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The City of Caldwell understands that construction can be frustrating. Right now, there are several projects happening in the City and it is our goal to ensure citizens are aware of these projects so motorists can find alternative routes, avoid delays and get where they need to go. The City is committed to updating citizens on the status of road projects and will provide information several times each month regarding the status of projects.

Ordinarily, the City seeks to balance and prioritize road construction by meeting the greatest needs first and keeping safety and congestion as top priorities. Coordination between neighboring cities and highway jurisdictions allows reasonable routes to be preserved and to keep detour distances as short as possible. It is a principal goal to minimize inconvenience to the traveling public. Caldwell also works with contractors to incentivize early completion and penalize late completion of projects.

“As your city leaders, we understand the frustrations many citizens are feeling in regards to the numerous roadway projects that are currently underway here in the City of Caldwell. We want to ensure all citizens that we are working diligently with contractors and construction crews to see that these projects are completed in a timely manner so as to minimize these inconveniences as much as possible. We will continue to provide updates on a weekly basis throughout the summer and appreciate your patience,” said Mayor Jarom Wagoner.

So, why is so much happening at once right now? Currently, rapid growth has made the need for improvements at multiple intersections and utility improvements a must. Available funding to meet these needs has various deadlines that have also influenced the high number of projects having to be undertaken at once. You can always find the latest road closures in Caldwell here: [Road Closures | Caldwell, ID \(cityofcaldwell.org\)](https://www.cityofcaldwell.org/Road-Closures)

Some of the projects result in road closures and detours currently are:

Ustick/Cleveland: This week marks the third week that the intersection of Ustick and Cleveland Boulevard has been narrowed to two lanes in order to allow for part of Cleveland Boulevard to be reconstructed. It is important to note that business access is open during construction; alternative routes to some businesses may be necessary at times. The city makes certain to utilize a construction schedule with the shortest duration possible in order to lessen the impact to local businesses and continually monitors the project, looking for ways to make sure traffic flows as smoothly as it can through the area. Currently, the Cleveland Boulevard traffic is planned to be

switched to the south side of Cleveland the week of June 8, with Cleveland being opened to its regular traffic pattern by September 15.

Ustick/Florida Roundabout: This intersection is currently closed, allowing the installation of utilities that must be constructed prior to the roundabout being constructed. Within two to three weeks, the utility work will be completed and the roundabout construction will commence. Currently, plans are to open the intersection by October 15, 2023.

Ustick/Indiana Roundabout Widening: This intersection will close May 26, allowing the installation of utilities that must be constructed prior to the roundabout being constructed. Within the three weeks after that date the utility work will be completed and the roundabout widening will commence. Currently plans are to open the intersection by October 15, 2023.

10th Ave. (Ustick to Homedale): Mountain Companies currently has this section of road closed to accommodate the development of a subdivision and the construction of a sewer trunk line, irrigation improvements and roadway reconstruction. 10th Avenue is planned to be reopened by May 12, 2023.

Ustick/Middleton Roundabout: This intersection is anticipated to close July 2023, allowing for the construction of a roundabout at this intersection. Currently, plans are to open the intersection by the end of December 2023.

Hwy 20/26 and KCID: As part of ITD's US Highway 20/26 widening project, ITD will be closing the south leg of the intersection for several weeks. Exact dates are yet to be determined by ITD. For questions concerning this project and/or the detour please contact ITD District 3.

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Hwy 20/26 and Smeed Parkway: As part of ITD's US Highway 20/26 widening project, ITD will be closing portions of the south leg of this intersection. The whole south leg of Smeed Parkway is not anticipated to be closed at once but lanes may be reduced for several weeks to accommodate the ITD project. Exact dates are yet to be determined. For questions concerning this project, the dates of closures and/or the detour plans, please contact ITD District 3.

This is an exciting time for the City of Caldwell, with the rapid growth of both residential and commercial development and the city thanks you for your patience.