



I-15, Northgate to Fort Hall

June 2023 Online Open House

Idaho Transportation Department

Welcome to the I-15, Northgate to Fort Hall online open house!

The Idaho Transportation Department has begun a multi-year planning process to improve I-15 between Pocatello and Idaho Falls. **This open house will focus on the design plans for I-15 between the Northgate Interchange (Exit 73) and the Fort Hall Interchange (Exit 80).**

Introduction

Please watch the introduction video and review the slides below.

R I-15 Northgate to Fort Hall - Online Meeting Introduction

THE EARLY STAGES OF THIS PROJECT INCLUDED:

- Conducting an environmental evaluation
- Gathering traffic and geotechnical information
- Surveying
- Gathering input from the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, local jurisdictions and the public
- And developing design options

Watch on YouTube

I 15 Northgate to Fort Hall Video

Welcome

The Idaho Transportation Department has begun a multi-year planning process to improve Interstate 15 between Pocatello and Idaho Falls. The work will address the growing population and increased travel across the region.

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Share the design plans for I-15 between the Northgate and Fort Hall Interchanges.
- Gather information and input from the community.



I-15, Pocatello to Idaho Falls

Interstate 15 between Pocatello and Idaho Falls is nearing capacity in some areas. As traffic volumes continue to increase, ITD plans to widen I-15 and rebuild multiple outdated structures to increase safety and future capacity. The I-15 corridor will be divided into smaller project areas for planning purposes.

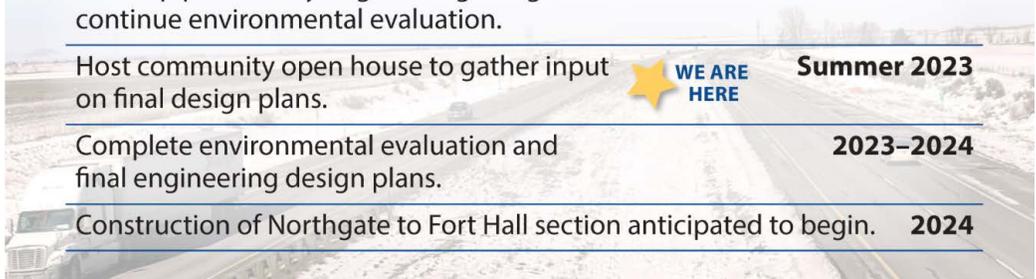
ITD will inform the public as they identify additional projects along the corridor.



Process & Schedule

Several steps are taken to develop a project and prepare for construction:

Begin environmental evaluation, gather traffic and geotechnical information, survey, and develop improvement concepts.	2021
Host community open house to gather input on preliminary project designs.	Summer 2022
Develop preliminary engineering designs and continue environmental evaluation.	2022–2023
Host community open house to gather input on final design plans.	Summer 2023
Complete environmental evaluation and final engineering design plans.	2023–2024
Construction of Northgate to Fort Hall section anticipated to begin.	2024



Local Coordination

ITD is coordinating with the community members, local city and county officials, and underserved populations. Local knowledge about the area has helped ITD when designing improvement plans.

In addition, the I-15 Northgate to Fort Hall project falls within the tribal boundaries of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. ITD is coordinating with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes throughout the project to identify and address potential impacts.



Considerations

ITD developed the design plans for improving Interstate 15 based on the following criteria:

- Improve safety along the I-15 corridor.
- Maximize ITD's ability to perform routine maintenance on the interstate without major impacts to traffic.
- Maximize existing right-of-way and reduce need to acquire property.
- Design improvements that accommodate future growth.
- Minimize traffic impacts during construction.

