



# Pear Lane to Middleton Road Canyon County

The Idaho Transportation Department is working toward improving Idaho 55 from Pear Lane to Middleton Road. The objective of this study is to meet mobility, safety and capacity needs on this important corridor from now until 2045.

Idaho 55 is a primary transportation and freight corridor through Idaho. The area around Idaho 55 in Canyon County is undergoing a period of rapid growth, causing traffic volumes to increase beyond what the roadway was designed to handle. In many areas, the highway has not been widened since it was constructed in the 1930s.

In 2013, ITD completed a multi-year study of Idaho 55 from New Meadows to Marsing. The study helped ITD identify and program numerous improvements to the corridor, such as new traffic signals and access improvements. The study also identified a need for more extensive improvements between Pear Lane and Middleton Road. This current project will build on ITD's previous work.





## PROCESS AND SCHEDULE

This project began in the summer of 2019 and is expected to last for two years. It includes:

- Completing a traffic and safety analysis
- Gathering public input
- Developing plans for managing access on and off Idaho 55
- Completing an environmental evaluation
- Developing preliminary design plans for future projects.

ITD will follow the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process throughout this project. The NEPA process is required for ITD to use federal funding for future projects on Idaho 55.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

ITD is working with all agencies, municipalities and members of the public who have a stake in Idaho 55. To stay informed about the project and learn about future opportunities to give input:

- Visit [itdprojects.org/idaho55study](http://itdprojects.org/idaho55study).
- Contact Jake Melder, ITD Office of Communication, at **(208) 334-8874** or [jake.melder@itd.idaho.gov](mailto:jake.melder@itd.idaho.gov).

## PROJECT COST

The estimated total cost of this study is \$2.5 million.



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