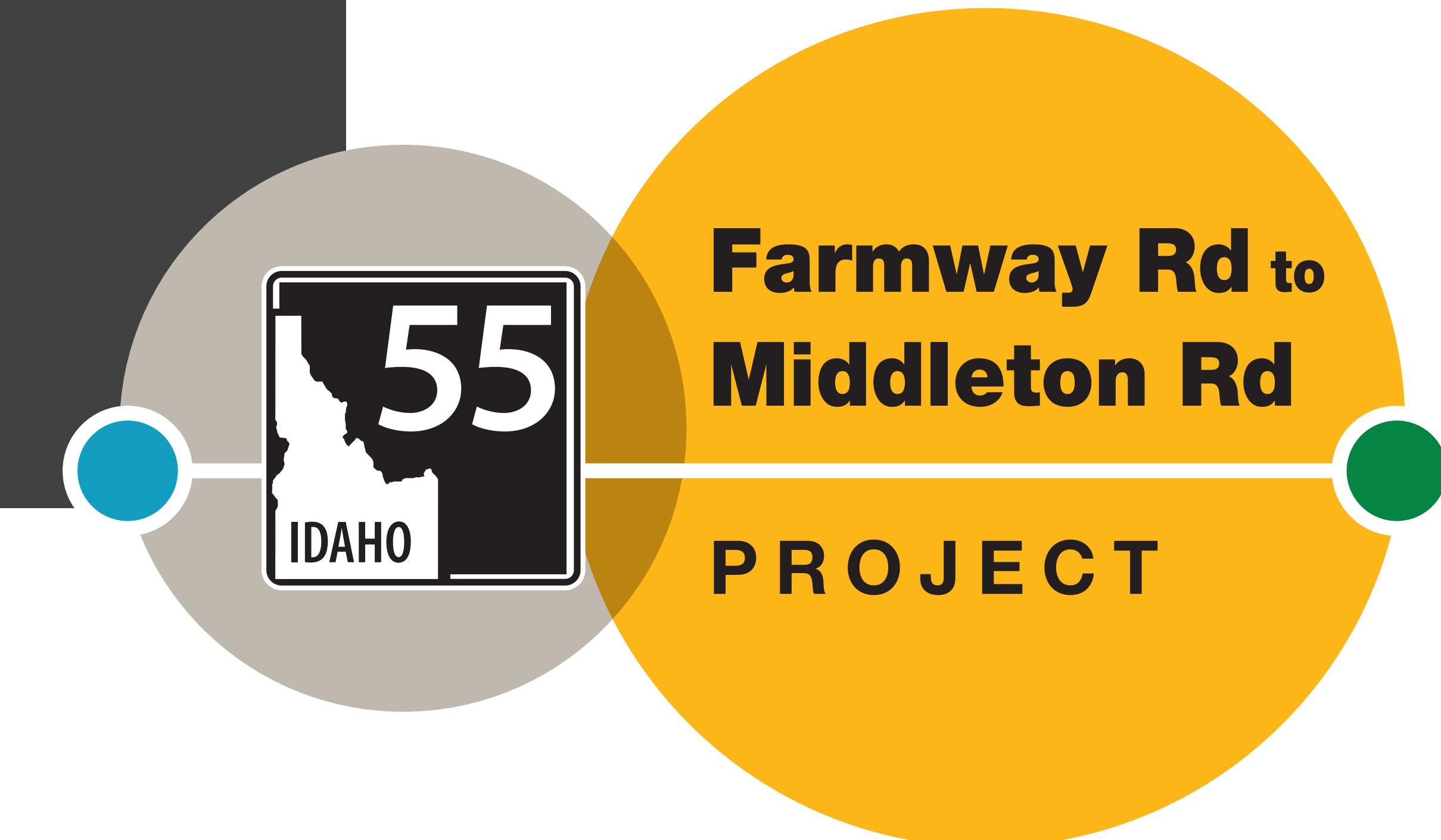


# Welcome

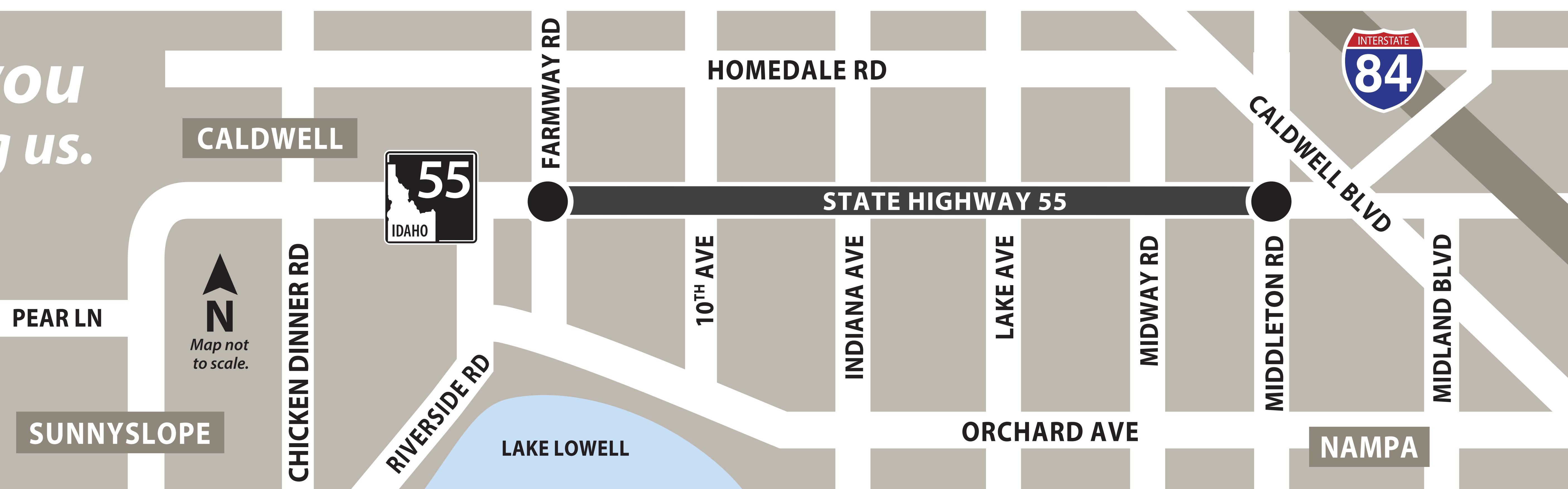
The Idaho Transportation Department has completed the final design plans for widening SH-55 from Farmway Road to Middleton Road.

Improvements will add capacity, help motorists access the highway as safely as possible and improve pedestrian and bicycle mobility.

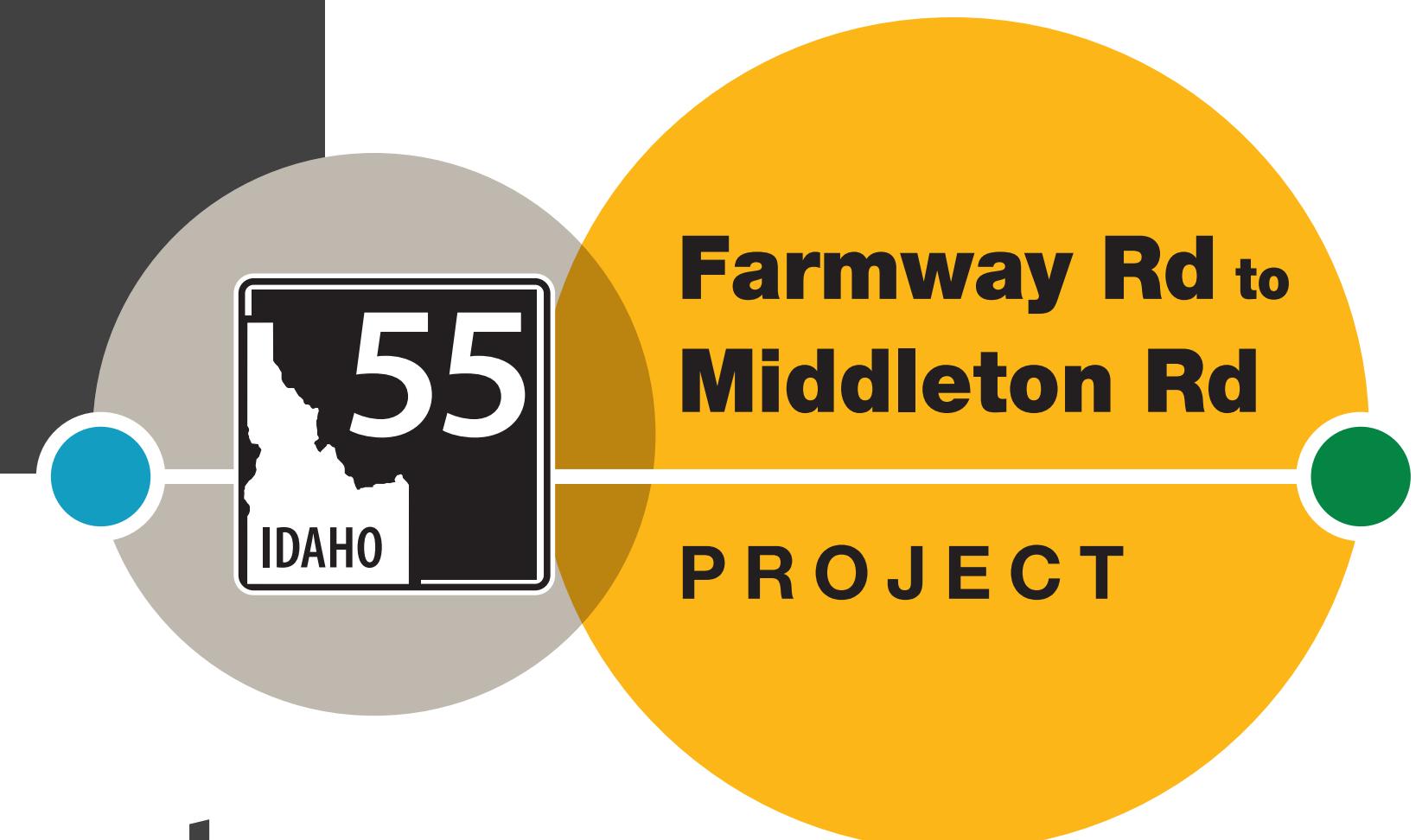
The purpose of this meeting is to present updated design plans and gather your feedback.



*Thank you  
for joining us.*



# Background



Over the past several years, ITD has studied numerous options for improving State Highway 55 in Canyon County.

This process has resulted in several safety improvements on SH-55.

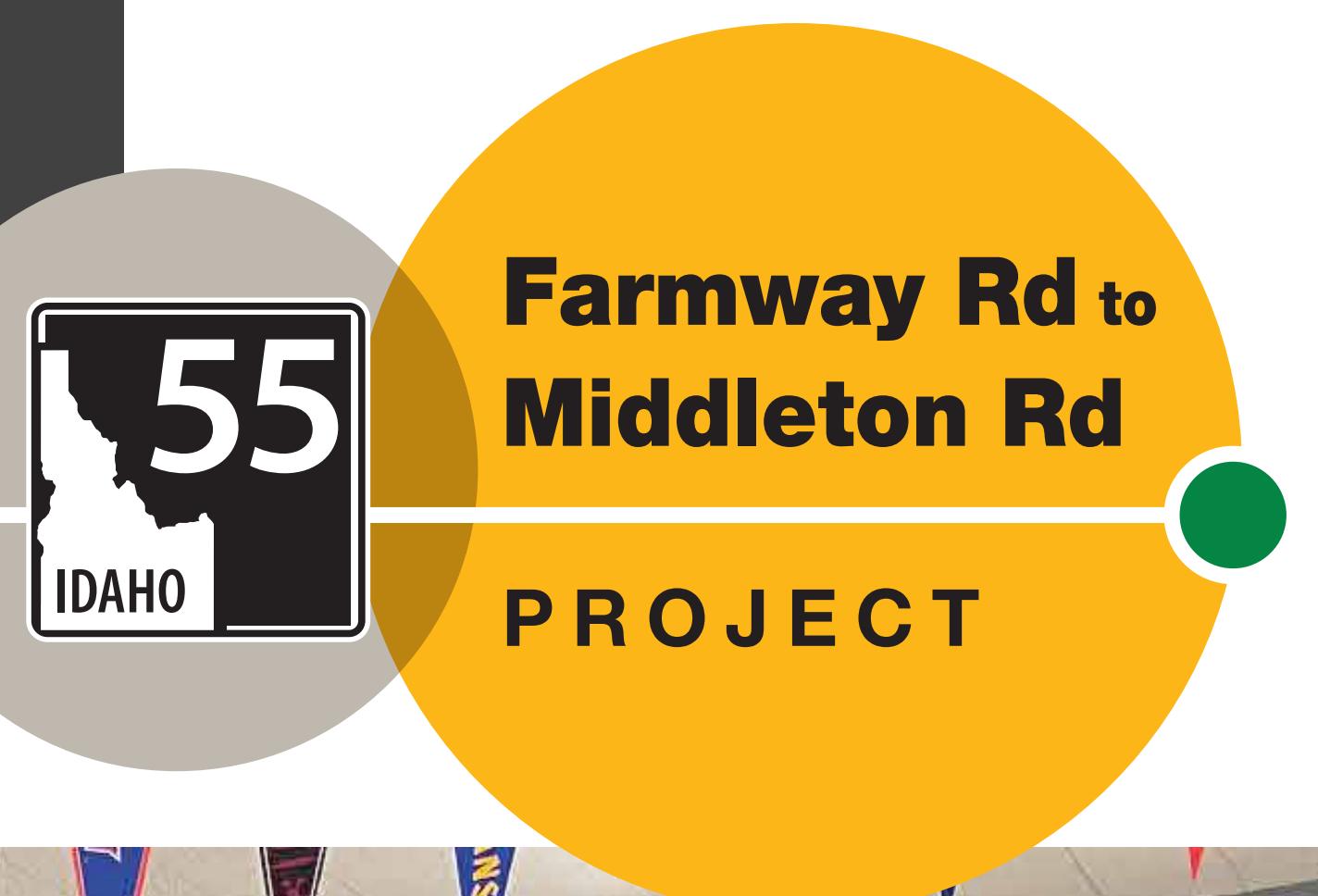
It also identified the need for more extensive improvements between Pear Lane and Middleton Road.

