The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), City of Idaho Falls, and Bonneville County are working together to plan for the future by studying potential improvements to the I-15 and US-20 interchanges.

ITD is conducting a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study that is considering short-, mid-, and long-term solutions as funding becomes available. Improvements could include upgrades and changes to current interchanges and roadways, as well as potential new routes.

The PEL team developed a broad range of alternatives and is evaluating and refining them based on technical analyses and public input to identify the ones that have the most potential to address the purpose and need of the project.

PEL Purpose
The purpose of the PEL study is to identify and analyze improvements to address safety, congestion, mobility and travel time reliability for efficient movement of people, goods and services on I-15 and US-20 in or near Bonneville County and Idaho Falls.

PEL Needs
The PEL will study multi-modal connections and capacity improvements to I-15 and US-20 as well as potential new roadway linkages in order to:

1. Address unsafe travel conditions on I-15 and US-20
2. Reduce congestion at the I-15/US-20 Interchange
3. Provide pedestrian and bicycle mobility within the I-15 and US-20 corridors
4. Address future travel demand forecasts

Study Area Map

This study includes an evaluation of a high capacity expressway to the north and west of Idaho Falls.

The PEL includes three levels of alternatives screening:

- Fourteen Level One alternatives presented at a public meeting in September 2018.
- Ten Level Two alternatives presented at a public meeting in May 2019. Four alternatives move forward to Level Three analysis.
- Level Three alternatives will be presented at a public meeting in Spring 2020.

For more information on the project and public meetings held to date, please visit the project website at https://i15us20connector.com/#resources
**Level 3 Alternatives - Detailed View**

### Alternative C
- Adds lanes and ramps to separate the through-traffic from local traffic between the I-15 Exit 118 (Broadway St.) and US-20 Exit 308 (Riverside Dr./City Center)
- Requires new retaining walls and bridges, and replaces US-20 Exit 308 and I-15 Exits 118 and 119
- Maintains alignment near or in the same location as the existing I-15/US-20 roadways

### Alternative E.1 and Alternative E.2
- Moves the I-15/US-20 interchange (Exit 119) approximately one-half mile north
- Adds separated through lanes and frontage roads and converts the existing US-20 from Grandview Dr. to Fremont Ave. to a local street
- E.1. Removes Exits 307, 308 and 309
- E.2. Removes Exit 307 and replaces the interchange at Exit 308 and Exit 309 with one interchange and ramp modifications

### Alternative H
- Moves the I-15/US-20 interchange (Exit 119) approximately one mile north and adds a new roadway to connect to US-20 at E. 49th N. (Telford Rd.)
- Converts existing US-20 between Johns Hole and E. 49th N. to a local street
- Includes overpasses and interchanges on a new US-20 alignment at East River Rd. and Lewisville Highway
- Adds safety and capacity improvements on I-15 at Exits 118 and 119

All of the alternatives currently being analyzed include the potential for an upgraded connection to US-26 at E. 49th N. (Telford Rd.)