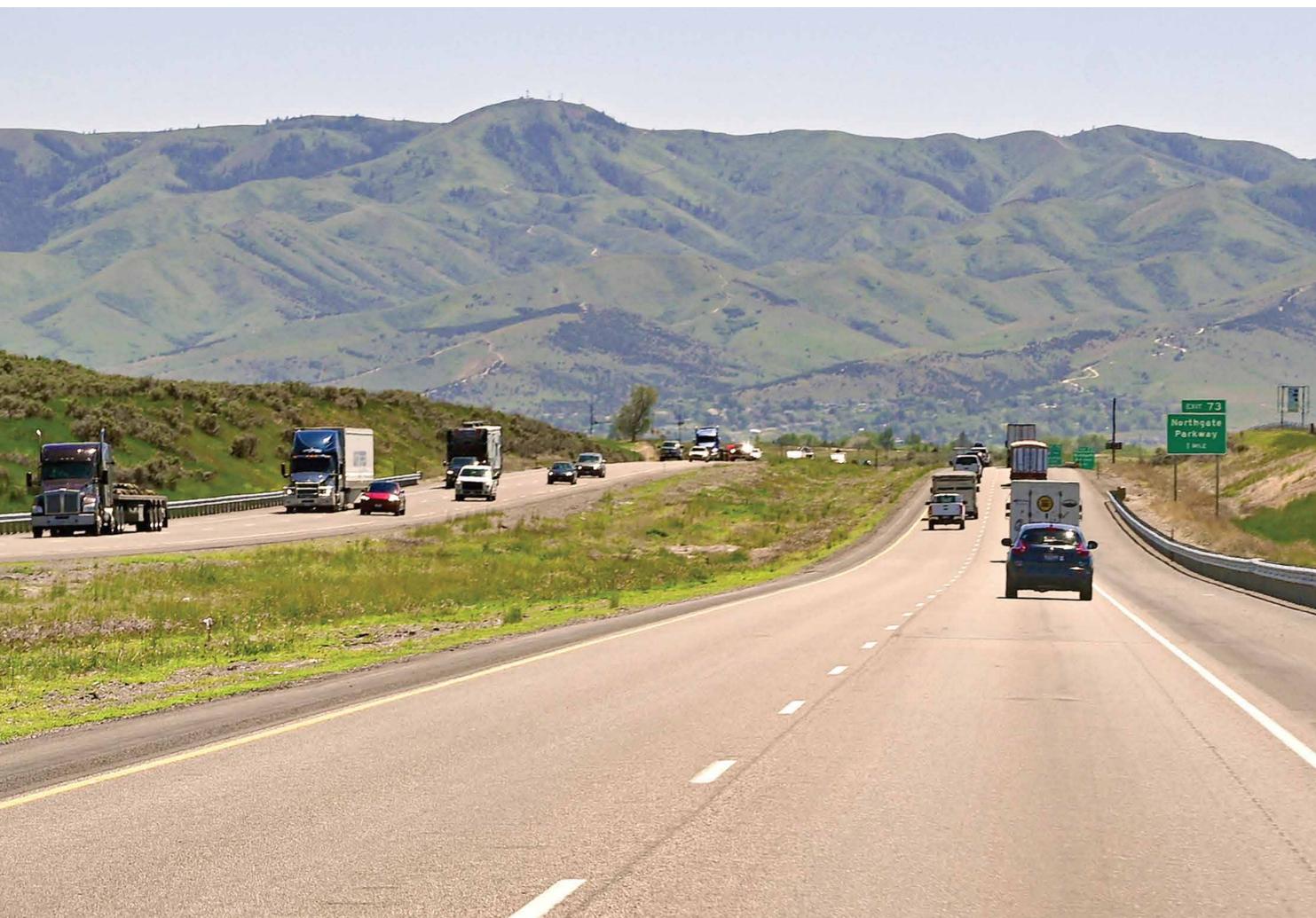


# Welcome

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



## The purpose of this meeting is to:

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



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# 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 As traffic volumes continue to increase, ITD plans to widen I-15 and rebuild multiple outdated structures to increase safety and capacity in the future. 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.



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# Process & Schedule

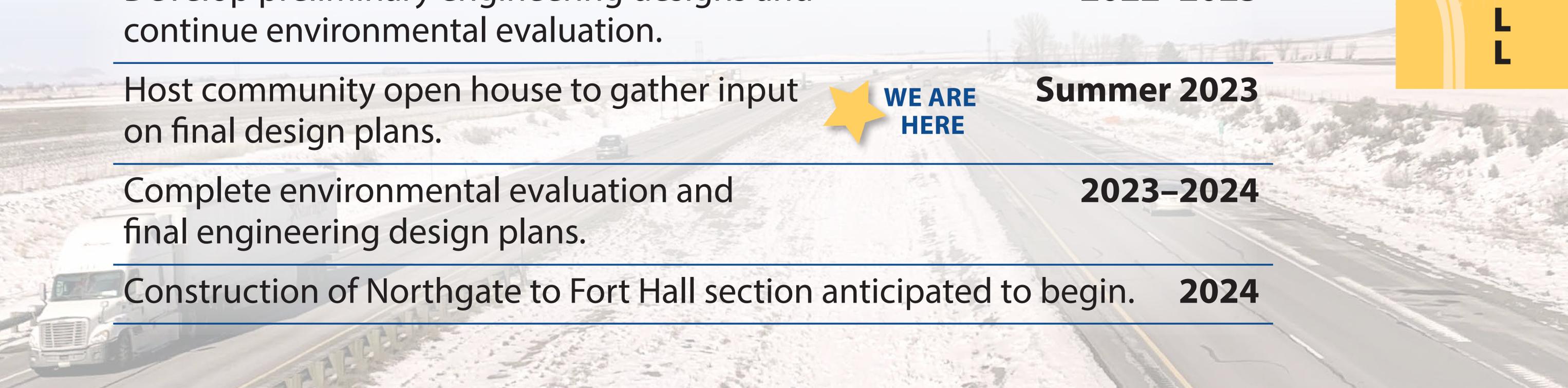
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Several steps are taken to develop a project and prepare for construction:

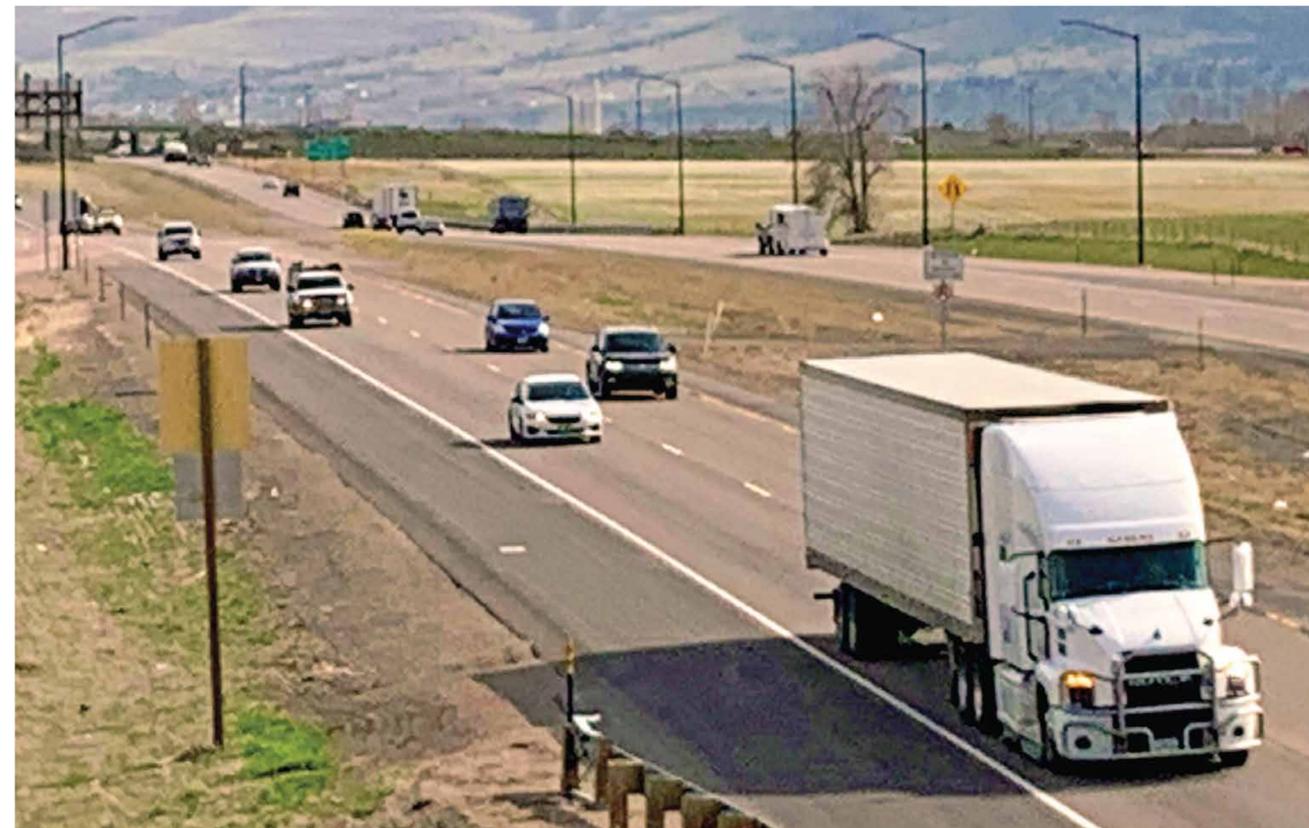
Begin environmental evaluation, gather traffic and geotechnical information, survey, and develop improvement concepts.	<b>2021</b>
Host community open house to gather input on preliminary project designs.	<b>Summer 2022</b>
Develop preliminary engineering designs and continue environmental evaluation.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



