

Organization Completing Application:

Please include organization name, mailing address and a street address if different (We must have a physical address that is NOT a PO box).

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Contact person(s) in organization including email address and phone number:

This should include an **Idaho name and address**, but you may also include relevant Washington, DC representatives.

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Location of project, including congressional district

Caldwell, Idaho, Congressional District 1

Name of project

21st Avenue Widening and Commercial Way Realignment, Caldwell, Idaho

Type of project—Please circle one:

Highway/road

Bridge

Tunnel

Bicycle/Pedestrian project

Intelligent Transportation System (technology) project

Ferry Boats or Ferry Boat Facilities

Intermodal Freight Facility

Public Transit

Rail

Research project

Other

Please identify if:

- the project located on a Federal-aid highway?
21st Avenue – Functional Classification Code STP 7933
Commercial Way – Functional Classification Code STC 7158
- the project located on the National Highway System?
No
- the project located on the Interstate System?
No

If the project is a public transit project, please identify whether the project is: N/A

- **Passenger Vehicles**
 - Transit Bus or Van
 - Transit Rail Car or Locomotive, including Streetcars
 - Transit Ferry
- **Transit Facilities**
 - Vehicle Maintenance or Administration Facility
 - Passenger Facility, including Intermodal Facilities, stations, and terminals
- **Transit Rights-of-Way**
 - Property Acquisition
 - Corridor Development
 - Rail Track Construction or Maintenance
 - Bus-only Lane Construction or Maintenance
- **Transit Equipment**
 - Vehicle-related Equipment
 - System-related Equipment
- **New Start Project** (a major new fixed guideway capital project seeking more than \$75 million in Federal funds.)

- **Small Start Project** (a new fixed guidway capital project seeking less than \$75 million in Federal funds and with a total estimated net capital cost of less than \$250 million)

If the project is a rail project, please identify whether the project is located on: [N/A](#)

- **Intercity passenger rail**
 - If so, is the project located within a corridor previously designated by the Secretary of Transportation pursuant to section 104(d)(2) of Title 23, United States Code, or the Northeast Corridor?
 - If yes, which corridor?
- **Freight Rail**
 - Class I Freight Rail
 - Class II or Class III Freight Rail

If it is a research project, please identify which type by circling below:

- University Transportation Center
- Other (please describe)

Did the FHWA, FTA, or Idaho State Department of Transportation confirm that this project is eligible under Title 23 (Highways) or Chapter 53 (Transit?) of Title 49 USC? If so, please provide a contact name, title, and phone number. [Yes.](#)

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Please identify the state, regional, or local governmental entity that is an eligible recipient of the funds.

[City of Caldwell](#)

Please describe the project by identifying:

Specific terminus points of the project or activity

[21st Avenue between Indian Creek and I-84 Business Loop \(Cleveland Boulevard\)
Commercial Way between 21st Avenue and Specht Avenue](#)

Activities (construct, plan, design, etc.)

[21st Avenue – concept, design, environmental, right-of-way acquisition, and construction](#)

[Commercial Way – Construction Only](#)

Total estimated cost of the project
\$3,100,000

Commercial Way – Cost \$1,900,000
21st Avenue – Cost \$1,200,000

Requested amount
\$2,480,000

Percentage of total estimated cost (request must finance at least 80% of the total cost)
80%

If the request is less than 80% of the total cost, how will the remaining funding be provided?
N/A

Please provide a BRIEF (five sentences) description of the project. Include why the project is needed and how funding will be used.

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.

Is the project included in the State's Long-Range Transportation Plan?

If so, please provide the date of approval of the most recent version of the plan and the title of the plan.

The 21st Avenue projects are consistent with *Communities in Motion* (CIM), the regional long-range transportation plan, as minor capital projects. The Exit 29 Interchange project and other phases of the local system improvements on 21st Avenue are listed in the committed funded list of projects. These projects are consistent with the intent to complete these projects. CIM was adopted by the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) Board on August 21, 2006. (pages 73 and 74)

The project is consistent with the *Statewide Transportation Plan*, which is visionary in nature, approved by the Idaho Transportation Board in July 2004.

Is the project included in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and/or State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)?

