

Eagle Road CIM and TIP Amendment Public Comments

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1	Against	Terry Doty	Adding another lane won't solve any traffic flow problems. It is a waste of time and money. With the plans to build the Three Rivers Crossing this is what I feel should happen: Build a connector to the Interstate, connecting Hwy 55 to the interstate.(The most logical thing to do) or Make 5-mile one way northbound and Cloverdale one way southbound. But they still need to connect to the interstate or people will just jog back over to Eagle Road to access the interstate. Trying to fix Eagle Road is a lost cause. The focus should be on moving traffic and taking pressure off of Eagle Road.	10/8/2007
2	For	Hal W. Turner, Eagle	I would be in favor of widening Eagle Road in accordance with the proposed construction plans and the funding arrangements as discussed in the Proposed Amendments To Communities In Motion and other regional planning documents. Thank you for giving the opportunity to comment.	10/8/2007
3	Against	Dr. Wayne Wiebe	Just a quick reply.. In my opinion there should be a moratorium put on new growth along Eagle road until some decision is made on what is going to be located along the road, what will happen to growth in Eagle and Star and an assessment made of how many additional vehicle trips this will result in. Boise does not have enough ways to get across the river and there is no direct route from the freeway to Emmett. Eagle road will be congested and continue to get more so even after new ways are found to traversing the river. However, at least then maybe the growth rate in number of vehicle trips will be reduced, rather than finding new ways of funneling more cars onto the road. Thanks for your consideration of my comments.	10/9/2007
4	For	Joseph Silva, Meridian Fire Department	The Meridian Fire Department would support the amendment for a proposed project that would result in three through lanes in each direction on Eagle Road, from I-84 ramps to ½ mile north of Fairview Avenue. The traffic level on this important North/South arterial has congestion which has hampered a major response route for the Meridian Fire Department. Even with the Opticom traffic control devices, the traffic does not have a place to move to allow emergency vehicles to pass safely. In short, the Meridian Fire Department would support the construction of three through lanes in each direction to relieve congestion on Eagle Rd.	10/10/2007

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5	For	Fred Waddel, Crucial Technology, Meridian	I recently received a letter from Dave Jones of the ITD regarding the proposed improvement to Eagle road and wanted to send a comment. I'm the site and general manager for Micron's Crucial Technology division which is located just off Eagle Road on Commercial Ct between the Coors building and Albertson's distribution center. While I won't be able to attend the public meeting on October 18th due to travel requirements, I do want to let you know that we completely support the path of funding which is being pursued for this improvement. A partnership between business and the regulatory/government entities which helps speed up or add necessary improvements which can benefit all the general public in area is a goal worth pursuing. From what I know of this proposal, it definitely looks like a "win/win" situation for all involved. It reminds me of the collective efforts of all of the businesses located on Commercial Court over the past couple years which ultimately resulted in a road (Landmark) connecting Commercial Court and Pine. While each one of us contributed a significant amount of money, we are all happy to see the improved access and safety which we now have after adding a second outlet to our road, changing it from a dead end to a more viable loop.	10/11/2007
6	For	Dr. Richard E. Carlson, Meridian	Am not sure if I sent a note---can't find any evidence, so will respond by email. Regardless, I am VERY supportive of any effort to improve traffic flow on Eagle Road, and am very enthused about possible improvement in my life time. Eagle Road is a functional disaster, only to get worse. I can only speculate as to where were the community leaders and design folks when the present layout was developed. Please obtain the design template used by the Aurora, CO Hwy Dept. They have a remarkably efficient 3 lanes in each direction plus safe/functional right and left turn lanes, plus attractive landscaping. They use far fewer traffic lights and have better access control and light synchronization. PLEASE--use your influence to help ITD and ACHD improve the esthetics AND efficiency of traffic flow. The Eagle Road proposal may possibly be the signature project of a new day of creativitiy iin the Valley. Hope springs eternal! :)	10/12/2007
7	For	Matt Luke	The following are my suggestions for Eagle Road's expansion. It should definitely have 3 through lanes each direction for he entire length of Eagle Rd. In addition long right turn lanes need to be put in going both directions for every intersection. Not having turn lanes at Franklin and McMillan slows traffic down a lot. I also think that medians should be put in so traffic will move both directions smoothly and so the speed limit can be 55 along the entire length of the road.	10/13/2007
8	Against	Jay Camp, Eagle	My position has not changed in 10 years. ITD needs to open up access to I-84 at more overpasses. PERIOD. You will never be able to solve the problem of that many cars needing to use one road. NEVER. P.S. Never!	10/15/2007

