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Public meeting is Thursday regarding temporary access to I-90 for oversized shipments

BOISE □ A public meeting is scheduled for Thursday (Dec. 19) to accept public comment on a temporary on-ramp that would give oversized equipment shipments access to Interstate 90.

The meeting will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Idaho Transportation Department's District 1 Office (600 West Prairie Ave., Coeur d'Alene). ITD representatives will present information on the temporary on-ramp, traffic control efforts for three oversized shipments and a brief closure of Interstate 90 at the on-ramp location.

Mammoet USA South, Inc., proposes to move three shipments east on Interstate 90. Each load is approximately 472 feet long, 27 feet wide, about 16 feet tall and weighs 1.6 million pounds.

An alternate route around Veterans Memorial Bridge for the shipments also is being considered. The route will direct shipments to exit I-90 at the Sherman Avenue Interchange, travel 5.5 miles along E. Coeur d'Alene Lake Drive, pass under the I-90 overpass west of Higgins Point and re-enter I-90 at the temporary on-ramp that is mostly completed on the north side of I-90.

The on-ramp, which is on public right of way, will have widening work done to allow the shipments to use it.

Traffic control and temporary I-90 closures also will be presented for review at the public meeting.

Highway construction is one of the key forces pushing Idaho toward continued economic vitality by creating jobs, improving safety and reducing traffic congestion.

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