Design Option 1 – Closed Median



Design Option 2 – Open Median

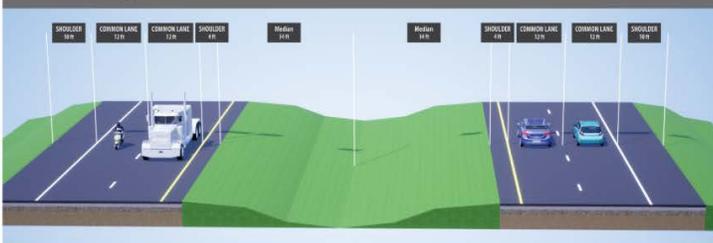


Design - Northgate to Fort Hall

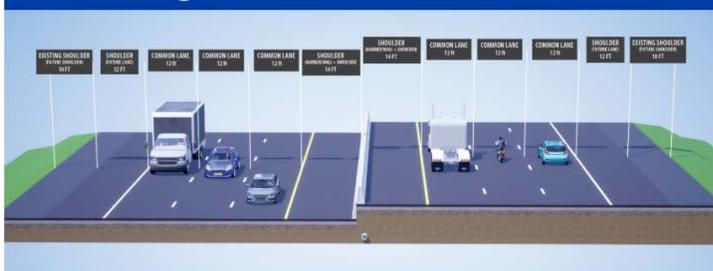
ITD has chosen Design Option 1, which widens I-15 toward the median, due to the following benefits:

- Fewer potential environmental impacts
- More cost-effective
- Minimizes right-of-way acquisition
- Simplifies construction
- Minimizes traffic impacts during construction
- Accommodates future growth and expansion

Existing



Final Design Plan



Structures - Northgate to Fort Hall

Several structures along the Northgate to Fort Hall corridor will need to be replaced to accommodate the interstate widening.

These structures include:

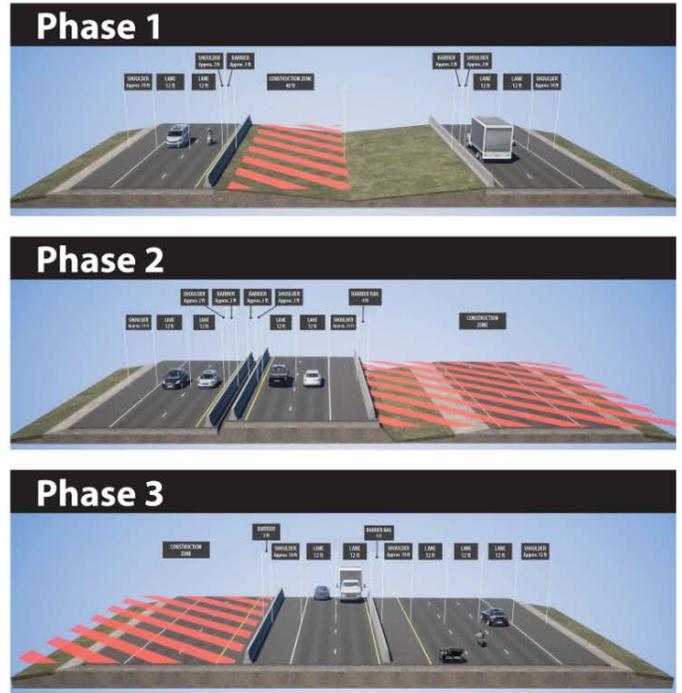
- The 2½ Mile Road Overpass
- Four machine underpasses
- I-15 over the Fort Hall Main Canal



Construction - Northgate to Fort Hall

ITD's goal is to keep two lanes open in each direction during construction. To do this, traffic will be shifted several times throughout construction.

- **Phase 1:** Build new lanes in the southbound median. Daytime traffic shifts are not expected during this phase.
- **Phase 2:** Move northbound traffic to the newly completed portion of the southbound lanes. Build the northbound side of the interstate.
- **Phase 3:** Move northbound traffic to the newly completed northbound lanes and move southbound traffic to the previously completed portion of the southbound lanes. Complete remaining southbound side of the interstate.



Other Projects

I-15 Northgate to Blackfoot

ITD is planning and coordinating several projects on I-15 between the Northgate Interchange (Exit 73) and Blackfoot to minimize traffic impacts and to construct projects efficiently.

