Public Comments Received (Verbatim)

FY2019–2023 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Amendment
Public Comment Period: February 14 – 28, 2019
Total number of comments received by COMPASS: 5

Outreach methods: Two email blasts; legal notices placed in *Idaho Statesman* and *Idaho Press Tribune*; public comment information posted to COMPASS website and social media channels

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| To whom it may concern  
The cargo bycycle could be a time saver and would record visual problems so it is a good investment. Hopefully you could make it available to other transportation departments in the valley who could make good use of it.  
The removal of the Meridian bike path while regrettable does seem to have an excessive cost and that much money can be better used elsewhere.  
Thank You  
Hubert Osborne  
Nampa | Mr. Osborne:  
Thank you for your comments. They will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and City of Meridian.  
Toni G. Tisdale  
Principal Planner  
—  
Thank you so much for your comment re: Meridian’s Five Mile Creek Pathway (from Ten Mile to Black Cat) and its removal from the TAP funding program.  
I just wanted to clarify that this remains a priority pathway segment for the City. It is still part of our master plan and will still get constructed. Removing it from the TAP program simply means that we will construct via other (local) funding sources. Timing for implementation will be roughly the same – or perhaps even sooner.  
Again, we appreciate your taking the time to provide input.  
Sincerely,  
Kim Warren (City of Meridian) | Hubert Osborne  
Nampa | Email |
| Toni, I looked at these proposed amendments and they both look like good additions to the TIP. Thanks Susan  
Susan Bradley | Hi Susan:  
Thank you for your comments. They will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors.  
Toni G. Tisdale | Susan Bradley  
Idaho Commission on Aging  
83702 | Email |
Compass,

My concern is that in Star major developments are in process and we have yet to see a long range Regional Transportation impact study. Every new project in the Valley impacts the other yet we seem focused on one development at a time. The Up Stream/Down Stream impact is not taken into consideration.

I believe we need to take a breather and step back and look at the big picture.

The other concern is developing a plan and holding to it. It seem we leave the planning table and the next big development of business comes to the valley and all the plans go out the door. Look at Eagle Road. Their solution was to add more cuts. I grew up on Long Island in the 50s and 60s and even with the The Long Island Expressway, the Northern State Parkway and the Southern State Parkway they were bumper to bumper most of the day. Long Island a gem of open farms and suburbs became 200 miles of congestion and so packed you could walk roof top to roof top. They also have the Long Island Rail Road that ran the full length of Long Island from Manhattan to Montauk for commuters and still they could not keep up.

I also lived in CA for 13 years and watched as they taxed their citizens out of their homes - Prop 13. Now 52 % of the /people in CA want to leave.

Growth can be managed better or your legacy will be the same as CA, NY and other communities that let growth bull doze their way across their communities.

Thank you for asking. I look forward to your reply.

Gary Smith

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**Staff Response**

Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your comments. We are in the middle of a public comment period for amendments to the FY2019-2023 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. I was not certain if your comments were in response to that call for public comment. Please verify if you intended for your comments to be included in this process. If so, we will include your comments with other comments from that process to the COMPASS Board of Directors.

Our area is experiencing tremendous growth, which will also create a noticeable strain on our transportation system, especially if additional funding is not obtained.

The COMPASS Board of Directors approved *Communities in Motion (CIM) 2040 2.0*, the update to our regional long-range transportation plan, in December 2018. CIM 2040 2.0 includes a vision for growth. COMPASS staff analyzes proposals for large developments through our Development Review Checklists, to compare how they align with the vision and goals of CIM 2040 2.0. These are provided to cities and counties for information during their approval processes.

COMPASS staff is already working to scope a major update to the long-range transportation plan, which is expected to be complete by December 2022. This fall, we will embark on a large effort to engage our members, as well as the public, to develop growth and transportation assumptions as a basis for the update.

We appreciate your comments and hope you will be involved in future planning activities.

Toni G. Tisdale
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<td>Toni,</td>
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<td>Michael Keyes</td>
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<td>I support the proposed amendments to the FY2019-2023 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Thanks for all you do!</td>
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| I don’t have any problems with the projects. However, I would like to make a recommendation for you to pass along to ACHD.  
1. Consider installing right-hand turn lanes to facilitate through traffic on major and minor arterials where widening projects are not planned. Some examples would be: southbound Locust Grove at Franklin; westbound Ustick at Locust Grove; westbound Fairview at Hickory; westbound Overland at Locust Grove.  
2. Suggest that signal timing at intersections with major/minor arterials with major collectors be retimed to require collectors a longer waiting time. This will allow arterial traffic more flow time without repeated stopping. Examples include Ustick & Centrepoint, Locust Grove & Chateau). Pine at Locust Grove has a much longer wait time than Centrepoint and Chateau.  
3. Suggest that signal timing at the Locust Grove/Franklin intersection be readjusted to allow southbound Locust Grove through traffic to move prior to the left turn signal sequence. With the restricted bollards to the southbound left turn bays, it often takes at least two signal sequences before through traffic moves forward enough for left turners to gain access. | Ms. Matthews:  
Thank you for your comments. They will be shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and ACHD. | Patricia Matthews | Email |

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