

December 1, 2003

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Public Hearing December 16 for Hwy. 20 Improvements in Jackson Area**

The Nebraska Department of Roads and the State Highway Commission will hold a Public Hearing Tuesday, December 16, regarding widening of U.S. Highway 20 east of Jackson from a two-lane highway to a four-lane divided highway. The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m., at the American Legion Post, 175 Elk Street & Highway 20, in Jackson.

The proposed project in Dakota County would widen about 3½ miles of U.S. 20. Construction will include grading, surfacing, drainage structures, and county road intersections.

The project begins just east of the Elk Creek Bridge and ends at the existing four-lane divided highway.

The two new traffic lanes will be constructed to the north of the existing lanes. The existing lanes will be resurfaced. A depressed median will separate the eastbound and westbound lanes.

The project will be constructed under traffic. Traffic will be routed on temporary roadways around work zones during some phases of construction.

Private property must be acquired for highway right-of-way throughout the length of the project. Control of access to the new highway will be modified.

Construction will impact wetland areas and mitigation will be required for about 1/3 acre. Replacement wetlands will be established at either the Tarnov Wetland Mitigation Bank in Platte County or the West Point Wetland Mitigation Bank in Cuming County.

Interested persons are invited to stop at the hearing location from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., before the hearing, for informal discussions with Department of Roads' personnel on any aspect of the project.

Preliminary plans developed by the Nebraska Department of Roads are available for public inspection at the District 3 Office located at 408 N. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, in Norfolk, and at the Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

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### **For additional information contact:**

