

Huetter Corridor

Interstate 90 to US-95 (4-lane divided highway with limited access)

Overview: For over 30 years, there has been a discussion about providing additional north/south access to Interstate 90 (I-90), between State Highway 41 and Northwest Boulevard. In April 2009, after significant public involvement, the Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization (KMPO) Board approved the Huetter Right-of-Way Corridor Study and Needs Map. This study provided the foundation for local jurisdictions and highway districts to include the Huetter Corridor in their comprehensive land use and transportation plans. Since that time, local jurisdictions have been preserving the corridor as growth and development occurs, through right-of-way reservations at the time of annexation or development approval.

Description: The Huetter Corridor will be a four-lane divided highway, connecting to I-90, at the current Port of Entry location, and US-95 North in the vicinity of Boekel Road. Access will be limited to interchange locations at Poleline Avenue, Prairie Avenue, Hayden Avenue, Wyoming Avenue, Lancaster Road, and Ramsey Road. The design will include a pedestrian/bike trail and frontage road for local traffic. To reduce corridor related noise impacts on the Rathdrum Prairie, the roadway will be depressed, thereby limiting noise exposure to adjacent properties.

Financial Strategy: As a limited access roadway, which will connect to two state highways designated on the National Highway System and the National Freight Network, the Huetter Corridor is eligible to apply for at least two (2) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) national competitive grant programs. These grant programs are highly competitive, requiring a substantial amount of information being filed, as well as a State and regional commitment to the project. Successful grant applications have typically included a significant regional/local financial contribution in the range of 30%, with States providing a similar amount using State and Federal sources.