

### Q&A from May 24, 2023, Wilson/Snake River Bridge Project Open House

**1) What is the extent of the four lanes at the WYO 390 intersection?**

- a) At the eastern project extent, WYO 22 will transition to four lanes approaching the Snake River Bridge, with a center left turn lane added at Emily's Pond. The four-lane section will continue through the bridge and WYO 390 intersection, tapering back down to two lanes near Green Lane.

**2) When will the WYO 22/390 intersection be completed?**

- a) Intersection construction will start in fall of this year (2023), and the goal is to complete it by October 2024.

**3) Will the slip lane on westbound WYO 22 at the WYO 390 intersection be usable all summer as part of two-lane traffic? Or will people need to use the light to make a right?**

- a) The slip lane at the WYO 390 intersection on westbound WYO 22 is open, and it will remain open during the first phase of the intersection construction.
- b) During the second stage of construction, likely in summer 2024, the slip lane will be closed. During this time, motorists will make a right turn at the traffic light to head north on WYO 390.

**4) What does WYDOT plan to do for other intersections along WYO 22, like Spring Gulch?**

- a) WYDOT is commencing the WYO 22 Corridor Project to address this important commuter highway holistically, including intersections like Spring Gulch and those without traffic lights, like Teton Science School. The WYO 22 Corridor Project includes environmental studies, public engagement, and preliminary design to improve safety and mobility in the corridor. Preliminary design is expected to conclude in 2025. Construction timing will depend on funding availability. For more information, please visit the project website at <https://wy22corridor.com/>.

**5) When girders are set for the new bridge; where will trucks and cranes be staged?**

- a) The new bridge will have girders set from cranes that will reach each section. There are four piers in the river that will have girders set upon them. Cranes will be set on the bank or on the riverbed within a cofferdam. Work within the river will take place from August 1 to March 15 per the permit from the Army Corps of Engineers. River users will have access except during the times a girder is lifted and set, which does not take long.

**6) Will there always be two lanes of traffic open during construction?**

- a) From early June to mid-September, WYDOT will maintain uninterrupted two-lane traffic through the project corridor as best as possible, except for intermittent lane closures required to accommodate material deliveries.
- b) In the spring and fall when there is less traffic, there may be a couple of days when traffic is down to one lane to allow construction vehicles to maneuver in and out of the staging areas. When this occurs, WYDOT will use flaggers to maintain one direction of traffic at a time. There are no scheduled dates for these activities and the goal is to limit single-lane traffic as much as possible.

WYDOT aims to balance getting traffic through and making sure contractors can complete the project in a timely manner.

**7) Are there economic incentives for the contractors to finish the Green Lane underpass quickly and complete this project by June 2025?**

- a) Yes, there are three economic incentives: first, the contractors will receive \$40K if they complete the Green Lane underpass by July 15; second, there are funds available for completing all the pathway work quickly; and third, the contractor will receive \$350K if they complete the bridge before May 15, 2025, with a sliding scale to zero if not completed by June 30, 2025.
- b) Winter conditions and environmental restrictions in this community extend construction time. However, the contractors are motivated and diligent, as they want to complete these projects as quickly as possible to receive the incentives. The contractors are a few weeks ahead of schedule for the Green Lane underpass.

**8) Will the underpass on WYO 390 be open during the summer?**

- a) Yes.

**9) When the project is finished, will there be parking for the under-bridge levee access on the west side?**

- a) No. Before this project, there was informal parking on the southwest side of the existing bridge. However, the new four-lane bridge and roadway approaches will be in that space. There will be a levee access road on the southwest corner, but no parking.
- b) In the design process, WYDOT agreed to extend the bridge so that there would be a pedestrian crossing underneath the bridge. Parking will be available at the Stilson park and ride or the boat ramp for southwest levee access.

**10) How will WYDOT address parking at the boat ramp in the winter, as it is not currently plowed and maintained?**

- a) The parking at the Wilson boat ramp is managed by Teton County Parks and Recreation. The access is closed and unplowed in the winter. There is no intention to change the management of public access at the boat ramp as part of this WYDOT project.

**11) Is WYDOT working with a hydrologist to evaluate flow and river channel?**

- a) Yes, WYDOT has consulted with a hydrologist and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and adjusts construction plans based on river flows.