

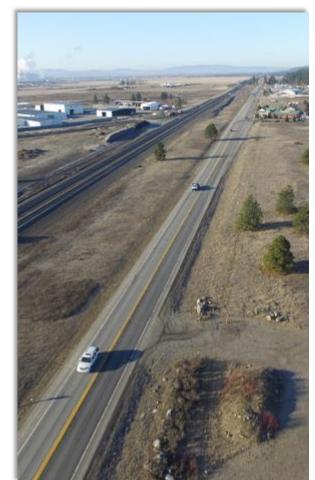


### **Design Alternatives**

ITD considered three alternatives to improve the highway. These were evaluated based on safety, traffic needs and environmental impacts.

- **1. No Build Keep the current condition of ID-53**Based on the increased traffic volumes and crash data for this section of ID-53, ITD determined that improvements are needed and the project should move forward.
- 2. Widen ID-53 equally to the north and south
  This alternative was not feasible due to the location of
  the railroad tracks and plans by BNSF to add more
  tracks in the future.

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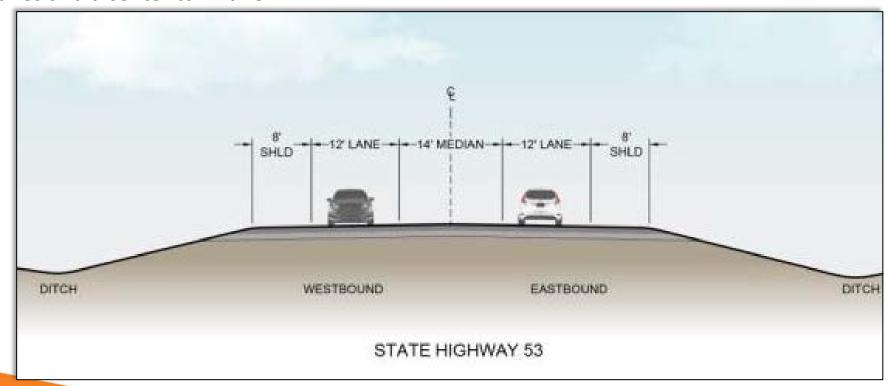




### **Preferred Design**

#### 3. Widened ID-53 to the north

The most feasible alternative allows for a continuous three-lane highway, with two travel lanes and a center turn lane.



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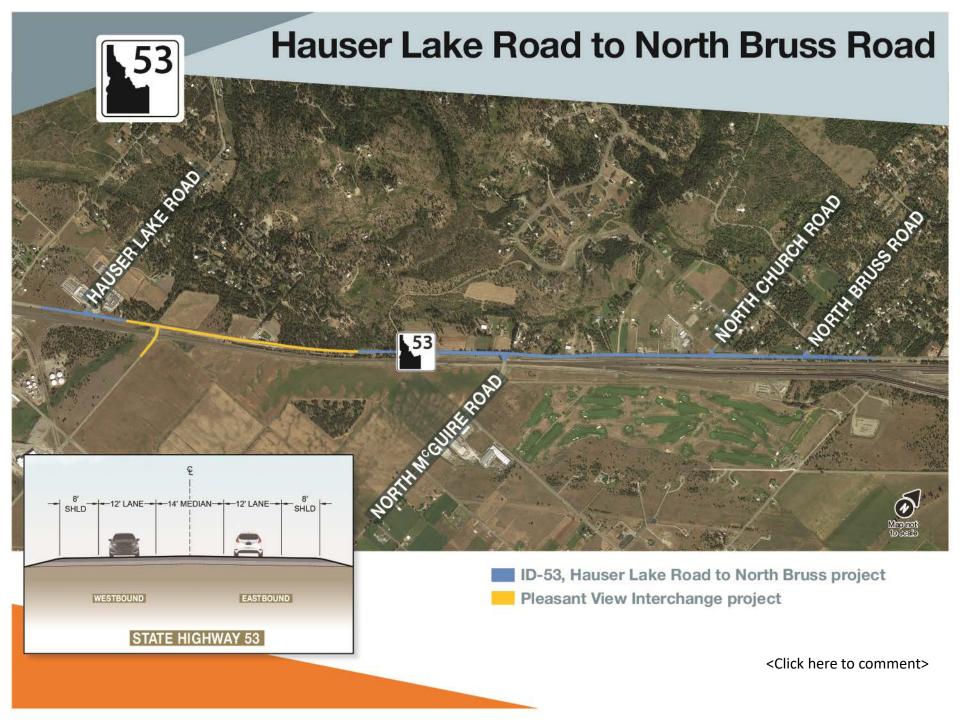


