

# Northwest Foothills Transportation Study: Update

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## Study Background

In 2008, in response to the influx of proposals for planned communities and future development in the Northwest Foothills, ACHD and the City of Eagle initiated a study to analyze future impacts to the regional transportation system. The study:

- Analyzed potential impacts of development on the existing and future transportation system.
- Identified future transportation needs & a future road network.
- Established policies for improving the transportation system when development occurs.

The intent of the study was **not** to endorse development, but to provide mechanisms for infrastructure should development occur.

## Focus of Update

- Analyze potential development thru 2035.
- Review and analyze existing and projected (2035) traffic volumes.
- Determine if changes are needed to roadway sizes (number of lanes) and intersection treatments.
- Create plan to implement recommendations.

## Update will not include

- Major changes to the proposed Foothills roadway network from 2008.
- Specific design elements.
- Transportation planning for downtown Eagle.

## Next Steps

After public input from the open house is reviewed, the assumptions and recommendations will be updated based on feedback from residents. An implementation plan will be developed and a draft report will be prepared. ACHD and the City of Eagle will consider adoption of the update this fall.



**The 2012 update identifies changes from the 2008 study in roadway and intersection sizes. View the preliminary recommendations on the reverse of this flier.** .....>

## More Information

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## Preliminary recommendations

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	Roadways	2008 Plan	2012 Recommendations
ACHD	Eagle Road, Floating Feather to Beacon Light	2/3 lanes	3 lanes*
ACHD	Beacon Light, Linder to SH 55	2/3 lanes	5 lanes
ACHD	Floating Feather, Linder to Eagle	2 lanes	3 lanes
ACHD	Eagle Road, Plaza to State	5 lanes	3 lanes/preserve for 5 lanes**
ITD	Eagle Road, SH 44 to Chinden	5 lanes	7 lanes
ITD	SH 55, Beacon Light to Avimor	4 lanes + interchanges	4 lanes + traffic signals
ITD	SH 44, Glenwood to Eagle	6 lanes	5 lanes + HOV <sup>+</sup> lanes
ITD	SH 44, Eagle to SH 16	6 lanes	4 lanes

\* Demand shows need for 5 lanes.

\*\* To be studied further. Demand shows need for 5 lanes.

\* Lanes typically dedicated for buses, carpools, vanpools, motorcycles, right turning vehicles and emergency vehicles.