



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

**Question 1:** Because of the close proximity of Exit 58 to the Port of Entry/weigh in motion, heavy trucks must stay in the northbound travel lane, which makes it difficult for on-ramp traffic to merge. What improvements or changes can be made to allow traffic to merge more safely?

**Answer:** The northbound on-ramp, as well as of the other interchange ramps, will be reviewed and updated to bring them up to current standards. The location of the Port of Entry and weigh-in-motion station will also be reviewed.

**Question 2:** Why is the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) asking for comments on possible changes to the East and West Interchanges?

**Answer:** 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. The chosen design's benefits and impacts will affect the Inkom community for the 75-year lifespan of the new bridge structures.

**Question 3:** If the interchanges were modified, what would be the safety and traffic impacts?

**Answer:** 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.

**Question 4:** If the interchanges were modified, would there an impact to local businesses?

**Answer:** 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.

**Question 5:** Is there a possibility of increasing traffic capacity on I-15 through Inkom? How would a capacity increase impact the local residents?

**Answer:** ITD has performed I-15 corridor studies to identify when and where the interstate may need additional traffic capacity. Based on the results of this study, ITD does not plan on increasing interstate capacity with these projects.



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**Question 6:** How will these projects impact local roadways?

**Answer:** Rapid Creek Road underneath the Main Street Bridges will be updated to improve visibility around the structures, and to improve bike and pedestrian access. The intersection of Grant Street and Rapid Creek Road is likely to be adjusted slightly. Any adjustments to local roads will be coordinated with the City of Inkom. Other changes or decisions regarding local roads will be made by the City of Inkom.

**Question 7:** Are the existing Main Street bridges safe to use?

**Answer:** The existing Main Street bridges have been inspected by ITD and found to be structurally sound and safe to use. The bridges will continue to be monitored and maintained to ensure they remain safe and structurally sound until their scheduled replacement in 2025.

**Question 8:** How will construction affect traffic patterns on I-15 and in Inkom?

**Answer:** ITD is planning to replace the interstate bridges in two phases to keep interstate traffic on I-15 for the full duration of construction. All structures in one direction would be replaced in the first year, and then all structures in the opposite direction would be replaced in the second year. ITD does not anticipate detouring interstate traffic through Inkom on I-15B (business loop).

**Question 9:** Would it be possible to add lighting along I-15 through Inkom to improve visibility?

**Answer:** ITD will review the existing conditions of I-15 and update the roadway to current standards. This evaluation may include roadway lighting.