

Chinden Drainage and Design Study

Public Meeting #2



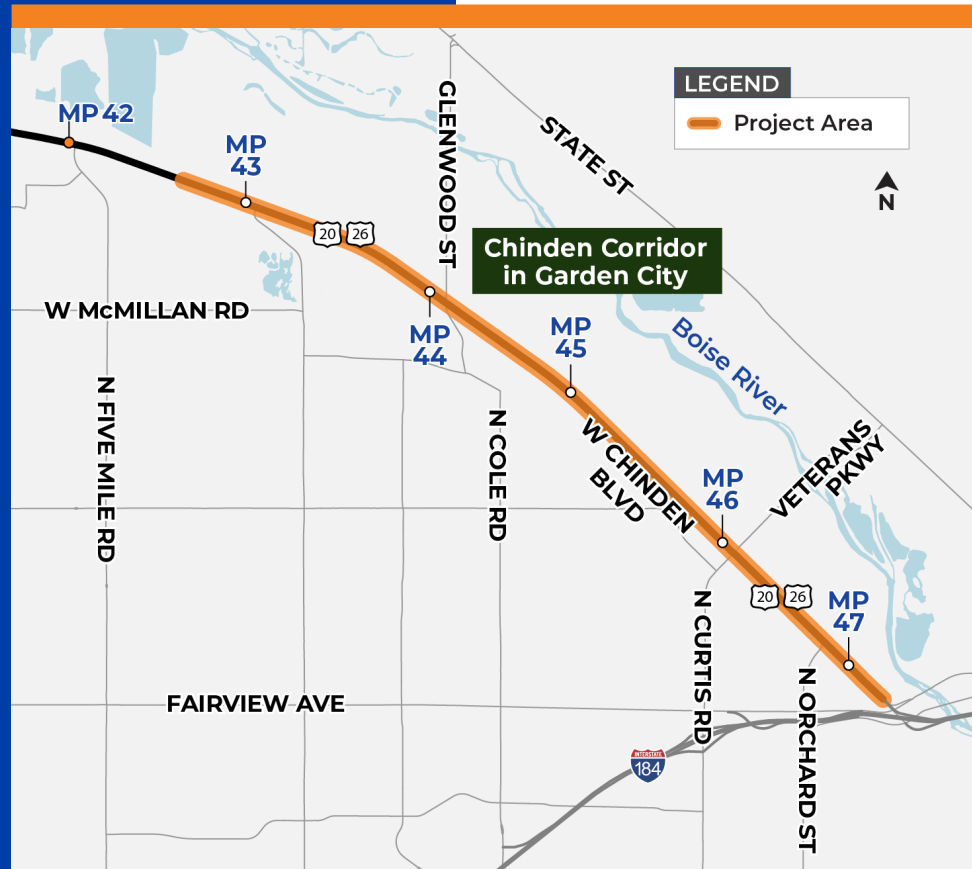
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Executive Summary

This summary provides an overview of the second round of public involvement for the US-20/US-26 Chinden Drainage and Design Study. The second online meeting focused on how public comments refined the proposed design for Chinden Boulevard. It also allowed the public another chance to provide feedback and identify priority areas for eventual construction.

Notifications were sent across multiple platforms, including print and digital. The project team remains available to answer questions and will continue to respond as the study is completed.

As projects are programmed and move into design, it will be essential for the Idaho Transportation Department to continue providing clear and timely outreach to stakeholders, drivers, and others who use this corridor.



Introduction

Currently, the Chinden Boulevard corridor lacks modern safety features and adequate stormwater controls, leading to pooling and flooding near private property. To address these issues, ITD and Garden City are developing a roadway concept plan to support walking, biking, and driving, as well as proper drainage. The concept plan also explores ways to improve stormwater collection and direct runoff away from roads and nearby structures. Together, these efforts will form an integrated corridor plan that guides future development and identifies specific projects for planning, design, and eventual construction.

Online Meeting

The online meeting provided the public a chance to review information and submit comments from April 9 through 23, 2026.

