

# Purpose and need

The purpose of the proposed action is to increase surface transportation capacity of U.S. 20/26. The proposed action will improve operating conditions and safety between I-84 and Eagle Road. The proposed action is needed for the following reasons:

- Rapid development of rural land adjacent to the U.S. 20/26 corridor is causing an increase in traffic volumes. The capacity of the existing roadway and intersections are not adequate to serve predicted future traffic volumes.
- There are insufficient facilities to safely serve non-motorized travel and the demand for non-motorized travel will increase as development continues.
- U.S. 20/26 is one of the few East - West commuter routes that connects I-84 in Caldwell to Eagle Road in Boise.
- The existing system does not meet current design standards and safety concerns will increase as traffic and congestion in the corridor continue to grow.