

Fact Sheet

The Interstate in Nebraska

- Official work on I-80 began in 1957 south of Gretna.
- The dedication of Nebraska's I-80 on October 19, 1974, (six miles west of Sidney a 6" brass link was embedded in I-80) marked the first state in the nation to complete its mainline interstate system.
- The total length of I-80 in Nebraska is 455.27 miles.

Additional Interstate Route Lengths

180 (in Lincoln) 3.18 miles
I-480 (in Omaha) 4.15 miles
I-680 (in Omaha) 13.26 miles
I-76 (to Colorado) 2.48 miles
I-129 (in South Sioux City) 3.21 miles

- The estimated total cost of I-80 in Nebraska was \$435 million, for an average per mile cost of about \$950,000.
- Normally, federal interstate funding for construction is 90 percent federal funds and 10 percent state funds.
- There are 80 interchanges along I-80 in Nebraska
- There are 442 bridges on or over I-80 in Nebraska.
- There are 25 rest areas and one scenic overlook (near Chappell) on Nebraska's I-80. These rest areas are spaced 35-50 miles apart for convenience.
- There are 28 types of grasses and forbs (herbs other than grasses), 31 types of shrubs, 12 kinds of coniferous trees, and 39 types of deciduous trees planted on the right-of-way of I-80 in Nebraska.
- There are about 570 informational and directional signs on Nebraska's I-80.
- As completed, I-80 stretches from New Jersey to San Francisco — over 2,900 miles of safe, uninterrupted roadway.
- The 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) provided for designating the nationwide 45,493 miles of interstate highway system the "Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways."