

# ID-41 Expansion

## MULLAN TO BOEKEL CONSTRUCTION 2020-2022

### Overview

ITD is expanding Idaho Highway 41 to help meet the growing traffic demands by adding capacity and enhancing mobility on this six-mile, highly used corridor between Rathdrum and Post Falls.

Once construction is complete, the highway will be four lanes divided by a 50-foot median, where possible, and by a curb elsewhere.

Depending on the location, intersection improvements will add capacity, provide signalization or limit certain movements to facilitate mobility through the whole corridor (see project map). A 10-to-12-foot-wide shared-use path will be constructed adjacent to the highway on the east side.

The Union Pacific Railroad crosses ID-41 in two locations. An overpass will be built to carry traffic over the main line north of Hayden. The spur line that crosses ID-41 near Prairie will be removed. This allows for other crossings on Meyer and Prairie to be removed at a later date, which in turn allows for the expansion of Prairie from two to five lanes by the Post Falls Highway District as well as the extension of the Prairie Trail by the city of Post Falls.

These improvements have been planned with and are financially supported by the cities of Post Falls and Rathdrum. Construction costs total \$51.5 million for the corridor, plus \$5.7 million contributed by Post Falls and Rathdrum.



Typical ID-41 Cross Section by 2022 (above)



Girders were placed for the railroad overpass in September 2020.

### Schedule & Impacts

During construction, traffic will continue to run on the current lanes while two new lanes and the railroad overpass are built to the east. Once those lanes are finished, traffic will be moved onto that section while the old section is reconstructed. This approach was developed to allow much of the work to be completed with minimal impact to traffic.

In 2020, crews were able to work ahead of schedule due to favorable winter weather. Earthwork in preparation for roadway reconstruction was completed north of Prairie Avenue. Work south of Prairie focused on utility relocations and building demolition.

Construction is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2022. The anticipated impacts and milestones for the primary improvements are as follows:

#### 2021:

As different segments of the new lanes to the east are completed, traffic will be diverted onto them, with the first switch possible as early as June.

Roadway construction south of Prairie is scheduled to begin in April, and work north of Prairie is continuing through winter due to mild weather.

Intersections will be closed one-half at a time. Detours anticipated for approximately two months.

- Utility relocations south of Prairie.
- Open northbound bridge over railroad and begin southbound bridge.
- Place some signals.
- Railroad spur removal.
- Most of northbound lanes complete by end of construction season.

#### 2022:

- Complete highway widening.
- Finish placing or upgrading signals.
- Complete southbound bridge over railroad.

**Please Note:** Construction schedules are subject to change. Right-of-way negotiations are ongoing and may impact the schedule. Please sign up for email updates at [itdprojects.org/id41corridor](http://itdprojects.org/id41corridor).



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### Primary Corridor Improvements Map

-  Bridges over railroad
-  New traffic signals
-  Signals replaced or upgraded
-  Future signal
-  Shared-use path
-  Additional lanes

