

I-15 Public Open House

May 12-26 Online Meeting

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Welcome

The purpose of this meeting is to share information and gather your input about the Interstate 15 (I-15) Exit 89 to Exit 93 Widening project between Fort Hall and Blackfoot.

Today's meeting will also give you the opportunity to learn about other design and construction projects along the I 15 corridor.

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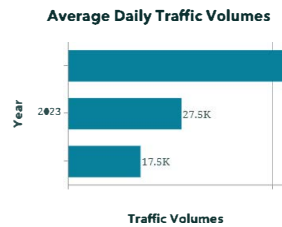


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I-15 Open House Welcome Video

Traffic

I 15 was constructed in the 1960s and 1970s, and the interstate is aging and nearing capacity. Traffic volumes are projected to increase in eastern Idaho over the next 25 years.



I-15 Exit 89 to Exit 93 Widening

Project Overview

ITD is developing plans to widen I-15 to three lanes in each direction near Blackfoot. The project begins approximately one mile north of the I-15 South Blackfoot Interchange (Exit 89) and ends approximately one mile south of the I-15 US-26/Blackfoot Interchange (Exit 93).

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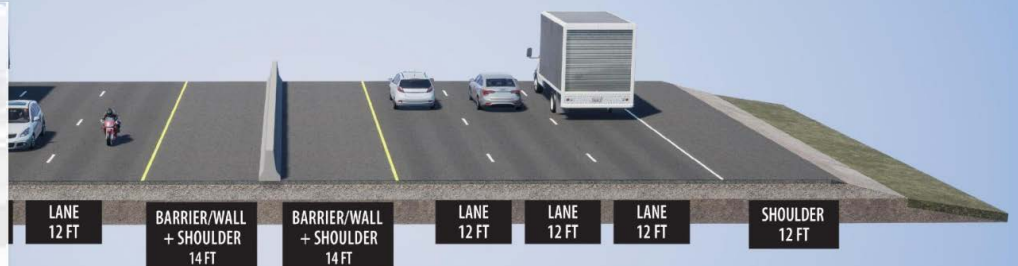
- Improve safety and mobility.
- Increase capacity



Planned Improvements

ITD is moving forward with a closed median design. The design will:

- Widen I-15 to three lanes in each direction.
- Replace the I-15 Blackfoot River Bridge.
- Provide smooth transitions to the South Blackfoot Interchange (Exit 89) and US-26/Blackfoot Interchange (Exit 93) projects.



Process & Schedule

Year	Activity
2022	Began environmental evaluation and design work.
Spring 2025	Hosted community open houses to present preliminary design options and request input.
2025-2026	Developed design plans.
2026 (We are here)	Host community open houses to present design plans and request input.
2026-2027	Complete design plans.
2028	Construction could begin if funding becomes available.

Riverton Road Bridge

Overview

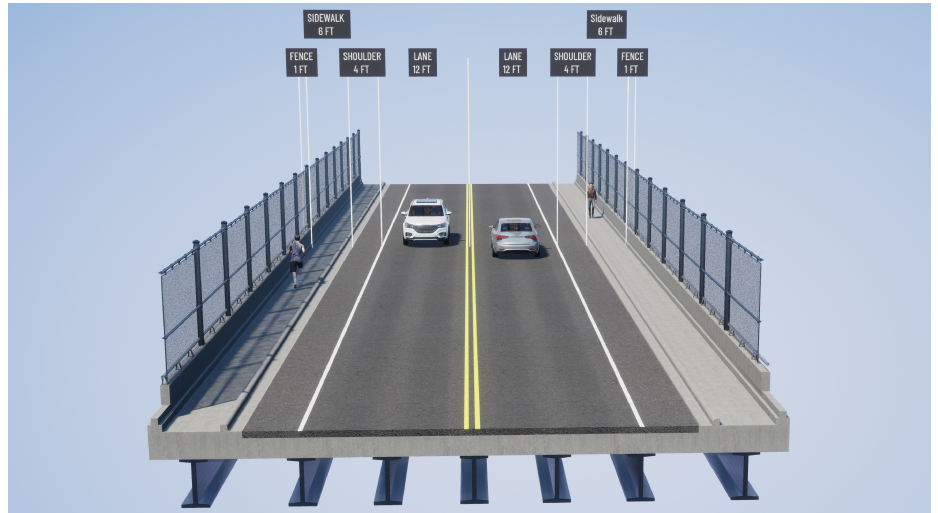
The Riverton Road Bridge was originally scheduled to be replaced as part of the I-15 Exit 89 to Exit 93 Widening project. After sustaining damage from a vehicle strike in November 2025, ITD has determined that the most cost-effective path forward is to replace the bridge ahead of schedule.

