

# THEN AND NOW

The Idaho Transportation Department opened the I-84 Karcher Interchange in 2006. In the years since, Nampa has become one of the fastest-growing cities in the nation. Growth and development have brought dramatic changes to the area around the interchange, as well as to the rest of the Treasure Valley.



## A LOOK BACK

**2000** After more than 40 public meetings and a 19-month study of possible locations, ITD selected Karcher Road as the newest I-84 interchange location.

**2006** The I-84, Karcher Interchange opened to traffic. The interchange provided direct access to State Highway 55 toward Marsing. It also opened access to undeveloped land north of I-84 and to the growing commercial area near the Karcher Mall. The Treasure Valley Marketplace opened one year later.

**2017** ITD began a multi-year process to expand I-84 to three lanes in both directions in Nampa and Caldwell.

**2018** The City of Nampa initiated a revision to the Karcher Interchange to increase the capacity of Karcher Road. This involved several changes, including removing a single direction off-ramp and a free-running right turn lane.

**2022** ITD added a lane to the westbound loop off-ramp to reduce I-84 backups.

**2024** To reduce the possibility of I-84 backups and congestion, ITD will add a third southbound lane on the interchange overpass. The project will include several other safety and capacity improvements.

## WHAT HAS CHANGED SINCE 2006?



In 2006, daily traffic at the Karcher Interchange was 26,624 vehicles. That number has nearly doubled to 51,700 vehicles each day in 2023.<sup>1</sup>



The populations of Nampa and Caldwell have doubled in the last 20 years. By 2045, ITD expects to have 20,000 more vehicles on this interchange than we have today.



Rapid commercial and residential development have increased congestion on Karcher Road and other local roads around the interchange.



Each day 700 more commercial trucks use the Interchange than in 2006.

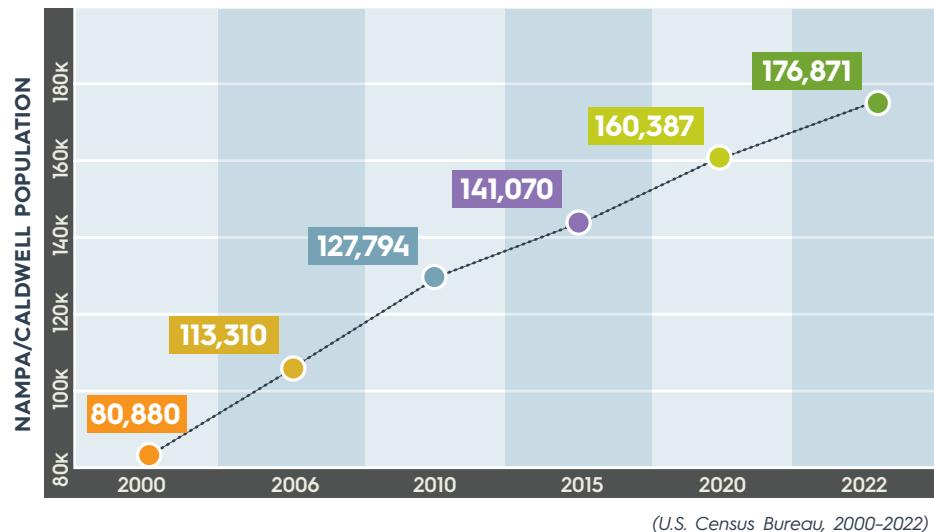


Remote-work trends have changed the way people travel. The number of short errands have increased, putting more pressure on the local road network.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The interchange was designed to handle 48,464 vehicles each day by 2026.

<sup>2</sup> In the Treasure Valley (Boise Metro area), the number of personal miles traveled increased 8 percent between 2019 and 2022. (Brookings Institution)

# GROWTH



## WHAT'S NEXT?

ITD will construct several safety and capacity improvements at the I-84 Karcher Interchange in 2024. Ongoing infrastructure investments are necessary as the area around the I-84 Karcher Interchange continues to grow and prosper.

Read more about the I-84 Karcher Interchange project at [itdprojects.idaho.gov/pages/karcheric](http://itdprojects.idaho.gov/pages/karcheric) or scan the QR code.



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The design of this project is part of ITD's Transportation Expansion and Congestion Mitigation program. The TECM program allows ITD to address rapid growth and build critical infrastructure that would otherwise take many years to fund and build.



*In 20 years, an additional 20,000 vehicles are expected to use the Karcher Interchange each day.*



*Area growth has outpaced ITD's original expectations for the Karcher Interchange, which was designed to handle 48,464 vehicles each day by 2026.*