



Big Wood River Bridge to Elkhorn Rd.

Reconstruction Project

Newsletter #1 – March 2014

Preliminary Design Gets Underway

General Steps and Schedule	
Preliminary Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveying and mapping • Traffic analysis • Geotechnical investigations • Utility coordination • Preliminary roadway and drainage design • Preliminary bridge design • Local government coordination • Stakeholder/property owner communications • Public open house #1 – summer 2014 	February 2014 through Fall 2014
Environmental Re-evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wetland impact evaluation • Biological assessment • Noise modeling and evaluation • Wildlife and vegetation evaluation 	Spring 2014 to Summer 2015
Final Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadway plans • River hydraulics • Bridge design • Utilities design • Retaining walls and drainage • Local government coordination • Stakeholder/property owner communications • Public Open House #2 – winter/spring 2015 	Fall 2014 through Fall 2015
Advertisement and Contracting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete bid documents and advertise • Select a contractor 	Winter 2015 to Spring 2016
Construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific construction approach to be announced prior to beginning construction 	2016 to 2017

Public Involvement: The design process will include coordination with local governments, area residents and affected stakeholders. Individual affected property and business owners adjacent to the project will be consulted to address design issues that might affect their property or business operation. The public will be kept informed through the local media and at public meetings. For more information, see contact information on back of this newsletter or visit the project web site at <http://itd.idaho.gov/Projects/D4Idaho75TimmermanToKetchum/bigwoodriverbridge.asp>

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. The anticipated project boundaries are shown on the map on the back of this newsletter. Like the Timber Way project, the BWRB project will follow the design concepts defined in the Idaho 75 EIS, which can be viewed on the project web site at <http://www.itd.idaho.gov/projects/D4/Idaho75TimmermanToKetchum/>

Design Process: Project planning, environmental work and design, as outlined at left in “General Steps and Schedule”, will be conducted by ITD and a consultant team led by Parametrix, Inc., located in Boise. Construction is planned for 2016 to 2017, if environmental permitting and design is completed.

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.

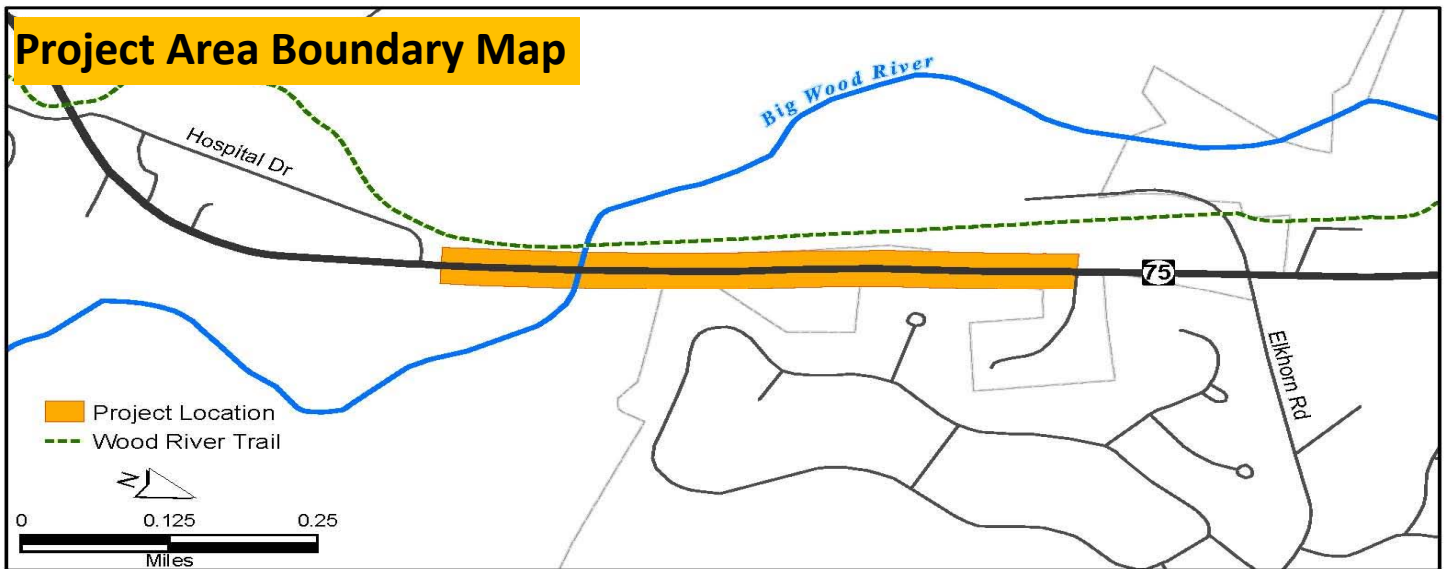
Key Design Issues:

- Safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists
- River hydrology and riparian vegetation
- Environmental impacts
- Wildlife safety and passage
- Recreation access
- Drainage
- Noise



Existing two-lane Big Wood River Bridge

Project Area Boundary Map



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