

WELCOME

Thank you for joining the Eckert Road Bridges and Intersection Project construction open house.

Eckert Road connects nearby neighborhoods, Barber Park, the new Alta Harris Park, and the Greenbelt, and is an important crossing of the Boise River. To support this community connection, the Ada County Highway District is making intersection improvements and replacing two existing bridges.

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This project is made possible through a partnership with ACHD, the City of Boise, and the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council. It is funded by LHTAC's Leading Idaho Local Bridge Program.

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Background



In early 2025, the Boise River Bridge was closed after an inspection identified significant structural decay. ACHD and the Idaho Transportation Department completed interim repairs, reopening the bridge on March 10, 2025. ACHD is now replacing the Boise River Bridge.

During the 2025 evaluation, ACHD also identified an opportunity to improve the alignment of Eckert Road between Boise Avenue and Millbrook Way to provide better sight distance at the Barber Park driveway. To complete this corridor improvement, ACHD is also replacing the aging Ridenbaugh Canal Bridge.

What's Changing with the Eckert Road Bridges?



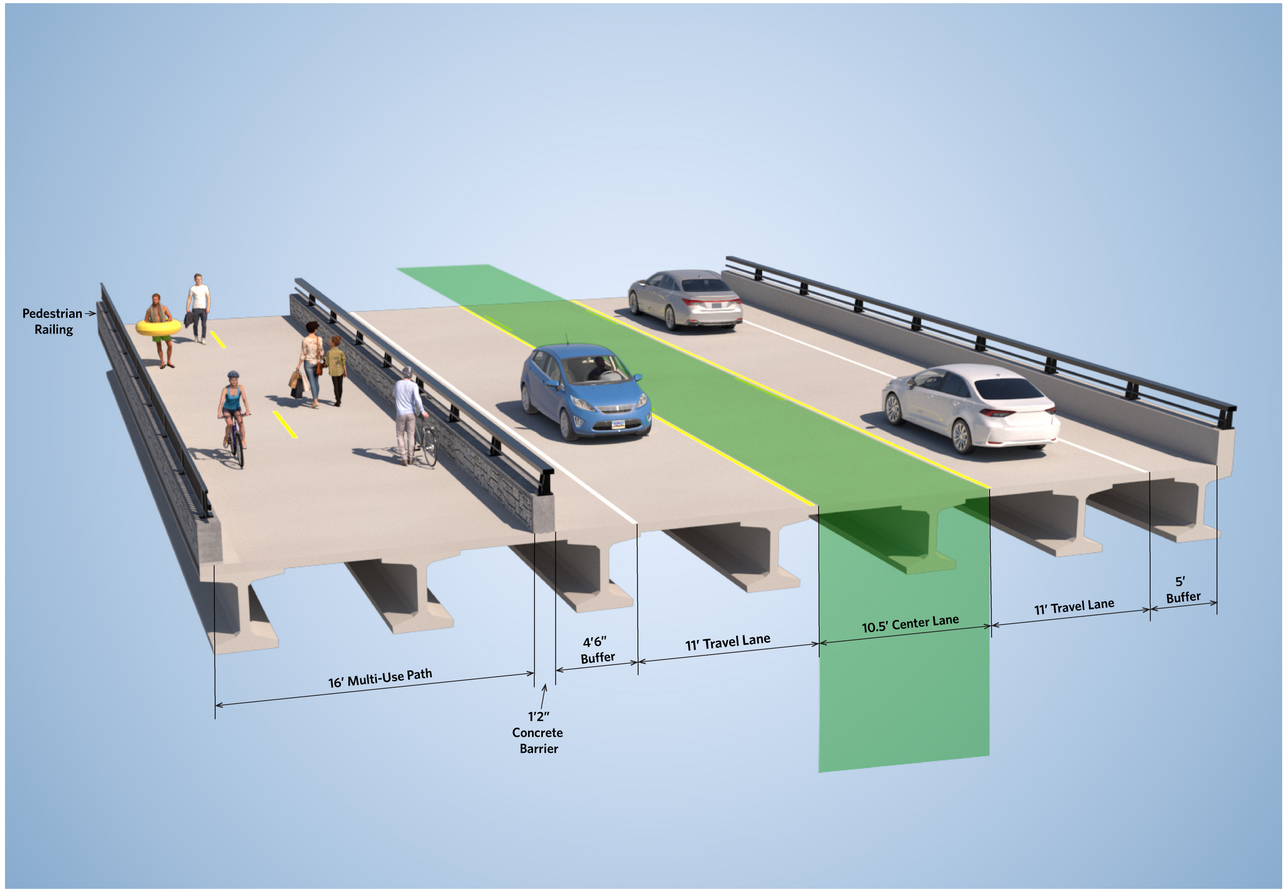
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- **Widening Eckert Road** and the bridges to one lane in each direction with a center turn lane between Boise Avenue and Millbrook Way.
- **Connecting existing pedestrian and bicycle pathways** with a continuous multi-use pathway along the west side of the roadway for the entire project length.
- **Providing a greenbelt underpass** under Eckert Road to connect the existing and future Greenbelt, Alta Harris Park, and the Dallas Harris Legacy Walkway.
- **Updating the Barber Park driveway access** with one left turn lane in and out of Barber Park.

