



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

Weiser  
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## Washington County Workshops Summary

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) hosted two public workshops in Washington County to gather input on the U.S. 95 Corridor Study. Both workshops were held at the downtown Weiser Events Center on Nov. 6, 2008.

### At a Glance

<i>Attendance</i>	38 people.
<i>Comments</i>	20 comments.
<i>Stakeholder letter</i>	Sent to 34 stakeholders county-wide.
<i>Postcard distribution</i>	Mailed to 4,102 people county-wide. 4,068 by mail carrier route 34 to project database
<i>Media release</i>	Sent to local media outlets on Oct. 28.
<i>Display ad</i>	Ran in Weiser Signal American on Oct. 30.
<i>Web site</i>	Notice placed on City of Weiser, Washington 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.

## Washington County Summary of Comments

ITD asked the following questions at the Washington County workshops in Weiser:

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.

- Address safety issues and enforce speeds.
- Add turn lanes or passing lanes.
- Widen the roadway and add shoulders.
- Add no-passing zones or double-yellow line.
- Limit access in growth areas
- Add signals and signage.
- Pursue a bypass around city areas.

## Summary of Comments: Weiser

Twenty (20) people completed comment sheets at the Washington County workshops in Weiser 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?*

Nineteen (19) people responded to this question. The following improvements were repeated most often. Locations are identified where applicable.

- **Widen; add shoulders.**

*Locations:* Weiser to Payette  
Weiser River Bridge  
General  
Riggins (Hazard Creek to Round Valley Bridge)  
New Meadows to Weiser (for bicyclists)  
Cambridge to Weiser

- **Add turn lanes or passing lanes.**

*Locations:* Weiser to Payette: General  
Weiser to Payette: River Road  
Weiser to Payette: Crystal Lane  
Weiser to Payette: Curve in roadway by accounting office and shed  
  
Weiser: Devil's Elbow Road  
Weiser: River Dock Road  
Weiser: Couper Road  
Weiser: Road over railroad tracks before wrecking yard

- **Address safety issues.**

*Locations:* General: Crosswalks at schools, etc.  
  
Weiser to Payette: Sight distance  
Weiser to Payette: Farm vehicles  
  
Midvale Hill: Wildlife warning signs  
Midvale Hill: Weather warning signs  
Midvale Hill: Rocks

- **Enforce speeds; change to 55 mph.**  
*Locations:* Weiser to Payette  
 South of Weiser to Crystal Lane
  
- **Add no-passing zones, double yellow lines; limit access.**  
*Locations:* General; intersections  
 Weiser to Payette: Crystal Lane  
 Weiser to Payette: Owens Road to  
 county line  
 General; intersections
  
- **Pursue bypass.**  
*Locations:* Council business district  
 General  
 Cambridge

## 2. Top priorities

*What is the most important improvement needed?*

Respondents did not consistently identify a single top priority. The following list was compiled from the 11 people who identified one top priority. Others identified multiple priorities. These are reflected in the answers to Question 1.

- Widen U.S. 95.  
*(Weiser to Payette, through Canyon County)*
- Reduce speed limit.  
*(General, Weiser to Payette)*
- Add turn lanes or passing lanes.  
*(General, south of Weiser or Appleton/95 intersection)*
- Improve Weiser River Bridge.
- Improve signage at U.S. 95 and Indianhead Road.
- Improve access management near developments.

## 3. Other comments

*Other comments: Have we missed anything?*

- Make aesthetic improvements.  
 Add a “Historic Downtown Weiser” sign.  
 Would like white rock on highway again.
  
- Increase funding.
- Slow-moving farm equipment creates problems.
- Snowplowing should be more timely.
- Crash stats should include train/auto crashes.

## Washington County Workshop Transcriptions

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

## **Washington County Workshop Materials**

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

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