



US-95 BONNERS FERRY RECONSTRUCTION: OVERVIEW 2018-2024

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Beginning in 2018, US-95 will be reconstructed through town, first between Kootenai River Bridge and Alderson Lane, and then between Alderson Lane and Labrosse Hill Street.

Once completed, improvements will include:

- Three-lane highway with a center turn lane and a lane in each direction
- Wider shoulders that can be used as bike lanes
- Sidewalks on both sides of the highway, with some sections separated by a grassy strip
- New lighting for improved visibility
- Updated drainage system

Other improvements

The crosswalk to the city pool is more noticeable to drivers, and the merging point for drivers heading south into town has been moved away from the crosswalk and the nearby intersection of the highway with Madison Street to provide extra protection. The new merging point for drivers heading south on US-95 is now near the Kootenai River Bridge.

After necessary widening of the highway in town, an engineering analysis of the signal at Alderson Lane did not support replacing the signal, prompting its scheduled removal in 2019.

Plans call to shift US-95 slightly to the east to straighten the curve near Pine Island Road, allowing it to be realigned to be more perpendicular to the highway. Realignment is designed to lessen the incline on the side street and ease turning movements onto and off the highway. Other intersections will be realigned to intersect more directly with the highway, though due to significant impacts at several locations, not all will intersect at an exact 90-degree angle.

Schedule

	Kootenai River to Madison	Madison to Alderson	Tentative break	Alderson to Eisenhower	Eisenhower to Labrosse	
Start	2018	2019	2020 to 2022	2023	2024	End

Construction between Madison Street and the bridge took place in 2018, and construction between Madison Street and Alderson Lane was mostly complete in 2019. Some work was done in 2020 due to delays caused by weather the year before.

Program funds for the final stage are not scheduled until 2023 and 2024, but if state funds are available, then construction could begin in 2022. The first year of the final stage will address utility and drainage needs as well as Alderson Lane to Eisenhower Street. The last year will reconstruct the highway from Eisenhower Street to Labrosse Hill Street. To prepare for the last two years of construction, work will take place in summer of 2021 to remove trees and relocate signage and utilities.

Construction impacts

During all stages of construction, at least one lane of US-95 will remain open in each direction during daylight hours. Some nighttime work may only allow for alternating, one-way traffic, and weekend work is possible. Construction will likely require sidewalk and intersection closures in the work area.

ITD contractors are required to work with local business owners and residents to notify of imminent access impacts to specific property owners.

Impacts may change during construction, so drivers should also rely on project signage and 511.idaho.gov, which shows current road conditions all over the state.

More information can be found at itdprojects.org.