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9	For	Steve Siddoway	I would like to voice my strong support for adding the proposed project to CIM and TIP. I support using <b>the STAR legislation to widen Eagle Road to 3 lanes in both directions from River Valley Road (1/2 mile North of Fairview) to I-84. This is an improvement that is greatly needed to this roadway. Thank you for your consideration.</b>	10/17/2007
10	For	Mary M. Carlson, Meridian	I believe that Eagle Road should be widened to three lanes in both directions all the way from Eagle to I-84. I fully support the City of Meridian working with a commercial developer who has pledged to utilize the STAR legislation to widen Eagle Road to 3 lanes in both directions from River Valley Road (1/2 mile North of Fairview) to I-84.	10/17/2007
11	For	Marcel Bujarski, Meridian	Any project that will help move traffic faster on Eagle Road is worthy of consideration. But please, no more traffic lights on Eagle. It would be nice if half of them could be removed. If STAR is a viable way of getting roads built/widened then this should be a no-brainer.	10/17/2007
12	For	Hal Christensen	Yes Toni I pledge my support as well to the widening of Eagle Road without raising Meridian residents taxes. Another road that needs put through for better access is E. Pine from Locust Grove to Eagle Road. this would take some congestion off Fairview Ave. I hope this project is on the planning books.	10/17/2007
13	For	Hans Broesicke	I absolutely believe that this Eagle Rd widening project MUST happen. My family and I have thought about moving to the Eagle area, but the one thing that is holding us off from doing it is the nightmare traffic on Eagle Road. This adds to people's commute time which also increases the levels of stress and pollution in our Valley. If getting from I-84 to Eagle were easier we would immediately move to the Eagle area which we love.	10/17/2007
14	For	Jim Flecker	Please help make this project happen.	10/17/2007
15	Against	Diane and Michael Wilton	Although we would support the widening of Eagle Road, we are against this method of repayment. Granted the "idea" that revenue from the development would reimburse the developer sounds good on paper. But what happens if the revenue doesn't materialize? Is there a timeframe for the developer to be reimbursed? Our vote is no.	10/17/2007
16	For	William A. Marsh, Meridian	Just a note to indicate my support for the proposed Eagle Road widening (3 lanes from North of Fairview to I-84).	10/17/2007

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17	Against	Bob Thompson	I am very concerned with the difficulty of entering and exiting Eagle Road with the current number of lanes; I think that adding additional lanes will only exacerbate the problem. My daughters attend a daycare located on River Valley Road. I struggle every evening getting on Eagle Road northbound because of the high traffic volume. I would rather see an investment in alternate routes to the freeway with additional exits and improvements on Meridian Road to ease the freeway access I would also like to see improvements in the corridor down State Street to give motorists other alternatives to travel into Boise.	10/18/2007
18	For	David Gray	Traffic signal must be added at Commercial and Eagle Road intersection. Thanks!	10/18/2007
19	For	Mave Johnson, Boise	This project is vital to the continued growth and traffic flow to the area. This is a must for the current developments planned.	10/18/2007
20	For	Robert E. Sabino	This is an important part of making progress in correcting traffic flow in this area.	10/18/2007
21	For	Stewart Wilder, Boise	I am writing to support a proposed amendment to CIM Regional Long Range Transportation Plan 2030 and the FY2008-2012 N Ada County TIP for a proposed project to widen Eagle Road to three (3) lanes in each direction from the I-84 ramps to approx ½ mile north of Fairview Ave. Under current and planned commercial growth and development projects in this area, this proposal to be funded by developers under the STAR legislation would result in improved access for the generation of current and future traffic requirements/impacts from successful developments in this corridor. The cost as I understand is approximately \$15M and the amendment to CIM is required since Eagle Road is a regionally significant facility.	10/18/2007
22	For	Rob Knawa, Meridian	I'm adding my voice and my vote to utilizing the STAR process for adding lanes to widen Eagle Road between I-84 and River Valley Road. (Any way we can, right?) Will the developer of the project at the NE corner of Fairview & Eagle also be widening Fairview in the same way, whether by STAR or not?	10/18/2007