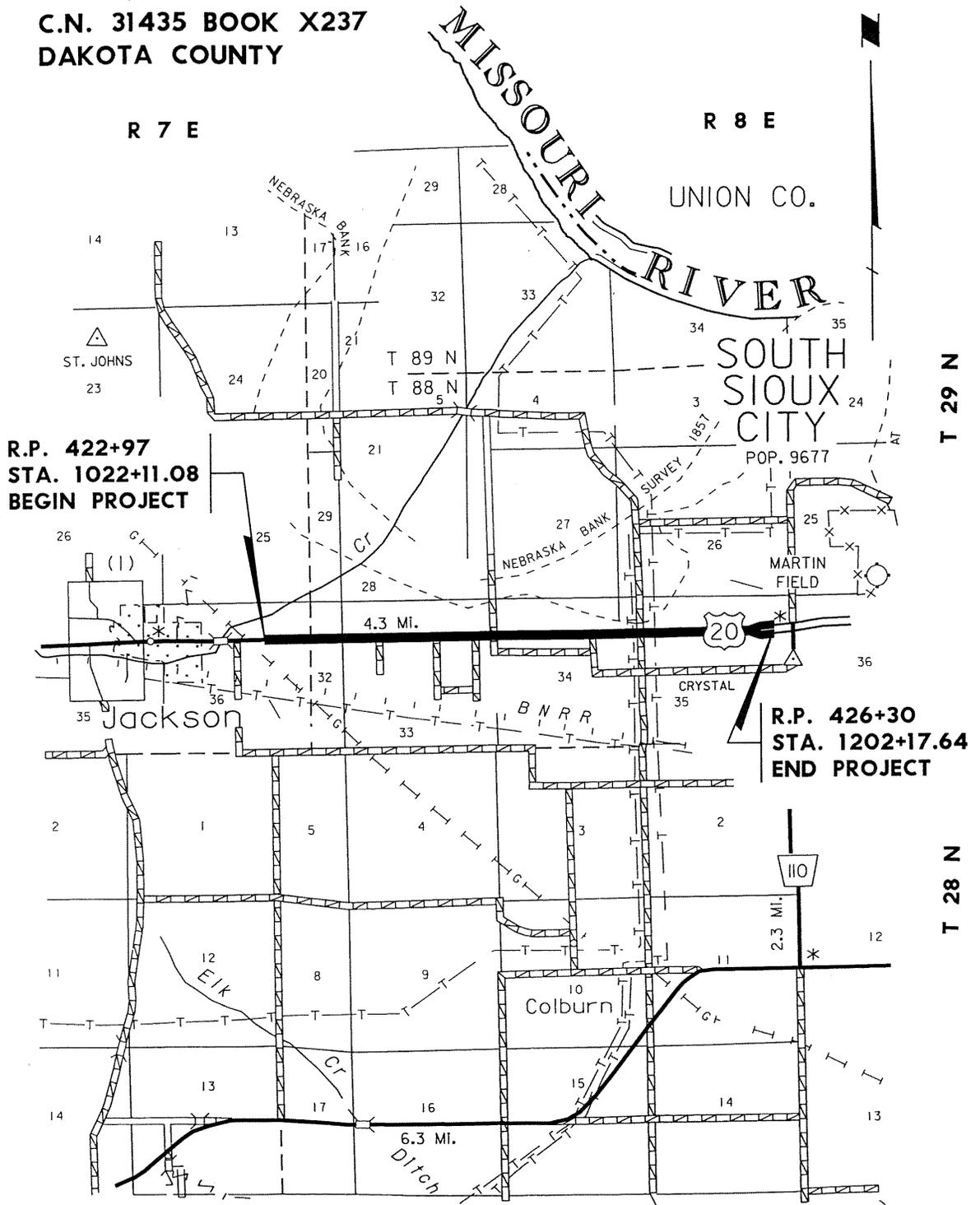
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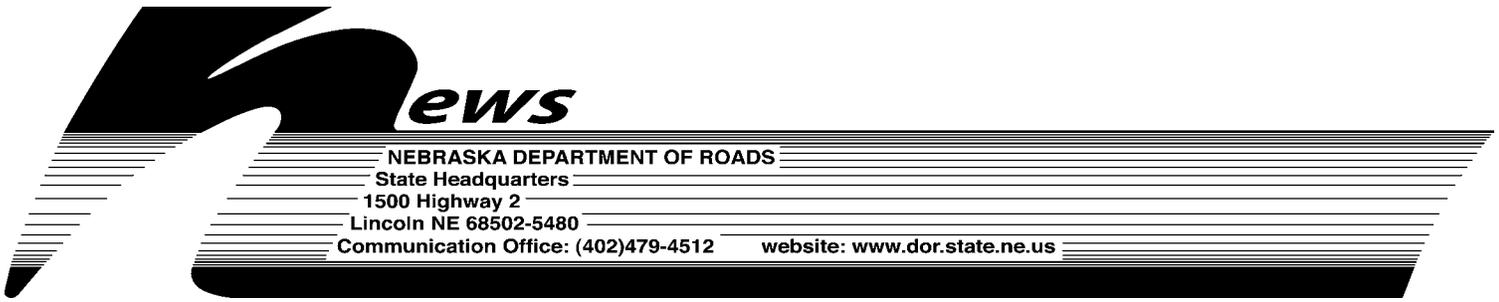
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## **Public Hearing December 15 for Hwy. 35 Improvements in Norfolk Area**

The Nebraska Department of Roads and the State Highway Commission will hold a Public Hearing Monday, December 15, regarding constructing about one mile of Nebraska Highway 35 into a four-lane divided roadway with left-turn lanes at intersections. The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m., at the Divots Convention Center, 4200 West Norfolk Avenue, in Norfolk.

The project begins east of Norfolk at the intersection of U.S. 275 and ends just south of Norfolk Avenue.

Construction includes concrete pavement, drainage, storm sewer, and lighting. The project will be built under traffic. Traffic will be routed on temporary roadways around work zones during some phases of construction.

A total of about ten acres along the length of the existing highway must be acquired as public right-of-way for the project. Additional control of access to the new roadway must be acquired.

Minimal impact to wetland areas is anticipated as a result of construction and mitigation will not be required.

Interested persons are invited to stop at the hearing location from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., before the hearing, for informal discussions with Department of Roads' personnel on any aspect of the project.

Preliminary plans developed by the Nebraska Department of Roads are available for public inspection at the District 3 Office located at 408 N. 13th Street, in Norfolk, and at the Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

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### **For additional information contact:**

Don Turek, Roadway Design Division in Lincoln, (402) 479-4441.

