

I-90 Julia Street Overpass

Ironwood Drive to Appleway Avenue (2-lane overpass with wide shoulders, sidewalks, and bike lanes)

Overview: The City of Coeur d' Alene and the Idaho Transportation Department have spent the past several years working with Kootenai Health and the community to address the growing traffic congestion problems at the US-95/Interstate 90 (I-90) interchange, Northwest Boulevard /I-90 interchange, on Ironwood Drive, and surrounding local streets. An analysis was conducted to look at the construction of a local street overpass of I-90 from Ironwood Drive to Appleway Avenue. The overpass would be in the proximity of Lakewood Drive on the south and Julia Street on the north of I-90. The analysis found such an overpass would significantly relieve both the Northwest Boulevard and US-95 interchanges by redirecting some local trips and balancing the intersection volumes. Once constructed it would operate as a local connector street.

Description: Construct a low-volume, local overpass of I-90 between Ironwood Drive and Appleway Avenue to current 2-lane urban design standards.

Financial Strategy: Being a local street, the overpass may only have Federal participation as part of the US-95 Interchange reconstruction mitigation. This means it has limited opportunities for Federal participation and limited participation by ITD through State and/or Federal formula funding, other than previously stated. As a local street, albeit with significant regional impact, the Local Option funds would provide additional Local funds to advance the project.