

Comment Form Transcription October 28, 2008—New Meadows Open House

Comments are transcribed verbatim. A blank line (___) indicates that the comment was not legible.

#	1. What highway improvements are needed on Idaho 55? (Please be specific with improvements and locations.)	2. What is the most important improvement needed?	3. Other Comments (have we missed anything?)
1	Goose Creek grade is dangerous and unsafe, especially in winter. Difficult to maintain. Right of way should be procured in the Fish Lake area to construct new access to Valley County.		Winter spraying of mag-chloride on highways should be assessed to verify cost effectiveness.
2	Smith Ferry to Round Valley, nothing has been done for the last 65 years and Goose Creek Canyon	Same as #1 and ice removal at old town New Meadows area	Trees on 55 East of New Meadows Hiway Department has talked about for the last 20 years. The cost of enformation signs and road cams would build a bridge, or take out at bad corner.
3	Forget 20 yr plan—drop back and fix some of the small problem areas. Talk to long and study too much. Do some small projects to fix problems sooner. Commissioner for Adams County—Money seems to go to the metro areas. Would like to see some problem solving projects in rural area.	Commissioner #2 wants to know how the dollar is split between mtce, new const, improvements, etc.	
4	Questions/Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intersection of 95/55 in New Meadows on have fender/bender accidents Fatalities are caused by higher speeds. • I am tired of planning and planning processes—can't ITD do some projects = even small projects 	takes all the districts resources. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County is partnering w/ ITD to solve problems ie, Fort Hall Hill • We need more time to comment-participate in this study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What percentage of D3's budget goes to maintenance and what percentage goes to new construction? • Very unhappy w/ ITD highway districts = appears everytime roads are paved—a few weeks later another agency is tearing it up.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITD is wasteful with it's resources— traffic cameras are not necessary. • Rural areas in District 3 suffer because the Treasure Valley 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The most treacherous segment of 95 (in this area) is between Pinehurst-(County line) and Council 	<p>There is no coordination! Also— new paved roads have pot-holes within a few weeks of being finished. ITD is not following correct paving standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need more law-enforcement • Speed limit is constantly exceeded • Need a light at 55/95 in New Meadows and strong fine for those who run it. • Do you speak w/ ITD maintenance as a part of this study? • Is ITD considering buses between Council and New Meadows?
5	Goose Creek Canyon needs widened—Trucks need to be able to use 55—length limit issues.	Right of way need to be widened—tree are to close—old meadows area—Rock Plats area	
6	Post power points on Web pages!	When is the newsletter going out?	
7	<p>Highway bypass improvements could be made @ Horseshoe Bend, Cascade, and Donnley. Three Island crossings, although not ITD – will be needed to handle traffic from Spring Valley, Eagle, Day Creek, etc. Dienhard to Bydstrom should be signed as bipass to McCall. Roadway from Donnley to Lake Fork seems to have failed and needs to be reconstructed Re-Route of 55 from Cougar Mt. Lodge to Round Valley should be a priority.</p>	Eagle Rd. needs to be no access w/ interchanges @ each cross road. Money needs to rain down from above so we can pay for this.	
8	Widen Goose Creek Grade Fix intersection #55 and #95	Both	
9	Intersections of 95-55 need a regular intersection with 4 way stop or light to control traffic.		

10	<p>Between McCall and Donnelly-Pavement needs to be redone as well as improvement of the base to get rid of the ruts.</p> <p>Need passing lanes on section between McCall and beginning of canyon above Rainbow Bridge. These are needed because traffic is now so heavy that passing slow vehicles is no longer possible.</p>	Hiway 95-Hiway 55 intersection in New Meadows	While Goose Creek Canyon is slow, it is only 3 miles and Hwy55 is after all a scenic route. I would rather have the money spent on other projects.
11		<p>Immediate attention to a 4 way stop at 95 and 55. Reduced speeds further out of New Meadows from all directions McCall →NM : Council →NM : Riggins → NM</p>	
12	<p>The junction of Highway 95 and highway 55 needs improved. The Junction of Cemetery Rd. and Highway 95 has several fatalities, on that corner. Lifting length restrictions to create more funds from the trucking industry. Canyon between New Meadows and McCall needs paved and more slow vehicle turnouts. The canyon between Cascade and Smith's Ferry needs repaved.</p>	<p>1st Lifting length restrictions between McCall and New Meadows to provide more funding for:....(2nd)Highway 95 and 55 intersection. (3rd) Improvements on canyons. (4th) Cemetery Rd. and Hwy 95 corner—last fatality was September of 2008.</p>	
13	<p>There are several places on 55 that need widen with passing lanes and wider shoulders. City of McCall has beautified the city so much you can not see to pull on to 55 in the city limits Goose Creek Canyon is narrow and trucks can't stay on their own side, so is from Round Valley to Horseshoe Bend.</p>	Widening—Shoulders—Passing lanes and less City improvement	
14	<p>From round valley threw to banks is narrow and crooked. There is several places that needs widened even for the large motor</p>		

	homes, trailers, etc. I don't travel 55 enough to be able to give input to that section of road.		
15	The intersection of Hwy 55 and 95 need to be re-aligned. Please make the determination as to which highway is the through road and then decide on design. (Only stop signs on one road?) The overlength signs for Goose Greek Canyon need to be placed when it gives trucks an option, not at the top of the hill. A suggestion is a DO NOT USE sign. <i>(symbol of circle with a slash through it. Inside the circle says: 53'/TRIB)</i> at Hwy 55 @ Boydston and at Hwy 55 at Walker Rd.	The intersection needs to be fixed.	
16	Slow vehicle pullout in Little Goose Creek Canyon Straightening of curves in Little Goose Cr. Canyon <u>only</u> if it can be done w/o increasing the grade	Fix damaged, rutted surface south of McCall to Cascade. Too much water accumulation on roadway promotes hydroplaning and accidents, creates visibility problems when passed by oncoming traffic.	Keep up the <u>excellent job</u> of winter snow maintenance in the Little Goose Creek Canyon (between McCall and New Meadows)!! Don't remove trees along scenic, treed portions unless necessary for maintenance of the roadway as this would damage the character of the drive and ruin the scenic beauty.