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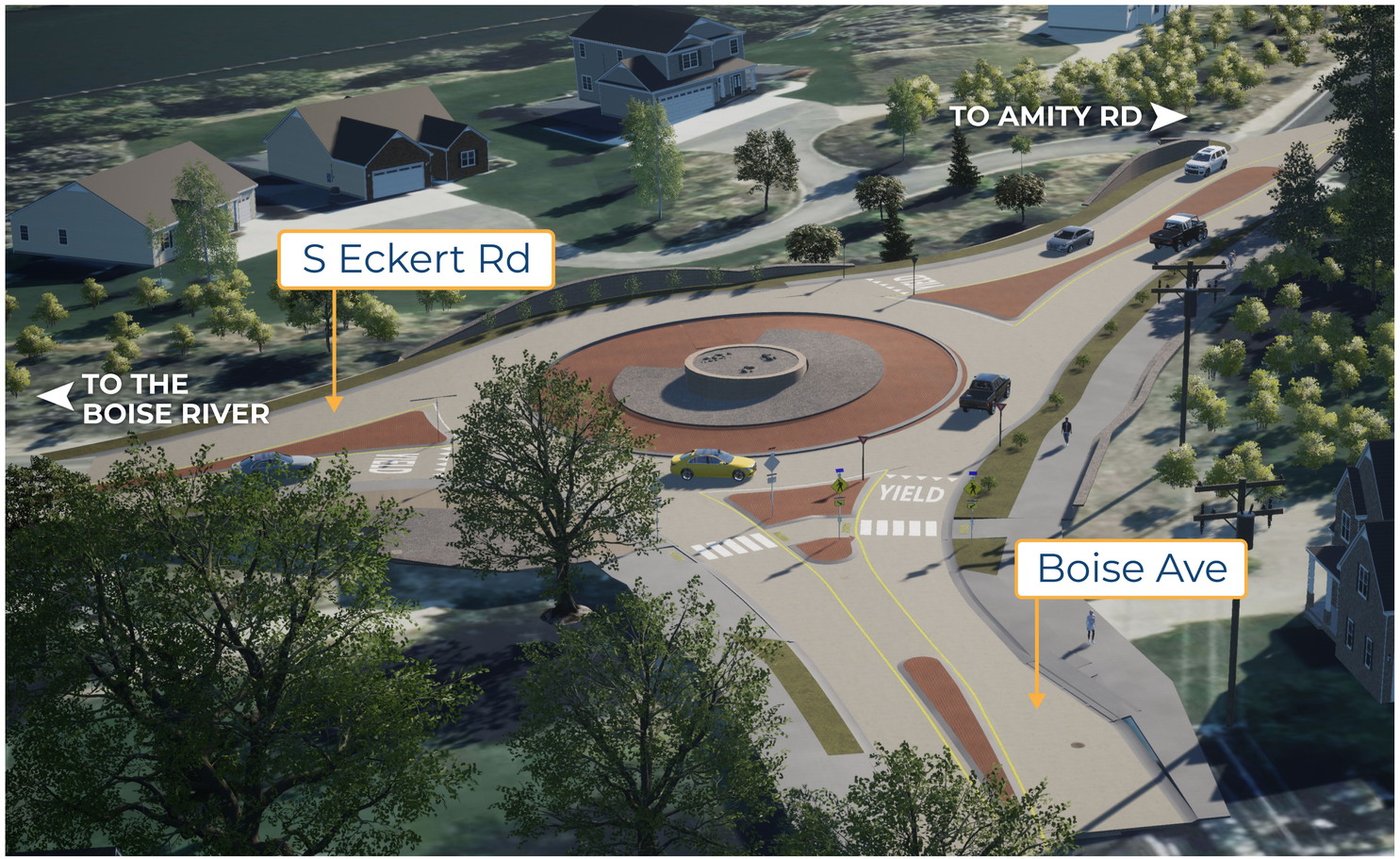
Why Is There a Center Turn Lane?