# Phased Approach

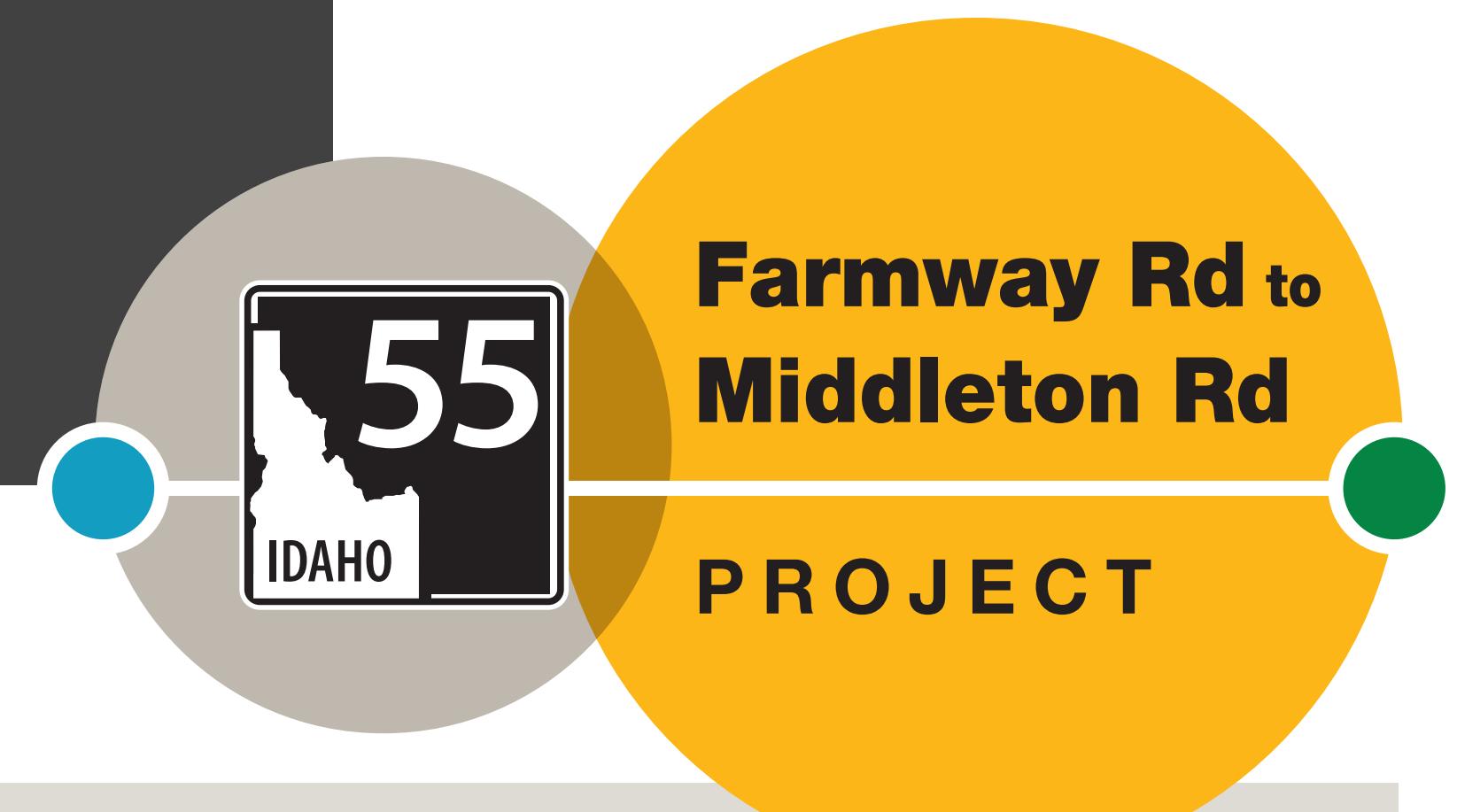
ITD will improve State Highway 55 in multiple phases.

Congestion and crash counts are greatest in the eastern half of the corridor. Therefore, ITD is building improvements from Farmway Road to Middleton Road first.

As funding becomes available and prioritized, ITD will continue work on the remainder of the corridor from Pear Lane to Farmway Road.



# Process & Schedule



Conducted SH-55, Pear Lane to Middleton Road Study.

2019

Began final design plans for improving SH-55 from Farmway Road to Middleton Road.

Summer/Fall 2021

Presented final design plans to the public for review and input.

Summer 2022

Purchase right-of-way.

Late 2022 – Early 2024

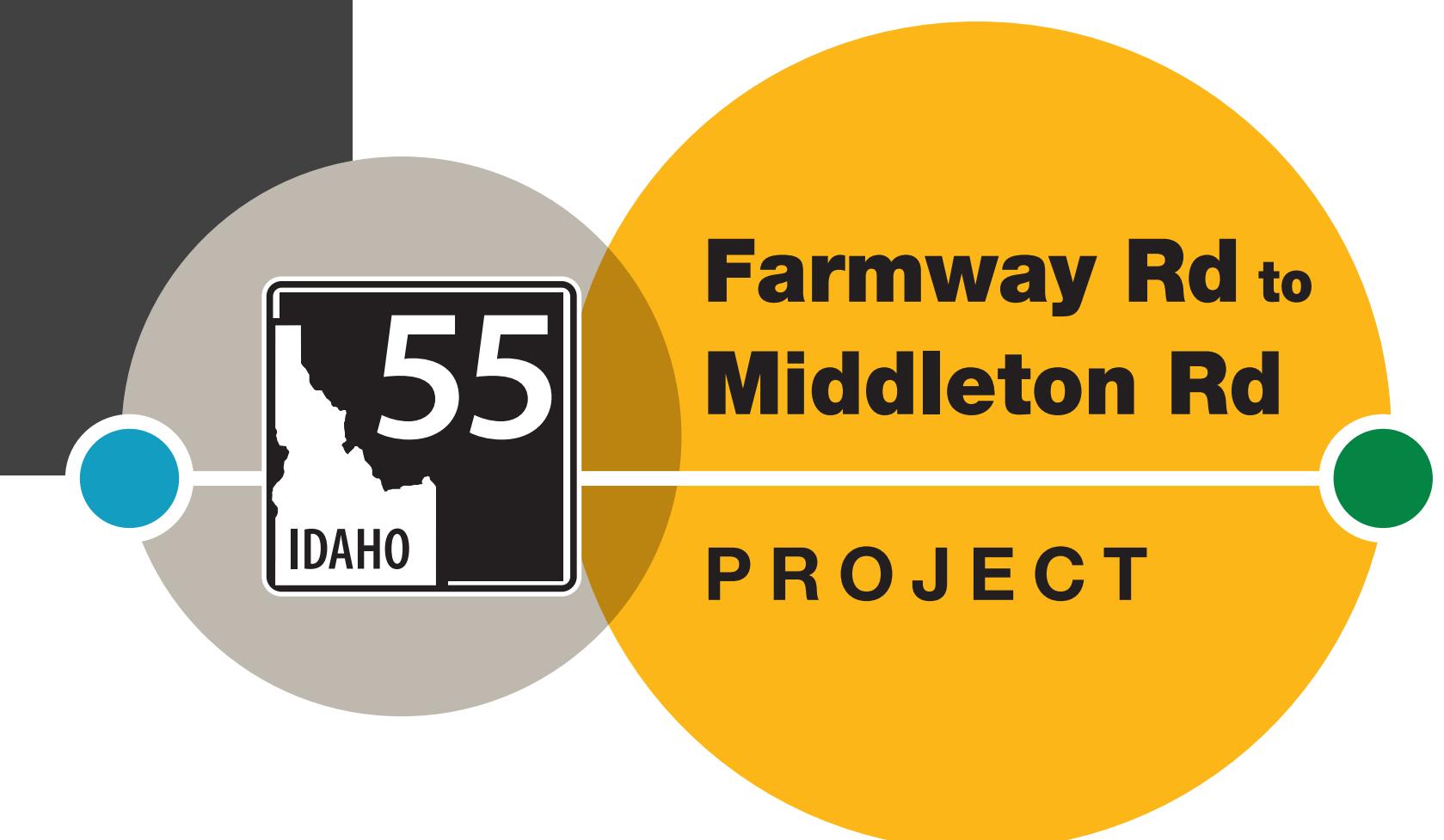
Updated final design plans are presented to the public for review.

Summer 2023

Anticipated construction.

2024 – Late 2026

# Roadway Improvements

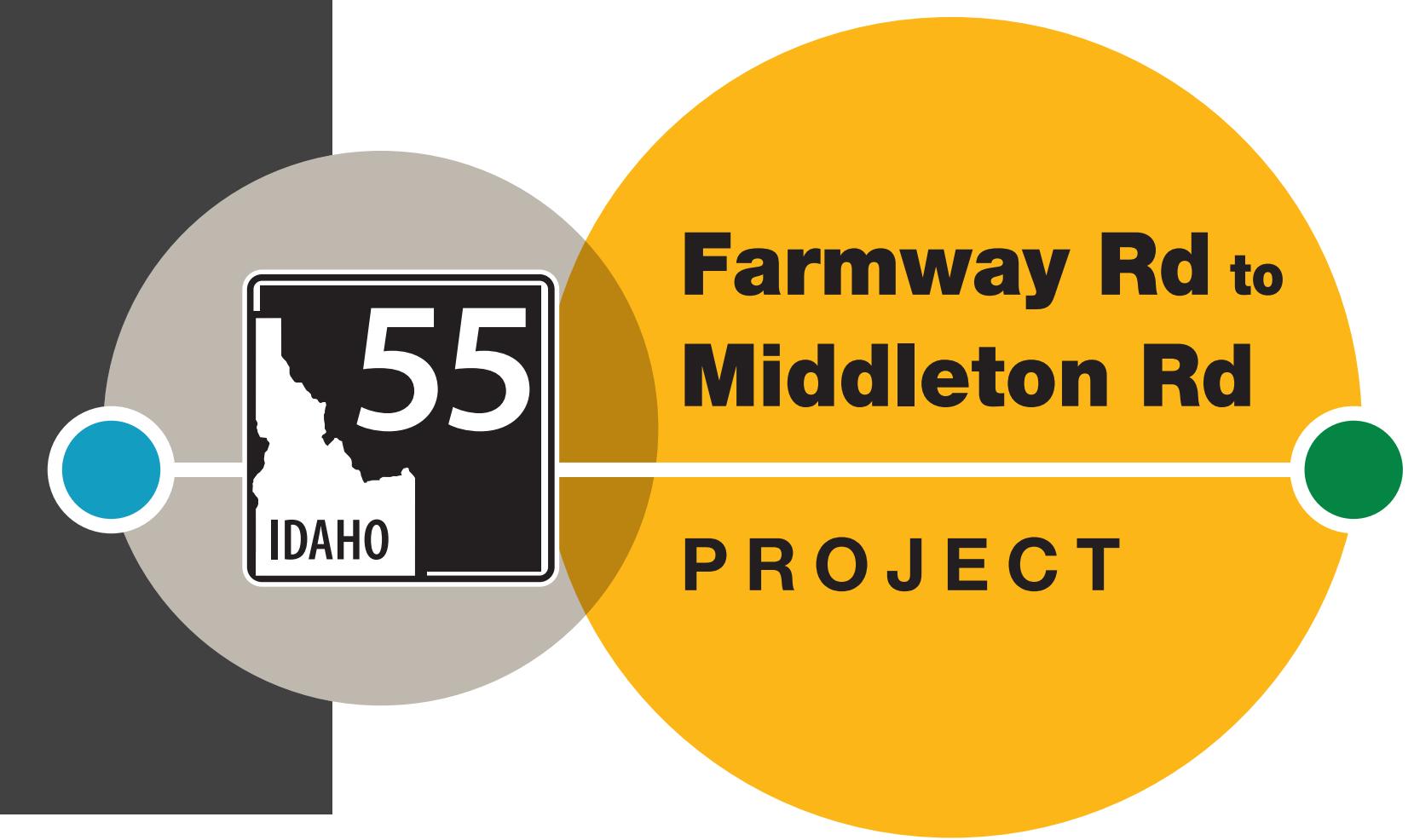


Final design plans include several roadway improvements between Farmway and Middleton roads:

- Widening SH-55 to four 12-foot wide lanes with dedicated left- and right-turn lanes at major intersections.
- Widening shoulders to 8 feet.
- Adding a raised median from 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Middleton Road.
- Adding a 10-foot bicycle and pedestrian pathway on the north and south sides of SH-55.



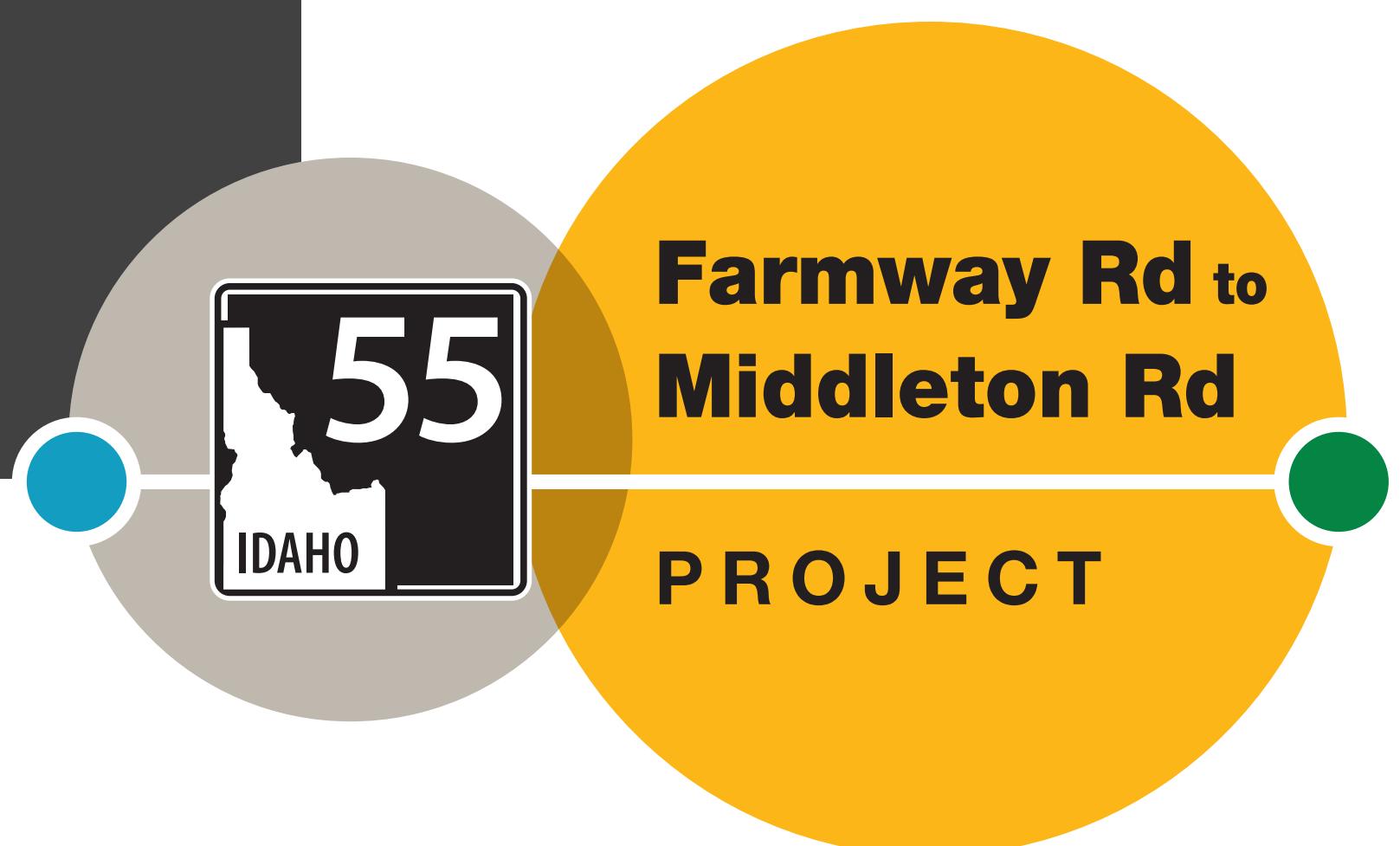
# Intersections & Other Improvements



**Improvements to intersections and other features include:**

- Upgrading existing signal equipment at the following intersections:
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - Indiana Avenue
  - Lake Avenue
  - Midway Road
  - Middleton Road
- Adding sound walls in three locations (Crestwood Estates, Fieldcrest Village, Lakeview Apartments).
- Widening the SH-55 and Middleton Road intersection with two eastbound and westbound left turn lanes.
- Adding a frontage road near 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the north side of the highway to combine multiple driveways and improve safety.

# Raised Median



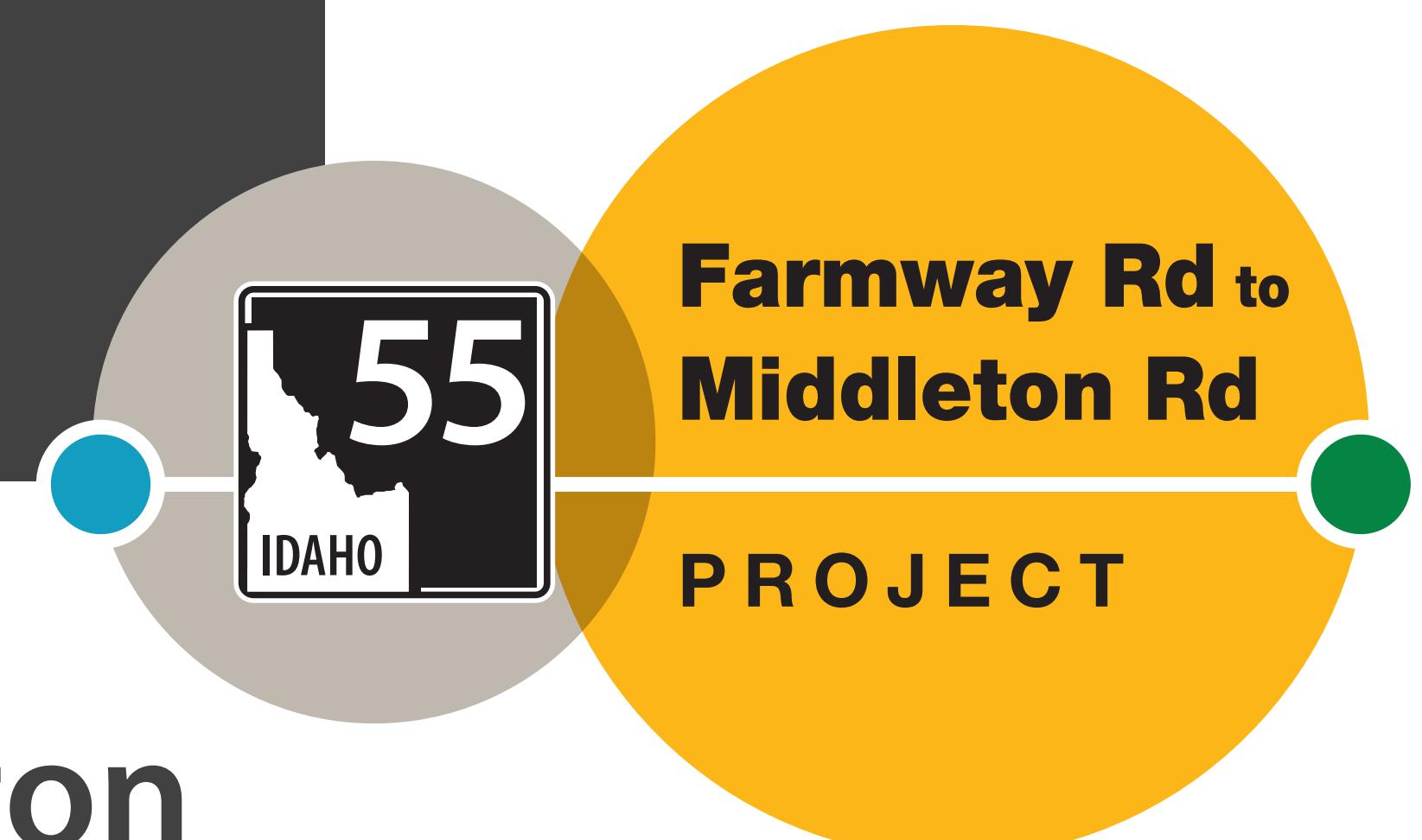
A raised median from 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Middleton Road will limit dangerous left turns across traffic.

Motorists will now be required to make a right turn onto SH-55 and proceed to the nearest signalized intersection to make a U-turn.

