



“At a Crossroad”

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On the 50th anniversary of the Interstate Highway System, Nebraska and the nation are at a “crossroad.” The essential question is, as we have all benefited from this interstate system over the last 50 years, what is the transportation system for the next 50 years, and how will it be paid for?

The mission of the Department of Roads is to “provide and maintain, in cooperation with public and private organizations, a safe, reliable, affordable, environmentally compatible and coordinated statewide transportation system for the movement of people and goods.”

Relative to that mission, and in 2006, we produced the largest program in the history of the state, with the smallest workforce in 50 years, and at the highest level of performance on record. We are a performance-based transportation agency that is accountable for getting results.

Now, declining revenues and increasing inflation are resulting in smaller programs and fewer projects. This is a circumstance that many states are facing. Regardless, as leaders and partners, the Department of Roads remains committed to continuing improvement in accomplishing our mission.

There are many challenges and we are working hard to overcome them.

I also believe the future will be what we make it, and it’s going to be great!

Drive safely!