

State Highway 45

State Highway 45 connects the region to Owyhee County.



WHY THIS CORRIDOR MATTERS

State Highway 45 (SH 45) connects the City of Nampa and Owyhee County. It serves, however, as an important connection to SH 78, which merges with US 95 into Oregon and SH 51 into Nevada.

SH 45 traverses through a rural portion of the region and fills the need for a variety of travel needs. A local landfill is located just off of SH 45, and waste truck trips from the urban areas to the landfill are numerous. Farm trucks carrying sugar beets and other agricultural products travel from the southern portions of Canyon County to the processing factory north of Nampa. The cheese factory also generates many truck trips taking waste products from the factory to a dump site in the southern area of the region.

The corridor also serves as a commuter route from Owyhee County and the City of Melba to the urban areas of the region. Recreational traffic to the Snake River, Celebration Park, and other sites accounts for many trips, especially in the summer months.

The road is five lanes from downtown Nampa to Greenhurst Road. This portion of the corridor is the most congested part, as it runs through an area of high retail and office space through the City of Nampa. This section of the road is better known as 12th Avenue. South of Greenhurst Road, SH 45 merges to a three-lane facility, then to two lanes just north of Locust Lane.

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 SH 45 Corridor to meet CIM goals:

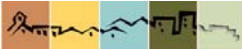
- ❖ As a corridor providing access to southern Canyon County and across the Snake River into Owyhee County, SH 45 provides regional connections. Additional capacity is needed in the urban portion of the corridor south of Nampa to Locust.

Recommendations for SH 45 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.

Land use decisions needed to implement the plan:

- ❖ Land-use decisions need to ensure access to the SH 45 corridor is consistent with the standards of the Idaho Transportation Department.
- ❖ Land-use decisions also need to take into consideration the plan for a limited access divided highway along the urban section of the corridor and preserve the right-of-way needed for future improvements.



Regional Connection

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Proposed improvements to the SH 16/McDermott Road corridor and Bowmont/Kuna-Mora Roads provide future opportunities for additional high-speed travel throughout the region. SH 45 will tie in with these future improvements, making it a critical link in the provision of alternatives to the highly congested I-84 corridor.



| Past and Current Investments through 2015 | Funded Investments through 2035 | Unfunded Improvements through 2035 |
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| <p>In FY 2006 and 2007, pavement preservation projects were scheduled on SH 45 between Roosevelt Road and Deer Flat Road. Estimated cost \$2.2 million</p> <p>A corridor plan on SH 45 from Nampa to SH 78 is scheduled for FY 2015. Total cost of the plan = \$235,000).</p> | <p>No projects are recommended at this time.</p> | <p>Widen SH 45 from two lanes to four lanes between Deer Flat Road to Locust Lane south of Nampa as a limited access divided highway. Estimated cost: \$13,792,000.</p> |