

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Over the next several years the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) will be making improvements to Chinden Boulevard (U.S. 20/26) between Star Road and Eagle Road to promote safety and increase capacity in this growing region of Idaho.

As identified in the graphic below, planned improvements are divided into different segments. Each segment has a unique schedule and they are not scheduled for construction in a consecutive, east-to-west or west-to-east sequence. Instead, segments will be constructed in order of most urgent need and available funds. All segments will widen the highway on the south side of the roadway from 2 to 4 lanes. During construction, work will occur day and night with traffic limited to one lane in each direction. The segments are as follows:

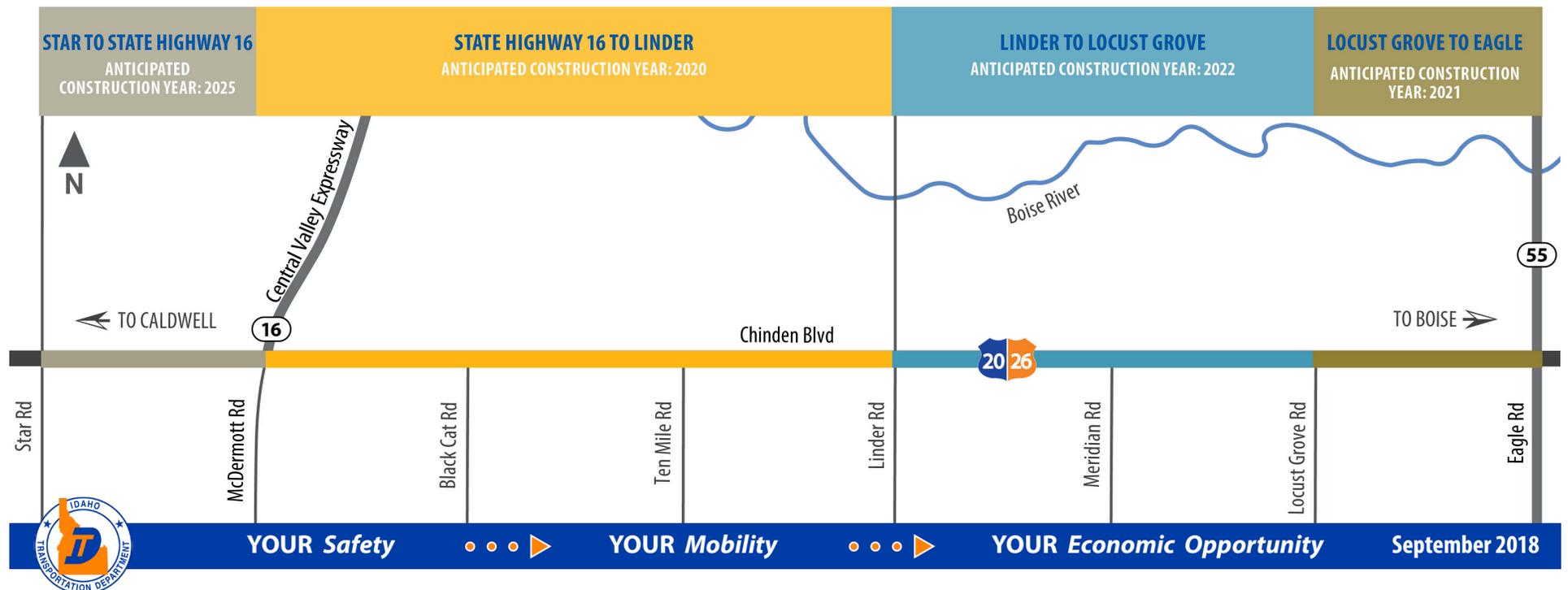
State Highway 16 to Star Road: Preliminary design has not begun. Construction is currently scheduled for 2025.

State Highway 16 to Linder Road: This segment is currently in the preliminary design phase with construction anticipated in 2020. It is funded through a Sales Tax

Anticipation Revenue (STAR) agreement with Costco Wholesale, developer of a multi-use development on the southwest corner with Ten Mile. Through the STAR agreement, Costco will pay for the roadway improvements and be reimbursed through sales tax revenue generated by the development.

