

POCATELLO AVE / I-86B INTERSECTION

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WELCOME!

The Idaho Transportation Department has redesigned the intersection of Pocatello Avenue (I-86B) and State Highway 39 in American Falls. The new design will be a roundabout.

Tonight's open house is an opportunity to review the new design.



PROJECT GOALS

- Improve safety and traffic flow at the Pocatello Avenue/I-86B intersection.
 - > *The roundabout will significantly improve traffic flow, especially for commercial vehicles.*
 - > *The roundabout design improves safety by reducing the potential for serious high speed crashes.*
- Involve the community in the design process.
 - > *Community members were invited to participate through a series of workshops.*

PROCESS AND SCHEDULE

Spring 2018	Community Workshop #1 <i>(Identify issues, concerns and suggested intersection improvements)</i> Develop range of intersection improvements
Summer 2018	Community Workshop #2 <i>(Present and gather input on the range of potential improvements)</i> Begin preliminary design
Fall 2018	Community workshop #3 <i>(Present and gather input on preliminary design plans)</i> Develop final design plans
Summer 2019	Community open house to gather input on final design
2022	Anticipated construction

EVALUATING ALTERNATIVES

ITD considered multiple design alternatives for this intersection:

- Flyover ramp (for Pocatello Avenue)
- Flyover ramp (for SH-39 bypass)
- Roundabout
- Continuous Green "T" signal (a signal with priority given to SH-39)
- Do nothing

Each was evaluated based on factors such as cost, traffic capacity, delays, safety, right-of-way needs and community input. Based on this careful analysis, ITD has concluded that the roundabout is the best option for this intersection.

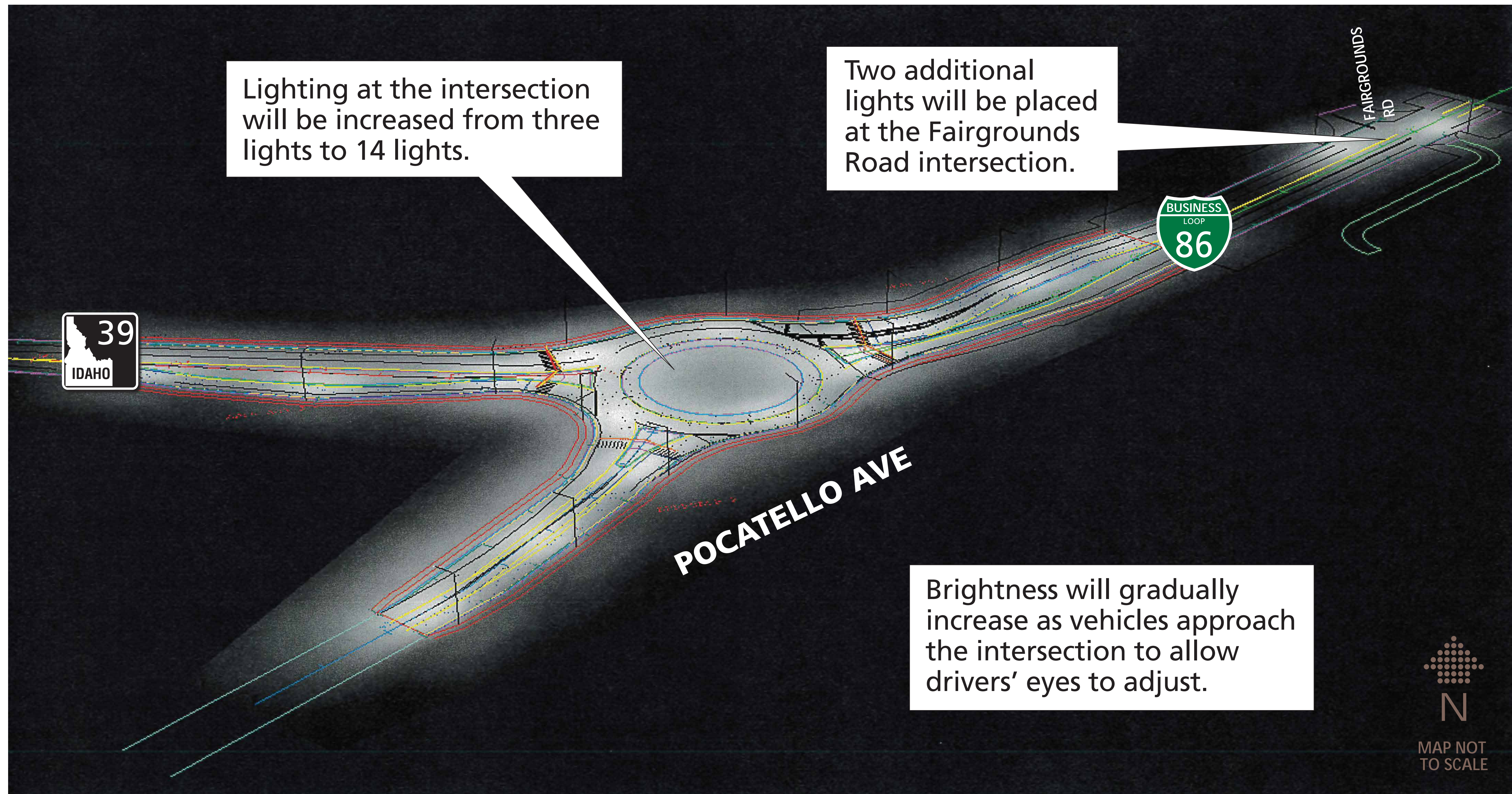


WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY

ITD would like to thank every community member who participated in the design process.

