



I-15, NORTHGATE TO BLACKFOOT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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What does the project include?

The Idaho Transportation Department is considering improvements such as widening Interstate 15 to three lanes in each direction, improving interchange ramps, rehabilitating bridges, and increasing vertical clearance for overpasses. The project includes completing an environmental evaluation, gathering traffic and geotechnical information, surveying, designing improvements, and gathering input from the public, Shoshone Bannock Tribes and local jurisdictions.

Where is this project located?

The I-15, Northgate to Blackfoot Project begins on Interstate 15 at the Northgate Parkway Interchange (Exit 73), passes through Fort Hall, and ends approximately 1 mile north of the Blackfoot/US-26 Interchange (Exit 93) in Blackfoot.



Why is this project needed?

Most of I-15 was constructed in the 1960s and 1970s. With the increased population and travel across eastern Idaho, it is necessary to modernize aging infrastructure and increase capacity and safety to meet the region's travel needs along the I-15 corridor.

When will the project be completed?

The final design plans are expected to be completed in 2024. Construction to widen the interstate between the Northgate Interchange and Fort Hall could begin in late 2024. Construction of improvements between the Fort Hall Interchange and Blackfoot is dependent on the availability of future funding sources.

How is this project funded?

Elements of this project are funded with Transportation Expansion and Congestion Mitigation (TECM) funds as part of the Leading Idaho TECM 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. For more information on TECM funding, visit itd.idaho.gov/funding.

How is ITD communicating with the community during this project?

ITD will host several opportunities for public comment throughout the planning process. ITD will also work with community members, the Shoshone Bannock Tribes, local city and county officials, and underserved populations in the area to identify and address potential impacts.