

Prairie Avenue Reconstruction

Meyer Road to SH-41 (widen to 5-lanes)

Overview: As growth continues across the Rathdrum Prairie, the Post Falls Highway District, Lakes Highway District, City of Coeur d' Alene, and City of Hayden have continued to make improvements to Prairie Avenue. With the significant widening of State Highway 41 (SH-41) from two (2) to four (4) lanes currently underway, the last segment of Prairie Avenue from Meyer Road to SH-41 needs to be reconstructed in order to meet the growing demand. This stretch of Prairie Avenue will be improved to match the five (5) lane roadway that currently exists from Government Way to Meyer Road. This project is expected to significantly improve driving conditions in this area.

Description: Construction of Prairie Avenue to five (5) lanes from Meyer Road to SH-41 to match existing improvements to the east. This would also include the removal of the Union Pacific spur line crossing Prairie Avenue, which is currently in the process of abandonment.

Financial Strategy: Prairie Avenue is classified as a Principle Arterial and part of the federally-designated National Highway System (NHS). Prairie Avenue is eligible for four (4) grant programs with applications that require increasingly significant regional/local financial contributions. As a local road, the Local Option funds would provide additional funds to advance the project. The use of Federal funds may occur; however, those program funds are already committed through 2027.