

Atlas Road

Seltice Way to Hanley Avenue (widen to 3-lanes)

Overview: The City of Coeur d'Alene and the City of Post Falls have experienced explosive growth between the two communities. Atlas Road is one of two locations that run south under Interstate 90 (I-90) to Seltice Way. As a result, residential and light industrial traffic rely on Atlas Road to avoid traffic congestion associated with I-90 interchanges. With the recent reconstruction of Seltice Way and Prairie Avenue, more inter-regional trips are diverting to Atlas Road. This is expected to explode with the upcoming development of the land between Huetter Road and Atlas Road. It is anticipated that, with this development, the remaining segment of Hanley Avenue will be constructed from Huetter Road to Carrington Lane. Once constructed, the Poleline Avenue/Hanley Avenue connection will create a new route just north of I-90 east/west across the prairie and contributes to existing deficiencies along Atlas Road.

Description: Reconstruct Atlas Road to current 3-lane design standards from Seltice Way to Hanley Avenue, including intersection improvements at Atlas Road and Prairie Avenue to correct turning movement deficiencies for trucks accessing the Atlas Industrial Park.

Financial Strategy: Being a local arterial, Atlas Road has only two (2) Federal aid programs from which to apply for funds. This means it has limited opportunities for Federal participation and participation by ITD through State and Federal Freight formula funding. While Coeur d'Alene is eligible for two grant programs, currently selected projects are programmed out through 2027. As a local arterial with regional significance, the Local Option funds would provide additional Local funds to advance the project.