# Local Coordination

ITD is coordinating with 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.



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# Considerations



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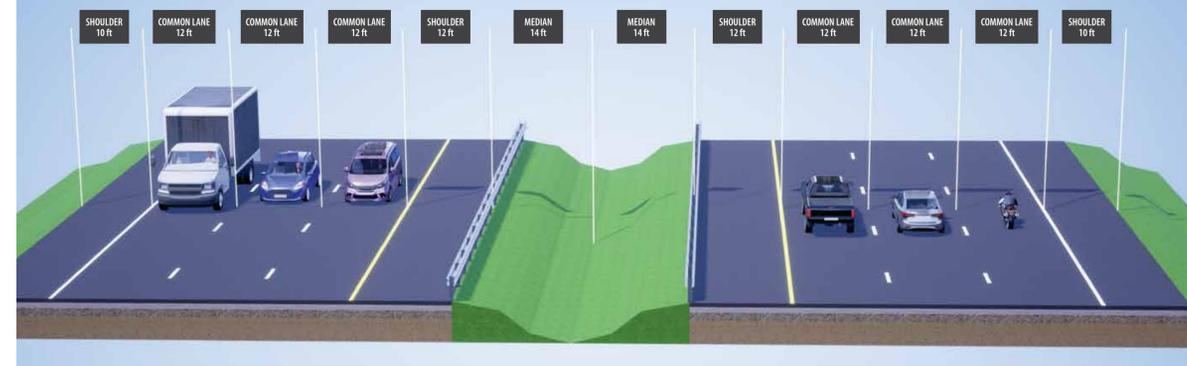
ITD developed the design plan for improving Interstate 15 based on the following criteria:

- 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

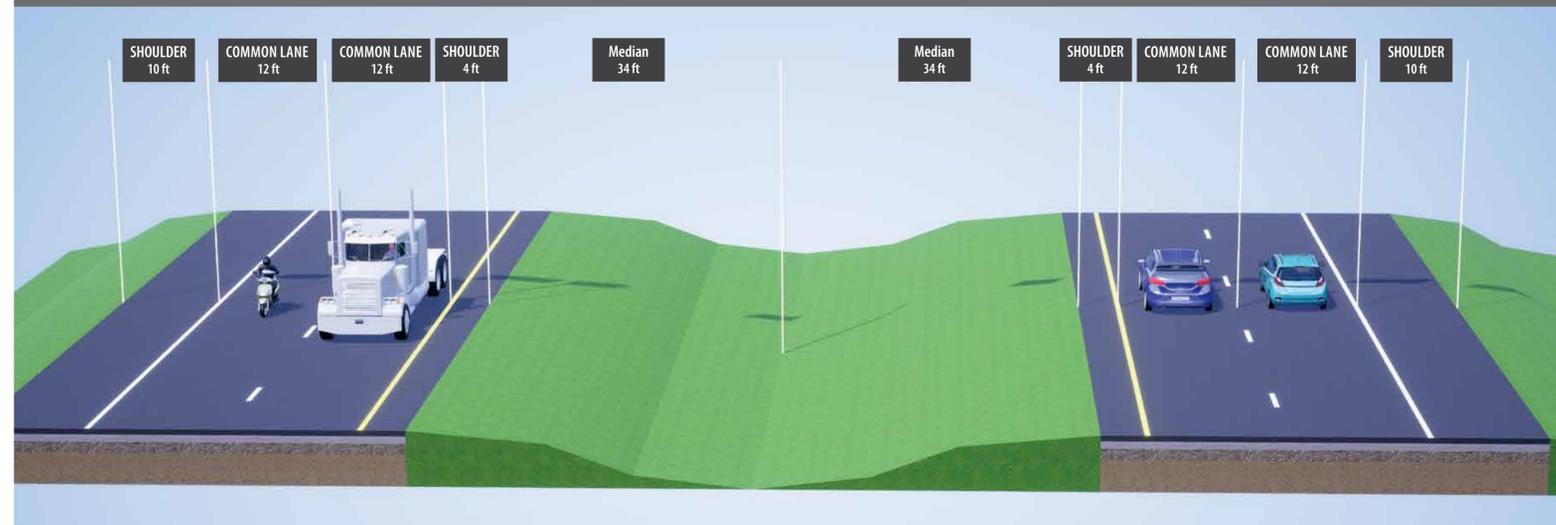


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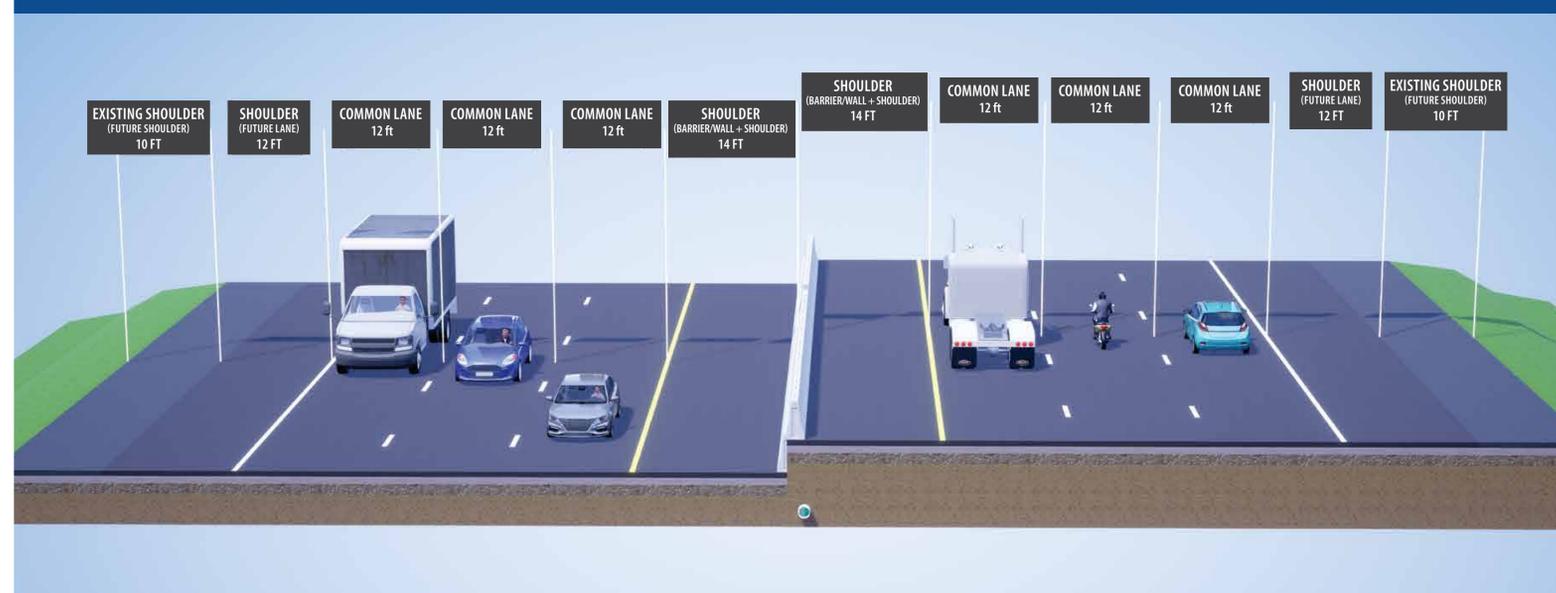


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## Existing



## Final Design Plan



Adding the third lane toward the inner median has 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.

