

Middleton Road

Middleton Road offers the only crossing of the Boise River for ten miles.



WHY THIS CORRIDOR MATTERS

Middleton Road is an important north-south arterial road that links the City of Middleton to the City of Nampa. The road is a regionally significant road since it is the only road to cross the Boise River east of I-84 in Canyon County and as it continues south to Nampa it crosses I-84. It is the only principal arterial in the fast-growing west Nampa area. Traffic levels on the corridor could reach levels of 23,000 south of the City of Middleton and over 30,000 north of the Caldwell-Nampa Boulevard.

At its northern limit, the corridor serves an important role in linking downtown Middleton to a newly developed commercial area to the south. The City of Middleton may reroute the road to the east of the existing downtown area. Further south, the road bisects the City of Caldwell area of impact. While traditionally a rural area, Caldwell is updating its comprehensive plan to designate future land uses and plans for urban services.

In the Nampa area, Middleton Road is designated a principal arterial as it handles north-south traffic to and from the Karcher interchange area, which is designated a specific plan area in the Nampa Comprehensive Plan and the site of intensive commercial activity. The road is two lanes south toward Greenhurst Road. In 2004, the City of Nampa undertook a study of a potential new road alignment to connect the southern terminus of Middleton Road to State Highway 45 (12th Avenue). That study concluded in early 2006 with a preferred alignment that would widen Greenhurst Road, Midland Road, and Locust Lane with a series of roundabouts at major intersections.

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 Middleton Road Corridor to meet CIM goals:

- ❖ Preserve sufficient width along the corridor to provide long-term ability to accommodate increasing volumes of traffic and future transit services throughout this rapidly urbanizing area of Canyon County.

Recommendations for Middleton 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.
- ❖ Park-and-ride facilities should be considered.

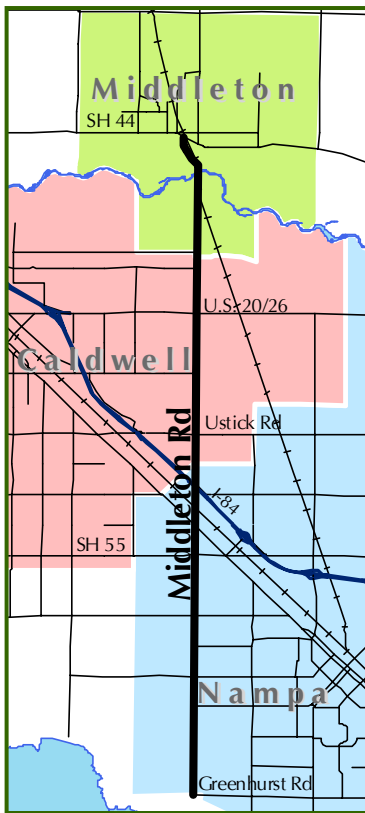
Land use decisions needed to implement the plan:

- ❖ To reinforce the future land-use pattern, local governments along the corridor are recommended to focus development in designated growth areas.
- ❖ The cities of Middleton, Caldwell, and Nampa, the Nampa and Canyon Highway Districts, and Canyon County need to protect the ability to widen Middleton Road in the future.



Regional Connection

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES



The ability of the corridor to serve increasing volumes of traffic and accommodate transit services is threatened if the local jurisdictions in Canyon County do not preserve a sufficient corridor width.

Opportunities that currently exist to plan and protect the corridor include the Middleton Area Transportation Plan and the update to the Caldwell Comprehensive Plan.

Additional funding for transportation needs are required before the cost of widening Middleton Road to five lanes can be programmed and constructed.

A new river crossing between Middleton and Star Roads should be planned before development blocks the most desirable locations.

Past and Current Investments through 2015	Funded Investments through 2035	Unfunded Improvements through 2035
<p>A corridor study between Greenhurst Road and State Highway 45 was completed in early 2006. See the Middleton Road Connection Corridor Plan on the website.</p> <p>For many years, Middleton Road was promoted as the site for a new interchange. The I-84 Corridor Study Final Report concluded that this interchange would be needed after 2020.</p>	<p>No funded investments.</p> <p>Preliminary Development: Reconstruct Middleton Road and SH 55 intersection. Approximate Cost: \$2,177,000</p>	<p>Expand transit service and provide for necessary transit infrastructure, such as bus pull-outs and shelters.</p> <p>Middleton Road: Greenhurst Road-SH 44. Widen from 2 lanes to 5 lanes. \$83,532,000</p>