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Subject: KN 24395, I-90, US-95 IC, Emma Ave to Neider Ave – TIP Amendment Request

Dear Glenn,

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in ITD's I-90, US-95 Interchange project. This project improves the highest volume interchange in Kootenai County, featuring the County's primary east-west and north-south routes. KMPO's continued support is crucial for the success of the project and for the future of transportation in our region.

With traffic conditions congested now and volumes projected by KMPO's travel demand model to double by 2045, ITD is modernizing the I-90 corridor to improve safety, capacity, and mobility for current and future travel demands. The SH-41 interchange and I-90 widening projects currently under construction are the first steps in that process, and the US-95 interchange is the next priority project for the corridor. To prevent ramp queues from impacting mainline I-90 operations and provide safer operating conditions, this project will continue the expansion of I-90 east to 4th St, widen US-95 from Emma Ave to Neider Ave, replace the existing diamond interchange with a single point urban interchange (SPUI), construct a new grade separation of US-95 over Appleway Ave, and make various improvements to local streets and intersections.

ITD has conducted extensive outreach through the early stages of this project, coordinating with KMPO, KCATT, Coeur d'Alene City Council and staff, and numerous affected businesses and property owners. In March of 2025, a public open house was held to present the preliminary design, which included the SPUI and Appleway grade separation. Public feedback showed overall support for the project but concern about the impacts to traffic flow between US-95 and Appleway Ave. In response to this feedback, ITD revised the design to improve connectivity between US-95 and Appleway. These options were presented to stakeholders, property owners, businesses and the public in November 2025. There was general support received for the new connectivity options.

ITD is moving forward with refining the design of the options presented at the November 2025 open house, and we will continue to meet with property owners and businesses that may be affected by the improvements. We also intend to continue our extensive coordination with the City to ensure that they concur with the proposed improvements, which will ultimately become City-owned streets. We have already held an initial coordination meeting with the City and the property owners affected by the east side city street, and all parties agreed that the improvements offer an overall benefit and that an acceptable route can be agreed upon with some refinements to the design, which are now mostly complete.

The NEPA documentation for the I-90 corridor from SH-41 to 15th Street was approved by FHWA on April 14, 2025, which included the US-95 SPUI interchange improvements. Re-evaluations to the original NEPA documentation are underway to capture revisions, primarily consisting of the Appleway grade separation and the subsequent connectivity improvements to Appleway Ave, US-95, and 4th Street. Some of the right-of-way can be purchased without any re-



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evaluation since the parcels were included in the original NEPA document, however, any parcels not included in that original footprint will need to wait to be acquired after re-evaluation is complete.

Due to the complexity of this project and its significance to the safety and mobility improvements to the interstate, U.S. highway and local street system, ITD is planning to split the design and construction work into three phases. All three phases must be designed concurrently to ensure compatibility. The phases with anticipated milestone dates (including anticipated FHWA approval times) are as follows:

- 1. I-90, US-95 Interchange: Replace the US-95 interchange, widen I-90 east to 4th St, widen US-95 from Emma Ave to Appleway Ave**
 - Environmental clearance: October 2026
 - PS&E submittal: December 2026

- 2. US-95, Appleway Ave to Neider Ave: Construct the Appleway grade separation, widen US-95 from Appleway Ave to Neider Ave, construct Appleway access improvements**
 - Environmental clearance: May 2027
 - PS&E submittal: January 2028

- 3. 4th Street, I-90 to Anton Ave: Add capacity and turning lanes on 4th St from I-90 to Anton Ave, and on Appleway near the 4th St intersection**
 - Environmental clearance: May 2027
 - PS&E submittal: January 2028

The project development budget ("PC" and "PE" codes) is currently funded through intermediate design. The current request for KMPO to process a Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) amendment allows for the continued progression of the design from intermediate to final, additional environmental documentation to meet the FHWA NEPA requirements, production of right-of-way plans, and ongoing stakeholder engagement.

Upon KMPO board approval of the TIP amendment, ITD will execute a supplemental agreement with the design consultant. Construction of this project is currently unfunded as shown in the ITIP Early Development Program. It is anticipated that a future bond sale or other federal discretionary grant funds will contribute to construction funding. The construction cost estimates for all three phases are currently being re-estimated and will be addressed in coordination with the KMPO in the annual ITIP update process, in addition to any remaining PC funds required to complete design of the project.

We hope this letter provides sufficient information to initiate the TIP amendment process. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Hawkins'.

Ryan Hawkins, PE
ITD District 1 Engineer