Linder Road to Locust Grove: This segment is currently in preliminary design with construction anticipated in 2022. Construction could move up through a STAR agreement with the "Linder Village" developer on the southeast corner with Linder. The development is expected to include a WinCo Grocery store.

Locust Grove to Eagle Road: Preliminary design will be complete in 2018 with final design anticipated for 2019. Construction is currently scheduled for 2021.



Background

Chinden Boulevard, a section of U.S. 20/26, is one of the few east-west commuter routes that connects Boise to Interstate 84 in Caldwell. The majority of Chinden between I-84 and Eagle Road is a two-lane rural highway. As the land around the roadway develops, Chinden is becoming a busy urban corridor, particularly between Ten Mile Road and Eagle.

Large-scale commercial and residential developments are being planned at the southwest corner with Ten Mile and the southeast corner with Linder Road. With development expected to continue, the region is transforming from a historically agricultural area to an urban corridor.

From 2015-2017, ITD conducted an Environmental Assessment (EA) of the corridor to determine recommended roadway improvements and identify right-of-way needs through 2040. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process included an extensive public involvement effort featuring public open houses, property owner meetings, online public meetings and live online Q&A sessions. ITD also worked closely with its local government partners to identify needs and develop solutions that meet the future demands of this growing region in Ada and Canyon counties.

The resulting recommendation includes the following improvements by 2040:

- **Phase 1:** Expand Chinden from 2 lanes to 4 lanes between Eagle and Star Road.
- **Phase 2:** Projections suggest a long-term need for 6 lanes from Eagle to I-84, ultimately. ITD will construct additional lanes on the corridor based on then-current traffic and growth patterns.
- **Phase 3:** Construct high-capacity intersections (CFI's) at Eagle, Locust Grove Road, Meridian Road, Linder, and Middleton Road.

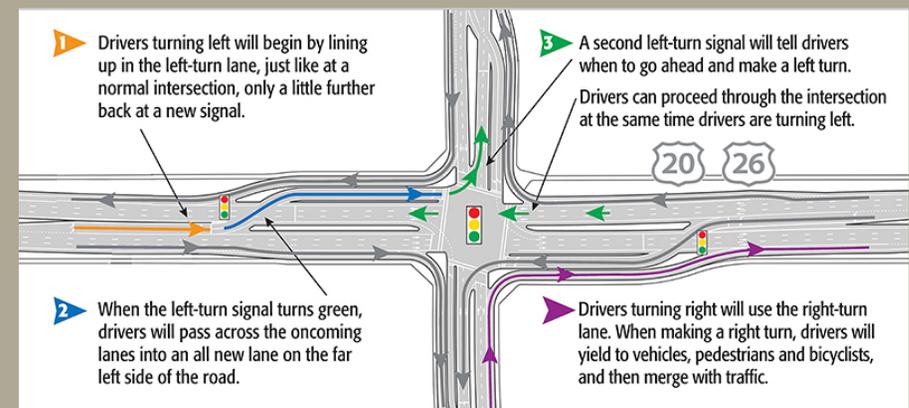
In October 2017, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) determined the findings in the EA will have no significant impact on the human or natural environment and approved the recommendations. Segments of Chinden between Eagle and Star were soon identified as having the most immediate needs due to increasing traffic volumes and impending development.

National Environmental Policy Act

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is a procedural statute (40 CFR parts 1500 thru 1508) for decision-making during federal projects that assures proper analysis of social, economic and environmental impacts are performed and disclosed. Chinden work is federally funded through FHWA and as such is subject to federal regulation. ITD, in consultation with FHWA, followed the NEPA process to prepare a NEPA Document. The NEPA process studied a reasonable range of alternatives, considered appropriate mitigation for impacts, included interagency coordination and consultation, and provided the public an opportunity to participate in the process and comment. The studies, agency coordination, public participation process and comments are all summarized in the EA. The EA is available for review on the project website: www.itdproject.org/ChindenWest

What is a CFI?

The EA identified the future need for high capacity intersection at Middleton Road, Linder Road, Meridian Road, Locust Grove Road, and Eagle Road. These Continuous Flow Intersections (CFI), described in the graphic below, can accommodate higher traffic volumes than a traditional intersection. Current traffic and near-term demands do not warrant CFI's at this time. Planned improvements feature traditional intersections with the ability to expand to CFI's when necessary.



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