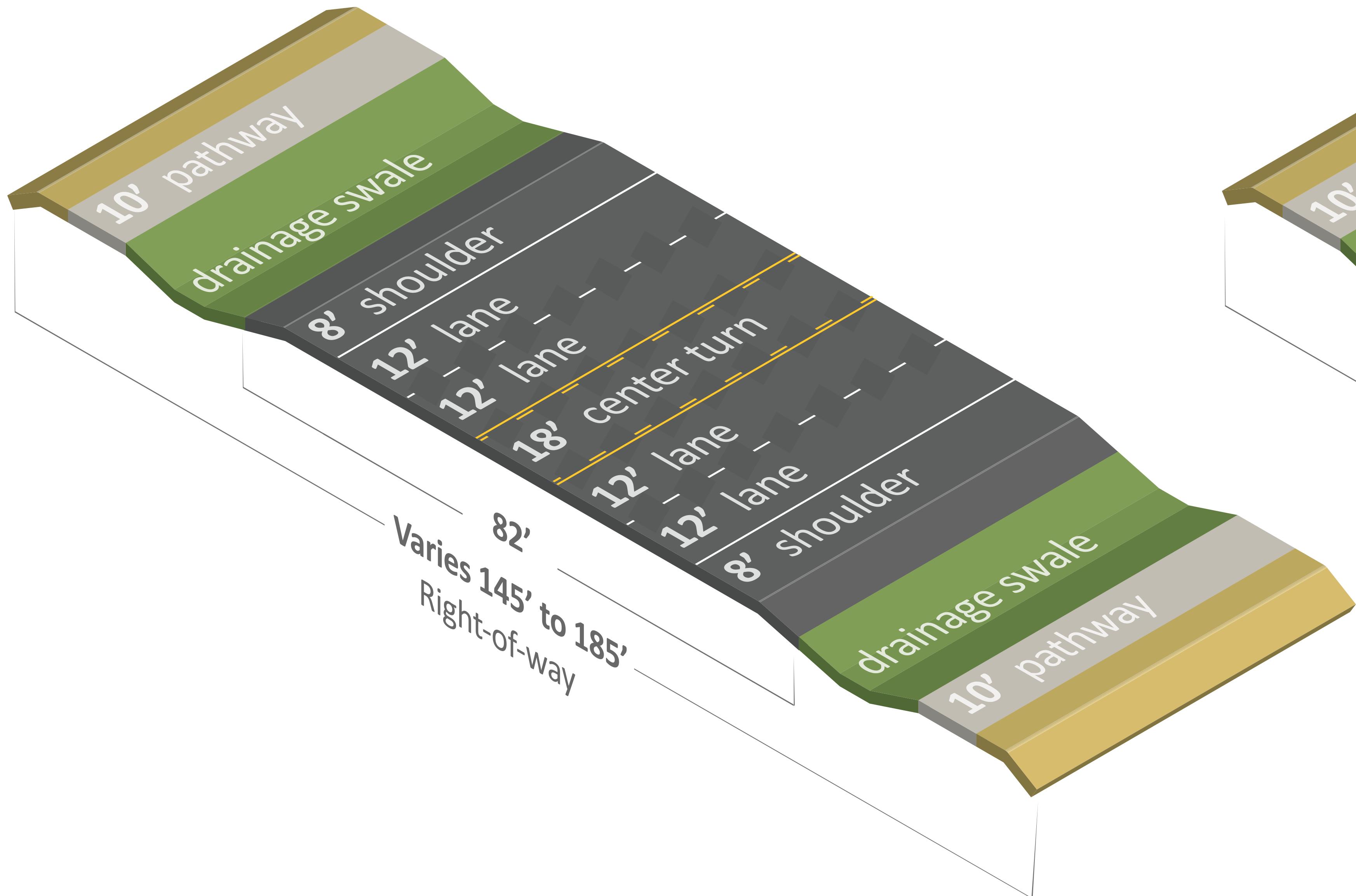


*Raised median*

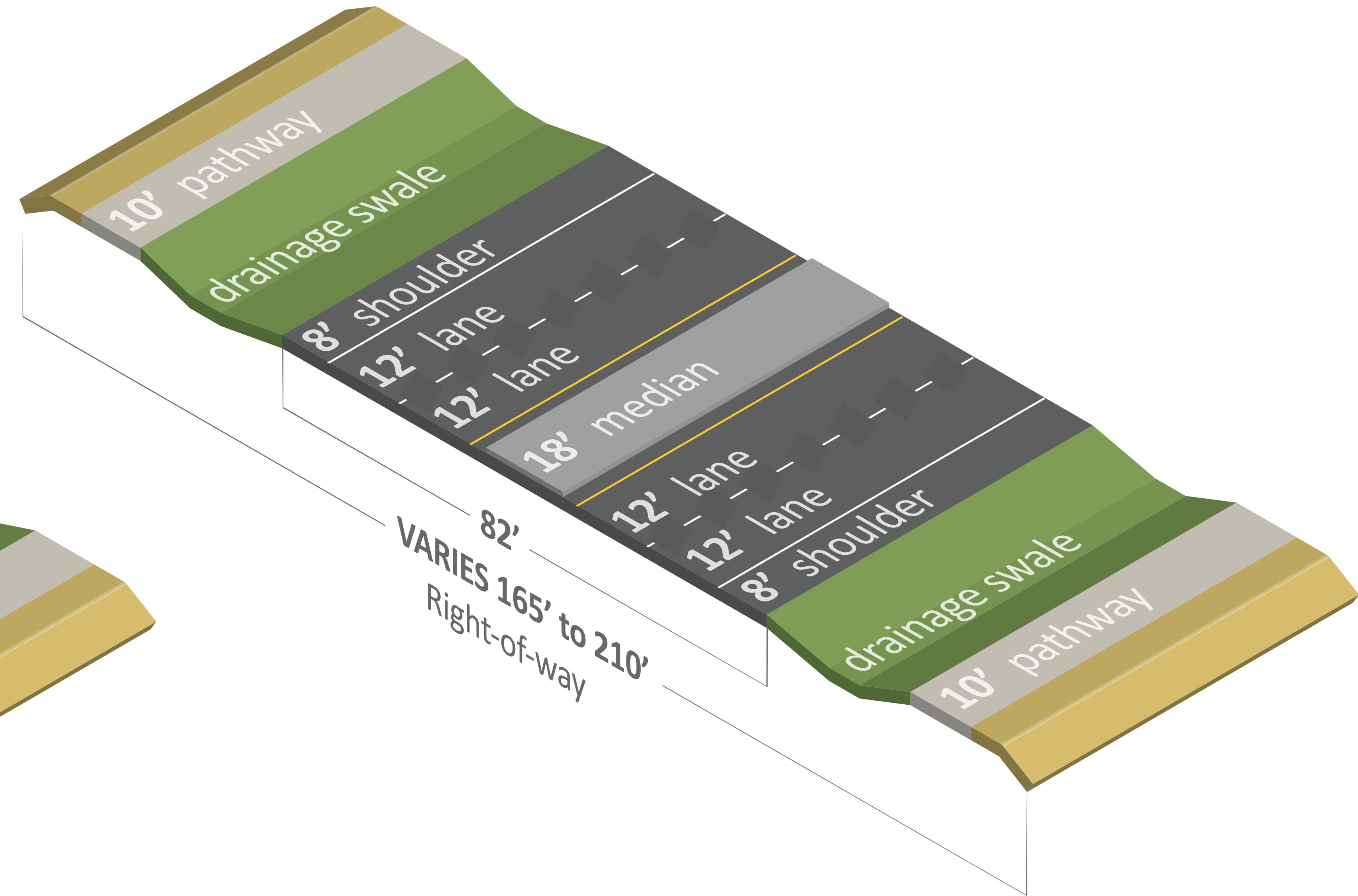
# Typical Roadway Sections



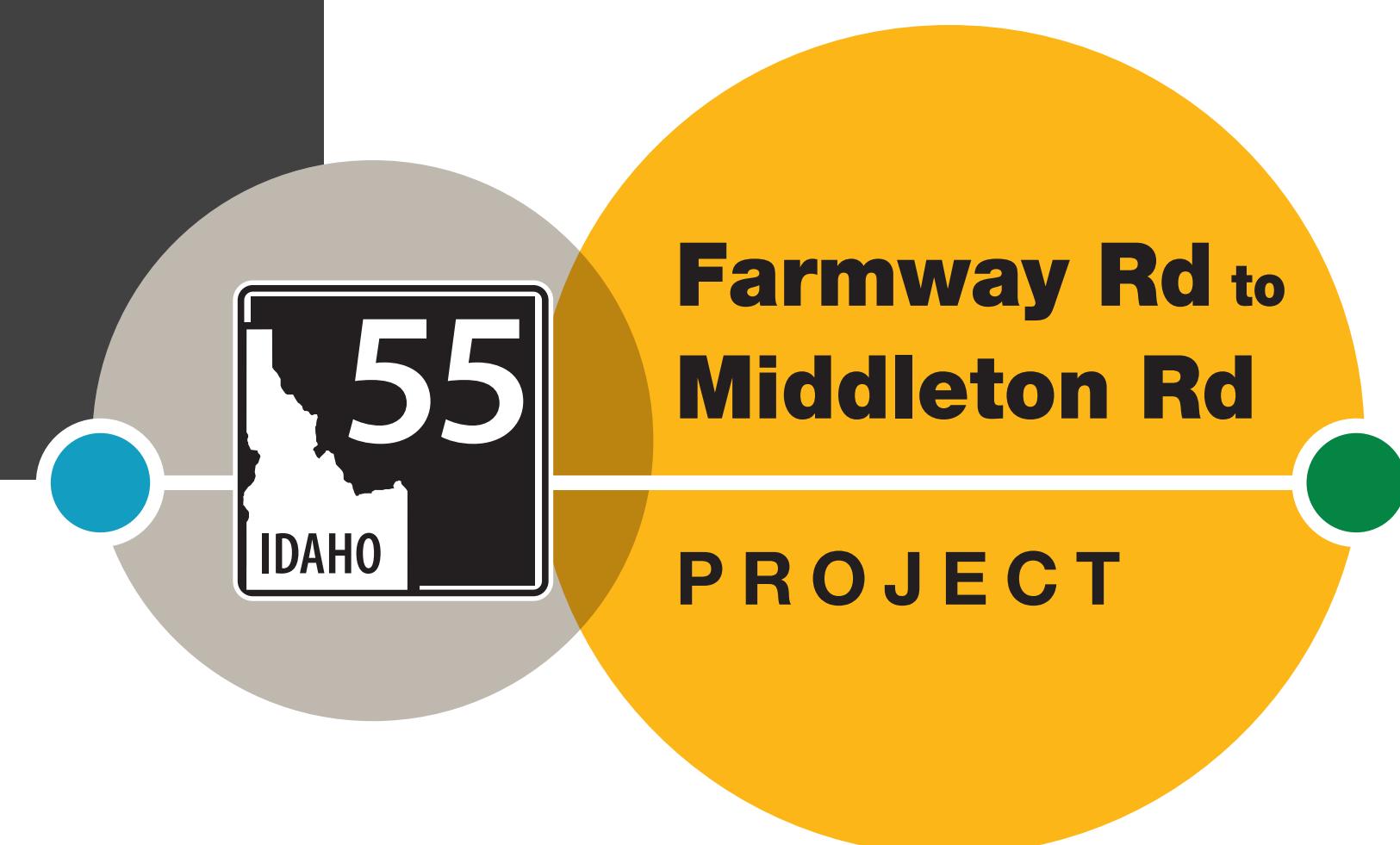
SH-55 Farmway to 10<sup>th</sup>



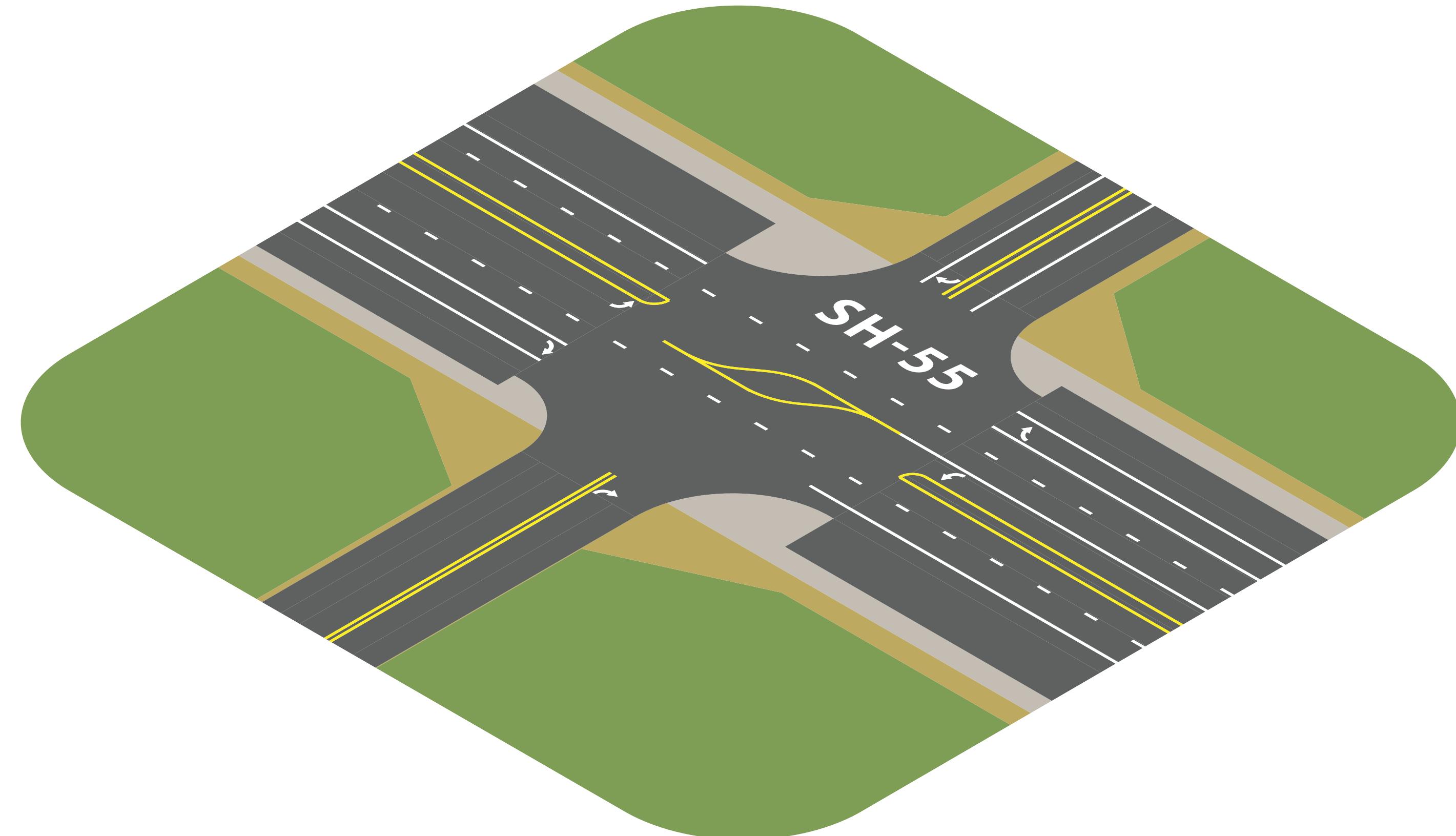
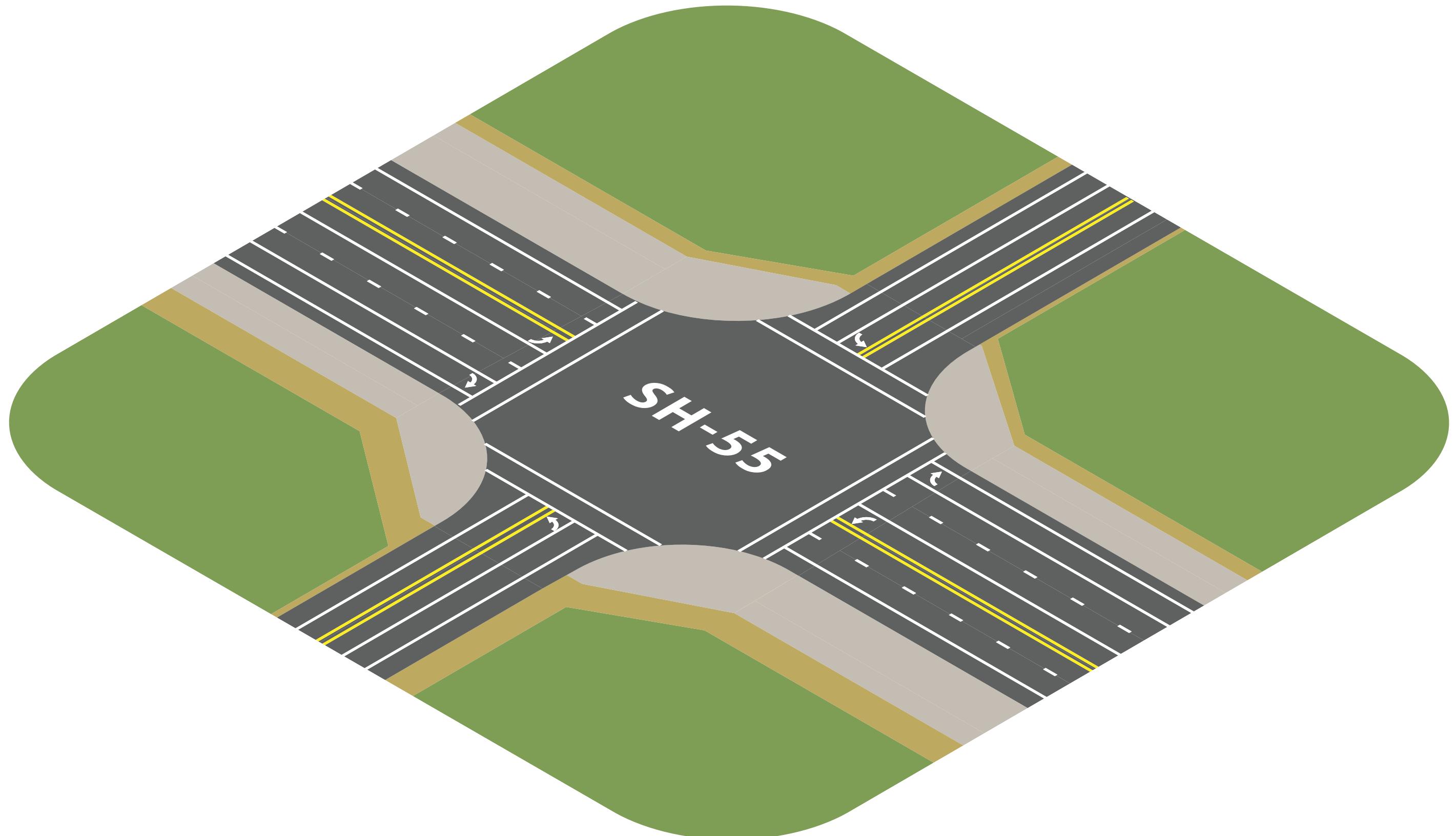
SH-55 10<sup>th</sup> to Middleton



# Typical Intersections



## SH-55 Farmway to Middleton



### Major intersection (*Signalized*)

- Middleton Road
- Midway Road
- Lake Avenue
- Indiana Avenue
- 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Farmway Road