Meeting dates: April 9 – 23, 2026

18 comments

541 page views



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Stakeholder Interactions

Stakeholder meetings were conducted during the initial public involvement meeting in summer 2025; however, ongoing conversations occurred throughout the design process. Emails and phone calls from the public highlighted additional concerns about access to business properties, and the project team worked to address these concerns.



Meeting Summary

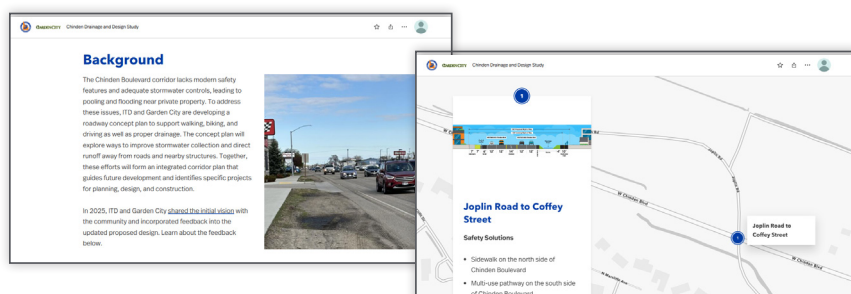
The online meeting was designed to be informative and interactive. The meeting introduced the project concepts and described the public comment opportunity process.

The online meeting included:

- ✓ **Background information**
- ✓ **Proposed vision**
- ✓ **What we heard from the first meeting and how concepts incorporated feedback**
- ✓ **Schedule and next steps**
- ✓ **An opportunity to comment**

When sharing the project's proposed vision, ITD outlined goals to enhance safety and accessibility, as well as improve stormwater management. Safety improvements proposed included providing multi-use pathways, replacing free right-turn lanes with yield-controlled designs to reduce conflict points, and adjusting pedestrian crossings to balance safety and traffic flow.

The meeting also provided cross-sectional graphics, an opportunity to review engineering plans, an interactive map of the project area, and additional information on specific design features.



Meeting Notifications

ITD used multiple outreach methods to notify the public:

— Postcards: 9,969



Mailed to project-area addresses and key stakeholders

— Email campaigns:



- » March 31, 2026
- » April 8, 2026
- » April 10, 2026
- » April 21, 2026

— Social media posts



- » April 19, 2026
- » April 21, 2026

— Press release



- » April 9, 2026

(All notification materials are provided in Appendix A)

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The public submitted 18 online comments. No physical copies of the survey were returned to the project team.



● Comment Themes:

• When asked what participants *liked* about the study's vision:

» **14 comments** highlighted appreciation for safety improvements, including multi-use pathways, flashing beacons, and safer turns.

• When asked what participants *disliked* about the study's vision:

» **Responses varied.** Four comments highlighted a desire for the study to focus more on pedestrian and bicyclist safety rather than motor vehicles. This was contrasted with two people who felt the improvements should focus primarily on motor vehicles and pedestrians, with cyclists using other routes. Additionally, two people expressed concerns about who would maintain any landscaping that might result from changes along Chinden Boulevard.

• When asked what areas ITD and Garden City should prioritize for improvement:

» **Eight comments** highlighted the area around Glenwood Street, particularly for pedestrian and cyclist improvements. Comments highlighted the continued development improvements in the area, bringing more traffic than other parts of the corridor.

FAQs

How will this project be funded?

Currently construction is not funded for this project. As funding options are explored, additional information will be shared with the community.

Will there be further adjustments to the plan after this comment period and another chance to comment?

ITD conducted two public meetings and comment periods during this study. As the study concludes, an additional formal comment period is not anticipated. As individual projects move forward, ITD will continue to engage with property owners and stakeholders. Outreach will remain ongoing through final design and into construction.

What is the proposed timeline for construction?

Final recommendations and cost estimates are scheduled for completion in spring 2026. Currently construction is not funded for this project.

Does ITD have all of the right of way or will eminent domain be used?

