



**SUMMARY**  
**Owyhee County Workshops**  
**U.S. 95 Corridor Study**

Homedale  
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## Owyhee County Workshops Summary

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) hosted two public workshops in Owyhee County to gather input on the U.S. 95 Corridor Study. Both workshops were held at the Homedale Senior Center on Dec. 9, 2008.

### At a Glance

<i>Attendance</i>	28 people.
<i>Comments</i>	14 comments.
<i>Stakeholder letter</i>	Sent to 74 stakeholders county-wide.
<i>Postcard distribution</i>	Mailed to 3,381 people county-wide. 3,307 by mail carrier route 74 to project database
<i>Media release</i>	Sent to local media outlets on Dec. 5.
<i>Display ad</i>	Ran in Owyhee Avalanche the week of Dec. 1.
<i>Web site</i>	Notice placed on City of Homedale, Owyhee County and ITD Web sites.
<i>Sandwich boards</i>	Placed at several locations along the corridor.

Details about notification methods are included in the U.S. 95 Public Outreach Summary. Copies of meeting materials are included at the end of this summary.

## Owyhee County Summary of Comments

ITD asked the following questions at the Owyhee County workshops in Homedale:

1. What highway improvements are needed on U.S. 95? Please be specific with improvements and locations.
2. What is the most important improvement needed?
3. Other comments: Have we missed anything?

This summary represents the main themes and opinions expressed by the public. It is not intended to be statistically reliable or represent a popular vote. A verbatim transcription of comments is included in the appendix.

### **At a Glance**

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Workshop participants identified the following overall needs and improvements. Specific locations are included in the detailed summary on the next page.

- Widen U.S. 95.
- Rebuild the roadway and fix crumbling shoulders.
- Give general attention to specific areas.
- Build a bypass around cities.
- Act faster with improvements.
- Add traffic calming devices and access control in city limits.

## Summary of Comments: Homedale

Fourteen (14) people completed comment sheets at the Owyhee County workshops in Homedale or returned comments by e-mail. The following summary represents often-repeated themes. Many people identified more than one suggestion or location in their comments. In these cases, all locations have been included in the summary.

### 1. Improvements

*What highway improvements are needed on U.S. 95?*

Twelve (12) people responded to this question. The following improvements were repeated most often. Locations are identified where applicable.

- **Widen U.S. 95.**
  - Locations:* Homedale to ION (95/55) junction (8)
  - General; Canyon County (2)
  - U.S. 95 and Red Top (west side) (1)
  - Council and Cambridge; to Tamarack (1)
  
- **Give general attention; fix safety issues.**
  - Locations:* Thompson Road/Jump Creek Road (2)
  - U.S. 95 through Parma (2)
  - Homedale to ION; ION to Oregon line (1)
  - ION junction (1)
  - U.S. 95/Idaho 19 junction (1)
  - Homedale Bridge (1)
  - Airport/bridge area (pedestrian access) (1)
  
- **Rebuild roadway; fix crumbling shoulders.**
  - Locations:* Homedale to ION junction (2)
  - Shoulders (general) (2)
  - Homedale to Jordan Valley (remove curves)
  
- **Build a bypass.**
  - Locations:* Cities from Homedale to Weiser (1)
  - Around Parma (1)
  - Around Weiser (1)
  
- **Limit access and traffic controls.**
  - Locations:* City limits (3)
  
- **Add traffic-calming devices.**
  - Locations:* City limits (2)

## 2. Top priorities

*What is the most important improvement needed?*

Respondents did not consistently identify a single top priority. Many identified more than one top priority.

The following list was compiled from the seven people who identified one top priority.

- Rebuild highway or road base. (3)  
*(General; Homedale to Jordan Valley or ION junction)*
- Widen U.S. 95. (2)  
*(General; Homedale to ION junction)*
- Lower grade south of Jump Creek for visibility. (2)
- Act faster and do better planning. (1)

Others identified as many as three or four priorities. These are reflected in the answers to Question 1.

## 3. Other comments

*Other comments: Have we missed anything?*

- Spend less money on surveys and analysis; act faster. (2)
- Truck speeds are dangerous. (1)
- Limit access in city limits. (1)

## Owyhee County Workshop Transcriptions

- Public comments
- Corridor map comments
- Questions presented at workshop Q&A sessions

## Owyhee County Workshop Materials

The following materials were used for notification or meeting handouts as part of the Owyhee County workshops in Homedale.

- Stakeholder letter
- Postcard
- Display ad
- PowerPoint presentation and unique display boards