### Typical mid-mile intersection (*Un-Signalized*)

- Amarone Avenue
- Celeste Avenue
- Florida Avenue
- Montana Avenue

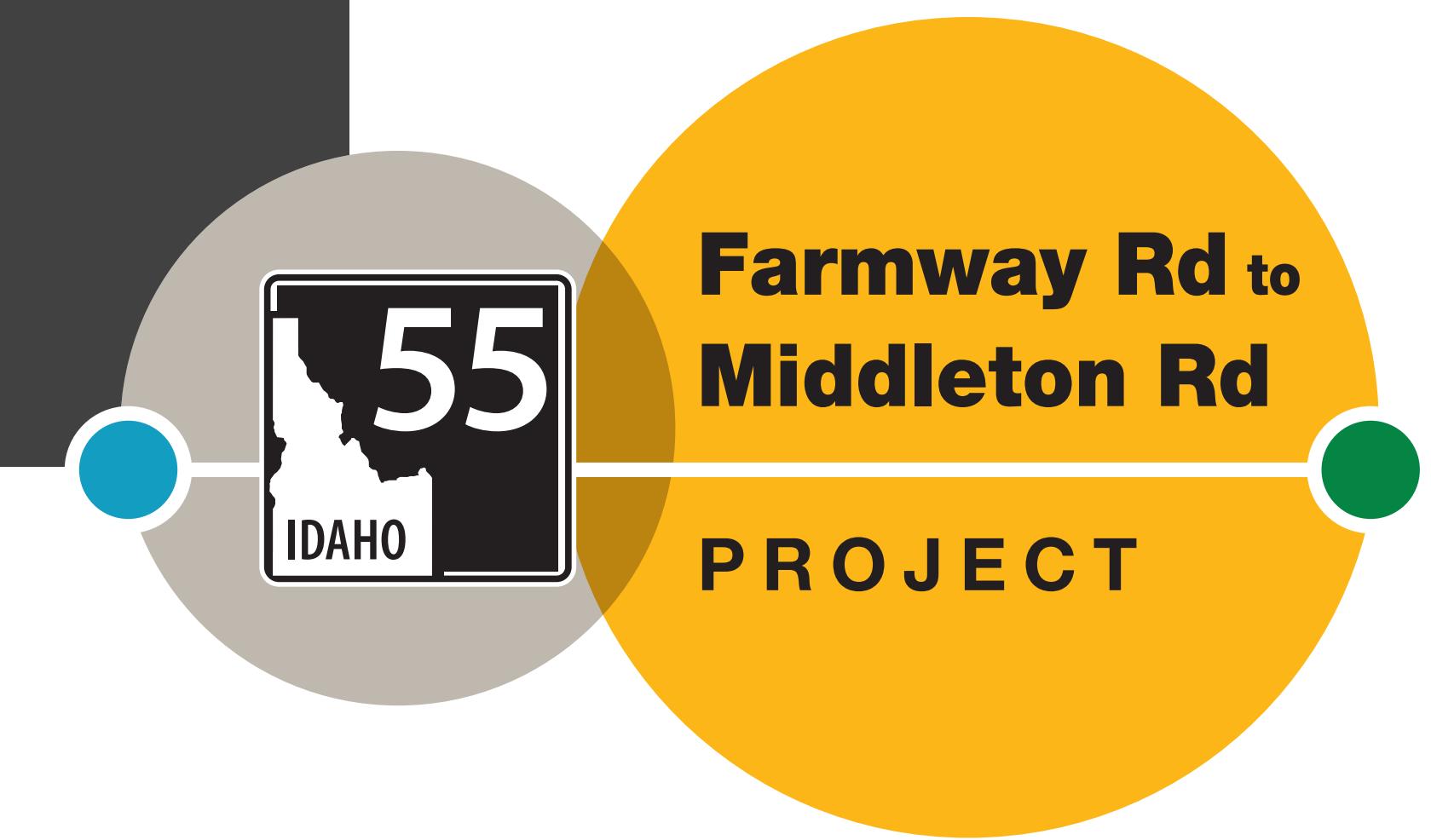
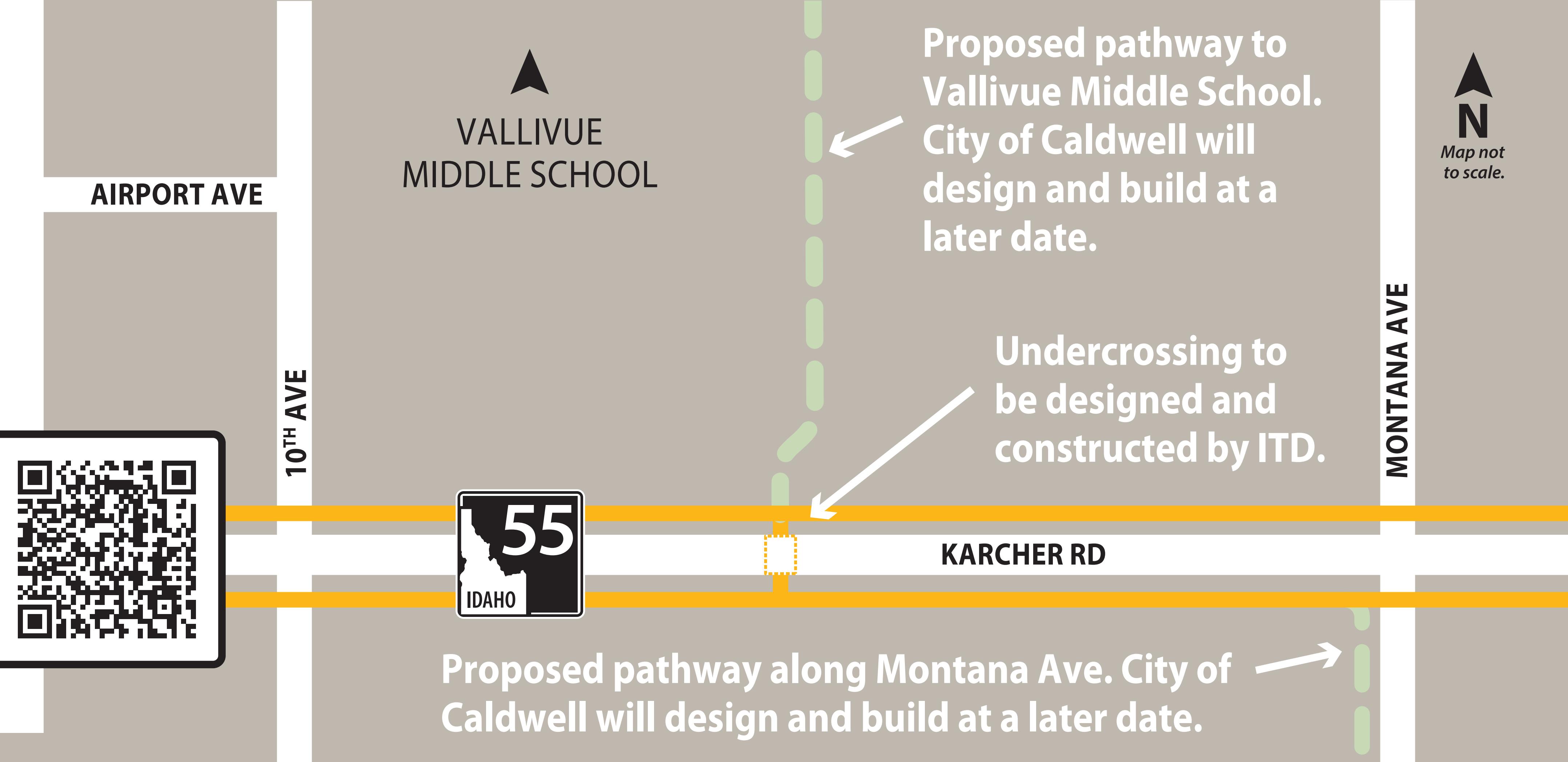
# Multimodal Path System

ITD and the City of Caldwell are collaborating on a pedestrian undercrossing near Vallivue Middle School. The undercrossing is part of Caldwell's Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan.

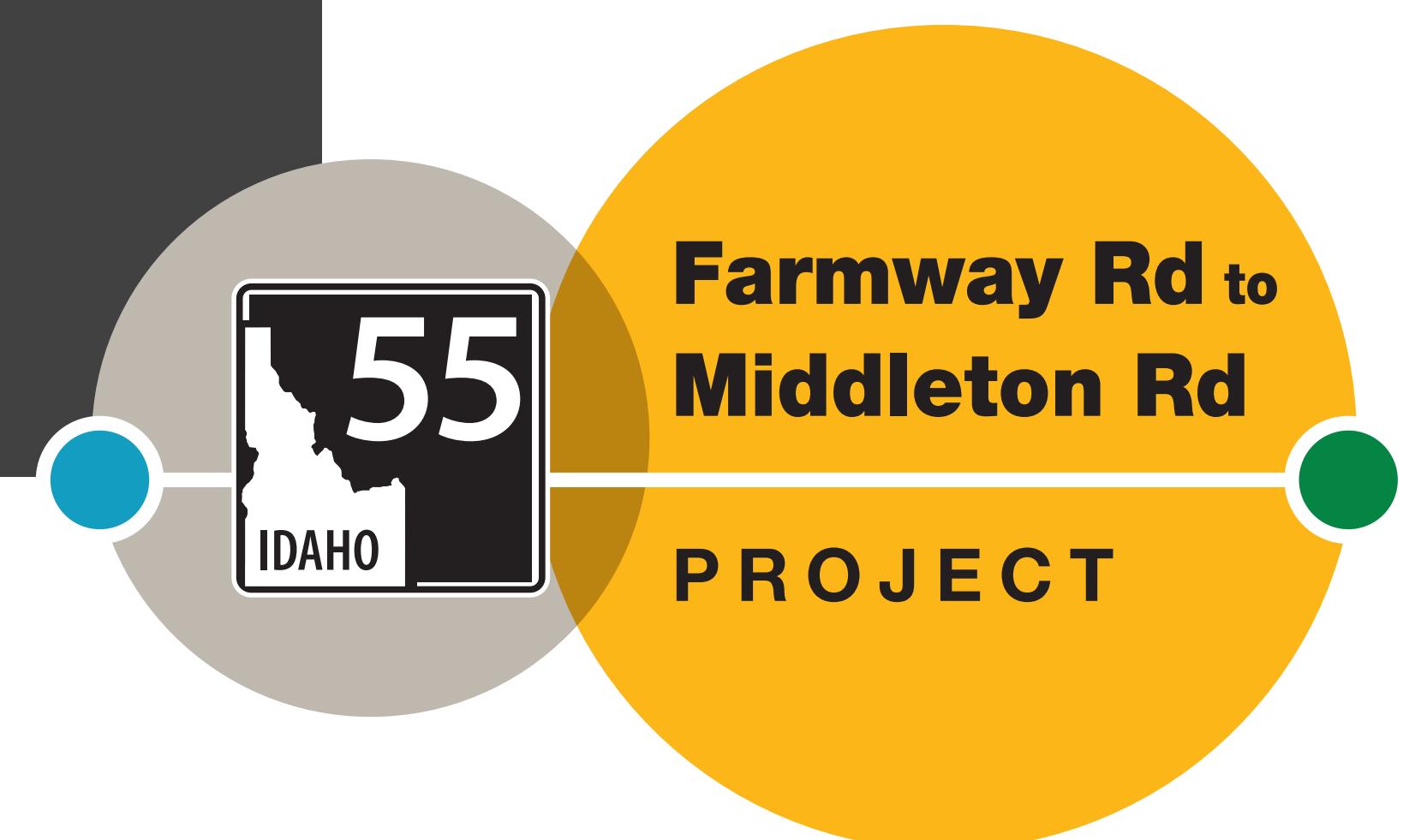
The plan will improve transportation opportunities for Caldwell with interconnected:

- Bike lanes
- Detached paths
- Dedicated paths through parks

To learn more, visit  
[www.cityofcaldwell.org/  
departments/planning-zoning/  
pathways-and-bike-routes](http://www.cityofcaldwell.org/departments/planning-zoning/pathways-and-bike-routes)  
or scan the QR Code.



# Construction



Construction is anticipated to begin in 2024 and be complete by late 2026/spring 2027.