- **Adding a left turn lane at Barber Park will help keep traffic moving and make the entrance safer.** Maintaining three lanes in this area allows through-traffic to continue in a straight, predictable path.
- **Continuing the center lane across the bridge will maintain a consistent road layout** from the existing left-turn lane at Millbrook Way and prevent drivers from shifting back and forth, better meeting driver expectations.
- **Maintaining the center lane near Barber Park will make it easier for drivers leaving the park** to turn left. Drivers can cross one direction of traffic, wait in the center lane, then merge when there is an opening.
- **Narrowing the road on the bridge makes it harder and more expensive to build.** While a narrow bridge uses fewer materials, construction is more complicated.



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What's Changing at the Boise Avenue and Eckert Road Intersection?



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- A **new single-lane roundabout.**
- Curb and gutter with a detached **12-foot-wide multi-use pathway** along the west side of the intersection to connect existing pedestrian pathways along the west side of Eckert Road.
- A **crosswalk across Boise Avenue** with a flashing beacon.
- A **mountable truck apron** for larger vehicles to use if necessary.

What to Expect During Construction

A temporary bridge over the canal will allow Barber Park to remain open throughout construction.

Work will take place on weekdays between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., and on the weekends between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The contractor will work with property owners to minimize impacts and maintain access.

Traffic calming to manage traffic on nearby residential streets.

Construction noise, dust, and ground vibrations.

Road and bridge closures.

Pile driving* activities will occur between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Potential Project Challenges

- Winter weather
- High river flows
- Utility relocations

* The process of hammering long structural columns, called piles, deep into the ground or riverbed to create a strong, stable deep foundation for the bridge.

Utility Work



Substantial utility work is expected during construction.

- **Intermountain Gas** will upgrade and relocate existing gas lines.
- **Idaho Power, Sparklight, Zayo, and Lumen** will place power lines and communications networks underground to align with the new roadway and bridges.
- **Veolia Water** will upgrade and relocate existing water lines and install new service lines.

Construction Progression



Starting as early as Monday, October 12.

October 2026

Step 1

- Boise River Bridge closes
- Detours begin
- Retaining wall construction begins at Boise Avenue intersection
- Start removing sections of the Boise River Bridge
- Start constructing new bridge

Step 2

Construct bypass for Barber Park access (maintaining existing park access until the bypass is complete)

Step 3

Begin construction of Ridenbaugh Canal Bridge

Step 4

Boise River and Ridenbaugh Canal bridges open

Step 5

- Boise Avenue and Eckert Road intersection closes
- Detours begin
- Boise Avenue roundabout construction starts

