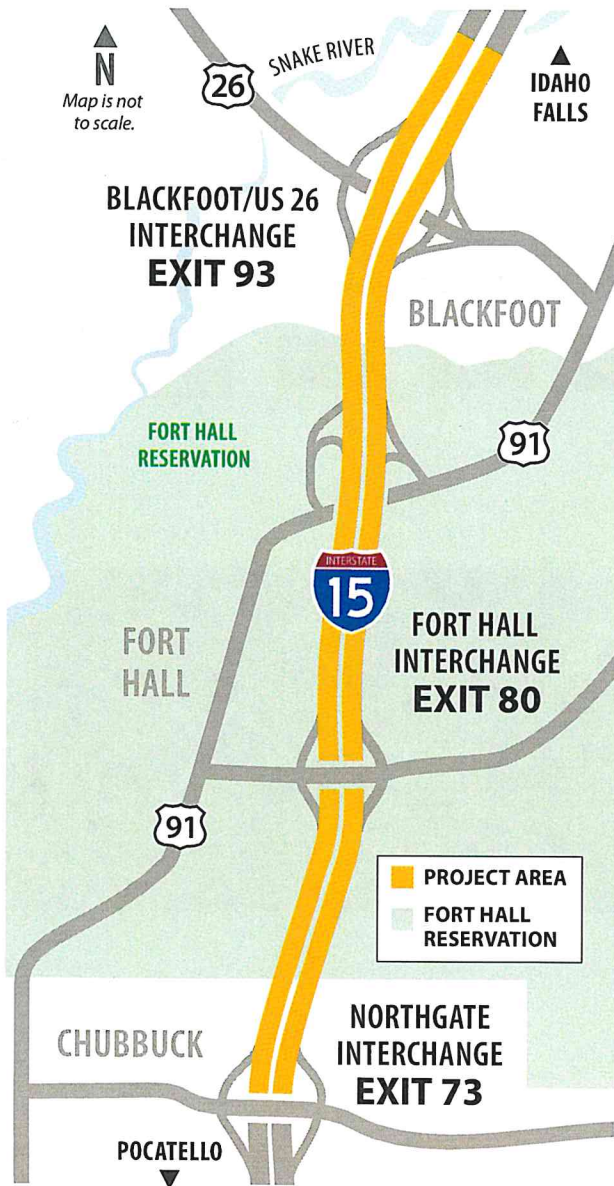


As part of Governor Little's Leading Idaho initiative, the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is designing improvements to I-15 to modernize aging infrastructure, increase capacity, and improve safety on the interstate to meet increased population and travel demands across the region. The project begins at the Northgate Parkway Interchange (Exit 73) and ends approximately 1 mile north of the Blackfoot/US 26 Interchange (Exit 93).



**NORTHGATE TO BLACKFOOT**



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### ANTICIPATED IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements will be designed using technical data, environmental studies and input from the public. Improvements to be considered include:

- Widening Interstate 15 and improving the driving surface
- Improving bridges, overpasses and interchange structures
- Increasing the vertical clearance on overhead structures

### PROCESS AND SCHEDULE

| PROCESS  | ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE |
|--|----------------------|
| Begin environmental evaluation, gather traffic and geotechnical information, survey and develop improvement concepts | 2022                 |
| Develop preliminary engineering designs and continue environmental evaluation  | 2022-2023            |
| Complete environmental evaluation and final engineering design plans   | 2023-2024            |
| Construct improvements   | TBD                  |

Elements of this project are being funded with Transportation Expansion and Congestion Mitigation (TECM) funds as part of the Leading Idaho TECM Program. The program allows ITD to accelerate project timelines to address rapid growth and build critical infrastructure today that would otherwise take many years to fund and build.

Para solicitar más información sobre este proyecto en Español, por favor llame (866) 607-5620.



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# I-15 Northgate to Blackfoot Widening



## RECOMMENDATION

ITD design recommendation for adding a third lane is Design Option 1 (Closed Median) because of the following:

- Fewer potential environmental impacts
- More cost effective
- Minimizes right-of-way acquisition
- Simplifies construction and minimizes traffic impacts during construction
- Accommodates future growth and expansion

### ITD's Recommendation: Design Option 1 – Closed Median

