## I-90, WASHINGTON STATE LINE TO COEUR d'ALENE

State Highway 41 Interchange

## **Groundbreaking for I-90/SH-41 Interchange**



Pictured: Governor Brad Little

Earlier this week Governor Brad Little was in Post Falls to formally kick off the I-90/SH-41 interchange project.

"We passed the largest transportation funding package in state history," said Gov. Little. "This is really an investment in time, and the most incredible thing is we did it without raising taxes."

The \$78 million interchange reconstruction is beginning one year earlier than expected, thanks to Transportation Expansion and Congestion Mitigation (TECM) funds through Governor Little's "Leading Idaho" initiative. This deliberate investment of TECM funds allows ITD to accelerate project timelines to address rapid growth and construct critical infrastructure sooner in Post Falls.



From left:
Scott Stokes (ITD Director),
Jon Knepper (Scarsella
Project Engineer), David
Lukes (Scarsella Project
Manager), Ron Jacobson
(Post Falls Mayor), Bill Moad
(Idaho Transportation Board
Chairman), Jim Thompson
(Idaho Transportation Board
Member), Jim Addis (Idaho
State Representative), Brad
Little (Governor), Shannon
Stein (ITD Project Manager),
Dan McElhinney (ITD Chief
Operations Officer),
Tony Wisniewski (Idaho
State Representative)

Post Falls Mayor Ron Jacobson focused on being able to tackle the much-needed project earlier than anticipated.

"It's a year earlier than planned and comes at a good time for the city. I hope it doesn't last as long as planned, but it probably will," Jacobson joked. "It's well worth the wait."

Another speaker at the event touched on infrastructure needs in Idaho.

"We are going to take care of deferred maintenance," Representative Jim Addis explained. "When you don't, that's deficit spending, and we don't do that in Idaho."

ITD Director Scott Stokes also acknowledged the important role that partnerships play in the project's

success.

"We can't do this without our friends in the contracting community, and we've worked with Scarsella a

Scarsella Brothers is the prime contractor on this work, as well as other expansion projects on SH-41.

Benefits: This project will improve safety, increase capacity, provide better connectivity to SH-41, and position I-90 for future expansion.











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