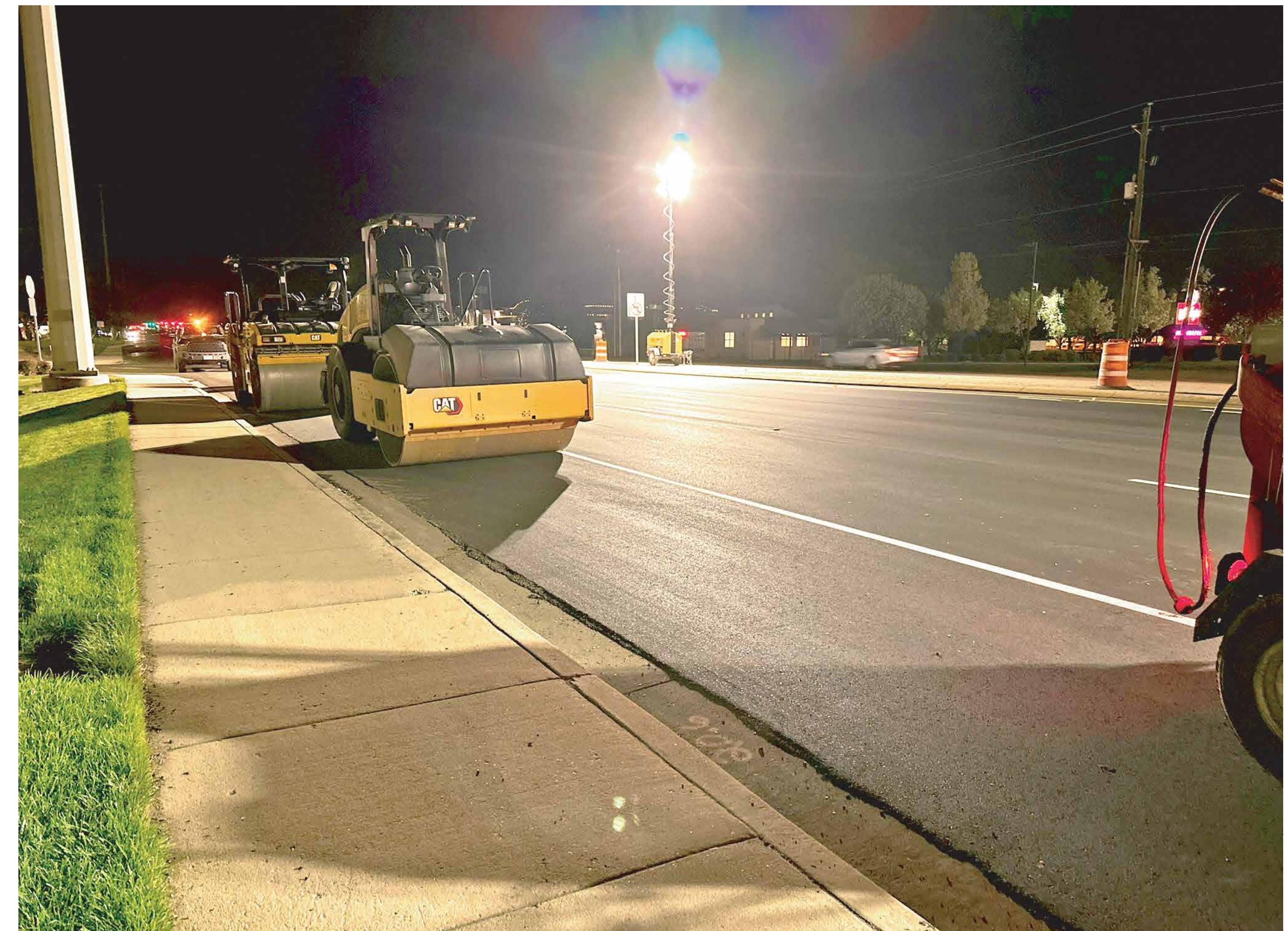
ITD anticipates building this project in multiple phases:

- Phase 1
- Phase 2A & 2B
- Phase 3
- Phase 4

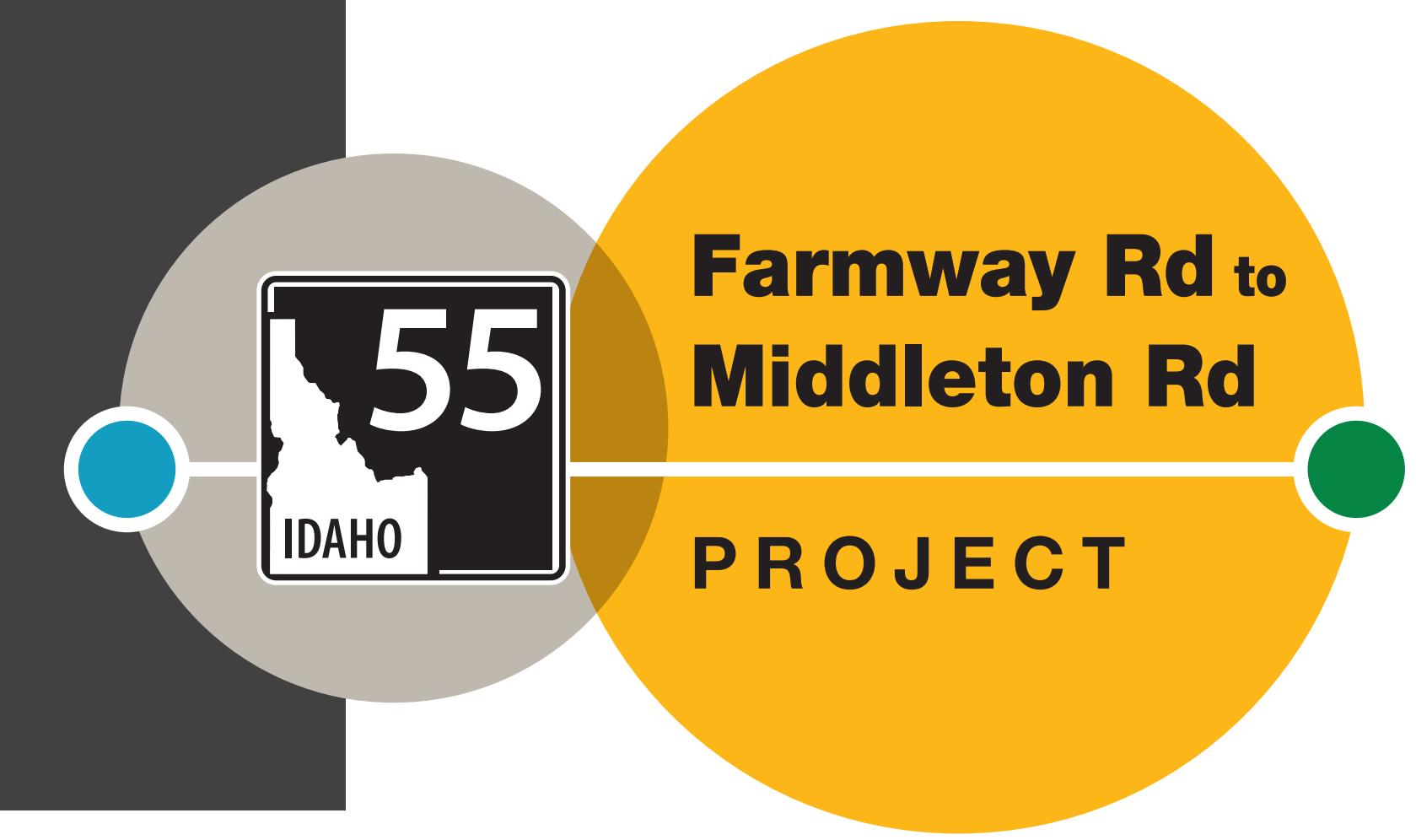
ITD will keep you informed as we get closer to construction.



*Scan the code for construction updates.  
Updates will begin in 2024.*

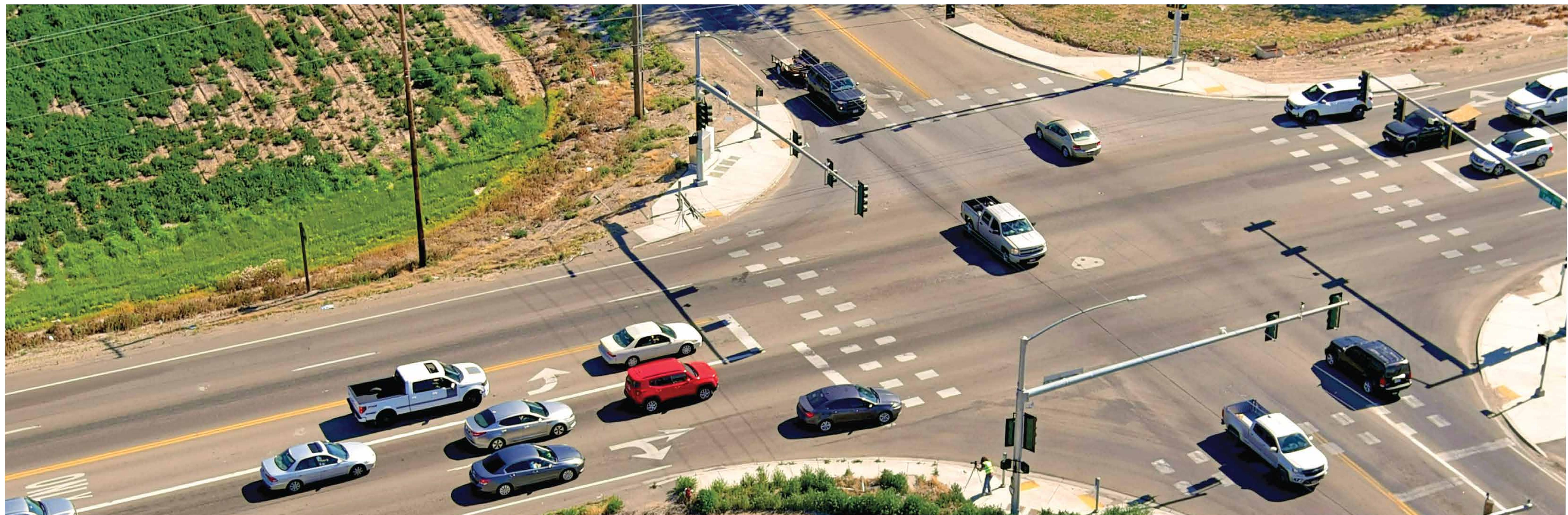


# Anticipated Construction Phasing – Phase 1

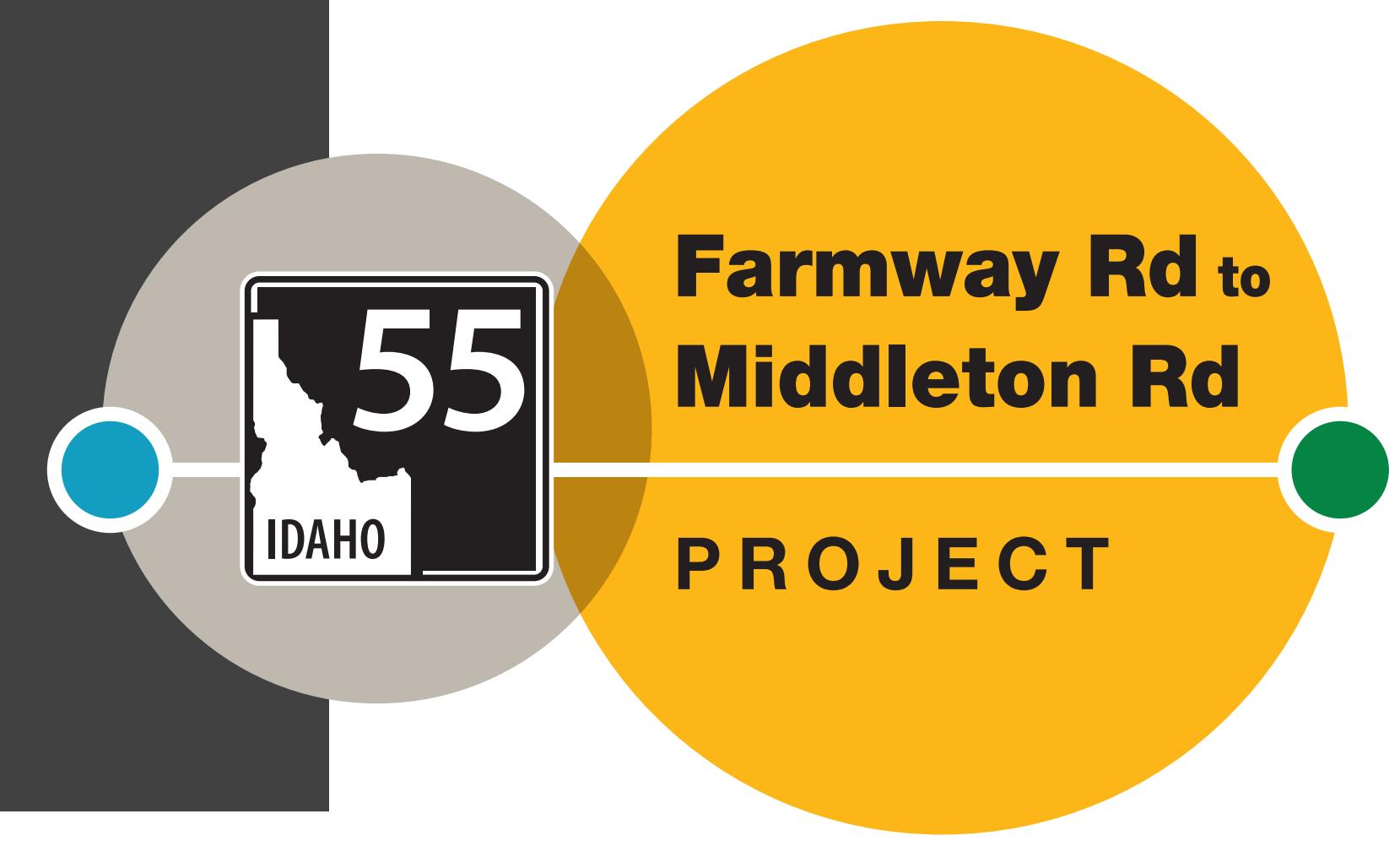


## Construction activities:

- Add temporary pavement on shoulders
- Begin construction of irrigation and canal structures
- Construct frontage road near 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.



