

US-95 Spokane River Bridge

Davidson Avenue to Upriver Drive (widen to 5-lanes)

Overview: The City of Coeur d'Alene and the Idaho Transportation Department have experienced significant growth in traffic on US-95 between Interstate 90 and south of the Spokane River. This is the last remaining 2-lane stretch of US-95 in Kootenai County. With the existing deteriorated roadway and two existing bridges functionally obsolete (no sidewalks, inadequate shoulders, substandard turning radius for trucks and RVs), the whole segment needs to be reconstructed to 5-lanes. Recent studies show current and expected growth around Kootenai Health and south of the Spokane River will further increase travel demand in the corridor.

Description: Reconstruct US-95 to current design standards with a 5-lane section from Davidson Avenue to Upriver Drive on the south side of the Spokane River.

Financial Strategy: Being Idaho's only north/south US route from Nevada to Canada, US-95 is eligible for a wide variety of Federal aid programs aimed primarily at the safe and efficient movement of Interstate commerce and personal travel. US-95 has received a couple nationally competitive grants (TIGER 6 Worley, ID; FASTLANES, Coeur d' Alene/Hayden) and substantial funding from the Idaho Legislature through regular appropriations and the Statewide GARVEE program. It is reasonable to expect Federal and State participation in this project of State and regional significance. While it is a State highway, its importance to the region is without question. The Local Option funding would be used to demonstrate and recognize the importance of this project to the region.