Growing valley, growing roads: $767 million earmarked for 143 road projects: what's up near you

Chinden Blvd. is one of the major focuses for road work in the Treasure Valley in coming years. Photo: Don Day/BoiseDev

What's in store for the roads of the Treasure Valley? The latest report from the Community Planning Association of SW Idaho (which calls itself COMPASS) lays out many of the major road projects set for the next five years.

The “FY2020-2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program” – jargon that basically means “the road plan” lays out what you'll see in coming years across Ada & Canyon Counties.

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COMPASS said a variety of agencies will spend a total of $767.8 million dollars on transportation projects over the next seven years. That means 143 projects coming to a road near you.

The agencies involved? Deep breath: Ada County, Ada County Highway District, Capital City Development Corp, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Boise State, Canyon County, Canyon Highway District, Golden Gate Highway District, Idaho Transportation District, Valley Regional Transit and the cities of Boise, Caldwell, Eagle, Garden City, Greenleaf, Kuna, Melba, Meridian, Middleton, Nampa, Notus, Parma, Star, and Wilder.

You can read the full 175-page report here. Here are some of the major projects outlined in Ada Co., generally moving from east to west. Projects are grouped by roadway where appropriate. Click any map thumbnail to enlarge.

There's also an interactive map to explore.

Idaho 21

Technology Way to Surprise Way

What: Widen the road with 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction. Add 6-foot-wide shoulders and a 4-foot-wide center median.

How much: $4.9 million

When: 2022

Boise River Greenbelt
**Fairview Ave. ramp**


How much: $215,000

When: 2020

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**Orchard St.**

**Gowen Rd. to Interstate 84**

What: Realign and widen Orchard from Gowen to I-84 to five lanes. Includes curb, gutter, sidewalk and bike lanes. Rebuild the Orchard/Gowen intersection as a multi-lane roundabout

How much: $6.06 million

When: 2023

*ACHD is going to move part of Orchard St. and wants your input*

**Chinden Blvd. (Highway 20/26)**

**43rd St.**

What: Add a new pedestrian hybrid beacon crossing across Chinden.

How much: $212,000

When: 2023

*ITD to start work to widen, add pedestrian path to Chinden Blvd. between Eagle & Star*
Locust Grove Rd. to Eagle Rd

What: Widen Chinden from Locust Grove to Eagle Rd.

How much: $13.37 million

When: 2020

Linder Rd. to Locust Grove Rd.

What: Widen Chinden from Linder to Locust Grove with an additional lane in both directions. Will also improve intersections. Funded through the State Tax Anticipated Revenue program from the development of Linder Village (Winco).

How much: $12.95 million

When: 2020

[BoiseDev Project Tracker: Linder Village]

Highway 16 to Linder Rd.

What: Widen Chinden to two lanes, with turn lanes and raised medians “where necessary.” Project also funded through the State Tax Anticipated Revenue program from the development of the Costco shopping center.

How much: $25 million

When: 2019-2020

Star Rd. to Highway 16

What: Widen Chinden with one additional lane in each direction.

How much: $5.65 million

When: 2023
Cole Rd.

McGlouchin St. to Victory Rd.

What: Widen Cole from two lanes to four lanes with median u-turns. Revamp the Cole & Victory intersection to seven lanes in each direction. Includes a bridge widening at Cole Rd. and Diamond St.

How much: $9.36 million

When: 2020

Eagle Rd.

State St. intersection

What: Construct a “partial continuous flow intersection including displaced left-turn lanes.”

What’s that? It's a new idea – and a bit complicated. Here’s a description from COMPASS.

How much: $8.14 million

When: 2021

Boise River bridge

What: Build a bike & pedestrian bridge over the Boise River next to Eagle Rd. Will help link the Boise River Greenbelt to pathways in the Eagle area.

How much: $1.52 million

When: 2021

At Village at Meridian – River Valley St. to Fairview Ave.

What: Add one lane southbound from River Valley St. to Franklin Rd. Project funded by Centercal via State Tax Anticipated Revenue program, in anticipation of Village at Meridian expansion.

How much: $5.15 million

When: 2022

[BoiseDev Project Tracker: Village at Meridian expansion]
**Franklin Rd to Pine Ave.**

What: Add a 10-foot wide multi-use pathway from Franklin to Pine along Eagle Rd. Rebuild current sidewalk near the Jacksons Shell station to 10 feet. Add an 8-foot separation between the path and roadway "where possible."

How much: $2.3 million

When: 2020

**Amity Rd. to Victory Rd.**

What: Widen Eagle from Amity to Victory to include two lanes with curb, gutter and sidewalks. Also build "enhanced pedestrian crossings" near the Ten Mile Feeder canal.

How much: $4.89 million

When: 2021

**Idaho 55**

**State St. to Payette River Bridge**

What: Rehab about 18 miles of pavement along Idaho Highway 55 as it heads from Eagle to McCall. 45% of the work is set for Ada County and 55% set for Boise County.

How much: $11.7 million

When: 2023

**State St (Highway 44)**

**Highway 16 to Linder Rd**

What: Add an additional lane in both directions. Project said to help decrease crashes and congestion on the road.

How much: $9.8 million

When: 2023
**Star Rd. to Highway 16**

What: Like above, add an additional lane in both directions. Project said to help decrease crashes and congestion on the road.

How much: $8.35 million

When: 2023

**Highway 16**

**Future right-of-way**

What: Acquire right-of-way for the future extension of Idaho Highway 16 from Chinden Blvd. to Interstate 84 through Ada and Canyon Counties. It also includes dollars to “update traffic projections, validate right-of-way needs, account for recent development activity” and other activities. Doesn’t include money to build the project.

How much: $98.4 million

When: Construction TBD

**Ten Mile Rd**

**Chinden Blvd. to McMillan Rd.**

What: Widen Ten Mile to three lanes, including curb, gutter and sidewalks, as well as add bike lanes.

How much: $3.495 million

When: TBA

**Chinden Blvd. to McMillan Rd.**

What: Widen Ten Mile to three lanes, including curb, gutter, and sidewalks, as well as add bike lanes. Also rebuild two bridges and add enhanced crossings at Tesino Drive and the pedestrian path near Vicenza Way.

How much: $3.025 million

When: 2019-2020