Project Background: The Big Wood River Bridge to Elkhorn Rd. project (BWRB) is the second project, following the Timber Way to Big Wood River Bridge project, to advance since the completion of the Idaho 75 Timmerman to Ketchum Environmental Impact Statement (Idaho 75 EIS) in 2008. Like the Timber Way project, the BWRB project follows the design concepts defined in the Idaho 75 EIS, which can be viewed at [http://www.idt.idaho.gov/projects/D4/Idaho75TimmermanToKetchum/](http://www.idt.idaho.gov/projects/D4/Idaho75TimmermanToKetchum/). The project is fully funded and is planned for construction in 2016/17.

Design Process Status: With the execution of the upcoming Public open house, the design team will have completed the tasks outlined in the “Preliminary Design” section of the “General Steps and Schedule” table shown at left. The tasks listed under “Environmental Reevaluation” section are in progress and on schedule. The design team is also working with community representatives to incorporate aesthetic treatments into the project design.

Project Description:
- Replace and widen the bridge to 74 ft. with four 12 ft. lanes, plus a 4 ft. median and adequate shoulders
- Reconstruct Idaho 75 north of the bridge to transition into the existing four-lane roadway configuration
- Retain the existing center turn lane and signal at Elkhorn Rd.

Issues We’ve Heard From Stakeholders:
- Safety for motorists and pedestrians
- River hydrology and riparian vegetation
- Environmental impacts
- Wildlife safety and passage
- Aesthetics
- Recreation access
- Drainage

Public Involvement Progress: Since beginning the design process in February, the team has conducted stakeholder interviews with representatives from adjacent businesses, affected property owners, local law enforcement and emergency services, affected organizations, city and county planning departments and the Blaine County Regional Transportation Committee. The team has also made public presentations to local government elected officials and agency representatives to inform them of the project and gather initial comments.

Input from these activities has been provided to the technical design team for consideration in the design process. For more information, see contact information on back of this newsletter or visit the project web site at [http://idt.idaho.gov/Projects/D4Idaho75TimmermanToKetchum/bigwoodriverbridge.asp](http://idt.idaho.gov/Projects/D4Idaho75TimmermanToKetchum/bigwoodriverbridge.asp)
Big Wood River Bridge Project
Preliminary Bridge Design

Wildlife Passage Area

Note: The bridge profile is approximately 3' higher than the existing bridge.

Note: The new bridge will be approximately 30' longer than the existing bridge.

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