Lane widen from two lanes to five lanes from Middleton Road to Happy Valley Road in Nampa. Estimated Cost: \$26,700,000</p>

¹ This study can be found at the Ada County Highway District web site at <http://www.achdidaho.org/Projects/ProjectsPast.aspx>