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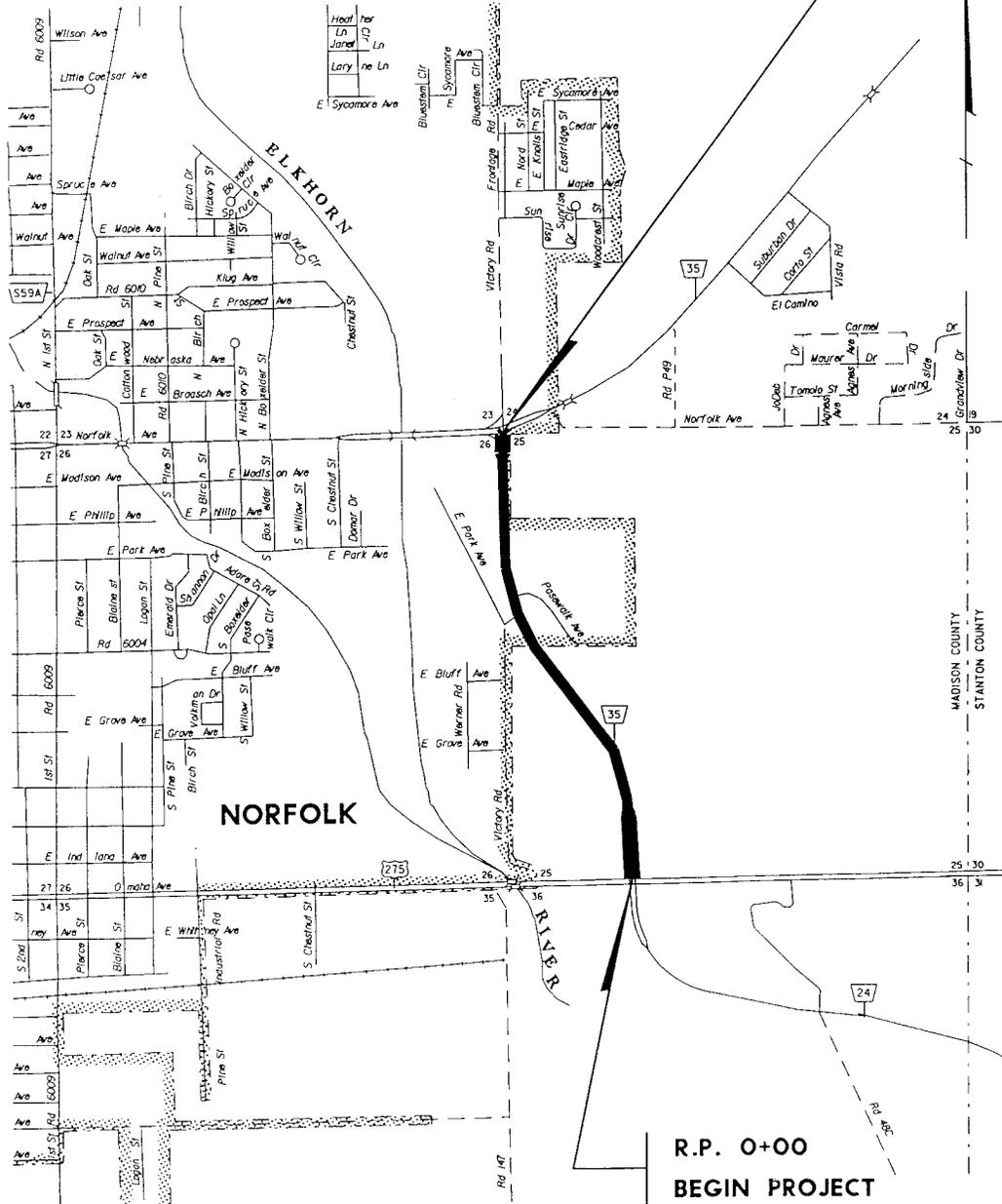
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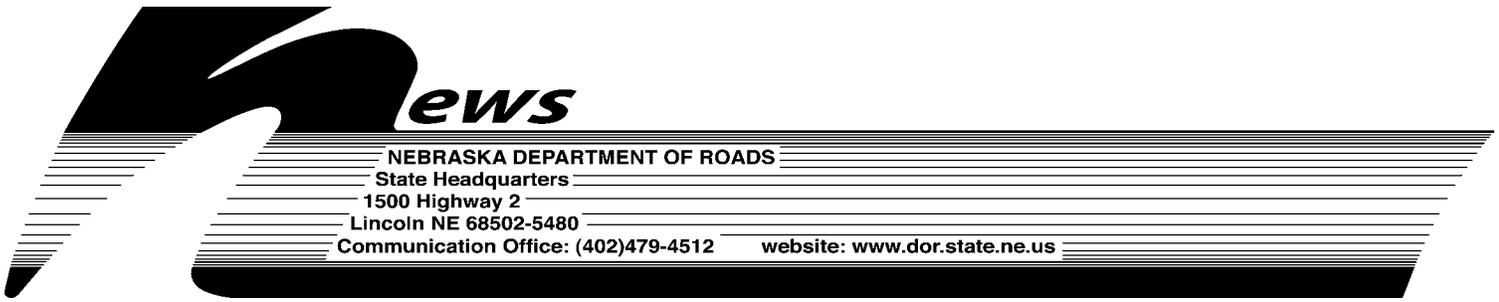
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## Transportation Enhancement Committee to Set Priority

