

Welcome

The City of Nampa is identifying and analyzing improvements to address safety, congestion, mobility, and travel time reliability in downtown Nampa.

Your input will help the city:

- Identify transportation needs and resources to consider in the study
- Develop and refine options
- Address your questions and ideas

Idaho 45

ID-45 connects Owyhee County and southern Canyon County to Interstate 84 (I-84). It is a critical route for agribusiness and freight, usages that complicate accessibility for many other modes of travel.



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Study Area



Project description

Today, ID-45 runs through the heart of downtown Nampa to connect with the I-84 Business Loop (I-84B). As downtown Nampa continues to develop, the City has begun exploring other options or locations for the highway route.



The Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study is a first step for transportation decision making. It includes:

- Evaluating traffic conditions
- Determining purpose and need for improvements
- Identifying and evaluating alternatives
- Analyzing environmental resources
- Screening alternatives for a future National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) study

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Background



The City has been working with community groups and the Nampa Development Corporation since 2010 to identify and address transportation needs in Nampa. The need to explore other options for ID-45 has remained consistent as population increases.

2010

The Downtown Traffic Alternatives Analysis analyzed several alternatives to improve traffic in downtown Nampa.

2012 AND 2020

Two Nampa citywide transportation plans concluded independently that improvements are needed in downtown Nampa.

2021

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) began working with the City of Nampa on a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Assessment. This study will identify transportation issues, priorities, and environmental concerns and reduce the cost of a future environmental study.

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Purpose and need

THE PURPOSE of the PEL study is to identify and analyze improvements to address safety, congestion, mobility, and travel time reliability in downtown Nampa.



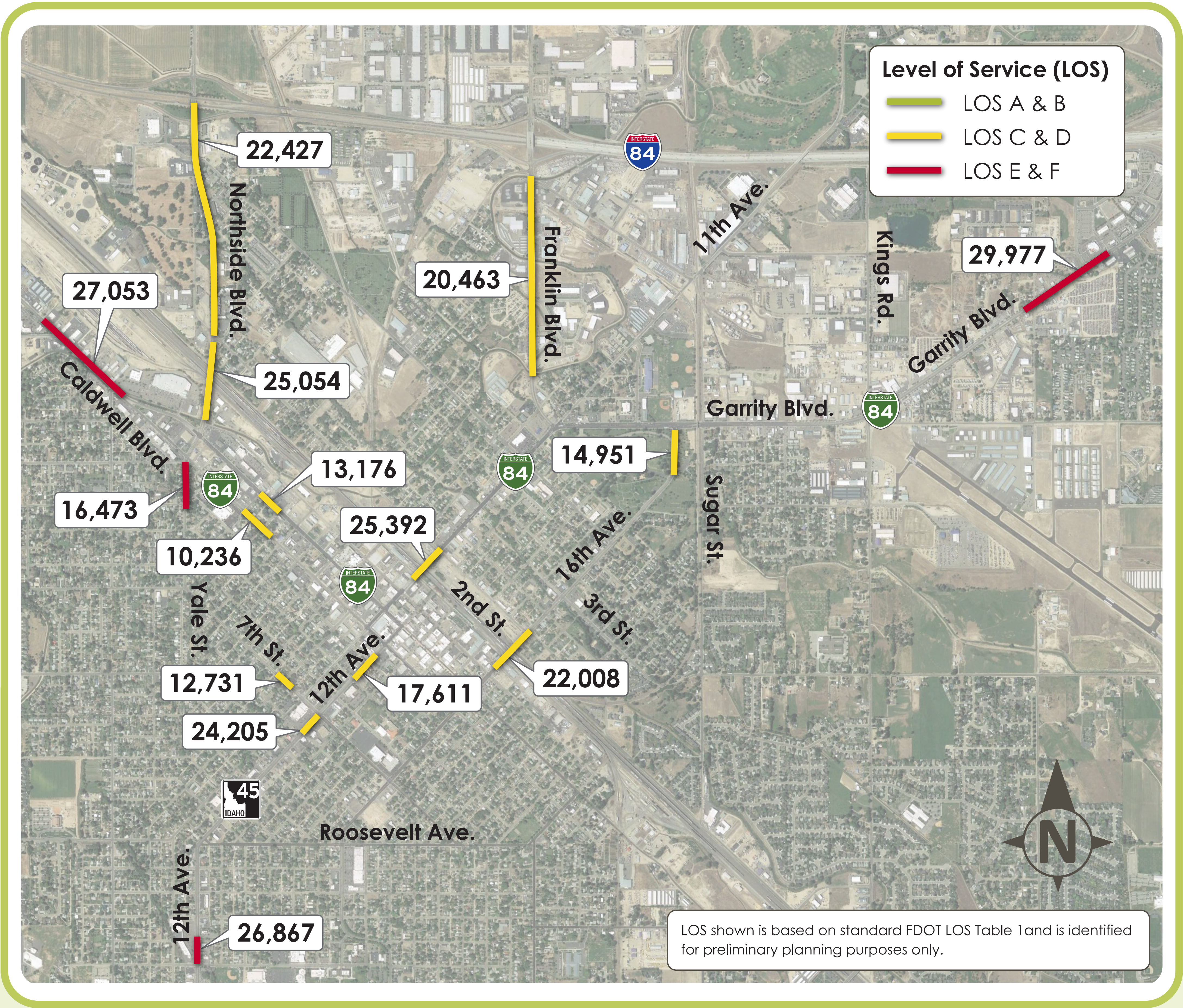
THE NEED for this project includes:

- Addressing existing deficiencies such as travel time, congestion, delays, and safety
- Preparing for future growth and economic development in downtown Nampa
- Increasing freight mobility for existing state-owned roadways in downtown Nampa
- Implementing infrastructure that provides a range of options for users

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Daily Traffic Volumes in Nampa, Idaho May/June 2021



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Routes for Weekday Traffic from Lake Lowell Ave./Amity Ave. to I-84 EB/WB

Daily traffic between I-84 and Lake Lowell Ave./Amity Ave. largely uses 12th Ave, 11th Ave., and Franklin Blvd. The AM and PM peak periods also experience similar travel patterns.



Process and schedule

May 2021	Begin study
Aug. 2021	Evaluate traffic volumes
Aug. 2021	Gather input at public meeting
Ongoing	Identify alternatives and evaluation criteria
Ongoing	Evaluate environmental resources (some of these include historic resources, community characteristics, and right-of-way impacts)
Feb. 2022	Gather input on community's preferred solutions at public meeting
Sept. 2022	Complete study
TBD once funded	Future NEPA study
TBD once funded	Design and construction

Next steps

Thank you for participating today. Please complete a comment sheet before you leave.

The project team will review and consider all input. Subsequently, appropriate modifications will be made before moving to the next stage of the study.

You are welcome to contact the project team at any time with questions or suggestions. If you provided your email address today, you will receive an invitation to the next public meeting, expected to be held February 2022.

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