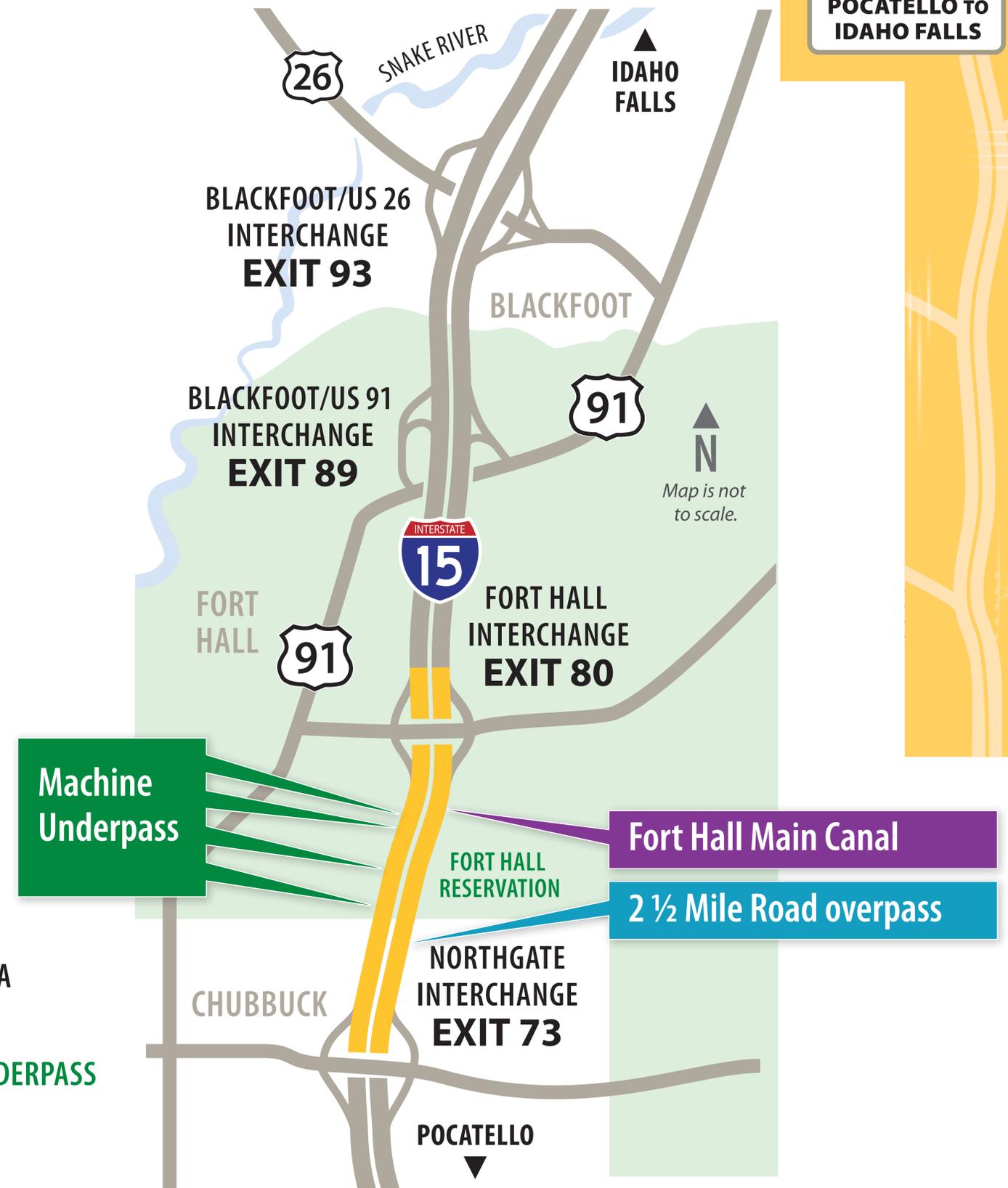
# Northgate to Fort Hall

## Structures

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

- The 2 ½ Mile Road overpass.
- Four machine underpasses.
- I-15 over the Fort Hall Main Canal.