The Transportation Enhancement Select Committee, a committee making recommendations to the Nebraska Department of Roads, will hold a meeting to prioritize transportation enhancement projects for federal-aid funding. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held December 11, 2003 at 8:30 a.m. in the conference room of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, 3125 Portia, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Projects to be considered for funding consist of trails, landscaping or highway beautification, and transportation-related historic preservation projects. The location of the projects are within or adjacent to the following communities:

Alliance	Ashland	Beatrice
Bennington	Blair	Central City
Dakota City	Elkhorn	Fort Calhoun
Grand Island	Lincoln	Nebraska City
Norfolk	North Platte	Odell
Omaha	Papillion	Pawnee City
Plattsmouth	Ralston	Stanton
Waterloo	Wayne	

The agenda for the meeting will be updated and available for inspection in Room 105, Department of Roads, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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**For additional information contact:**

Jim Pearson, (402) 479-4881

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December 3, 2003

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Grant Money Available for Transporting Elderly and Persons with Disabilities**

The Nebraska Department of Roads has announced funds are now available to private nonprofit organizations for transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities for whom mass transportation services are unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate. **Only private nonprofit organizations incorporated within the state are eligible to apply for this assistance. Public agencies, governmental bodies and private individuals are not eligible for this program.**

The Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 program is the Federal Capital Grant program managed by the Department of Roads and designed to provide assistance for purchase of vehicles and related equipment for transportation needs of elderly and disabled persons. The funding is 60 percent federal and 40 percent local match.

The Department of Roads is distributing information on this program to private nonprofit organizations such as nursing homes and hospitals, as well as coordinating agencies such as area agencies on aging.

For further information and to request application forms, contact Wayne Masek at (402) 479-4369 or Jerry Wray at (402) 479-4694, Rail and Public Transportation Division, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4759. **Requests for application forms must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 16, 2004.**

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**For additional information contact:**

Wayne Masek in Lincoln, (402) 479-4369 or Jerry Wray in Lincoln, (402) 479-4694.

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Winter 2003

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## Winter Highway Safety Reminders From Your Nebraska Department of Roads

The Nebraska Department of Roads' crews are prepared for their annual battle with snow and ice, and they will be out in full force when winter weather strikes. However, there are several things that *motorists* can do to make winter travel safer on the roadways.

When traveling outside of a business or residential district, it is unlawful to follow a highway maintenance vehicle (snowplow, truck or grader) more closely than 100 feet when it is plowing snow, spreading salt or sand, or displaying a flashing amber or blue light. If conditions permit, however, drivers may pass a maintenance vehicle.