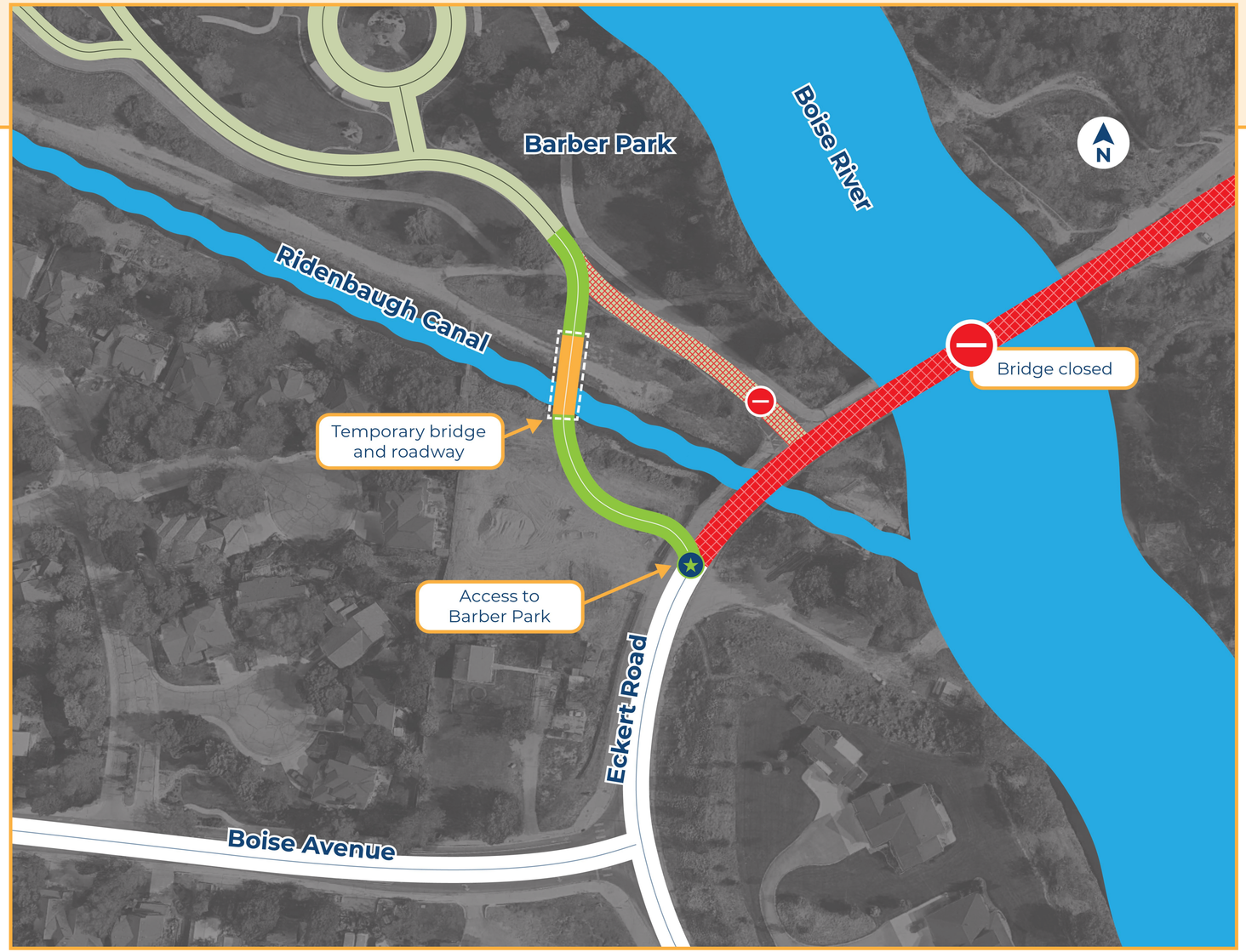
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Step 6

Construction completed

Throughout construction, we will send email and text updates on our progress. Make sure you sign up for updates at **achdidaho.org/eckertbridge.**