Construction on the new bridge begins in spring 2026 and is expected to be completed in late 2026.



New Bridge Design

This bridge design will be compatible with widening improvements designed for I 15, as well as improvements planned by the city of Blackfoot for Riverton Road.

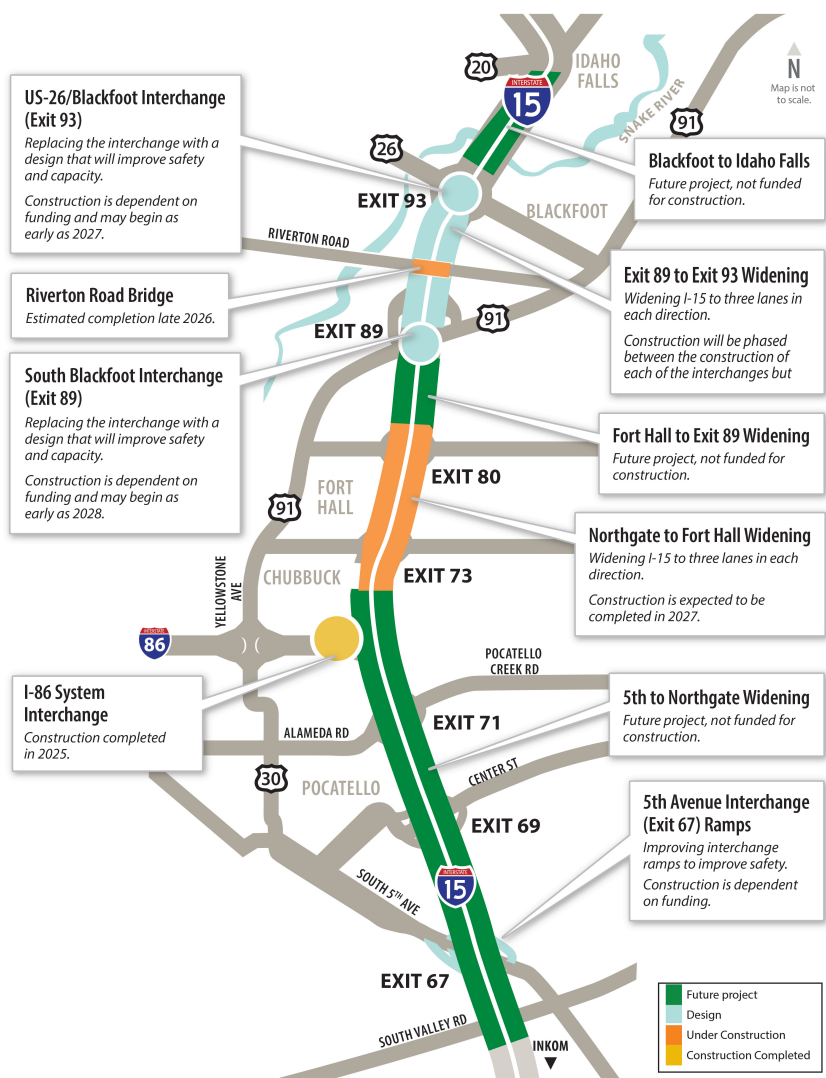


What to Expect During Construction

During construction, motorists can expect:

- The Riverton Road Bridge will remain closed.
- Nighttime lane closures and crossover traffic patterns on I-15.
- Reduced speed limits on I-15.