The project is currently in the study phase, so ITD has not identified or funded any right of way acquisitions. However, due to continued growth in the area, ITD will likely need to purchase right of way in the future.

If the project moves into the design phase and right of way needs are identified and funded, ITD will begin engaging with affected property owners. ITD always attempts to acquire the necessary right of way through voluntary negotiations. This process includes independent appraisals to determine fair market value, followed by an offer to purchase the land or easement.

When constructed, who benefits from the safety and drainage improvements?

When constructed, the projects benefit you, the community. By designing a road network that reduces the chance for dangerous crashes, it improves safety for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists alike. Improved drainage also helps reduce the pooling of water, which is a hazard to the road and nearby properties.

Appendix A

Notification Materials



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The Idaho Transportation Department and Garden City are developing a concept plan to enhance safety and stormwater management.

YOUR INPUT MATTERS!

Help shape the future of
transportation in Garden City.

ONLINE MEETING

April 9–23



QUESTIONS?

Contact the project team at 208-387-7159
or contact@chindendrainagestudy.com.

Individuals who need special accommodations should contact CivilRights@itd.idaho.gov or 208-334-8884. TTY/TDD users dial 711 to use the Idaho Relay System. Persons needing an interpreter should contact 208-334-8496.



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- » Identify corridor improvements for future multi-modal projects (e.g., bike, pedestrian, and transit/bus)
- » Identify stormwater management controls

BENEFITS OF THE STUDY

- » Enhanced safety and accessibility
- » Improved stormwater management
- » Consistent infrastructure planning

ONLINE MEETING

APRIL 9-23

Join the second online meeting to review the updated Chinden Drainage and Design Study. Community feedback played an important role in shaping these updates.

The online meeting will be available from April 9-23 at itd.idaho.gov/project/us-20-us-26-chinden-drainage-and-design-study.



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Last chance to make your voice heard! There's still time to explore the online meeting and review the updated improvement concepts for the Chinden Drainage and Design Study. Your feedback matters—share your input before the online meeting closes on April 23.

<http://itd.idaho.gov/.../us-20-us-26-chinden-drainage.../>

Last Chance!

Comment period closing April 23.