Barber Park Access During Construction



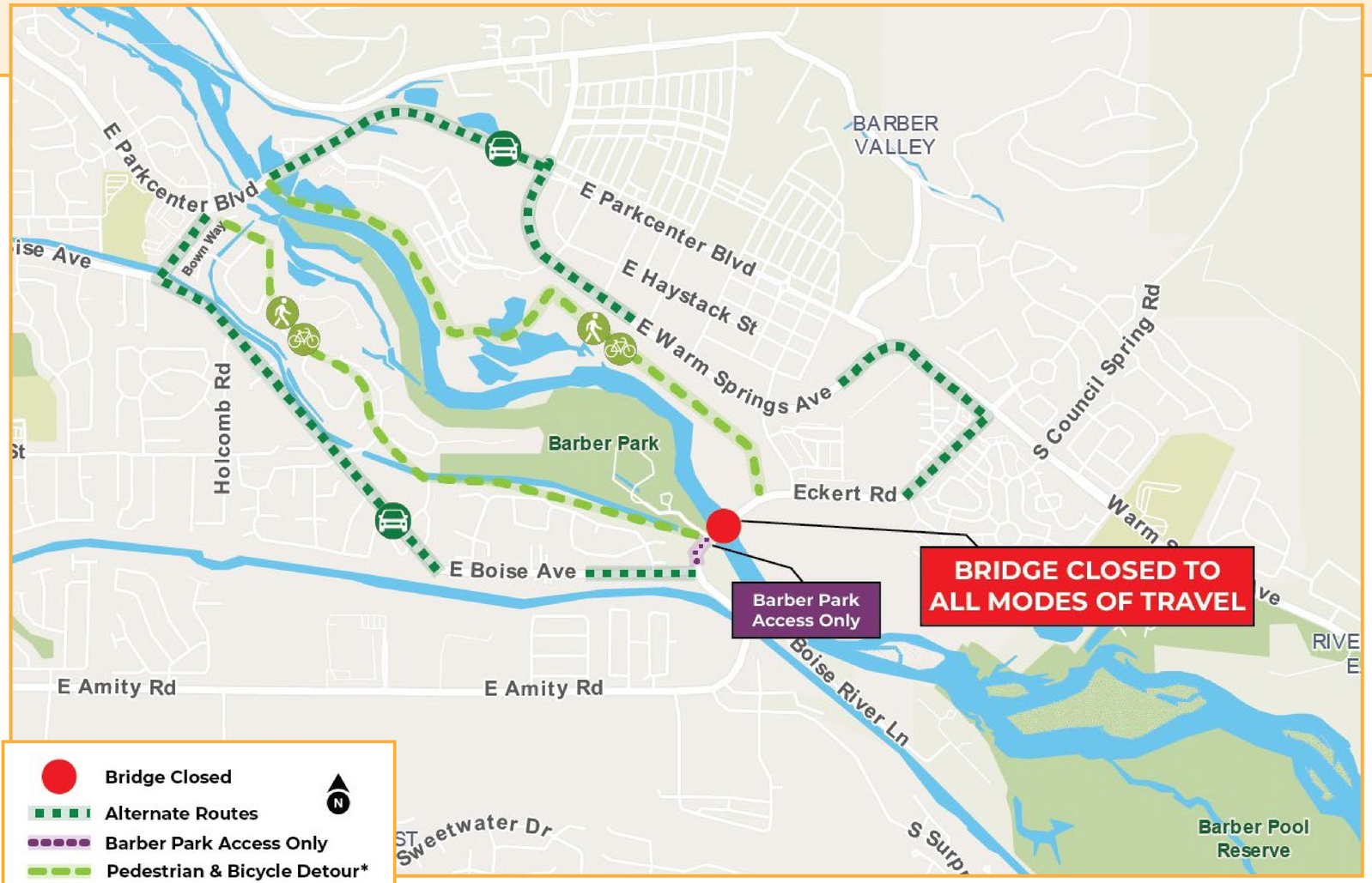
Most work will take place in a designated construction zone that will be closed to pedestrians and vehicles.

A temporary bridge and roadway will maintain access to Barber Park for vehicles. Pedestrians will be directed to signed detour routes (as shown on the *"Eckert Road Bridge Closure and Roadway Detour"* display board).

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Eckert Road Bridge Closure and Roadway Detour



*Paved Greenbelt pathway

When construction begins on the Boise River Bridge in fall 2026, detours for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists will follow the same routes previously used when the bridge was closed in the winter of 2025.

