

U.S. 95 THORNCREEK ROAD TO MOSCOW

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U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow Profile: Miguel Gaddi

Miguel Gaddi is an urban planner and architect who is preparing a socio-economic analysis for the Idaho Transportation Department's U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow project.

Miguel works for HDR Engineering in Boise and specializes in transportation and land use issues.



As part of the socio-economic study, Miguel will analyze:

- The demographic conditions found in the project area
- Environmental justice issues to determine whether minority or low-income populations are disproportionately impacted by the alternatives/alignments, and the degree of those impacts
- The potential to induce development within the project area based on the possible improvements

In order to complete his analysis, Miguel will:

- Prepare a community profile for Latah County and the segment of U.S. 95 extending from Thorncreek Road to Moscow. The community profile document will include maps, graphics, land use inventory, summary of local plans, forecasts and projections. This work is being done in collaboration with Dale Rosebrock and Intermountain Demographics.
- Identify and analyze the impacts of the proposed alternatives on community life. The environmental justice task will identify and address disproportionately high and adverse effects of proposed alternatives/alignments on minority and low-income populations in each corridor and discuss avoidance, minimization, or mitigation measures for those impacts.
- Identify and analyze the impacts of the proposed alternatives on land uses and future residential and commercial development by using the Delphi process. The Delphi process relies on the opinions of a panel of experts to develop a reasonably defensible answer to a question when no data is available. The selected experts, through a highly structured technique, provide their assessment of likely future outcomes by responding to several rounds of questions.

Miguel has experience in project management, public policy analysis, land use, transportation planning analysis, cost-benefit analysis, and environmental impact assessments. As an associate planner with HDR Engineering, he has worked with the Idaho Transportation Department on several Environmental Impact Statements and Corridor Studies.

Prior to joining HDR, Miguel worked at the University of Iowa Public Policy Center, the Iowa Finance Authority, and developed area and metropolitan area plans for cities in Brazil and Argentina. Miguel holds a professional degree in Architecture from the University of Buenos Aires and an MS in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Iowa.

The October breakfast meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 11. The meeting will be held at the Sandpiper Grill Restaurant (formerly known as the Mark IV), 414 Main St. in Moscow, from 7 to 8 a.m.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

TOP OF LEWISTON HILL TO GENESEE

- The contractor is working on the subgrade and hauling rock cap, which is the first layer of rock above the subgrade
- The U.S. 95 spur into Genesee will close in September for about two months so crews can start work on the Calf Creek Bridge located east of the main alignment

GENESEE TO THORNCREEK ROAD

- Paving the northbound lanes began in early September and will take about one month to complete
- Traffic will be switched to the new northbound lanes early this fall and crews will begin excavating and preparing the subgrade for the southbound lanes

KIOSK LOCATED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

The information kiosk for the U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow Project is located at the University of Idaho on the second floor of the Idaho Commons Building at the south end of the building.

The kiosk is staffed two days a week by someone who can answer questions about the project. Staffing days and times are:

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-5 p.m.

The kiosk is updated regularly and contains project information including newsletters, brochures and notices of upcoming events.

MONTHLY BREAKFAST MEETING

Monthly breakfast meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month from 7 to 8 a.m. at the Sandpiper Grill Restaurant (formerly known as the Mark IV), 414 N. Main Street in Moscow. The next breakfast meeting will be held Oct. 11.

The breakfast meeting topic will be the socio-economic study of the project area, including:

- The demographic conditions
- Whether minority or low-income populations are disproportionately impacted by the alternatives/alignments and the degree of those impacts
- The potential of the possible improvements to induce development

Miguel Gaddi who specializes in transportation and land use issues is the scheduled speaker. Miguel works for HDR Engineering in Boise. A profile of Miguel and his work is inside this newsletter.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Web site: www.itd.idaho.gov/GetInvolved/D2/ and click on U.S. 95, Thorncreek Road to Moscow, Stage 1
- Email: thorncreekroadtomoscow@itd.idaho.gov
- Call: ITD Project Manager Ken Helm at 799-5090

ITD THANKS YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN THIS PROJECT

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