

COMPASS
Summary of Requests
FY 2008 Annual Appropriations

Roadway Priorities

1. Three Cities River Crossing (\$5,000,000) - The Three Cities River Crossing is a new roadway and bridge structure that will provide a route across the Boise River and its benches, which are significant regional obstacles to travel in a rapidly urbanizing area. In this area there is currently a four mile distance between river crossings. The project will provide a connection between two important state highways: the intersection of SH 55 and SH 44 (north terminus) and US 20/26 (south terminus).
2. Exit 29, local system improvements (Caldwell) (\$1,700,000) - This project is to accomplish local road system improvements (widening and realignment) at Interstate 84's Exit 29 at the City of Caldwell, Idaho. It represents the third stage of a three-stage improvement of the interchange of I-84 and US Highway 20/26. Stages 1 and 2 are in progress through a coordinated effort of the Idaho Department of Transportation and the City of Caldwell. Exit 29 serves as the link between the interstate, US Highway 20/26 (a major east-west thoroughfare from Caldwell to North Boise) and a high volume of commuter and local Caldwell traffic. This project will alleviate a local system "bottleneck" of commuters getting onto or off of the Interstate at the improved interchange.

Transit Priorities

1. Priority Corridor Analysis and Preservation Project (\$2,000,000) - The Priority Corridor Analysis and Preservation Project will analyze the Interstate 84 travel corridor and examine options for preservation of alternative rights-of-way in the same corridor. The project includes an alternatives analysis of the Interstate 84-184 corridor which will study, in detail, congestion and travel patterns. Recommendations will be made regarding the most appropriate transportation investments in the corridor. Investments to be analyzed are likely to include; bus rapid transit, passenger rail, high occupancy vehicle lanes and transportation system management strategies. Preservation activities include pre-acquisition study and negotiations related to alternative rights-of-way in the Interstate 84-184 travel corridor.
2. Treasure Valley, Idaho Transit Facilities (\$480,000) - Site location and required environmental analysis for one administration facility and up to four bus transfer centers to support regional public transportation services in the western portion of Ada and Canyon counties, Idaho.