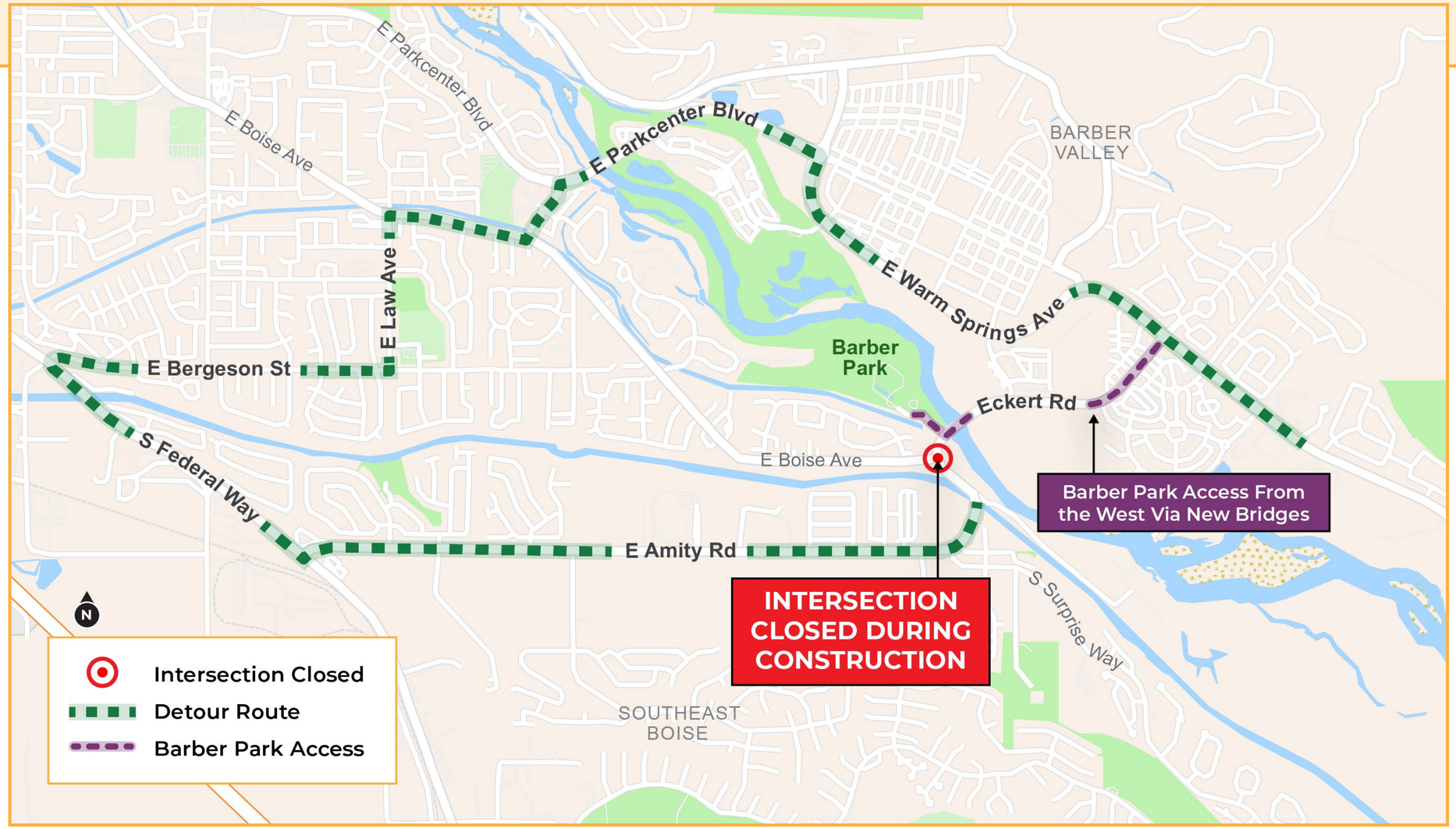
Eckert Road will close between Boise Avenue and Millbrook Way to through traffic.

Access to Barber Park will remain open during construction via Eckert Road between Boise Avenue and a temporary road and bridge over the Ridenbaugh Canal that connects to the Barber Park driveway.

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Boise Avenue and Eckert Road Intersection Detour



The Boise Avenue and Eckert Road roundabout will be constructed once the Boise River and Ridenbaugh Canal bridges are both replaced and reopened.

The intersection will be closed during construction. Detours for vehicles will be in place. Pedestrians and bicyclists will be able to move through the construction area following temporary sidewalk connections.

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Barber Park and Boise River Float Season