# Anticipated Construction Phasing – Phase 2

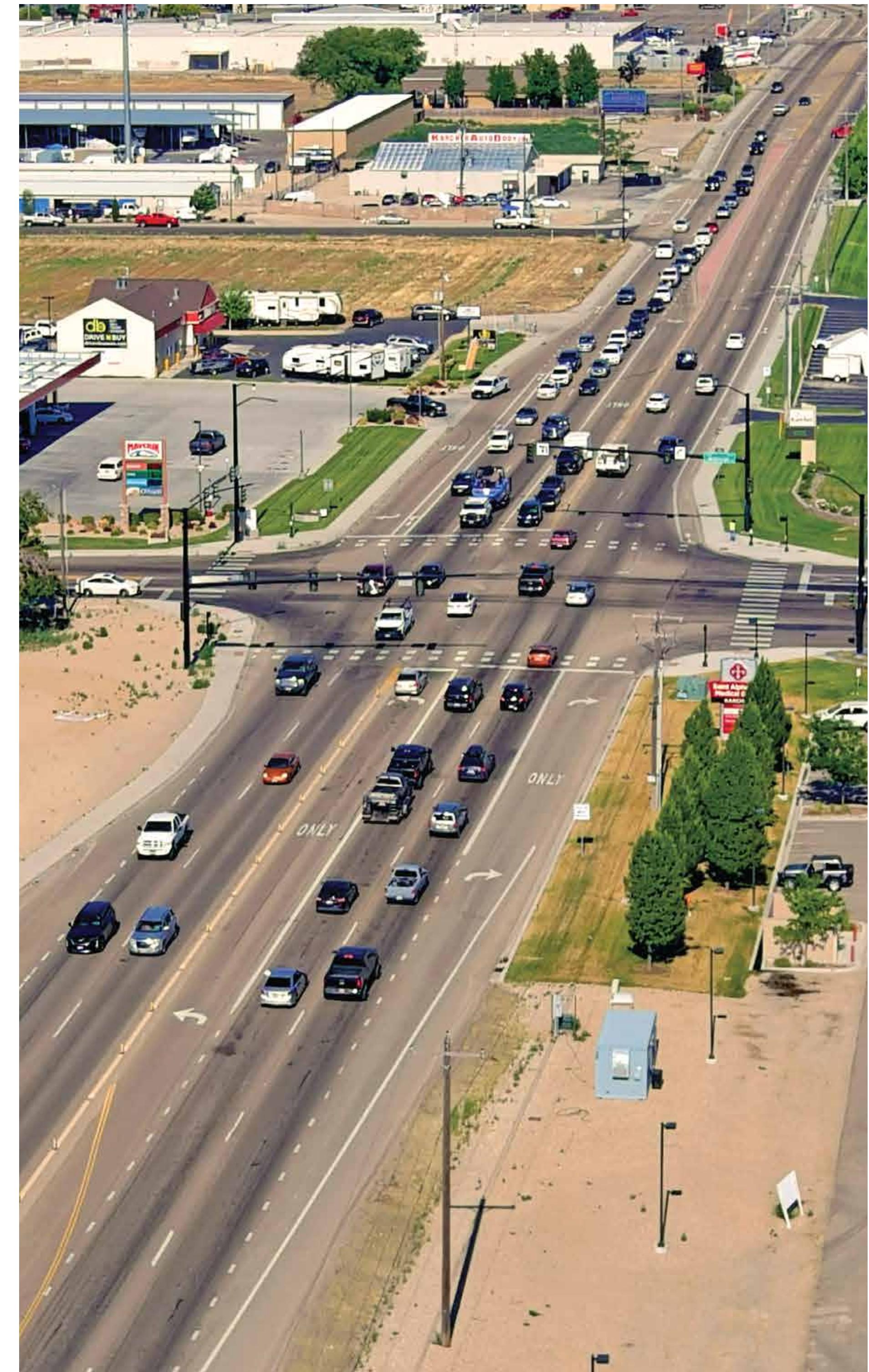


## Construction activities: Phase A

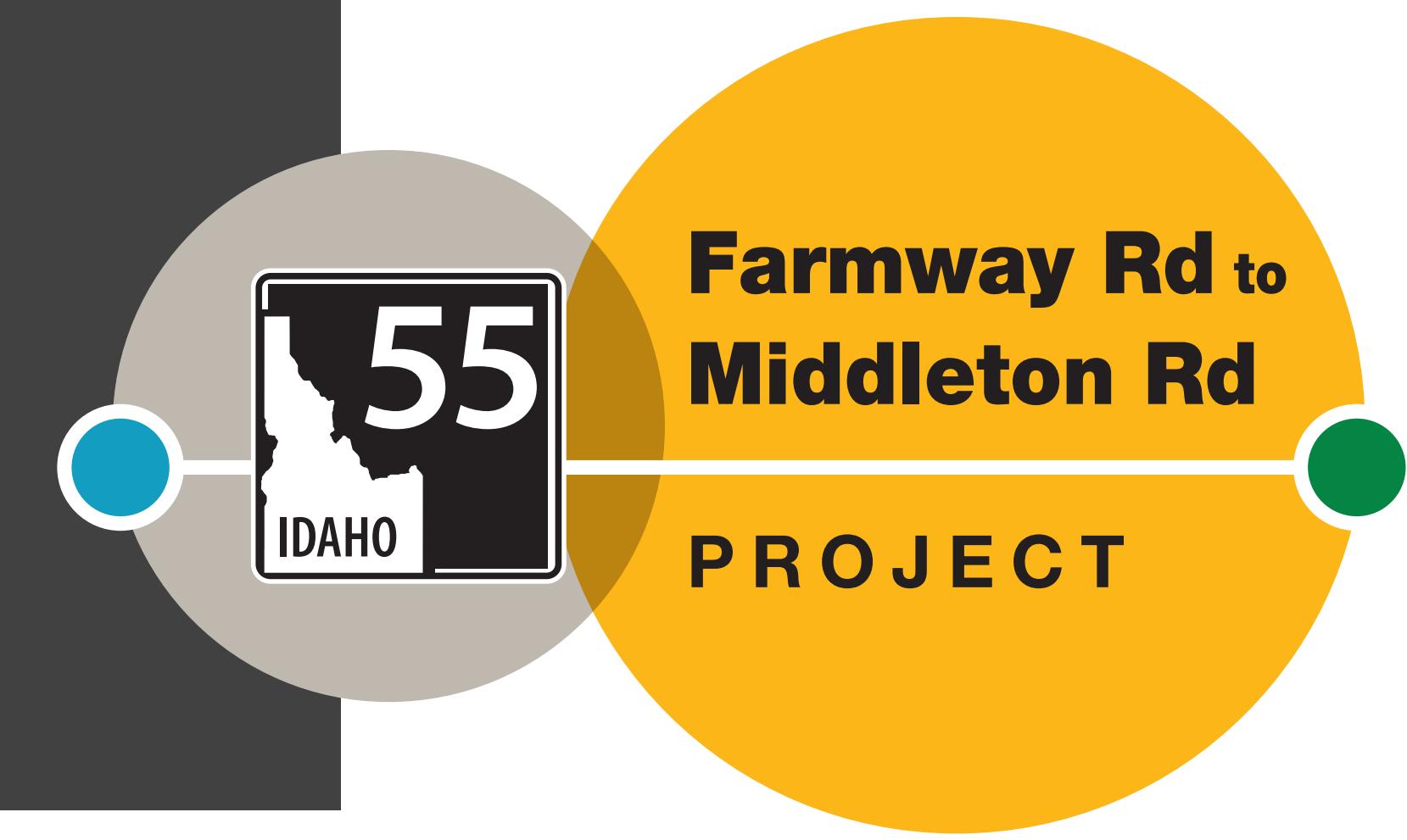
- Rebuild intersections at 10<sup>th</sup>, Montana, and Lake
- Widen SH-55 to the south from Farmway to Montana
  - Construct southern bicycle/pedestrian pathway
- Add stormwater areas and drainage facilities

## Construction activities: Phase B

- Rebuild intersections at Indiana, Florida, and Midway
- Widen SH-55 to the north from Farmway to Lake
  - Construct northern bicycle/pedestrian pathway
- Add stormwater areas and drainage facilities



# Anticipated Construction Phasing – Phase 3 and 4



## Construction activities: Phase 3

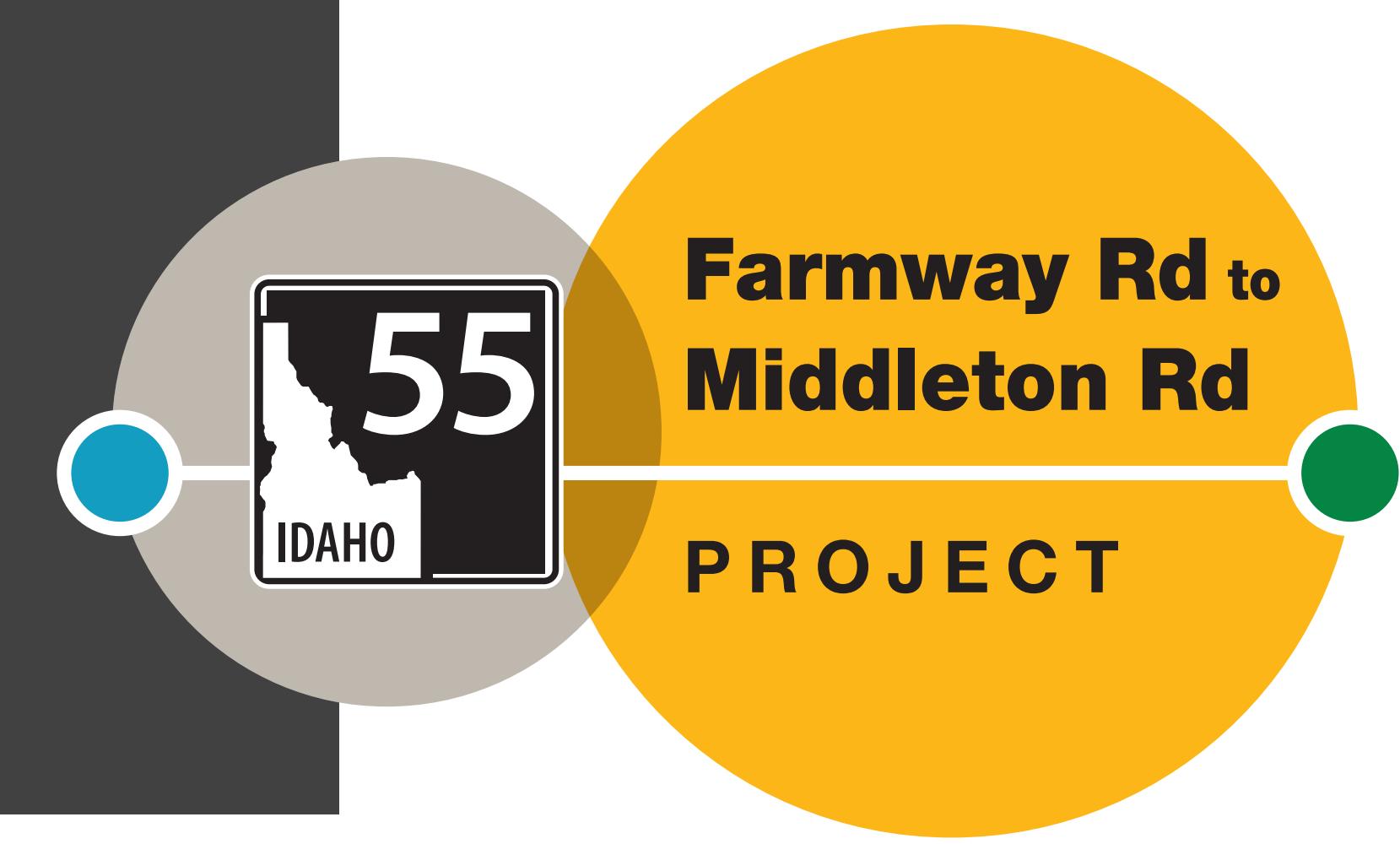
- Widen SH-55 to the south from Montana to Lake
  - Construct southern bicycle/pedestrian pathway
- Widen SH-55 to the north from Lake to Middleton
  - Construct northern bicycle/pedestrian pathway
- Construct soundwalls
- Pave driveway approaches

## Construction activities: Phase 4

- Install raised concrete medians
- Adjust signal timing
- Complete final striping



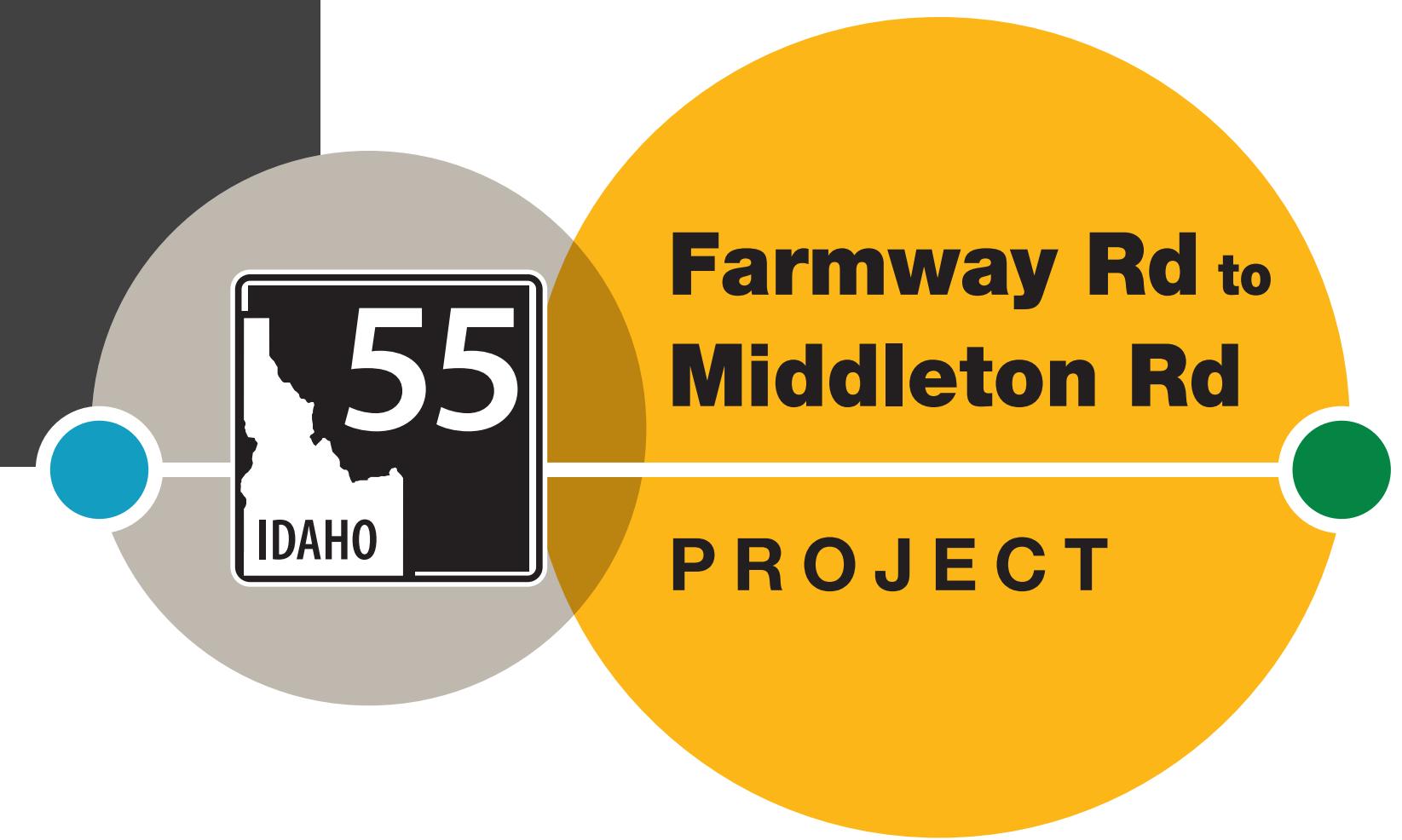
# Anticipated Traffic Impacts



- One lane open in each direction during the day
- Shifting traffic patterns at intersections
- Overnight lane restrictions and flaggers directing traffic at intersections between 10 p.m. – 5 a.m.
- Occasional overnight and weekend closures on SH-55
  - Detours at Farmway, 10<sup>th</sup>, Montana, and Lake
- Speed limit reduced to 35 mph on gravel surfaces



