

State Highway 16

SH-44 to Beacon Light Road

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Idaho Transportation Department is designing plans to widen State Highway 16 between State Highway 44 and Beacon Light Road in Ada County. These improvements will help increase mobility and capacity in the growing communities of Star and Eagle.

Proposed Improvements

- Widen SH-16 to four lanes with a median barrier.
- Build an overpass at Floating Feather Road.
- Possible noise barrier on the west side of SH-16 between Broken Arrow Road and W Maysville Street.

Process & Schedule

Early 2026

Start work on design plans.

Spring-Fall 2026

Stakeholder/property owner coordination.

Early 2027

Host public meeting and gather input.

Late 2027

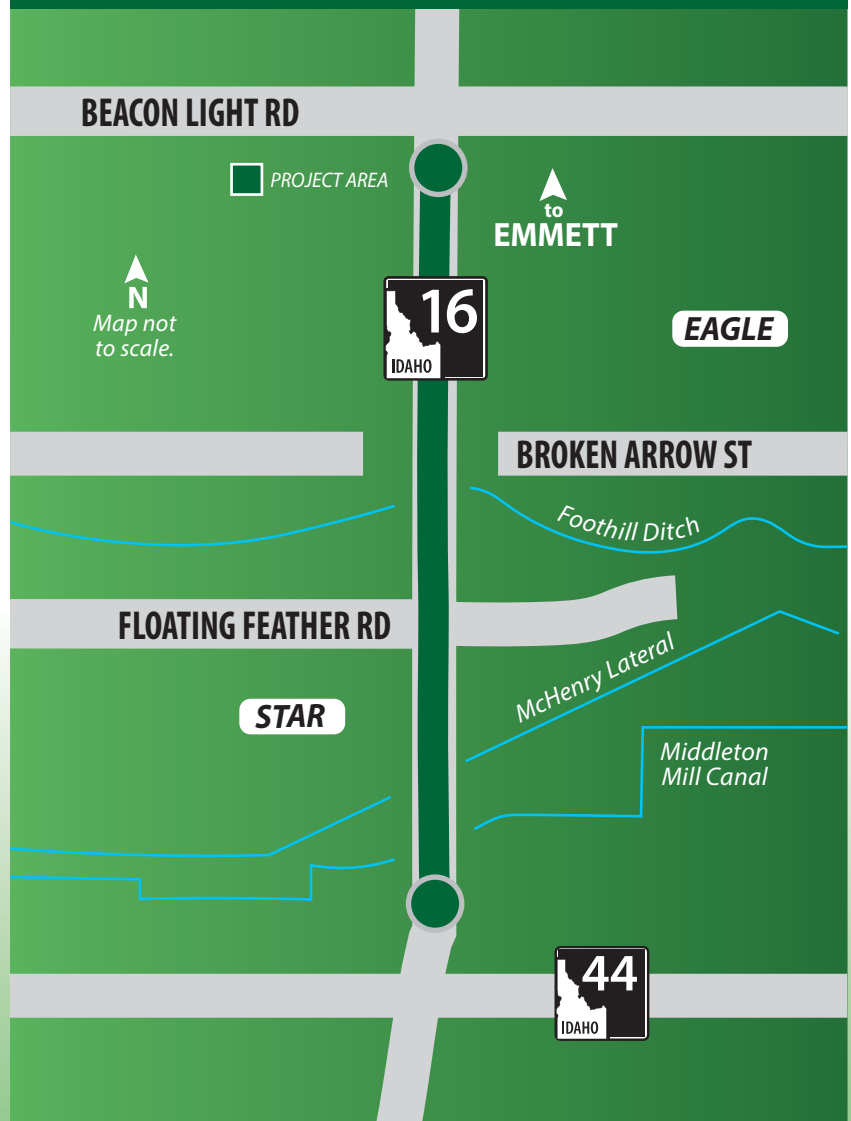
Finalize design plans and right-of-way acquisitions.

Construction TBD

Begin construction when funding becomes available.



This project will tie into work on the SH-16 expansion project which will connect 20 miles of SH-16 between I-84 and SH-52 in Gem County.



FOR MORE INFORMATION



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This project is funded by Governor Little's Leading Idaho Transportation Expansion and Congestion Mitigation (TECM) program. The TECM program allows ITD to accelerate project timelines to address rapid growth and build critical infrastructure today that would otherwise take many years to fund and build.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How will I access SH-16?

Once improvements are constructed, motorists can access SH-16 at two access points: SH-44 and Beacon Light Road. All other driveways and approaches will be consolidated onto access roads that connect to the two access points. Increasing safety and improving traffic flow by limiting direct highway access was a top priority for community members and local leaders.

2. What improvements are planned at Floating Feather Road?

An overpass is proposed at Floating Feather Road to provide east/west community connections across SH-16 for emergency responders, school buses and others. This will also prevent the disruption of free-flowing traffic on the expanded SH-16 highway.

3. Will the Beacon Light Road intersection be improved?

This project includes the widening of SH-16 up to Beacon Light Road, but will not include the interchange planned for this intersection. The interchange will be part of a future project.

4. When is ITD improving the rest of the corridor?

Due to the length of the corridor, the design and construction of improvements between Beacon Light Road and SH-52 will occur in phases as funding becomes available. A recommended phasing plan has been developed to outline the needs and costs of improving the corridor. Each segment was analyzed by projected year of need, crash history and economic development:

Location	Estimated Project Cost	Projected Year of Need		
		2030	2035	2040
SH-44 to Beacon Light Road	\$55-65 M	●		
Beacon Light Road Interchange to Valnova Drive*	\$144-150 M		●	
Jackass Gulch to Substation Road (Freezeout Hill)*	\$80-85 M		●	
Substation Road to SH-52*	\$30-35 M			●
Valnova Drive to Chaparral Road*	\$105-110 M			●
Chaparral Road to Jackass Gulch*	\$60-65 M			●



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*Not yet funded, improvements are needed, but not programmed.