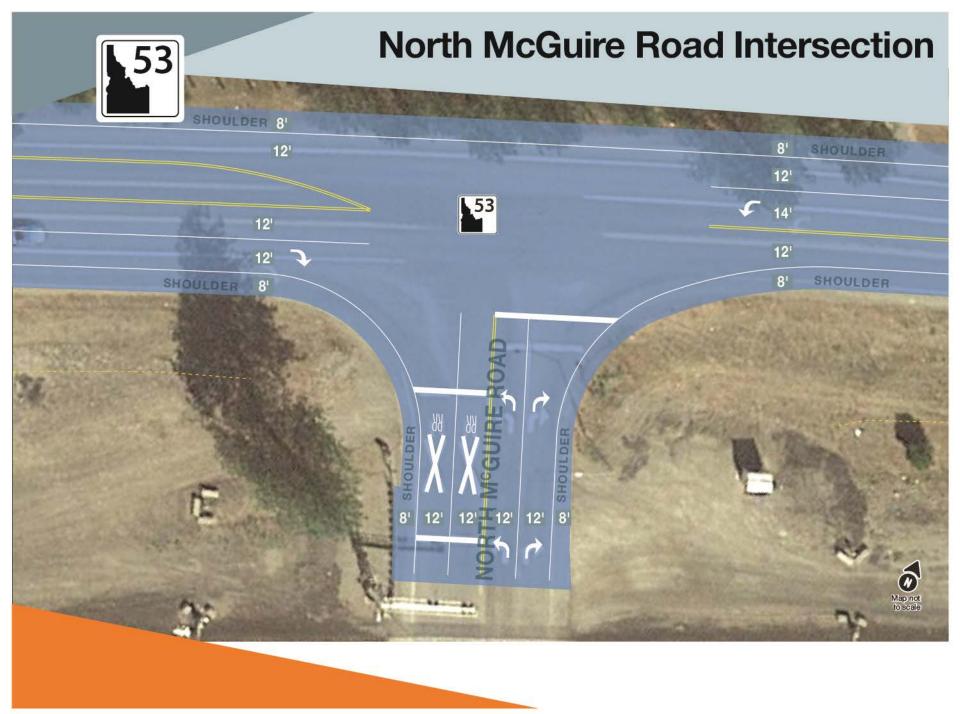
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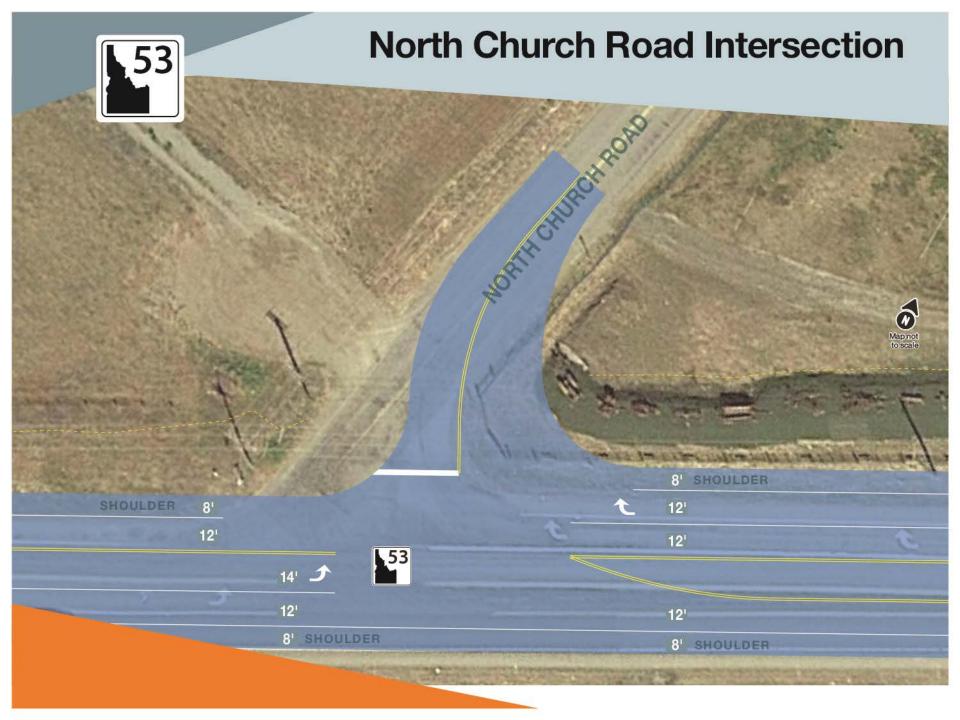
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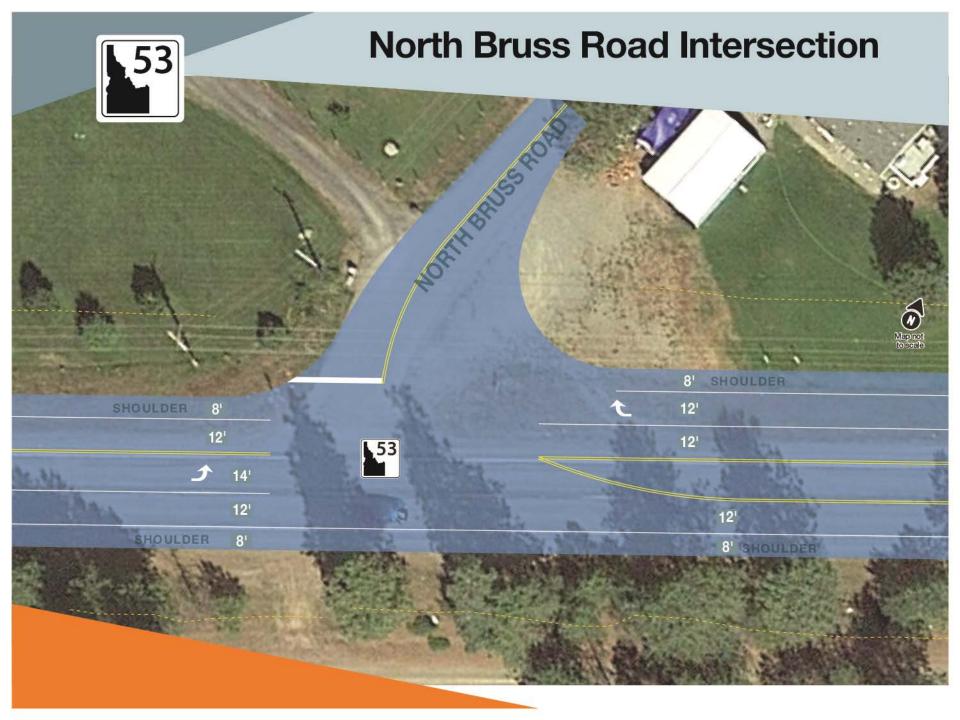
Highway shoulders will be widened on each side, and a continuous center turn lane will be added. Dedicated left turn lanes will be included at the following intersections: Hauser Lake Road\*, McGuire Road, North Church Road and North Bruss Road. Right turn lanes and illumination will also be added.

\*Hauser Lake Road will be rerouted with the construction of the Pleasant View Interchange to safely access ID-53, but in the meantime the department will construct safety improvements that will be consistent with the rest of the corridor. Given the shifting timelines of ID-53 projects and funding opportunities, this intersection is still in early design.











### **Thank You & Next Steps**

Thank you for participating in this online meeting. Your input is important to ITD and the success of this project.

#### Next steps:

- Due to COVID-19, ITD property owner meetings will be rescheduled late spring or summer.
- Your comments will help ITD develop final design plans.
- ITD will continue to communicate with and involve the community in the project, both through final design and into construction.