### When following a maintenance vehicle:

- ◆ Maintain your distance to avoid collisions and damage from flying sand and salt.
- ◆ Move your vehicle to the left of your lane so the equipment operator can see you in the mirror.
- ◆ Snowplows cause soft snow to swirl, making it difficult to see the plow and for the plow operator to see you.
- ◆ Snowplows usually leave a ridge of snow, making passing hazardous.
- ◆ Turn on your headlights and windshield wipers for additional visibility.
- ◆ Snow removal equipment may have to slow down, stop or back up. Beware!
- ◆ Do not pass until the snowplow reaches a clear area.
- ◆ Plowing snow on a multi-lane roadway is often done in tandem (more than one snowplow at a time). Give them plenty of room. Do not pass on the right side and stay where the operator can see you.

## Winter Safety Reminders

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Icy roads make it difficult to steer and to stop. Drive at reduced speeds, giving yourself plenty of time and distance to react to the traffic around you. Slow down gradually when approaching curves and stops. Beware of icy spots especially on bridges and in sheltered areas.

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Slick spots can form in places you least expect. *Do not drive in wet or snowy weather with your cruise control on.* That may prove extremely dangerous!

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It is always wise to keep headlights on, particularly during inclement weather. Make sure your headlights, taillights and windows are clean so you can see and be seen.

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Motorists may use studded snow tires in Nebraska from *November 1 to April 1*. School buses, emergency vehicles and mail carrier vehicles may use them anytime during the year.

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Plan trips carefully. Use well-traveled routes and allow plenty of time for arrival. Make sure your vehicle is in good working order and filled with fuel. Let someone know where you are going, when you are leaving and when you expect to return. Check often for current weather reports through the various media sources *before* you travel. Then, keep the radio on. Weather conditions change rapidly. *So do the road conditions.*

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Keep a winter survival kit in your vehicle, with some basic items, including an emergency first-aid kit; a shovel and small bag of sand; 3-pound coffee can, matches and candles; a snow brush, ice scraper and can of de-icer; blankets and dehydrated foods; signal flares, flashlights, and extra batteries; battery-operated radio; spare tire and booster cables.

For 24-hour-a-day, year-round Nebraska traveler information, motorists can dial 511 on their cell phone or landline. If outside Nebraska, dial 800-906-9069. By dialing 511, motorists will be able to access the quickest, most up-to-date information about weather conditions, road conditions and travel advisories. The 511 system and various other weather links are available on the Internet at [www.nebraskatransportation.org](http://www.nebraskatransportation.org).

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In addition to these winter-driving tips, the Nebraska Department of Roads reminds motorists to make sure everyone in their vehicle is wearing a seat belt or is in a car safety seat. Pull off the road if you have to use your cellular phone, and *never* drink and drive. Remember: When you're in the driver's seat, ***you*** make the difference!

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December 5, 2003

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **New Southbound Lane of Highway 77 between Ceresco & Wahoo to Open Next Week**

The new southbound lane of Highway 77 from Ceresco north to Highway 92 is scheduled to open December 9, weather permitting, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. Traffic will be head-to-head. All Roads Barricades, Inc., of Lincoln will complete signing and striping prior to opening the road. Dobson Brothers Construction Co., Lincoln, is the prime contractor on this expressway construction project.

Stop signs will be placed at appropriate county roads. The current four-way stop and detour signing, at the junction of Highway 63 and Old Highway 77, will remain in place.

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**For additional information contact:**

Mike Sklenar in Lincoln, (402) 471-0850, Ext. 1069,  
or Bob Sanburn in Lincoln, (402) 471-0850, Ext. 1102

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**Notice of Highway Design Public Hearing  
North Loup to Ord  
January 13, 2004  
7:30 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads, along with the State Highway Commission, will hold a Highway Design Public Hearing regarding Project STPD-11-3(116), known as "North Loup to Ord," on January 13, 2004, 7:30 p.m. at the Veterans Club Ballroom, 246 S. 15th Street, Ord, Nebraska.