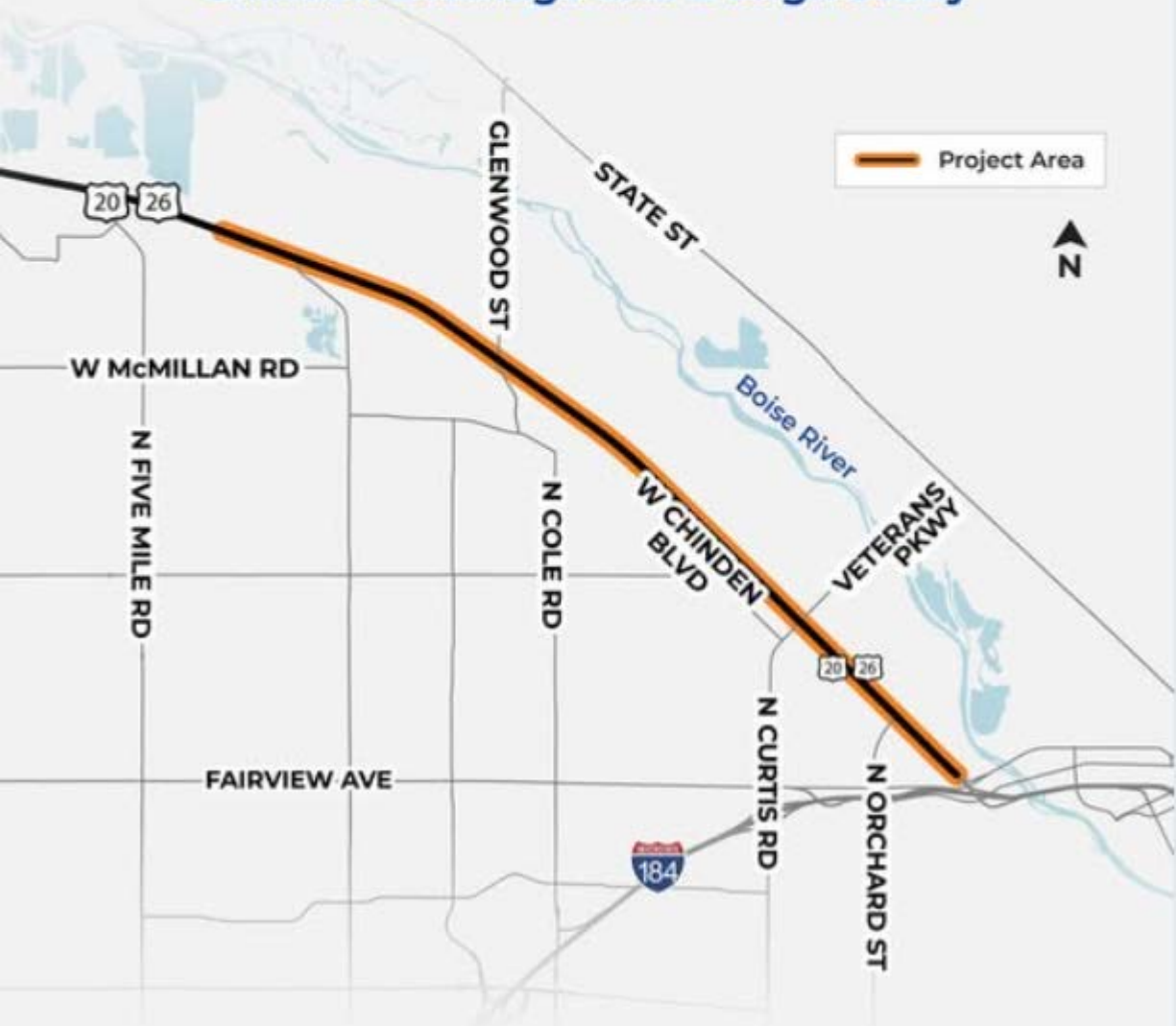


See what's next for the future of Chinden Boulevard! Plans are taking shape and we need your input! Explore the online meeting to review the latest concepts for improving safety and drainage along the corridor. Share your feedback by April 23.

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Make your voice heard!

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Join the Idaho Transportation Department and Garden City to get the latest updates on the Chinden Drainage and Design Study. Discover new safety and drainage concepts aimed at improving the corridor and see firsthand how community feedback has influenced the study's direction.

Join the Meeting

Access the meeting at the [Chinden Drainage and Design](#) web page from **April 9 through April 23**.

Tell Us What You Think!

Review the online meeting materials and share your thoughts with the project team.

- Submit a comment (form available in the online meeting)
- Email contact@chindendrainagestudy.com
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Learn More

Click on [Chinden Drainage and Design Study](#) to visit the project web page for more information and to download the project fact sheet.

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CORRECTION: New webpage link

We apologize for any confusion. ITD has transitioned to a new website for projects. The new link to the online meeting is in this email.

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ITD asks for feedback on updated improvements along Chinden Boulevard by April 23

BOISE—The Idaho Transportation Department, in partnership with Garden City, invites the public to review and provide feedback on updated safety and drainage improvement concepts for Chinden Boulevard (US 20/26).

The design concept is available for review on ITD's [project website](#) from now through April 23.

Chinden Boulevard currently lacks modern safety features and adequate stormwater controls, creating challenges for people walking, biking, and driving. These deficiencies also contribute to pooling, runoff, and localized flooding near private property.

This is the second opportunity for the public to provide feedback. Last summer, ITD and Garden City shared the initial vision, and community input helped shape the current plan.

Based on public feedback, ITD updated the design concepts, including removing the previously proposed center median, refining stormwater treatments, replacing free right-turn lanes with yield-controlled designs to reduce conflict points, and adjusting pedestrian crossings to balance safety and traffic flow.

Currently construction is not funded for this project.

Learn more at the [project](#) website.