- PROJECT AREA
- OVERPASS
- MACHINE UNDERPASS
- CANAL



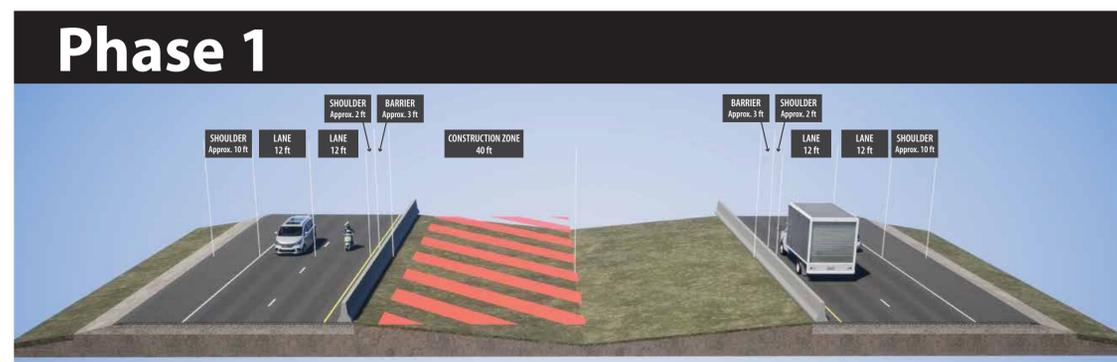
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## What to Expect During Construction

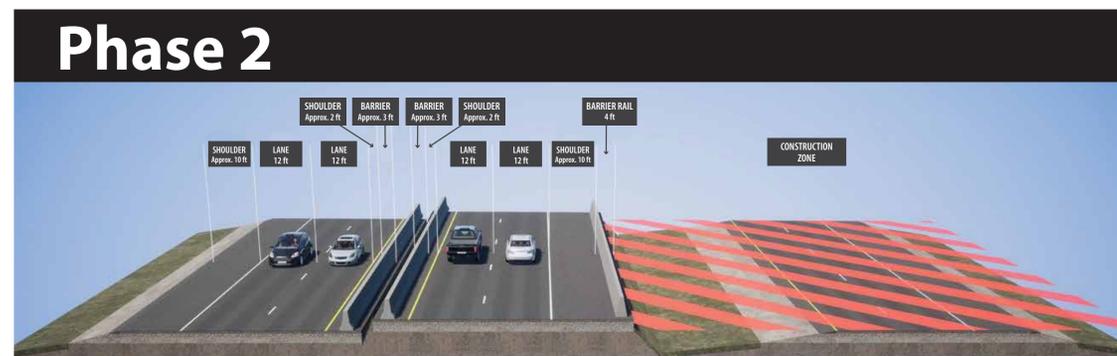


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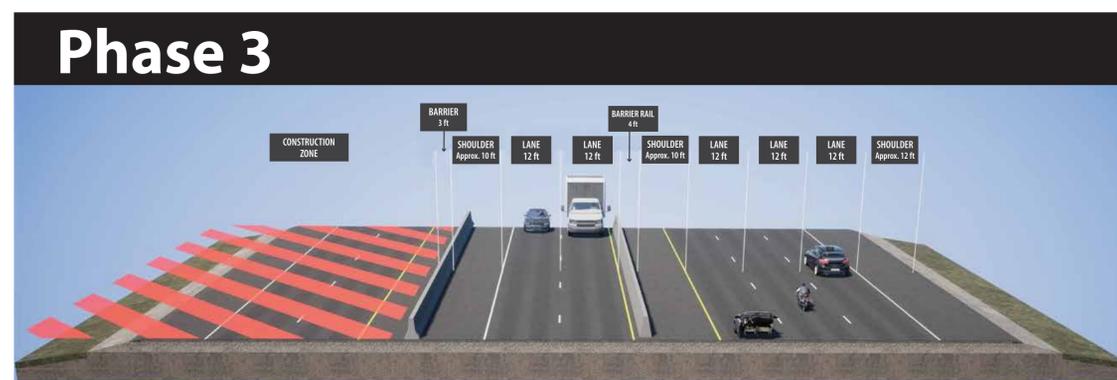
ITD's goal is to keep two lanes open in each direction during construction. To do this, traffic will be shifted several times throughout construction.



