



# Parks Road Intersection and Frontage Roads

The Idaho Transportation Department is partnering with Lakes Highway District to improve safety at the intersection of U.S. Highway 95 and Parks Road.

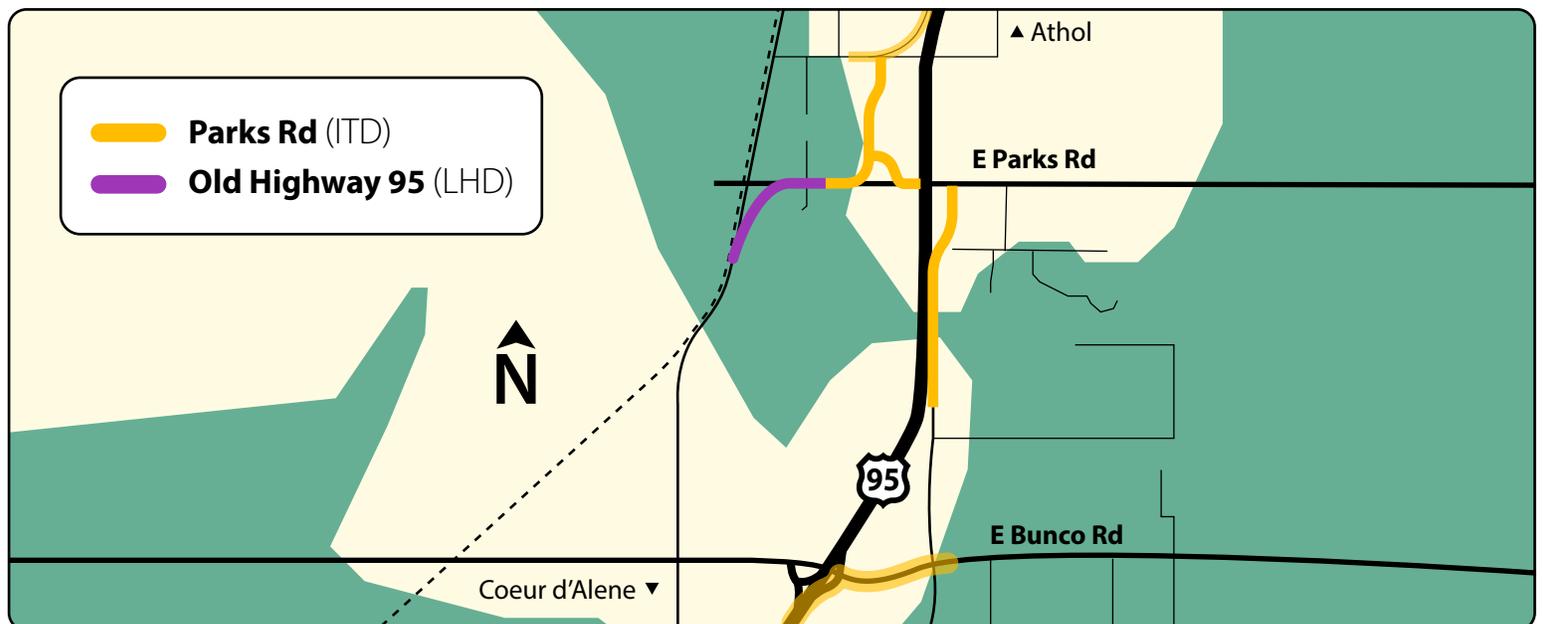
Lakes Highway District received funding in 2021 to replace and realign the existing bridge on Old Highway 95 west of the Parks Road intersection. Their project, expected to be constructed in 2028, is anticipated to increase traffic using the US-95 and Parks Road intersection.