Other I-15 Projects

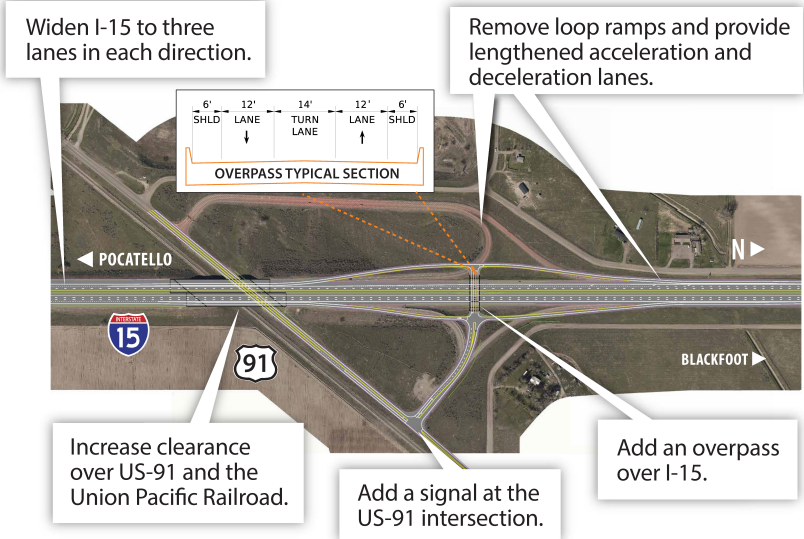


I-15 South Blackfoot Interchange

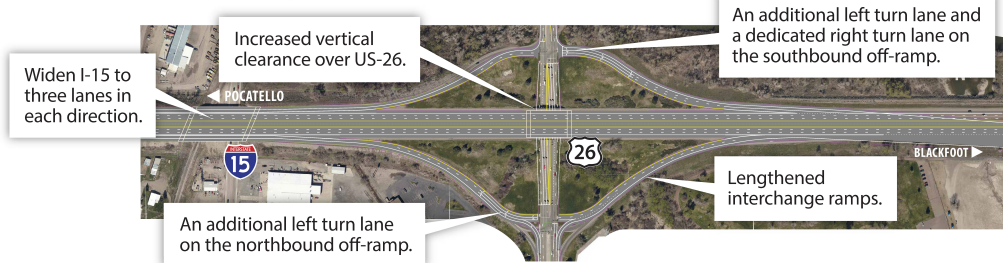
Project Overview

ITD is developing plans to replace the I-15 South Blackfoot Interchange at Exit 89. This interchange is located where I-15 crosses over US Highway 91 and the UPRR tracks near Blackfoot. Construction is dependent on funding and may begin as early as 2028.

Recommended Design



Planned Improvements



I-15 US-26/Blackfoot Interchange (Exit 93)

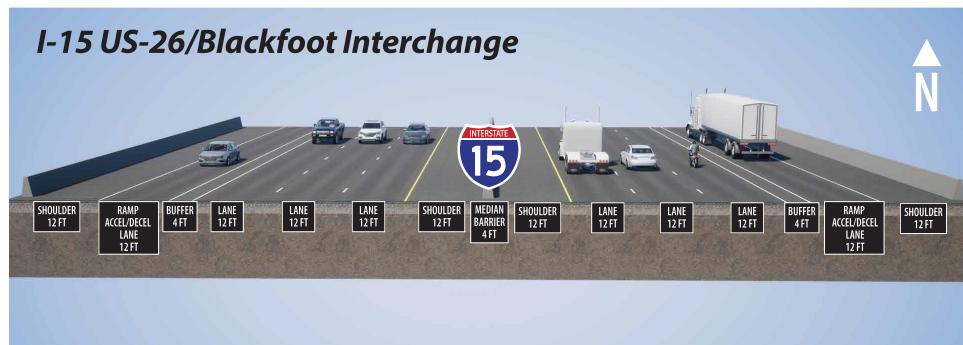
Project Overview

ITD finalized plans to replace the I-15 US-26/Blackfoot Interchange at Exit 93 in Blackfoot. This project includes replacing the interchange where I-15 crosses over US Highway 26 and replacing the interstate bridge crossing over the Union Pacific Railroad and Bridge Street. Construction is dependent on funding and may begin as early as 2027.

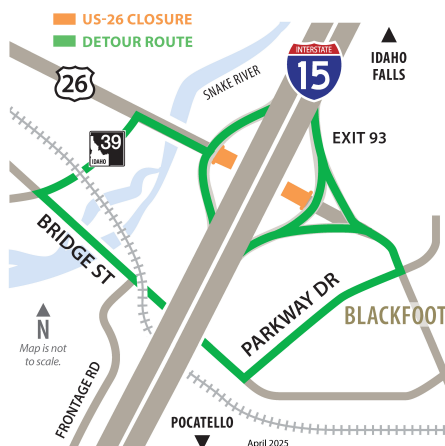


US-26 Improvements

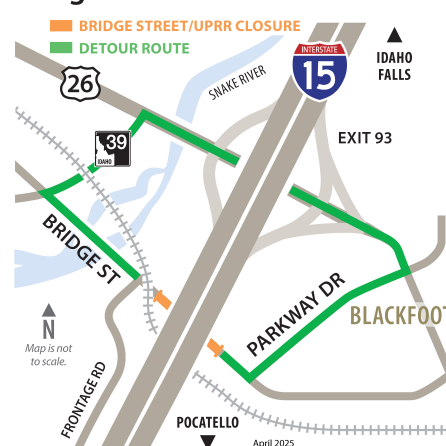
US-26 will have two through lanes and two left turn lanes in each direction on to the I-15 ramps. The new design features 23-foot clearance over US 26 to accommodate oversized trucks and megaloads.



