

I-86 I-15 System Interchange

Overview

The Idaho Transportation Department has scheduled improvements for the I-86 / I-15 System Interchange in the Pocatello/Chubbuck metropolitan area. ITD anticipates advertising the project for bids in February 2022. The project will involve roadway, ramp and bridge upgrades at the junction of I-86 and I-15, and building a new separated pedestrian/bicycle path.

1. Between the Pocatello Creek and Northgate Interchanges, I-15 northbound lanes will be constructed west of their present location in what is currently the highway median.
2. The ramp connecting I-15 northbound to I-86 westbound will be reconfigured to exit from the right-hand side of the northbound I-15 lanes, rather than from its present location on the left-hand side.
3. The ramp connecting I-86 eastbound to I-15 northbound will be reconfigured to merge on the right-hand side of the northbound I-15 lanes, rather than from its present location on the left-hand side.
4. Chubbuck Road will be lowered and rebuilt as an underpass to I-15. Two new bridges will be constructed for I-15 over Chubbuck Road.
5. ITD has coordinated with the local Greenway Foundation to construct a separated pathway linking Pocatello Creek Road with the Bannock County Fairgrounds and Portneuf Wellness Complex.
6. A new, separate connector ramp will merge traffic entering I-15 northbound from the Pocatello Creek interchange after the I-86 westbound ramp exit.



Schedule

This is ITD's current tentative schedule. When a contractor is selected the schedule may be modified as needed.

Late Spring/Summer 2022

- Closure of I-15 NB to I-86 westbound ramp (approximately 2-4 weeks)
 - Detour to Northgate Interchange
 - For lowering existing ramp for future construction phases
- Closure of Chubbuck Road crossing I-15 (duration of construction)
 - Detour to New Day Parkway/Northgate Parkway
 - For construction of new I-15 bridges

Summer 2022 – Summer/Fall 2023

- Construction of new I-15 northbound alignment
- Construction of new interchange ramps
- I-15 northbound and southbound traffic remain on existing alignments with all lanes open
 - Possible short-term lane closures



Fall 2023 – Summer 2024

- Closure of existing I-15 southbound lanes
 - I-15 southbound traffic will utilize newly constructed I-15 northbound lanes
 - Allows construction of new I-15 southbound bridges
- I-15 northbound will remain on existing I-15 northbound.
- I-15 traffic should remain with 2 lanes open in each direction
- Continued construction of new interchange ramps

Fall 2024

- Completion of lowered Chubbuck Road

Winter 2024 – Spring 2025

- Project completion

Detours

Detour Construction #1

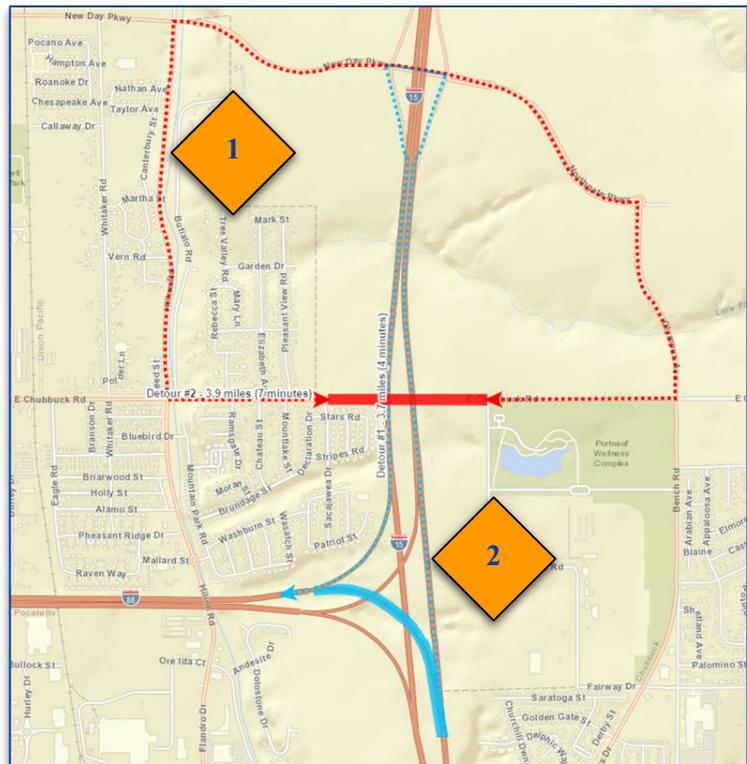
To lower Chubbuck Road under I-15 and construct two new Interstate structures for the crossing, Chubbuck Road will be closed between Sacajawea Drive and Fairgrounds Road. The anticipated closest detour will be via Northgate/New Day to the north.

- **3.70 miles**
- **Approx. 4 minutes**
- **Anticipated Detour Duration: 12-18 months**

Detour Construction #2

To maintain traffic for the anticipated 2-year construction of the project, the NW ramp will need to be lowered prior to beginning bridge construction. This will require closure of the ramp and a detour through the Northgate Interchange to the North.

- **3.70 miles**
- **Approx. 4 minutes**
- **Anticipated Detour Duration: 2-4 weeks**



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