

COMPASS
Summary of Requests
FY2010 Re-authorization Applications

Roadway Priority

1. Northern Ada County ITS and Intersection Improvements, Ada County, Idaho (\$11,050,000) – State Street, US 20/26 (Chinden Boulevard), and SH 69 (Meridian Road) are important regional commuting corridors that already experience significant peak hour congestion. This project is needed to relieve that congestion, reduce vehicular stops, reduce travel time and transit trip time, reduce emissions and improve incident response, and incident duration time. Funding will be used to install Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) devices such as closed circuit television cameras (CCTV), Dynamic Message Signs (DMS), speed detection systems, fiber optic communications cable and upgraded traffic signal controllers. Funding will also be used to widen two intersections on State Street and re-time traffic signals on all project corridors

2. 21st Avenue Widening and Commercial Way Realignment, Caldwell, Idaho (\$3,100,000) – This project has two parts. First, the Commercial Way extension/realignment forms the last and completing phase of the I-84, Exit 29 phase five. This project will connect Commercial Way to a new signalized intersection on 21st Avenue, drawing traffic away from the Specht Avenue and Franklin Road intersection near the eastbound ramp signal near Exit 29. Second, the widening of 21st Avenue would be completed. 21st Avenue is the gateway to the City of Caldwell and provides access to the College of Idaho as well as direct access from the City of Caldwell to I-84 and US 20/26. These two projects are part of one larger corridor project, completing the Exit 29 rebuild that opened in 2007. These projects will eliminate bottlenecks and safety issues in the system and provide solid connectivity between these two regional routes.

3. Linder Road Overpass, Meridian, Idaho (\$10,000,000) - The Linder Road overpass is the only barrier to Linder Road becoming one of the longest north/south corridors in the region at 36 miles in length. Linder Road continues south of Kuna Mora Road as Swan Falls Road and provides access to a significant wildlife area, the Birds of Prey area and the cliffs at Swan Falls on the Snake River. Further, Linder Road to the north provides the only Boise River crossing between Eagle Road and Star Road – a seven-mile distance. Linder Road Overpass will relieve traffic pressure on the Ten Mile Interchange to the west and Meridian Interchange to the east. Current ACHD plans include widening of Linder Road to five-lanes north of I-84 within six to ten years. Funding will be used to complete the planning, environmental review, right-of-way acquisition and full project construction.

Transit Priorities

1. Highway Capacity Transit Network Alternatives Analysis, Treasure Valley, Idaho (\$5,500,000) – This project would complete the Alternatives Analysis on the high capacity transit network that includes the I-84 alternative corridor, the SH 44 (State Street) Corridor and the Downtown Boise Circulator system. The Premium Transit

Corridor was described in Communities in Motion, the regional long-range transportation plan, as well as Valley Regional Transit's Regional Operations and Capital Improvement Plan as the transit corridor (loop) on I-84 and SH 44 from the City of Caldwell to Downtown Boise. The goal of this project is to look at high capacity improvements from an integrated systems planning approach to determine investments and staging for service in the future.

2. Western Ada and Canyon Public Transportation Facilities, Treasure Valley, Idaho (\$5,500,000) – This project includes transfer centers and maintenance and administration offices to support the services of Valley Regional Transit. The facilities will be located in Western Ada and Canyon Counties. Convenient transfer centers will encourage local citizens to use transit services more efficiently and help build the transit system. The goal is to complete the infrastructure of the transit system in order to facilitate expansion of the system in the future. The administration building will allow Valley Regional Transit to invest in its own future rather than continuing in a lease agreement.
3. Park and Ride System, Canyon County, Idaho (\$4,000,000) - This project will identify the most efficient locations, as well as develop and build multiple park and ride lots throughout Canyon County. This project will complement the park and ride system currently operated by Ada County Highway District in Ada County, and will facilitate additional park and ride lots to encourage higher usage of alternative transportation including current and future bus, vanpool and carpool services in the Treasure Valley region.