A 30-day public comment period is held each summer to provide an opportunity to comment on projects in the draft TIP before it is adopted by the COMPASS Board of Directors. Additional comment periods are held throughout the year on proposed changes. Comments are shared with the COMPASS Board of Directors and could change funding priorities.

For more information:
Current TIP documents are located on the COMPASS website:
www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/transimprovement.htm

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Frequently Asked Questions about the TIP

What is the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)?

The TIP is a multi-year budget of federally funded, state funded, and “regionally significant” transportation projects in Ada and Canyon Counties. Essentially, it is a list of transportation projects with information on the project budgets. (A “regionally significant” project has a specific definition, but in general terms, it is what it sounds like…a project that is large enough that it is significant to the region.)

The TIP is updated yearly and is based on the federal fiscal year, which runs from October 1 — September 30.

Projects in the TIP must be consistent with the regional long-range transportation plan. This plan, Communities in Motion, identifies transportation improvements needed over 25 years.

Because Northern Ada County has violated federal air quality standards in the past, COMPASS must show that the projects in the TIP comply with state air quality plans.

Where does the funding go?

STUDIES/PLANNING/SPECIAL
- Projects that improve safety on local/state managed roadways
- Projects to reface, repaint, rehabilitate, or reconstruct roadways
- Expansion projects, those that add lane miles or improve intersections

SYSTEM SUPPORT
- Funds set aside for overrun costs of other projects

SAFETY
- Projects that improve safety on local/state managed roadways

ROAD (MAINTENANCE)
- Projects to reface, repaint, rehabilitate, or reconstruct roadways

TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT
- The application of strategies and policies to reduce travel demand or to redistribute the demand in space or in time

ENHANCEMENTS
- Bicycle and pedestrian improvements not considered ‘paved pathways’
- The application of strategies and policies to reduce travel demand or to redistribute the demand in space or in time

ITS Intelligent transportation systems, advanced technologies to improve the efficiency and safety of transportation systems

PAVED PATHWAYS
- Sidewalks and pathway projects

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
- All public transportation services and equipment

Who prepares the TIP?

COMPASS, the metropolitan planning organization for Ada and Canyon Counties, prepares and adopts the TIP annually in cooperation with the Idaho Transportation Department, local highway districts, local governments, Valley Regional Transit, and other project sponsors.

What specific projects are included in the TIP?

There are over 130 projects in the TIP, including:

- Widen portions of US 20/26 (Chinden Boulevard)
- Replace public transportation vehicles (buses and vans) in Ada/Canyon Counties
- Design/construct a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over the north channel of the Boise River in Eagle
- Replace the Old Highway 30, Plymouth Street Bridge in Caldwell
- Improve railroad crossings in Ada and Canyon Counties.

Is there a statewide TIP?

The Idaho Transportation Department develops a similar document called the Idaho Transportation Investment Program (ITIP). The ITIP includes transportation projects across the state that are proposed for state or federal funding; it covers seven years of transportation programming and is updated annually. Projects in Ada and Canyon Counties must be approved by the COMPASS Board of Directors before projects are included in the ITIP.

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