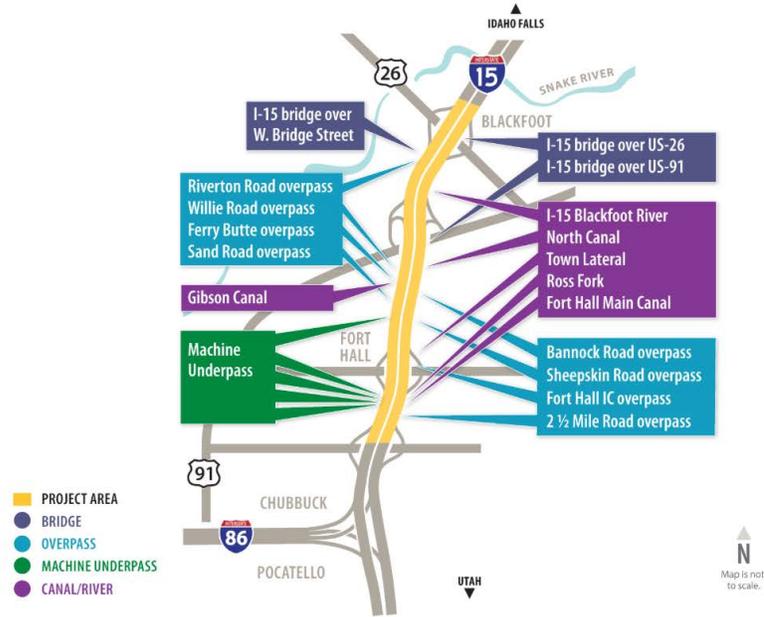
● Projects Currently Under Construction



Structures

I-15 Northgate to Blackfoot

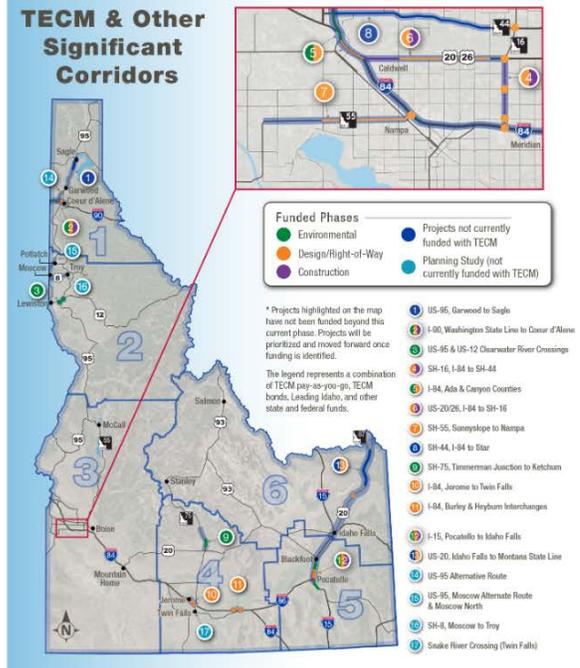
Several bridges, overpasses and machine underpasses between Northgate and Blackfoot will need to be replaced to accommodate the interstate widening.



Leading Idaho Program

Elements of this project are being funded with Transportation Expansion and Congestion Mitigation (TECM) funds as part of the Leading Idaho Program. The 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.

TECM & Other Significant Corridors



What District 5 projects are being funded with the Leading Idaho Program?

District 5 Corridors

What Projects Will Be Funded by the Leading Idaho TECM Program?

Governor Little's Leading Idaho vision allows ITD to take a deliberate approach to advance projects within the corridors that will enhance safety, mobility, further strengthen Idaho's strong economy and positively impact communities across the state for years to come. Focusing on corridor advancement will give the Transportation Board the flexibility to approve projects that address Idaho's rapid growth issues with either the Transportation Expansion and Congestion Mitigation (TECM) funds or other state or federal funding that becomes available in the future.