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23	For	Joey Schueler	I would like to see Eagle Road increase its capacity to move traffic in Meridian. Therefore, I am in support of using the STAR legislation to make it a three lane going both directions. Please consider amending the <i>Communities in Motion: Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan 2030</i> and the <i>FY2008-2012 Northern Ada County Transportation Improvement Program</i> to reflect this development. By my reasoning, this is an easy way to improve road conditions in a high traffic area without further inconveniencing projected spending. If you would like to discuss this comment further with me, please do not hesitate to contact me at the below information. Certainly, there may be aspects of this road development that I have not considered. I would like to hear any information that might give me a better perspective on this improvement.	10/18/2007
24	For	Lars Anderson, Draper, UT	We are in favor of this project being added to the TIP. Our company owns property between Ustick and Fairview. We need this!	10/18/2007
25	For	Sean Odom	I think three lanes on this already over burdened roadway is a great forward thinking plan.	10/18/2007
26	For	Gary Funkhouser	This is a desperately needed project. Let's get it going.	10/18/2007
27	For	Richard JH Jewell, Meridian	No comment.	10/18/2007
28	For	Chhang Ream, Boise	The additional lane is needed now and will be needed with the additional traffic generated by future development.	10/18/2007
29	For	Randy Rindlisbacher	I own 12 acres between Fairview and Ustick along Eagle Road and I need this road widened!	10/18/2007
30	Maybe	Art Beale, Meridian	1) Drop speed on Eagle Road to 40 MPH or less 2) Continue barricades on Eagle to reduce traffic blocks/turns at non-signalized intersections 3) provide safe bike corridors plainly marked.	10/18/2007
31	For	Michael Wardle, Boise	This offers a benefit to the system through an innovative funding program.	10/18/2007
32	For	Larry VanOver, Meridian	This is an excellent method to upgrade our major arterials to keep up with our growing population. I would like a raised barrier to allow only right-in right-out and no signals on Eagle Road. That was the understanding with FHWA when it was built.	10/18/2007

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33	For	John Blakeslee, Meridian	This development will exacerbate the congestion BUT, under the circumstances presently existing, we need some immediate relief in this specific corridor. IF the city of Meridian can properly phase this development AFTER the road widening, we may have a chance to catch up.	10/18/2007
34	For	Scott Stanfield, Caldwell	No comment.	10/18/2007
35	For	Hans Schatz, Meridian	No comment.	10/18/2007
36	Against	Beverly Sherman	We live right off of Eagle Road just south of Franklin. Since moving here in 1995 we have seen Eagle go from 2 to 4+ lanes and had a median installed so we couldn't make a left turn onto Eagle from our subdivision nor a left from Eagle into the subdivision. Right now at rush hour or when there's an accident (which is very often) Eagle and Franklin intersection is gridlocked and making a left turn in any direction can take up to 3 or 4 light cycles. With this new project of widening Eagle to 6 lanes, how will we be impacted? How much more land is there to expand out? Will it take away the berm that just barely separates Eagle from our homes? How much louder will it get and will there be any noise reduction walls included? When we moved here in '95 we were at the edge of the "country" - now we're a short distance away from the busiest intersection in all of Idaho!	10/18/2007
37	For	Ben Casner, Meridian	This would have a terrific impact on travel in the valley. The widening at the Eagle Road offramp has done wonders for traffic, and anything to relieve pressure off Meridian Road and the bottleneck there, is in the short-term, beneficial.	10/18/2007
38	For	Stephen Campbell, Meridian	I support the <b>proposed project that would result in three through lanes in each direction on Eagle Road from I-84 ramps to ½ mile north of Fairview Avenue (River Valley Street)—approximately two miles in length.</b>	10/18/2007
39	For	Doug Mason	Hi Toni, I think this is a project a long time in the making. I strongly support this project with the developer bank rolling it. Thank you	10/19/2007
40	For	Larry Woodard, Meridian	With only two freeway interchanges in a city over 70,000, any widening that will expedite traffic is a step in the right direction.	10/19/2007
41	For	Frank S. Varriale, Meridian	We should use as much public/private project development and construction as possible. The road projects that I am aware of that have been down this way have been completed faster and at less cost than the public sector working alone.	10/19/2007

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42	For	Jeffrey G. Kane, Meridian	God knows, Eagle Road needs it!	10/19/2007
43	For	Larry Andrews, Meridian	The median dividers, like the ones between Franklin and the Freeway, are critical. Left turns onto and off of Eagle Road should only be allowed at signals. It hasn't been that long since someone was killed trying. This also means entrance and exit from businesses should only be at signals. The exception could be right-turn only entrances/exits on on/off Eagle. An example of what doesn't work is the Chinden/Eagle intersection. People are forced to turn left out of Target onto either Chinden or Eagle, and either one is dangerous. There's a section of Chinden where people turning onto westbound Chinden from Target, traffic from businesses on the northeast corner, and those turning left onto southbound eagle from westbound Chinden are competing for the same space. A similar situation exists at McMillan. Please keep bicycles in mind. After the tragic accident this past week, it's pretty obvious simple bike lanes are not safe. If bicycles must use Eagle, the right-turn islands need to accommodate them. The far superior solution would be a bike path off the main road. The left-turn lanes need to be very long. The left, northbound lane on Eagle gets backed up from Franklin to St. Lukes at 5:00 PM because people have to wait in the left lane to get into the left turn lanes for Franklin. Make sure there are right turn lanes at all major intersections. A right turn light would be even better. When traffic is turning left onto Eagle from Franklin, right turns from Eagle to Franklin are actually protected.	10/21/2007
44	For	Ray Stark, Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce	The Chamber supports amending CIM and TIP for this important project for our area.	10/22/2007
45	For	Jennifer McEntee, Eagle	No comment.	10/22/2007
46	For	Garry Mattson, Meridian	No comment.	10/22/2007

