Yellowstone Avenue Safety Enhancements: Cedar Street to Alameda Road

PROJECT INFORMATION

Overview:

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is currently designing safety enhancements for Yellowstone Avenue between Cedar Street and Alameda Road in Pocatello. The project will:

- Install a raised median along the center of Yellowstone between the Cedar and Alameda intersections.
- Adjust signal timing at the Alameda intersection.

This project will improve safety in the area, and is estimated to be constructed by 2020.

History:

In 2014, ITD began a study to address safety considerations at both the Yellowstone/Alameda intersection and the stretch of Yellowstone between Cedar and Alameda. Part of this study was an analysis of crash data that indicated a safety problem along this stretch of roadway. ITD used both the crash data and traffic data to model different improvements and intersection designs that could address the safety issue and provide for more capacity. The results of the study showed that the installation of a continuous raised median along Yellowstone between the Cedar and Alameda intersections would provide a substantial safety benefit for the corridor and the traveling public.



Proposed project enhancements.

Project Update:

After additional review and consideration of a continuous raised median, it was determined that a narrower median is a better option. The narrow median allows for increased left turn bay capacity at the intersections of Cedar and Alameda. This should improve travel time for continuous north and south bound traffic on Yellowstone. In addition, the median on this section of Yellowstone won't be landscaped.

Next Steps:

ITD will work with area businesses, motorists and other members of the public as it designs and prepares for construction of the raised median and signal adjustments. Watch the ITD website, *www.itd.idaho.gov/d5* (Design Projects tab), for details about public information meetings and schedule updates.





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