I-15, Pocatello to Idaho Falls

As eastern Idaho's key north-south roadway, the I-15 corridor between Pocatello and Idaho Falls is in need of modernization to address capacity and aging infrastructure. Improvements will include replacing numerous structures and adding a third lane in each direction.



Thank you!

Thank you for participating in this online open house.

Use the link below to submit comments online.

I-15, Northgate to Fort Hall

Submit comments about the I-15 Northgate to Fort Hall design plan.

<https://www.153.org/submit>



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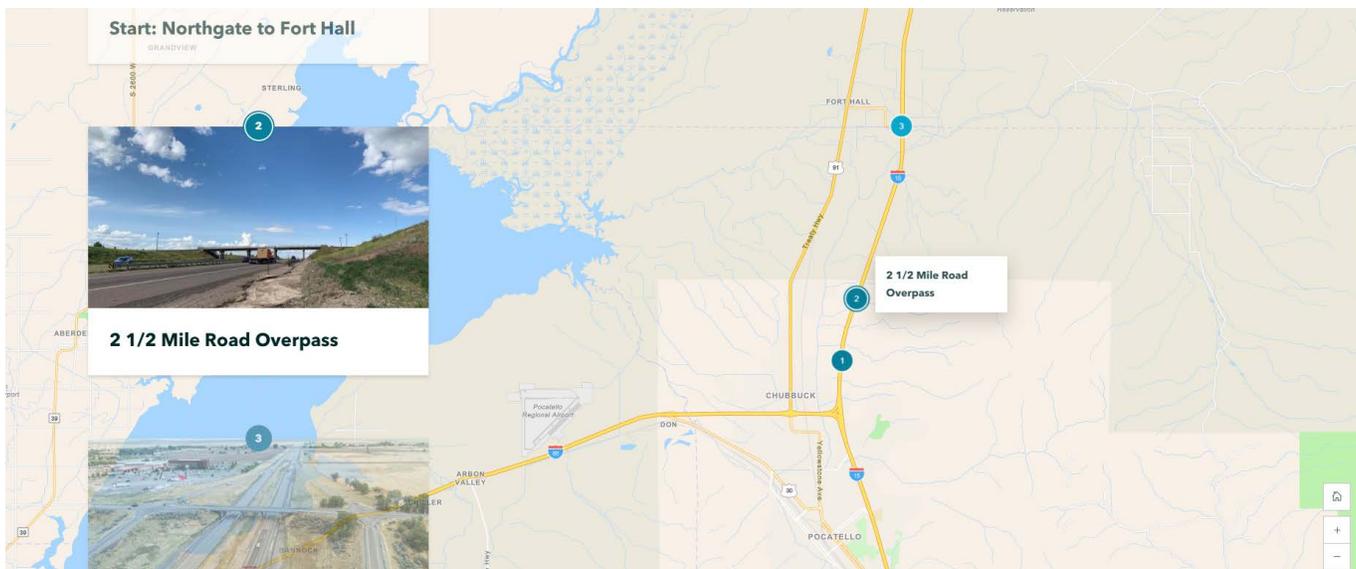
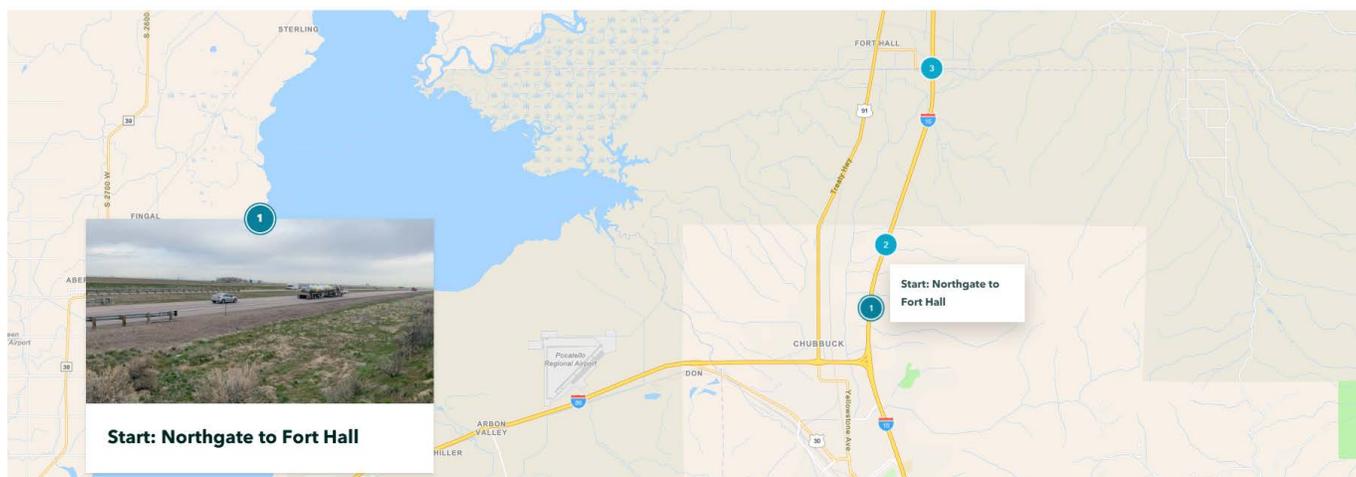
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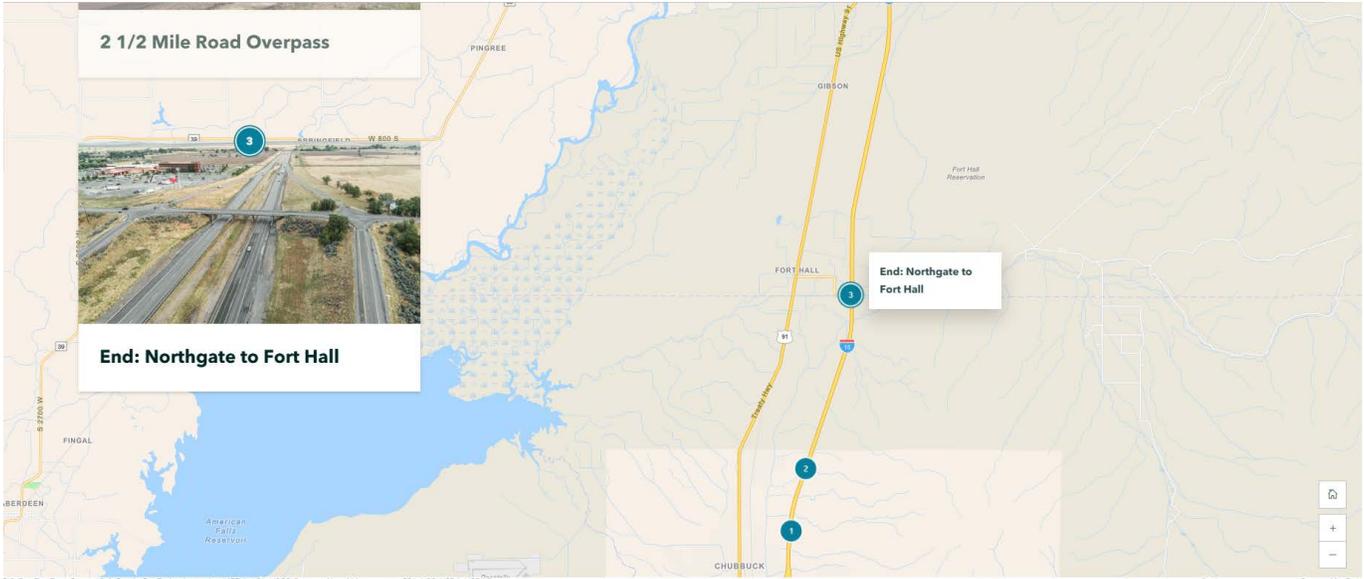


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Your Economic Opportunity



Project Tour





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