If so, please provide the date of approval of the most recent version of the plan and the title of the plan.

The Commercial Way portion of this project (Phase IV) is currently listed in the TIP and STIP as Key Number 11584. This project obtained partial Stimulus funding, allowing a portion to move forward and necessitating a Phase V to complete the work. The TIP and STIP will be amended soon, adding Key Number 11916 to Preliminary Development for construction of this portion of the project. This project is ready for construction.

Upon notification of funding, the additional funds and project will be added to the TIP through the amendment process. COMPASS will add the changes in the FY2010-2014 TIP Update as an “illustrative” project with a Congressional High Priority application, and will go through the public involvement process in the summer 2009.

If the project is an intercity passenger rail project, is it included in the State Rail Plan? N/A

If so, please provide the date of approval of the most recent version of the plan and the title of the plan.

Please describe the current status of the project and expected schedule for its completion. (Note whether the project is in planning, environmental review, final design, right-of-way acquisition, under construction, etc.)

Commercial Way could begin as soon after fund obligation as possible, once the Plans Specifications and Estimate Packages are completed early in the summer 2009. Construction could take from three to nine months depending on the status of the portion already funded through Stimulus funds. Complete approximately spring 2010.

21st Avenue schedule below:

2010 – Preliminary design and environmental

2011 – Environmental, final design, and right-of-way acquisition

2012 – Construction

What is the expected date of completion for the project?

Commercial Way complete approximately spring 2010.

21st Avenue complete approximately summer 2012.

Have you attached the required letters of support, as described in the cover letter? If not, please explain why not.

Attached.

Does the project have regional or national significance? If so, please BRIEFLY describe significance in 3 or 4 sentences.

21st Avenue has regional significance because of its connectivity from I-84 business loop to the junction of I-84 and US 20/26. The corridor is also the gateway for the City of Caldwell as well as the gateway to the College of Idaho, a regional college. These last two phases will complete widening that has already occurred or is currently in process along the 21st Avenue corridor.

BRIEFLY (500 words or less) describe the following:

- Safety benefits

Commercial Way

This project will improve safety in the vicinity of Interchange 29 by drawing traffic away from the nearby stop-controlled Specht Avenue intersection with Franklin Road to a new signalized intersection with 21st Avenue at an appropriate distance from the conflicting interstate ramp. (The commercial/industrial subdivision served by Specht Avenue currently has no other outlet)

21st Avenue Widening

These improvements will enhance safety by reducing congestion and alleviating a potential bottleneck with the widening of 21st Avenue to five lanes for the last stretch to I-84 business loop.

- Economic development benefits

Primary economic benefits associated with these projects will come from better accessibility to employment centers, employment to contractors in construction of the projects, and enhanced economic development potential in the vicinity of the project.

- Mobility benefits

Mobility benefits of these projects include improvement of regional traffic connection from I-84 business loop to the junction of I-84 and US 20/26.

- Environmental benefits

These projects will project environmental benefits through improved traffic operation and congestion mitigation leading to a reduction of idling emissions.

Has the project received previous federal funding?

The overall Exit 29 area has received over \$32 million in federal funding. These projects were considered “companion” projects.

Did the project receive funding in an authorization bill? If so, please provide:

- Name of bill
- Section

- Project Number
- Amount of Funding
- Amount Obligated

Did the project receive funding in an appropriations bill? If so, please provide

- Public Law Name
- Public Law Number
- Section
- Project Number
- Amount of Funding
- Amount Obligated

Did the project receive funding in other legislation? If so, please provide:

- Public Law Name
- Public Law Number
- Section
- Project Number
- Amount of Funding
- Amount Obligated

Has the project received any prior funding for a state, local, or private source? If so, please provide:

The following amounts are programmed for Commercial Way portion of the overall project. ITD also purchased the right-of-way, but these costs were covered by the project as a whole and are not shown for this specific portion.

- Source
STP-Urban, Stimulus
STP-Urban
- Amount of Funding
FY2009 – Stimulus - \$430,000
FY2009 – STP-Urban - \$90,000
- Amount Obligated
FY2009 – STP-Urban - \$90,000

It is requested that if funds are granted, they are in addition to the state's annual apportioned funds and come with additional obligation authority.

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