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The Idaho Transportation Department has designed a replacement for the Pancheri Overpass on Interstate 15 south of Idaho Falls. The replacement will be a wide structure, featuring two lanes of traffic and a bike/pedestrian path in each direction of travel. The existing overpass, which has reached its design life, is a two-lane bridge built in 1962.

Plans call for construction to begin this summer. The project will include building approaches, improving Pancheri Drive through its intersection with Blue Sky Drive and installing storm-water treatment and control systems. The replacement bridge will improve traffic safety and flow, reducing congestion between Utah Avenue and Blue Sky Drive, a distance of just under a mile. The transportation department expects to complete the bulk of the work by year end.

Participating in the federally funded project are the Idaho Transportation Department, Bonneville Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO), Bonneville County and City of Idaho Falls. The project is part of a plan by BMPO, Bonneville County and Idaho Falls to upgrade the corridor between Yellowstone Highway and Bellin Road in Idaho Falls.

To obtain public comment on its design of the new overpass, the transportation department held an open house June 30, 2009, in Idaho Falls.

Below is a line drawing of lane and path widths planned for the new bridge.