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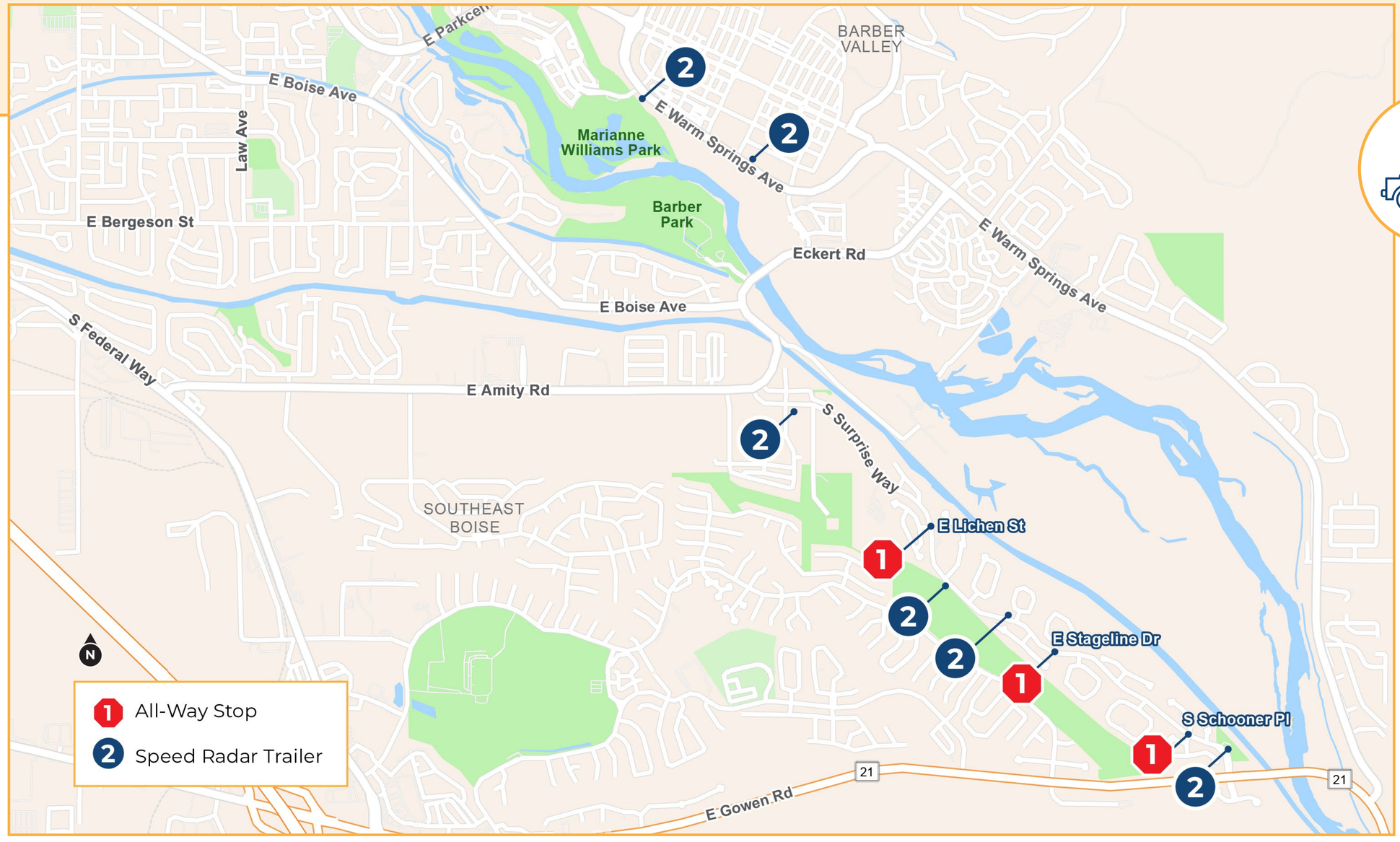


Throughout construction, public access to Barber Park will be maintained via Eckert Road from Boise Avenue to a temporary road and bridge over the Ridenbaugh Canal.

The public can use this route to access the Boise River during float season, which typically runs between late June and early September.

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Traffic Calming



Traffic calming features will be in place on nearby neighborhood streets.

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Protecting the River and Environment

The new bridge is not expected to permanently impact protected wetlands, local bird habitat, or aquatic species.

The existing eight river piers will be replaced with two new piers. This leads to a **more natural river flow, preventing the riverbank from shifting or eroding.** It also **improves the aquatic habitat** by clearing obstacles that can trap sediment and contaminants.

