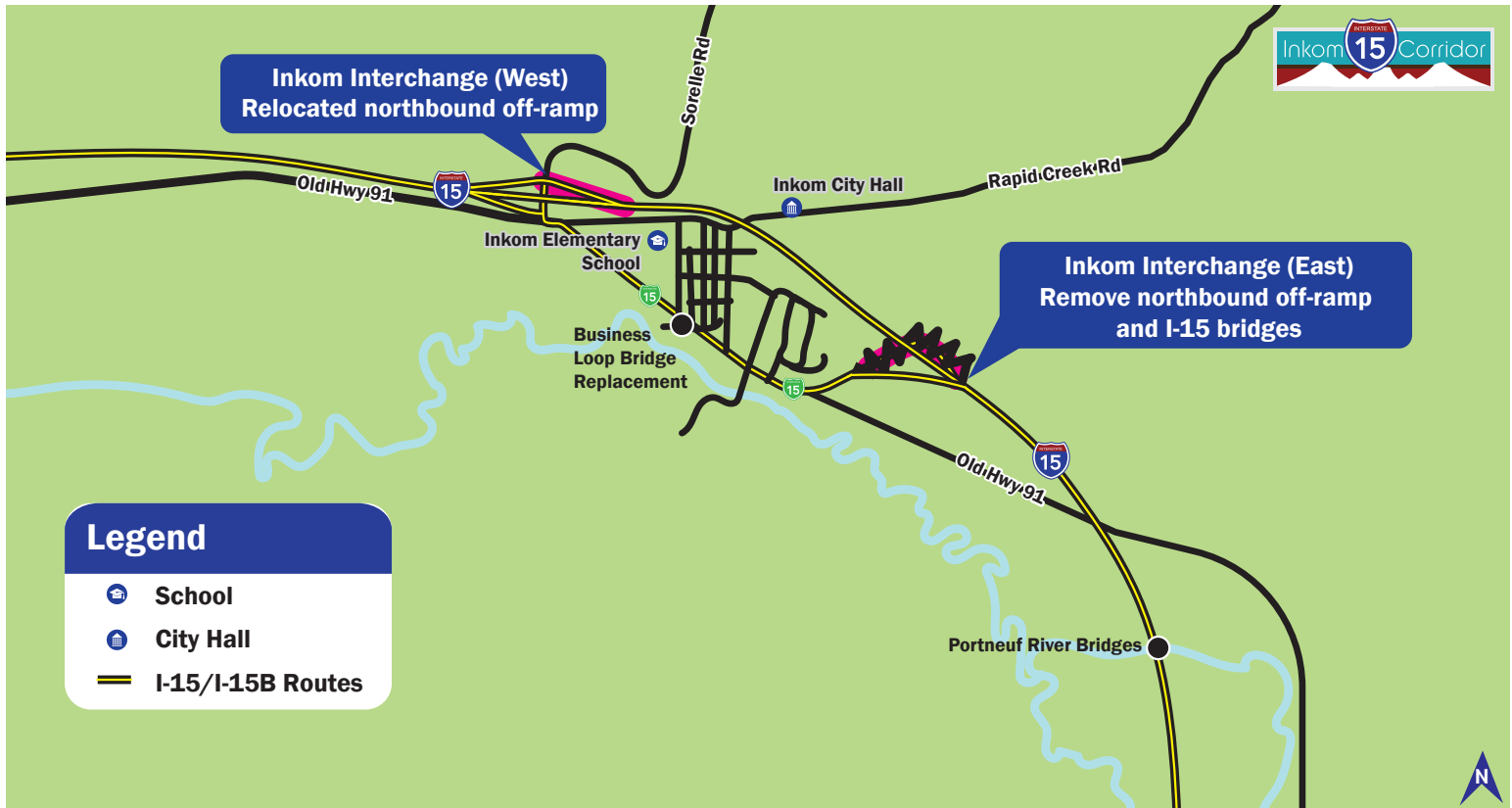


We need your input!

ITD is requesting your feedback on potential changes to the Inkom Interchange (West and East). The interchange is referred to as a “split” interchange with on- and off-ramps in two separate locations. ITD is considering the following changes:

- Adding a third ramp (northbound off-ramp) to the West portion of the interchange.
- Removing the northbound off-ramp and the I-15 bridges at the East side of the interchange.



Inkom Interchange (West and East)

- Replaces I-15 bridges and reconstructs West Interchange.
- Construction anticipated 2025-2026



Please use the postcard to indicate your preferred option for the Inkom Interchange and mail your choice back to ITD by **January 29, 2021**.

ITD created a video to explain how the proposed interchange would operate. Please visit itdprojects.org/projects/i15inkom to view the video.

If you have questions, please email greg.roberts@itd.idaho.gov.

Q1. Why is the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) asking for comments on possible changes to the East and West interchanges?

The bridge structures on I-15 are nearing the end of their intended lifespans. ITD plans to replace these structures and seeks input from the community on potential interchange improvements that would meet current and future needs. Removing the East Interchange bridges would eliminate bridge replacement costs and future maintenance expenses-saving taxpayer dollars. The chosen design's benefits and impacts will affect the Inkom community for the 75-year lifespan of the new bridge structures.

Benefits and Impacts of the Interchange Options:

Reconfigure Interchange

- **Benefits:** Eliminating the existing bridges at the West interchange would save taxpayer dollars by not having to replace the existing bridges or maintain new bridges. A rough estimate of these savings is \$10 million for new bridges and another \$1 million in bridge maintenance costs over the 75-year design life of a new structure.
- **Impacts:** This configuration would shift I-15 northbound traffic exiting at Inkom to the West interchange. All other traffic patterns would remain the same. Guidance signs on the interstate and the business loop would need to be updated to guide new traffic patterns.

No Change

- **Benefits:** Current traffic patterns and driver expectancy would remain unchanged.
- **Impacts:** By replacing and maintaining the existing bridges at the East interchange, the return on taxpayer dollars (in dollars per vehicle using the structures) is much lower than most interstate bridge structures.

Q2. If the interchanges were modified, what would be the safety and traffic impacts?

If modified, the interchanges would be designed to meet current standards that improve visibility around the structures, provide better turning radiuses for vehicles, and allow the interchange(s) to safely handle more traffic.

Q3. If the interchanges were modified, would there be an impact to local businesses?

ITD's goal is to look at the existing transportation system with fresh eyes and seek community feedback about proposed improvements. ITD will consider that feedback from stakeholders, including business owners, as they evaluate design options. The project intent is to positively impact the Inkom community.



For more FAQs, please visit itdprojects.org/projects/i15inkom.