**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 I-15 Projects

ITD is planning and coordinating several projects on I-15 to minimize traffic impacts and to construct projects efficiently.



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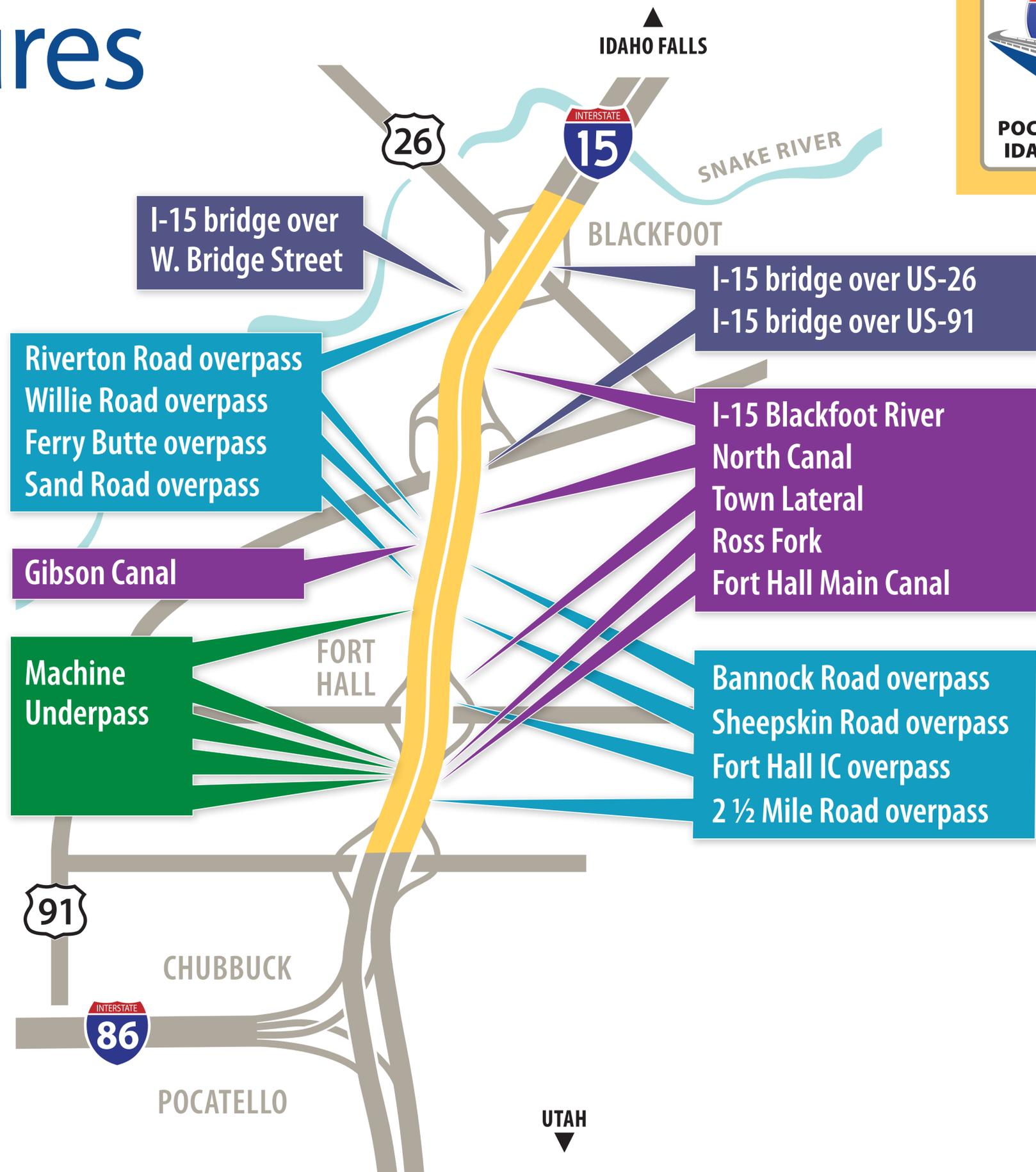
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# I-15 Structures

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

- PROJECT AREA
- BRIDGE
- OVERPASS
- MACHINE UNDERPASS
- CANAL/RIVER



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# Thank you!

## Thank you for your participation.

Please fill out a comment form and submit your input to the project team. Use the QR code below to submit comments online.

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