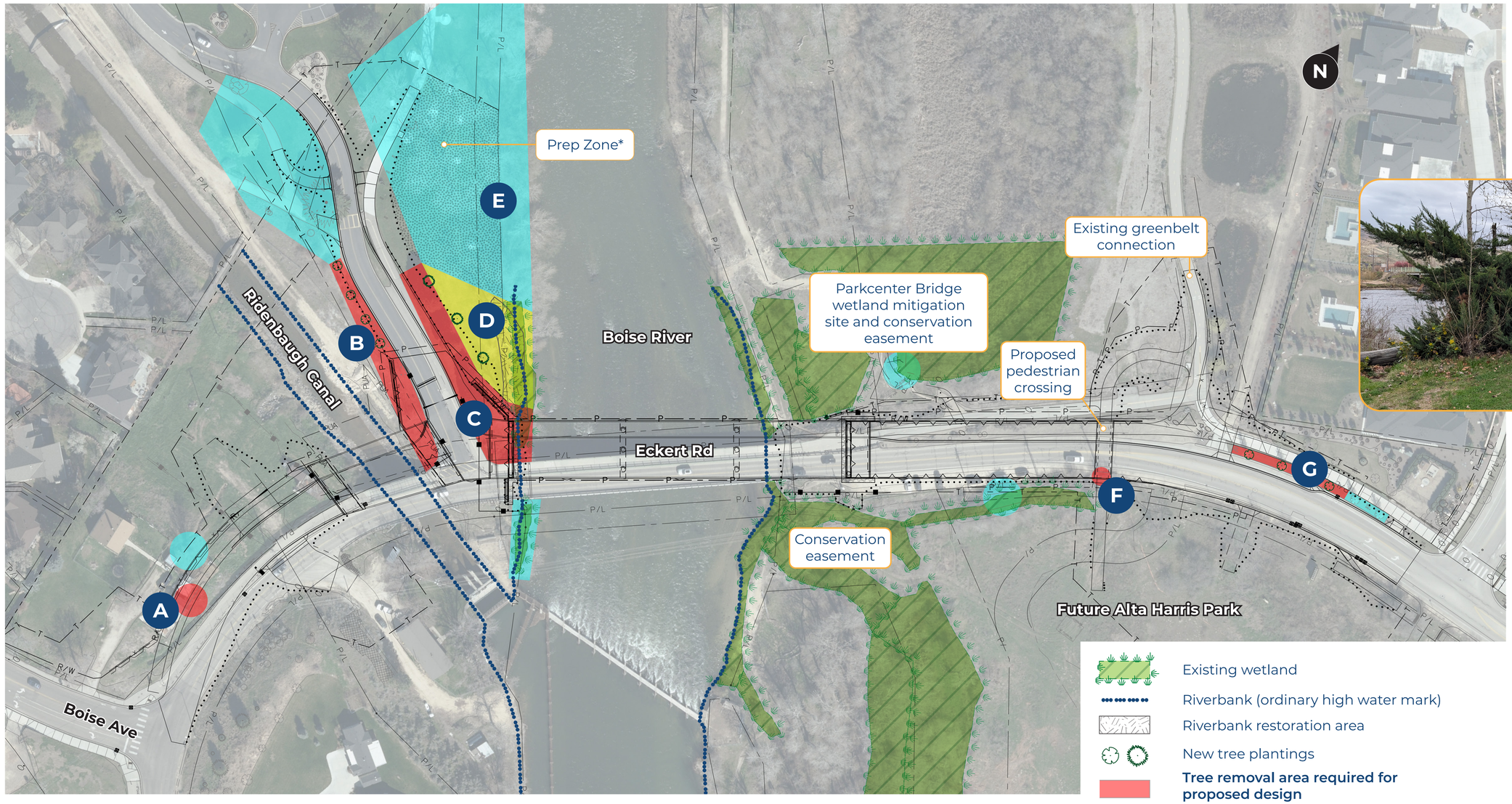


Fish habitat will be protected or restored if disturbed by construction.

Native cottonwood, willow, walnut, cedar, and ponderosa pine trees will be planted to replace impacted trees.

The riverbank will be restored at the end of construction by installing wetland sod mats.

Minimizing Impacts to Vegetation





Existing wetland

Riverbank (ordinary high water mark)

Riverbank restoration area

New tree plantings

Tree removal area required for proposed design

Trees to be removed for crane access only if necessary and protected if possible

Trees to be protected

A — Tree Zones (see handout, *"Tree Removal Mitigations"*)

Prep Zone*

* Activities within the Prep Zone include temporary storage of construction materials, removal materials, construction equipment, etc.

Removal of vegetation and trees will only happen as necessary for roadway design and crane access. See the *"Tree Removal Mitigations"* handout for specifics on how trees were selected for removal.

What Can You Look Forward To Once Construction Is Complete?



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- Improved safety and traffic flow for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists.
- Improved access and connectivity to the Barber Park area.
- Enhanced roadway visibility.
- Utilities upgraded and moved underground.

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