WELCOME
THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING TODAY’S MEETING!

The purpose of the meeting is to give you an opportunity to:

• Review and provide input on final design plans for the:
  – New Snake River Bridge in Marsing
  – Improvements to Idaho 55 between Marsing and the U.S. 95 junction
• Identify key issues and concerns to be considered during construction.
• Learn how to stay involved throughout the project.

The Idaho Transportation Department welcomes your comments and questions about the project.
IDAHO 55 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Idaho Transportation Department plans to replace the Snake River Bridge in Marsing and improve Idaho 55 between Marsing and the U.S. 95 junction.

FINAL DESIGN PLANS FOR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE:

- Repaving 2.3 miles of Idaho 55
- Improving and extending curb and gutter in Marsing
- Adding and updating ADA ramps
- Improving drainage
  - Replacing the School Drain culvert
  - Replacing the C-line Canal structure
- Reconfiguring lanes in Marsing to improve safety
- Improving the intersection of Idaho 55 and Idaho 78
- Improving pedestrian crossing at the junction
- Adding a center turn lane between Canal Street and Bruneau Highway
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**FINAL DESIGN PLANS FOR THE NEW BRIDGE INCLUDE:**

- A six-span structure that will be approximately 785 feet long
- Five piers
- Two travel lanes (one in each direction)
- Six-foot shoulders on both sides of the bridge
- An eight-foot protected sidewalk for pedestrians and bicyclists on the north side of the bridge
The Snake River Bridge in Marsing was built in 1955 and is the primary river crossing in this area. Approximately 6,500 cars cross the Snake River Bridge every day. The bridge has reached the end of its design life and needs to be replaced.

Replacing the bridge and improving the roadway will enhance safety and meet the needs of the traveling public for many years to come.
WHY REPLACE THE BRIDGE?

The Snake River Bridge needs to be replaced because:

• The existing structure has reached the end of its design life.

• The deck does not meet the increased weight and volumes of today’s trucking loads.

• Riverbed erosion has resulted in exposing the piers.

• Overall deterioration of bridge components.
HISTORY OF THE SNAKE RIVER BRIDGE

In 1920, a bridge was originally built over the Snake River in Marsing to ship produce to and from Canyon and Ada counties to outside areas. The site was chosen due to the fact that the pylons for the bridge could be built on the relatively shallow river bottom at this location.

The original bridge had only one lane. To cross, the proper technique was to stop at the end of the bridge and look. If nobody was coming, it was your turn to cross.

In 1955, the original bridge was rebuilt and replaced with the two-lane structure that exists today.
ITD is in the process of finalizing design plans and completing an environmental analysis for this project.

- **Summer 2015**: Completed Preliminary Design
- **Spring 2017**: Complete Environmental Evaluation
- **Summer 2017**: Complete Final Design
- **2018**: Begin Construction
PROJECT AREA

Snake River Bridge
EXISTING AND PROJECTED TRAFFIC VOLUMES

AVERAGE VEHICLES PER DAY

SNake River BRIDGE

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