The Idaho Transportation Department is continuing to invest in the Idaho 16 corridor to prepare for regional growth and meet the long-term transportation needs of the Treasure Valley. Taking action now allows ITD to secure future opportunities to meet the Treasure Valley’s growing travel demands by preserving a new limited-access north-south corridor.

**ITD initiated the Idaho 16 project to prepare for and address:**

- **Regional growth.** Proposed planned communities and rapid development in the communities of Emmett, Eagle, Star, Nampa and Meridian are increasing travel demand on Idaho highways and surrounding regional roadways.

- **Regional mobility and circulation.** Current north-south routes connecting I-84 to Idaho 44 (State Street) are not adequate to meet future travel demands of the Treasure Valley.

- **Congestion on north-south arterials.** The limited number of river crossings between Idaho 44 (State Street) and I-84 increases traffic congestion on the surrounding regional roadways.

**This project includes:**

- Updating traffic projections.
- Reviewing recent developments and updating property information.
- Updating right-of-way and construction cost estimates.
- Developing construction phasing options.
- Updating elements of the 2011 environmental study.
- Advancing design efforts to be ready for future funding.
- Developing right-of-way plans.

In 2011, the Idaho Transportation Department completed an environmental study to extend the Idaho 16 corridor between I-84 and Idaho 44. The study resulted in an approved route for the highway extension. Construction of the first two-mile segment was completed in 2014.

SEE MAP ON REVERSE
The new highway route will be about 7.5 miles long. It will begin at I-84 and continue north approximately ¼ mile west of McDermott Road. At approximately ½ mile south of US 20/26 (Chinden Boulevard), it will shift east, intersecting US 20/26, and end just north of Idaho 44 (State Street).