US-26 Closure Detour

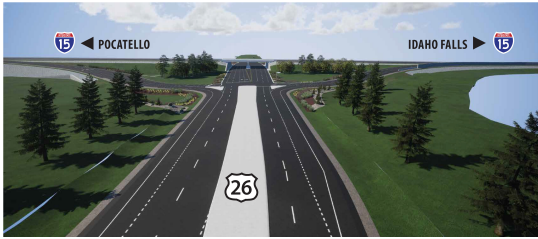


Bridge Street Closure Detour



Detours

Short-duration nighttime closures on US-26 and Bridge Street are anticipated to keep the public safe while performing bridge work.



Landscaping

Updated landscaping will improve lines of sight for motorists and reduce maintenance costs. Existing trees and vegetation will be damaged if left in place during construction activities. ITD will remove and replace impacted trees and vegetation.



Portneuf River Restoration

Trees removed from the project area during construction will be used to improve the aquatic habitat of the Portneuf River near McCammon. Large trees and their roots will be placed in the river, providing shade and cover for aquatic wildlife to thrive.

Community Input & Local Coordination

ITD has hosted three public meetings regarding the I-15 South Blackfoot Interchange (Exit 89), the Exit 89 to Exit 93 Widening and the I-15 US 26/Blackfoot Interchange (Exit 93) projects since 2023. The project team thanks every community member who participated. At these meetings, the project teams heard:

- Support for increasing capacity on I-15. Concerns about construction impacts and timelines. Ideas about how to improve proposed designs.



I-15 Construction Phasing

ITD's goal during construction is to keep two lanes open in each direction on I-15 during peak traffic hours. To do this, ITD will use a phased approach to shift traffic

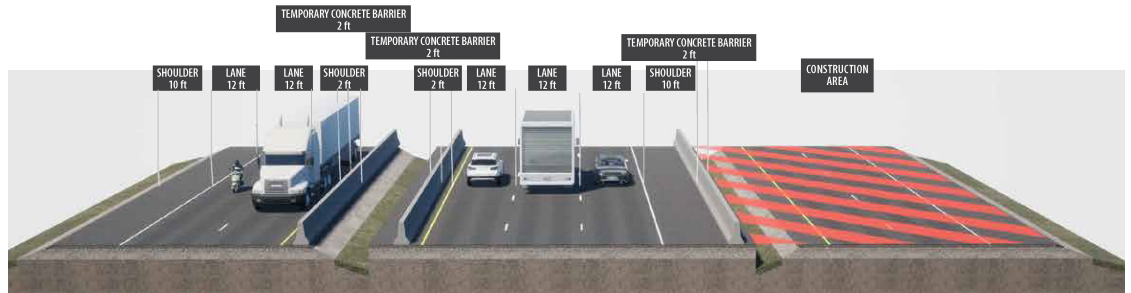
Phase 1:

Crews will construct new lanes in the median of I-15.



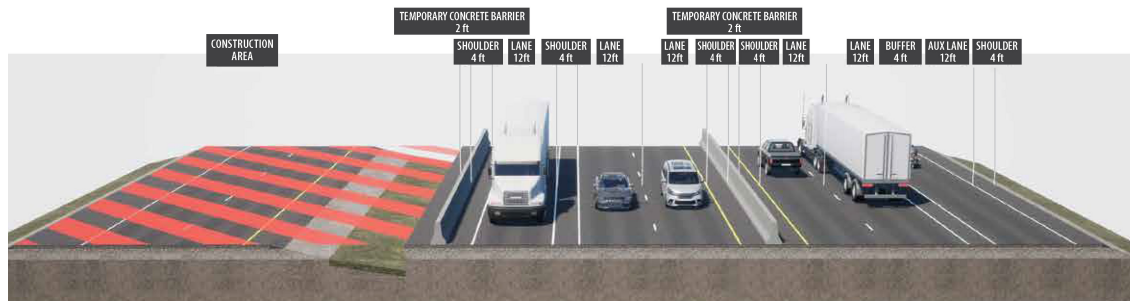
Phase 2:

Northbound traffic will shift into the newly constructed lanes in the median. Work will begin on the northbound lanes.



Phase 3:

Northbound traffic will shift to the newly completed northbound lanes. Southbound traffic will shift to the new lanes in the median. Crews will construct the southbound lanes of I-15.



Comment Form

Please fill out a [comment form](#) and submit your input. The project team will review your comments while finalizing project design plans.

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Thank you

Thank you for attending today's meeting for the I-15 Exit 89 to Exit 93 Widening project.

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