

Leadership in Collaboration

Eckert Road Bridge Emergency Repair Project

Ada County Highway District, Idaho Transportation Department, and Ada County Parks and Waterways

On January 31, 2025, the Ada County Highway District (ACHD) announced the emergency closure of the Eckert Road bridge due to “moderate to severe” decay in several timbers.

While the emergency closure of the bridge disrupted vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic and impeded access to Barber Park, the most concerning impact was to police, fire, and emergency medical services, as they had to use alternate routes, thus delaying critical response times.

ACHD initially determined it would take approximately two years to replace the bridge. However, the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) promptly offered assistance with mitigation measures that would allow the current bridge to reopen until it can be replaced with a new structure in the future.

ACHD, in partnership with ITD and assistance from Ada County Parks and Waterways, repaired all eight wooden piers, and reopened the bridge on March 10, 2025 – just 39 days after closure and three days before Boise River flows increased from 300 cubic feet per second to 1,000

The quick work and exemplary collaboration among leadership and staff at all three agencies ensured the major emergency repairs were accomplished quickly and efficiently and showcase the power of collaboration.