



US-95 BONNERS FERRY RECONSTRUCTION: STAGE 2 FAQs

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In response to comments received at the July 2017 open house for improvements from Alderson Lane to Labrosse Hill Street (Stage 2), ITD developed this FAQ sheet.

Will the traffic signal at Alderson Lane be removed?

ITD continues to work with the city as it completes its master transportation plan to determine if a signal will be needed at that location or other nearby intersections, but at this time the signal is still planned for removal.

How does this project improve pedestrian safety?

New sidewalks will be added to both sides of US-95 where they currently do not exist between Labrosse Hill Street and Alderson Lane. In most locations the sidewalk will be separated from the highway by a grassy buffer.

Existing sidewalk, which was constructed in the project area in 2003, is in good condition and will not be replaced, but sidewalk ramps at intersections will be improved in accordance with current ADA Accessibility Guidelines. While grassy buffers will not be added near existing sidewalks, after construction there will be wider shoulders to further separate pedestrians from traffic and to possibly facilitate bicyclists.

Lighting will be installed or replaced throughout the entire project area.

Will the intersections be realigned to intersect at less of a skew with US-95?

Roadways are typically designed to intersect at a 90 degree angle, though some variance is allowed based on potential impacts to personal property, utilities, etc. in the right of way. Most intersections will be improved to the maximum extent practicable and to meet ITD design standards, though they will not be realigned to an exact 90 degree angle because impacts in those areas would be unnecessarily significant.

Is night work planned for construction?

ITD is still in the process of finishing the design and staging plans, but there is the potential for night work during construction.

Before requiring night work, ITD must consider the noise and light impacts to nearby residences, the availability of contractors and any extra costs.

Why not expand US-95 to five lanes through town?

Projects are designed to meet mobility needs for twenty years after construction, and projections from the beginning of this project do not support the costs of expansion, which would significantly affect local businesses. While this project may not initially appear to add capacity to ease congestion in town, it does provide a consistent center turn lane that will allow mainline traffic to continue to flow while other vehicles wait to turn.