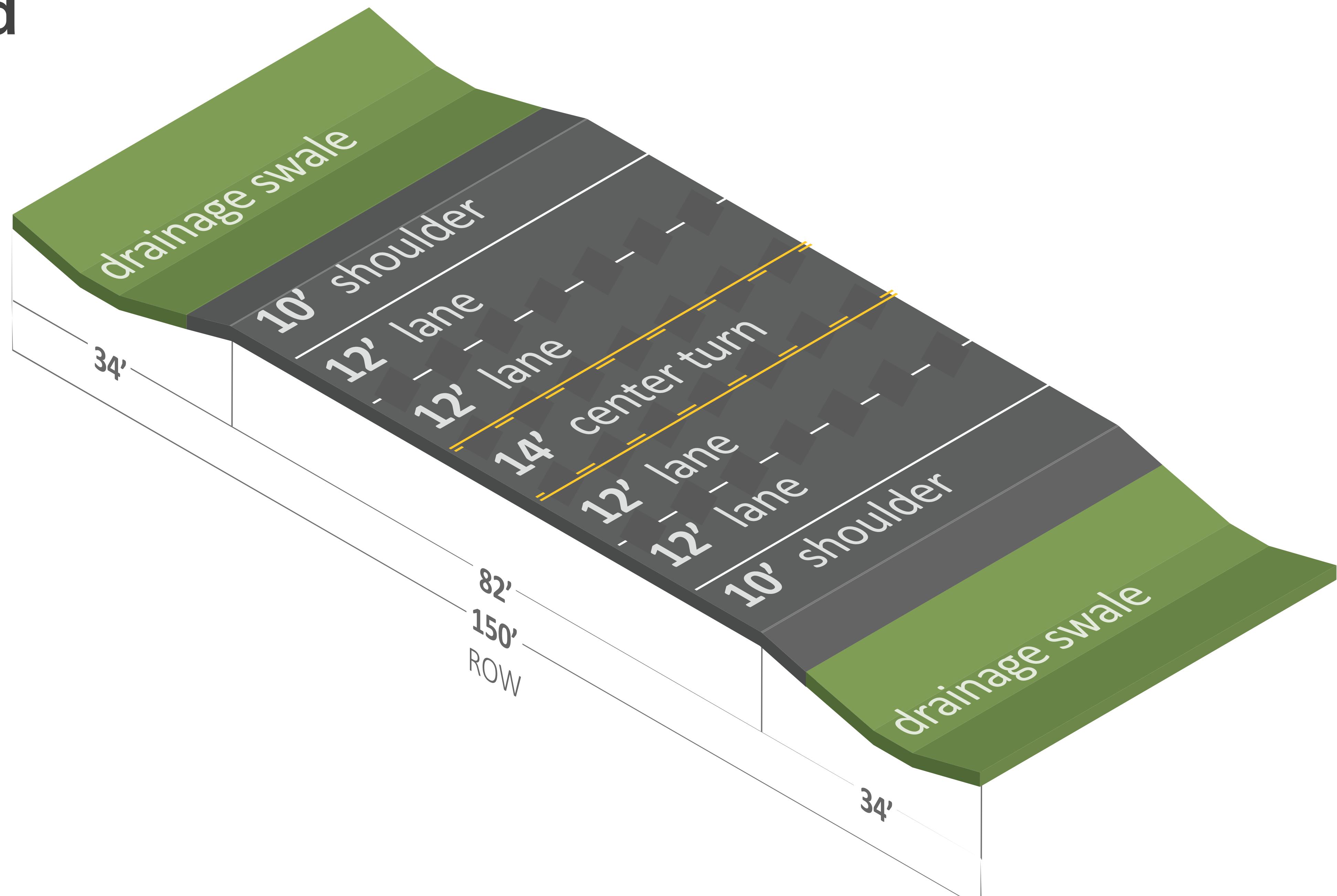
# Pear Lane to Farmway Road



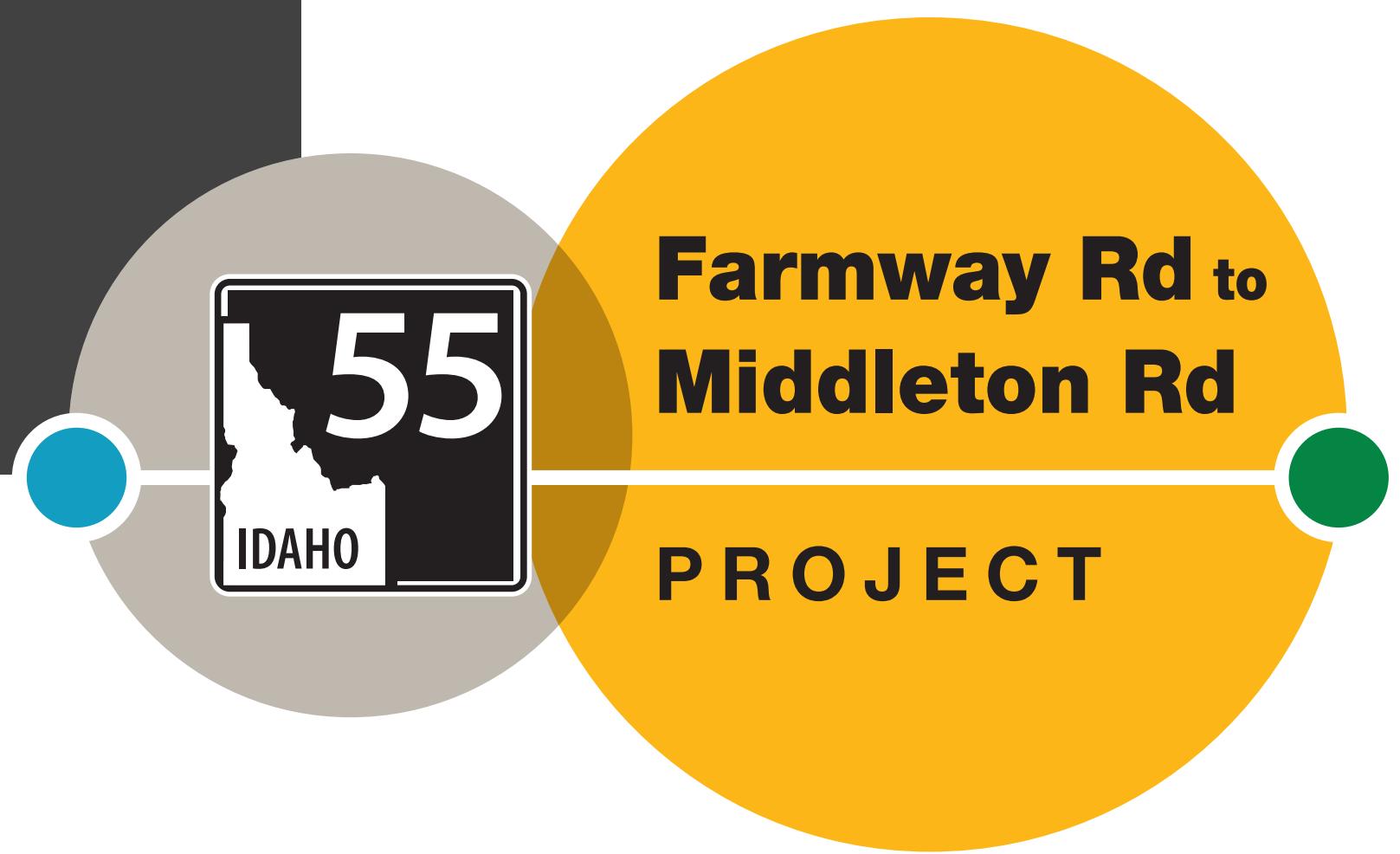
## Overview

In 2023, ITD reviewed the SH-55 Pear Lane to Farmway traffic analysis to make sure no changes needed to be made to the recommendations presented in 2020.

ITD's recommendation of building 5 lanes will serve the corridor through 2045.



# Pear Lane to Farmway Road



## Next Steps

ITD is moving forward with designing improvements and identifying property that needs to be purchased between Pear Lane and Farmway Road.

Next steps include:

Develop design plans 2023–2024

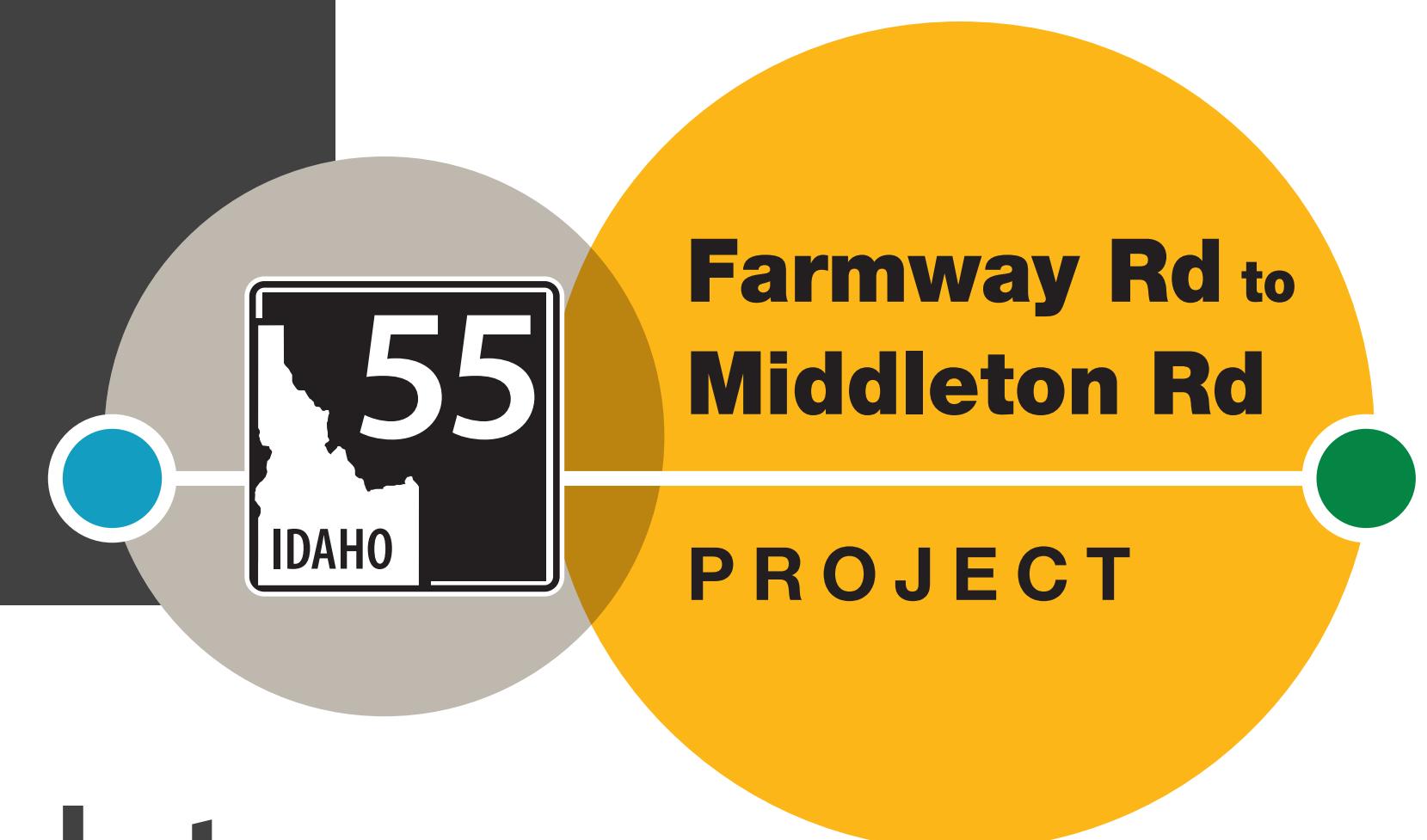
Begin purchasing property 2025–2026

*\*Construction for the Pear Lane to Farmway Road project is currently unfunded.*

For more information: [itdprojects.org/projects/sh55peartofarmway](http://itdprojects.org/projects/sh55peartofarmway)



# Thank you



Thank you for your participation. If you signed up for updates, you will be notified prior to the start of construction in 2024.

Please fill out a comment form with your input.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

VISIT [itdprojects.org/projects/state-highway-55-farmway-to-middleton-road](http://itdprojects.org/projects/state-highway-55-farmway-to-middleton-road)

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