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47	For	Robert Shappee, Meridian Chamber of Commerce	<p>The Meridian Chamber of Commerce is writing in support of the proposed amendment to the Long Range Transportation Plan (Communities in Motion) and the Transportation Improvement Program for Northern Ada County for proposed improvements to Eagle Road. The proposed amendment is a commitment to bring transportation solutions to this area in conjunction with a proposed mixed-use development at the corner of Eagle and Fairview Roads. CenterCal Properties, LLC is currently developing a master plan for the "Meridian Town Center" on approximately 240 acres of land located in the northwest and northeast quadrants of the Eagle Road-Fairview Avenue Intersection. CenterCal Properties recognizes the traffic implications of their project and is prepared to construct improvements to Eagle Road to improve traffic flow in the corridor from I-84 to River Valley Street. The improvements are clearly needed under existing conditions, and have been identified as such as far back as the 1980's. In 1986, an environmental assessment for the widening of Eagle Road was approved by ACHD, ITD and the Federal Highway Administration; with that assessment describing Eagle Road from I-84 to Fairview Avenue as a six-lane facility with a continuous center turn lane. While improvements to Eagle Road are needed today, the anticipated build-out of the CenterCal development, and other related development make the need even greater. Identifying these Eagle Road improvements on ITD's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program would assist in implementing the improvements to address the existing deficiencies now, as well as address future demand. CenterCal Properties is proposing to fund these improvements, and be reimbursed to the extent allowed under Idaho law through use of the recently enacted STAR legislation. No local agency or Federal funding would be required. The Meridian Chamber of Commerce supports this effort, believing that the improvements are consistent with previously approved plans for Eagle Road. The proposal will be a significant private contribution to easing congestion along the corridor. We support the proposed amendment to the Long Range Transportation Plan.</p>	10/22/2007

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48	For	Tammy de Weerd, Mayor City of Meridian	<p>The City of Meridian is writing in support of the proposed amendment to the Long Range Transportation Plan (Communities in Motion) and the Transportation Improvement Program for Northern Ada County for proposed improvements to Eagle Road. The proposed amendment is a commitment to bring transportation solutions to this area in conjunction with a proposed mixed-use development at the corner of Eagle and Fairview Roads. CenterCal Properties, LLC is currently developing a master plan for the "Meridian Town Center" on approximately 240 acres of land located in the northwest and northeast quadrants of the Eagle Road-Fairview Avenue Intersection. The developer recognizes the traffic implications of the proposed project and is prepared to construct improvements to Eagle Road to improve traffic flow in the corridor from I-84 to River Valley Street. The improvements proposed for Eagle Road are clearly needed under existing conditions, and have been identified as needed improvements dating back to the 1980's. In March of 1986 an environmental assessment (EA) for the widening of Eagle Road was approved by ACHD, ITD and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The 1986 EA described the Eagle Road project from I-84 to Fairview Avenue as a new six-lane facility with a continuous center turn lane. While the need to improve Eagle Road exists today, the need would be further exacerbated by the additional traffic anticipated at build-out of the proposed Meridian Town Center project and other development within the Eagle Road corridor. The identification of the Eagle Road improvements on ITD's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program would assist implementing the improvements that would address the existing deficiencies now, as well as some future demand. Funding for the proposed road improvements (currently estimate at \$10-15 million) will be provided by CenterCal. No local agency or Federal funding will be required. CenterCal anticipates to be reimbursed to the extent allowed under Idaho law through the provisions set forth in Idaho House Bill 250, the recently enacted STAR legislation. The City of Meridian believes the improvements are consistent with the approved plans for Eagle Road to a significant contribution to easing congestion in the corridor and we are in support of the proposed amendment to the Long Range Transportation Plan.</p>	10/22/2007

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49	For	Kari Davis	We think the project would be a great benefit to the area and help traffic flow. It is imperative to widen those lanes since the intersection of Franklin and Eagle Road is one of the busiest in the treasure valley and the intersection of Fairview and Eagle will be once the Centercal project is completed. Also, by widening it and keeping traffic flowing out and away from the off ramps it will keep the freeways moving as well. With the development that Centercal is proposing and the amount of retailers that will be new to the area, it will create more traffic coming from Nampa and Boise so the flow from the freeway to their development needs to be continuous and with another lane it keeps flow going east and west moving. We are for the amendment.	10/23/2007

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