COMMUNITY INPUT	OUTCOME
Free-flowing traffic is important.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The roundabout design allows a continuous flow of traffic without drivers needing to wait for a light or a stop sign.
It is important to ensure that the roundabout accommodates 53-foot trailers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ITD has updated the traffic models and video simulation to confirm the intersection will accommodate 53-foot trailers.
Make sure the roundabout is well-lit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lighting will be upgraded.
Please minimize situations when traffic needs to merge with fast-moving trucks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The posted speed on the SH-39 bypass will be 45 mph as it approaches the intersection.
Please consider lowering the speed limit through the roundabout.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reverse curves and splitter islands approaching the roundabout will cause drivers to naturally slow to 25 mph as they enter the roundabout.
Access to Fairgrounds Road is important.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The project will add a right-turn acceleration lane for westbound traffic leaving Fairgrounds Road.• A center left turn lane for eastbound traffic into Fairgrounds Road will be maintained.• The vertical grade of I-86B from I-15 does not allow the addition of a deceleration lane for westbound traffic turning right onto Fairgrounds Road.
Consider including a second lane on the roundabout.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The design includes a second lane on the SH-39 leg. Other legs have adequate capacity without a second lane.
Education and signage will be very important.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The intersection will include significant signage.• ITD is committed to preparing the community for the new intersection design.

LIGHTING



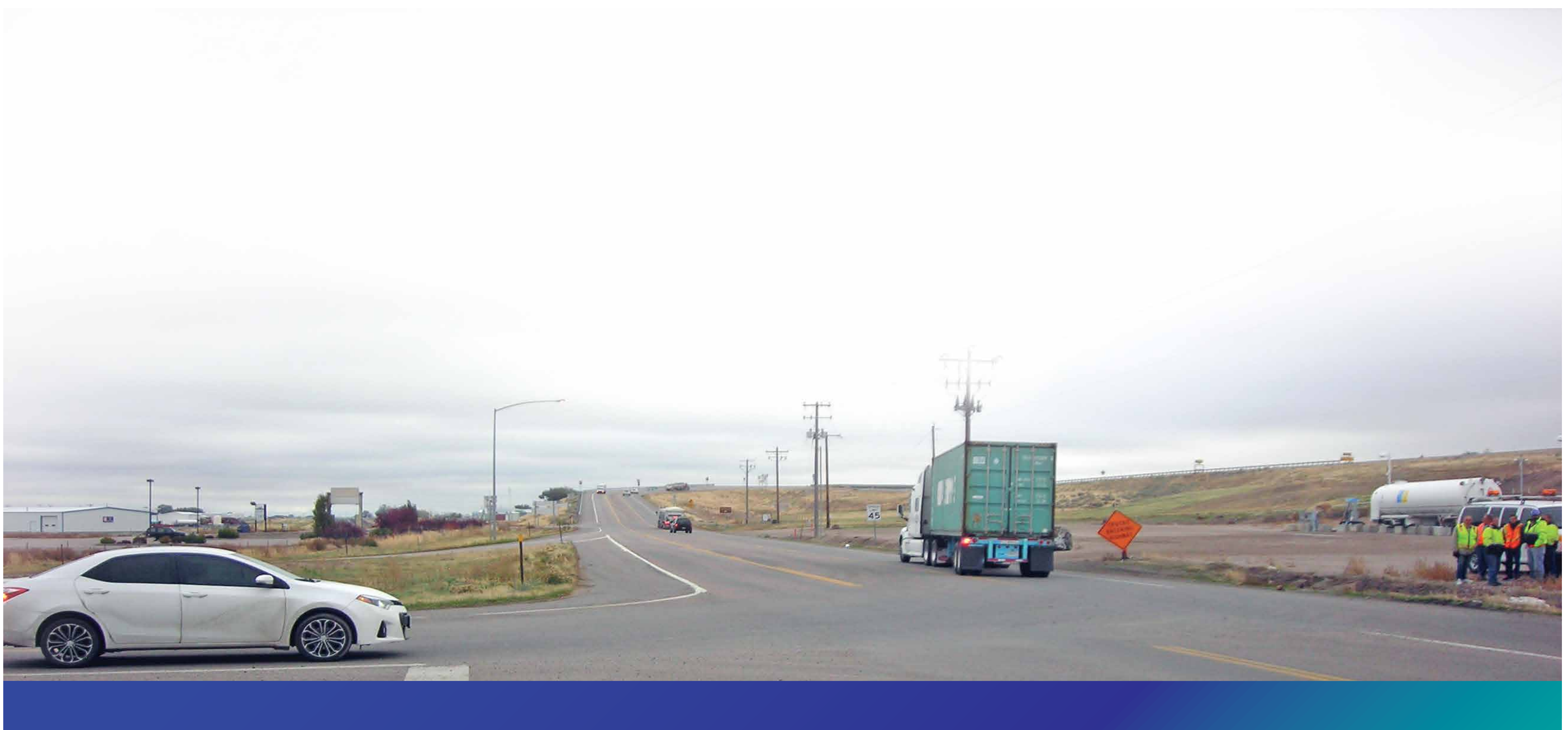
**Lighting at the roundabout will meet all federal standards.*

CONSTRUCTION

Construction of the roundabout is expected to begin in the spring of 2022. While it is too early to know exact construction details, ITD anticipates that:

- Construction will take approximately four months to complete.
- Construction will be scheduled around planting and harvest seasons.
- Two lanes will be open in all directions during construction.

ITD will keep the community informed prior to and during construction. Education materials will be available to drivers before the roundabout opens.



THANK YOU

Thank you for attending tonight's open house. Please take a moment to record any comments or questions on your comment sheet.

Displays from today will be posted to the project website at itdprojects.org.

If you have questions prior to construction, you are welcome to contact Dan Harelson at the Idaho Transportation Department at **(208) 239-3377** or dan.harleson@itd.idaho.gov.



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