

# Northwest Foothills Transportation Study



Ada County Highway District Open House | October 2, 2008

## Project Description

In response to the influx of proposals for planned communities and future development in the Northwest Foothills, the Ada County Highway District (ACHD) has initiated a study to analyze future impacts to the regional transportation system.

This study will:

- Analyze potential impacts of development on the existing and future transportation system
- Predict traffic conditions and identify future transportation needs
- Identify a future road network
- Establish policies for improving the transportation system when development occurs

This study will not justify land use plans, endorse development or provide approval for future development.

## Study Process

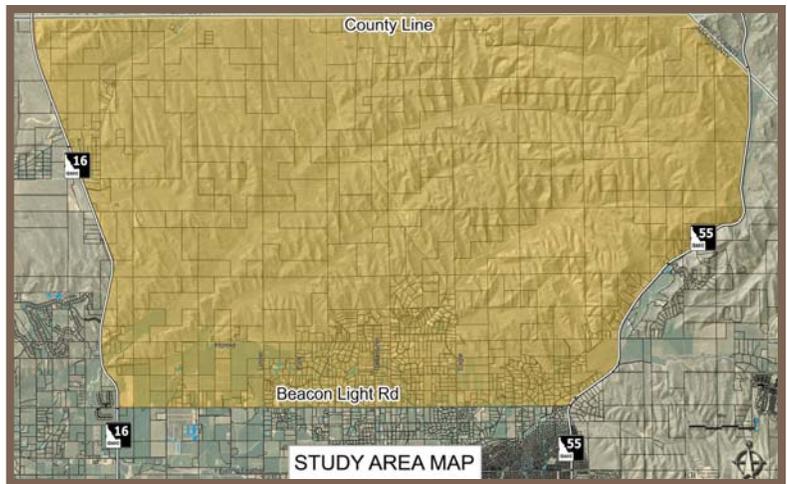
The Northwest Foothills area is being studied by:

- Reviewing approved and working land use plans (City of Eagle & Ada County)
- Establishing environmental conditions
- Gathering public input about potential development & transportation needs
- Evaluating existing and projected traffic

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q: Why study the Northwest Foothills now?

**A:** The Northwest Foothills area has experienced a considerable number of development applications and proposals. In addition, provisions have been made in the City of Eagle and in the Ada County Comprehensive plans for growth in this



area. Studying the Northwest Foothills area now allows the opportunity to effectively plan for local roadways before development occurs.

### Q: What has happened since the last open house?

**A:** Since the last open house, public input has been compiled and utilized in developing potential network alternatives for the study area. Ten alternatives were initially established and evaluated based on the alternatives' compatibility with essential criteria (referenced as Tier 1). If the alternative did not meet the essential criteria; for example it was not compatible with the Eagle Comprehensive Plan, it was removed from further consideration. Currently, there are three alternatives that are being evaluated for further consideration. Your input will be beneficial to the selection of a preferred roadway network alternative for the study area.

### Q: How is the Eagle Road and Willow Creek Road connection being considered?

**A:** ACHD and the City of Eagle have determined that this issue should be postponed and identified separately from the Northwest Foothills Transportation Study. A separate alignment study will help to clearly identify the appropriate alignment for this connection. The future of this road can be determined later without impacting the area-wide plan.

**Q: How can I provide comments on this study?**

**A:** Comments for this stage of the study will be accepted through Monday, October 13, 2008. Comments can be mailed to ACHD, 3775 Adams St., Garden City, ID 83714 or emailed to [projects@achd.ada.id.us](mailto:projects@achd.ada.id.us).

**Q: What's next?**

**A:** The remaining network alternatives will be evaluated and narrowed down. Future travel demand will also be further analyzed.

*The final public open house for this study has been scheduled. A joint meeting and work session for ACHD Commissioners and elected officials to discuss the study is also planned. See below.*

**MEETING SCHEDULE:**

**Final Public Open House - Public Comment Opportunity**

*Review the recommended alignment alternatives and provide input.*

- Thursday, November 13, 2008 5-8 p.m.
- Presentations will occur at 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by a question and answer session and the viewing of open house displays.

Location: Eagle Christian Church, 100 Short Rd., Eagle

**Work Session/Joint Meeting**

*ACHD Commissioners and elected officials will meet to discuss the study. The public is welcome to attend; however, there will not be an opportunity for public comment at these meetings.*

- Wednesday, October 15, 2008, 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, December 2, 2008, noon

Location: Both meetings will be held in the ACHD Auditorium, 3775 Adams St., Garden City

**ACHD Public Hearing - Final Public Comment Opportunity**

*Commissioners will decide whether to adopt the study recommendations. Draft study recommendations will be posted to the ACHD web site prior to the public hearing. [www.achd.ada.id.us/projects](http://www.achd.ada.id.us/projects)*

- Monday, December 22, 2008, 6 p.m.

Location: ACHD Auditorium, 3775 Adams St., Garden City

**Who is COMPASS?**

- COMPASS is the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho. It is a region-wide entity that addresses transportation issues expected in the next 20 or more years.
- COMPASS is responsible for preparing the region's long-range transportation plan.
- [www.compassidaho.org](http://www.compassidaho.org)

**Who should I contact with questions related to future land use and development?**

*Ada County Development Services*  
208.287.7900  
[www.adaweb.net](http://www.adaweb.net)

*City of Eagle Planning & Development*  
208.939.0227  
[www.cityofeagle.org](http://www.cityofeagle.org)

*City of Star*  
208.286.7247  
[www.staridaho.org](http://www.staridaho.org)

*City of Boise Planning & Development Services*  
208.384.3830  
[www.cityofboise.org](http://www.cityofboise.org)

**Additional Resources**

COMPASS: [www.compassidaho.org](http://www.compassidaho.org)

Commuteride: [www.commuteride.com](http://www.commuteride.com)

Idaho Transportation Department:  
[www.itd.idaho.gov](http://www.itd.idaho.gov)

**Contact**

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**Web:** [www.achd.ada.id.us](http://www.achd.ada.id.us)

**Comments**

Please leave your completed comment sheet at the sign-in table. If you would like to complete it at a later date, please send it to the postmarked address or e-mail your comments to: [projects@achd.ada.id.us](mailto:projects@achd.ada.id.us) by Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008. *Thank you!*

