



## Broadway Avenue Bridge Replacement

# Purpose and Need

**ITD is completing an environmental analysis for the Broadway Bridge Replacement Project. A key component of the analysis is identifying the purpose and need for the project.**

### **Purpose:**

- Replace the bridge.
- Improve capacity for vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Enhance connectivity and reduce congestion.

### **Need:**

- The bridge is reaching its life expectancy, and the structure does not meet today's standards.
- Pedestrian facilities are inadequate and bicycle facilities are not available.
- The existing structure cannot handle the high amount of traffic that crosses the bridge during community and university events.

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# Environmental Considerations

The environmental analysis takes many factors into consideration, including:

## Noise

- ITD is in the process of analyzing the noise that will be generated from the project improvements.

## Transportation access

- The analysis studies how traffic will move around the construction zone. See Station 4 for more information about preliminary detour routes.

## Other

- The environmental analysis also studies impacts to wetlands, air quality, water quality and cultural and historic resources.

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ITD will work to minimize impacts to the Boise River, parks and historical and archaeological sites.

ITD is in the process of analyzing impacts to culturally sensitive areas, including Julia Davis Park, Christ Chapel and the bridge.

## Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Act

- A small segment of the Greenbelt on the north side of the Broadway Bridge was paid for with federal dollars designated by the Land and Water Conservation Act.
  - Replacing the Broadway Bridge will require converting this Greenbelt segment from a recreational use to a non-recreational use.
- To use this land for the new bridge, another non-recreational piece of land needs to be converted to a recreational use.
  - ITD has worked with the City of Boise to identify a piece of land for this conversion. The land identified would be converted to a Greenbelt connection from Garden City to the east side of the I-84 Connector.

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