

# Public input sought on I-84 widening project

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NAMPA - The Idaho Legislature approved \$300 million in GARVEE bonds to go toward transportation projects.

Half of that sum, \$150 million, has been approved by the ITD Board to repair the section of Interstate 84 from Franklin Boulevard in Nampa to Karcher Road in Nampa.

However, local officials says there is a critical part of the highway that is being left out.

The project calls for widening that stretch of I-84 in Nampa from two lanes in each direction to three lanes.

Matt Stoll with the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho or COMPASS says I-84 from Karcher Road to Caldwell is not included in the project, and that section desperately needs widening.

Construction on the widening project is slated for the summer of 2018, but Stoll says transportation officials will push to expand the improvements.

"If we get the project from Franklin to Karcher completed that's the initial step, we will continue working with the Legislature and Idaho Transportation Department to figure out ways to get from Karcher to Caldwell improved and not waiting a long time," said Stoll.

In the meantime, the project to repair potholes from Franklin Road in Nampa to Franklin Boulevard in Caldwell is set to begin this summer.

"That's going to move forward this year, we can't wait for the widening project to deal with the pavement conditions that were a result of this past winter, so that project is going to continue on," said Stoll.

According to COMPASS, although the widening project has been approved, before the state can use federal funds it must seek public comment.

You can submit your feedback until May 14 at [CompassIdaho.org \(http://compassidaho.org/\)](http://compassidaho.org).

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