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The City of Caldwell continues to move ahead with projects to expand the Ustick Road corridor west of I-84. Four separate projects are on track to be completed this year.

The largest and most recent project is the widening of Ustick Road to five lanes between the Elijah Drain (west of Cleveland Boulevard) to the new I-84 overpass. This project will also include widening 1,200 feet of Cleveland Boulevard and reconstructing the intersection.

In addition, roundabouts are under construction at the intersections of Ustick/Indiana, Ustick/Florida, and Ustick/Middleton.

When completed, these projects will tie into the newly reconstructed Ustick Overpass over I-84, which the Idaho Transportation Department completed in late July.

"Our goal is to have five lanes on Ustick Road through the City of Caldwell. This will improve traffic flow and congestion for all of us who live and do business in the city," said Mayor Jarom Wagoner.

The city received a \$6.8 million grant from the East Caldwell Urban Renewal Agency for the current expansion on Ustick Road. The city also contributed \$4.1 million in funds toward the Ustick Overpass replacement, which resulted in five lanes on the overpass instead of two.

Additional funds are earmarked to widen a 250-foot segment over the Union Pacific Railroad and Indian Creek, which are located midway through the expansion area. Caldwell leaders are actively pursuing an agreement with the railroad, irrigation district, and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to widen this final segment.

The section will remain two lanes wide while negotiations continue.

Current construction is on target to be completed by the end of 2023 when the current grant funds will expire.

"We are on an aggressive construction schedule due to the grant timeline, and we cannot emphasize enough how much we appreciate the patience of drivers and businesses in this area," said Mayor Wagoner. "We all look forward to this work being complete."

More information about the City of Caldwell projects on Ustick Road is available at <a href="https://www.cityofcaldwell.org/departments/engineering/projects">www.cityofcaldwell.org/departments/engineering/projects</a>. To sign up for updates, email <a href="mailto:info@caldwellprojects.org">info@caldwellprojects.org</a>