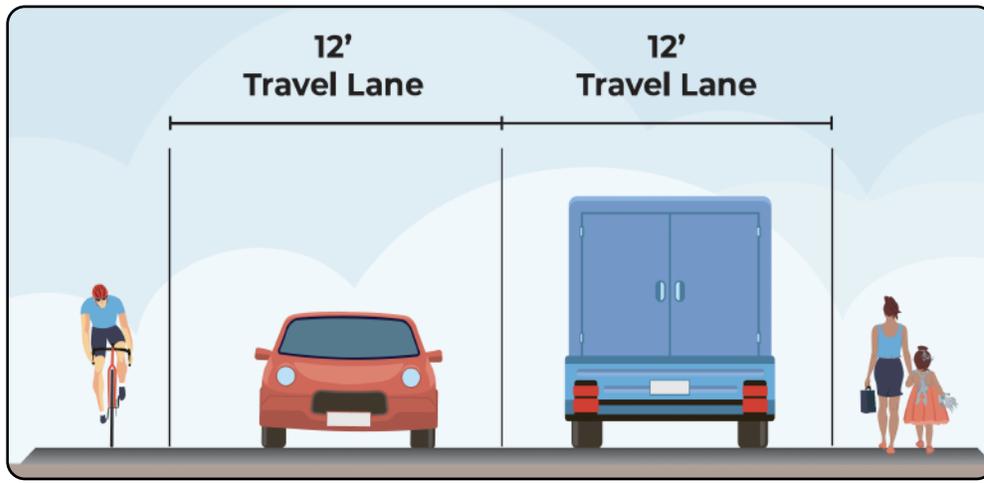
Drivers at the US-95 and Parks Road intersection already experience difficulties accessing the highway due to high traffic volumes and speed. ITD is proposing several changes for construction in 2031 to address safety concerns now and plan for future growth.

## PROPOSED CHANGES:

- **Restricting left-turns and the ability to cross US-95 at Parks Road.** Drivers trying to access US-95 from Parks Road will only be able to turn right on to the highway. They will not be able to turn left or cross it. Drivers on the highway will only be able to turn right off the highway on to Parks Road.
- **Adding frontage roads to maintain access to US-95.** Depending on the direction of travel, drivers will use frontage roads to access either the Bunco Road or Athol Interchanges.
  - **East of US-95:** Lawrence Road will be extended from Son Shine Road to Parks Road to connect drivers to the Bunco Road Interchange where they can head south or north.
  - **West of US-95:** Old US-95 will be realigned in partnership with LHD so that drivers can access the Athol Interchange where they can head north or south.
  - **Improving flow at the Bunco Road Interchange.** While specific improvements have yet to be identified, ITD plans to relieve congestion associated with seasonal Silverwood traffic. These changes would also help with additional traffic generated by the change in access at Parks Road and extension of Lawrence Road.

Plans have been developed in collaboration with LHD and considered several factors including safety benefits, impacts to property owners, compatibility with future plans and cost.





| TIMELINE                            |
|-------------------------------------|
| <b>SUMMER 2025</b>                  |
| Data Collection                     |
| Design Concepts                     |
| Online and In-Person Public Meeting |
| <b>WINTER 2025 - 2027</b>           |
| Preliminary Design                  |
| Final Design                        |
| Purchase Right of Way               |
| <b>2031</b>                         |
| Construction begins                 |

## FRONTAGE ROADS

Frontage roads will have two, twelve-foot lanes with wide shoulders suitable for biking and walking. The posted speed limit will be 45 mph. Access to the frontage roads via private driveways will be maintained.

## FUTURE PLANS FOR US-95

ITD plans to expand US-95 from Garwood to Sagle to four lanes separated by a grassy median to safely accommodate future projected traffic volumes. Drivers will access the highway via interchanges connected by frontage roads. These plans were identified in 2010 after a thorough process that incorporated public feedback and considered environmental impacts.

Since these plans were finalized, ITD has completed several expansion projects in areas such as Athol, Granite Hill and Garwood.

The Parks Road Intersection will be the site of a future interchange. However, at this time, traffic volumes do not warrant that large-scale investment. Changes to the intersection now were prompted by the LHD project and will bring safety benefits to the area in the meantime.



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