

Sick of two lanes on I-84 from Nampa to Caldwell? Your wish for more lanes is coming true

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The widening of the Interstate 84 from Nampa to Caldwell is closer to becoming a reality.

The Idaho Transportation Board unanimously voted to allocate an additional \$86 million in GARVEE (Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle) bonds toward the project on Thursday. The project is set improve I-84 from Franklin Road in Nampa into Caldwell. The Idaho Transportation Board also allocated \$150 million in GARVEE bonds to the project in April and received additional funding in October.

Of the \$300 million dollars in GARVEE bonds set aside by the Idaho Legislature for the state in 2017, \$236 million was allocated for the Canyon County interstate project. The remaining \$64 million was approved for use in northern Idaho.

The total projected cost of the improvements to I-84 from Nampa to Caldwell is \$330 million. Additional state funds, including \$100 million approved by the board in October, and federal dollars will also go toward the project.

The transportation board also approved on Thursday the allocation of \$6 million in GARVEE bonds to begin preliminary work on connecting the State Highway 16 to I-84.