December 12, 2003

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Highway 75 Traffic Signal in Auburn Switched to Flashing Mode

The Nebraska Department of Roads has received reports of possible malfunction of the traffic signal on Highway 75 and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street in Auburn. This signal has been placed in flashing mode for an indefinite time until the Roads Department can thoroughly evaluate the signal equipment and operation.

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**For additional information contact:**  
Bob Simard in Lincoln, (402) 479-4594

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# Agenda



December 19, 2003

Monthly Meetings

Nebraska Department of Roads • Central Complex 1500 Hwy 2 • Lincoln NE 68502

8:30 a.m. – Educational Briefing & Discussion - Director's Conference Room

10:00 a.m. – Monthly Meeting Reconvenes – Room 103

**Call to Order:** Duane W. Acklie, Chair

**Roll Call:**

**Approval:** November, 2003 Meeting Minutes

**Introductions/Correspondence/Announcements:**

**Old Business/New Business:**

**Agenda Topic:**

“From the Contractor’s Point of View”, Terry King, Executive Director, and AGC  
Questions/Comments

**Public Input:**

Questions/Comments

**Public Meeting Schedule:**

January 13, 2004 (*Wanitschke*)

“North Loup to Ord”

Information Open House, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Public Hearing - 7:30 p.m.

Veterans Club, Ord, NE

**Adjournment**

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** Friday, January 23, 2004, 10:00 a.m.

Nebraska Department of Roads’ Central Complex

*Happy Holidays!*

Nebraska State Highway Commission  
**Educational Briefing & Work Session**

**Friday, December 19, 2003**

**8:30 a.m., Director's Conference Room  
NDOR Central Complex, Lincoln, NE**

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## *Agenda*

- ◆ *Dialogue – “Governor’s Transportation Task Force”*
  - ◆ *Discussion – 2003 Surface Transportation Meetings*
  - ◆ *Heartland Expressway Update*
  - ◆ *Continued Discussion – Remaining Expressway Highway Junctions*
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December 12, 2003

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **State Highway Commission Monthly Agenda Announced**

The State Highway Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting December 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., at the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters, Room 103, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The public is invited to attend. A copy of the meeting agenda can be obtained from the Executive Secretary for the Commission, Room 105, Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters, Lincoln, Nebraska, or by calling (402) 479-4530.

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***Agenda Below***

December 18, 2003

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **New Transportation Enhancement Projects Announced**

The Nebraska Department of Roads announced today that a total of \$2,611,034 has been awarded for 12 community and agency projects, statewide, through the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program.

Since 1991, the Nebraska Transportation Enhancement Program has allocated more than \$55 million to over 150 communities across the State. Roads Director John Craig is happy to award the current 12 projects recommended by the independent Transportation Enhancement Select Committee.

The TE Program, part of the federal highway bill, provides funding to local, regional, and State government entities for projects that encourage alternative transportation. The funds, administered through the Nebraska Department of Roads, are used for highway beautification, pedestrian and bicycle trails, and historic preservation.

Following is a list of brief descriptions of the 12 successful projects receiving funding:

### **Nebraska Forest Service / UNL Statewide Arboretum**

The Nebraska Forest Service and University of Nebraska-Lincoln was awarded \$350,000 in funding for continuation of the Nebraska Community Enhancement Program. This program provides funds to communities and other public entities in Nebraska for landscaping projects that improve transportation corridors.

### **Cowboy Trail Surfacing Program**

The Nebraska Game & Parks Commission was awarded \$338,000 in funding to surface 13 miles of the Cowboy Trail between Atkinson and O'Neill completing 102 continuous miles of trail. Established in 1999, this set-aside program allows the Department of Roads to annually approve funding up to 10 percent of local share enhancement funds for surfacing of the Cowboy Trail.

### **Nebraska Lied Main Street Program**

The Nebraska Lied Main Street Program was awarded \$100,000 to fund a competition among member communities for matching funds for the Main Street District Enhancement Program. The purpose of the funding is to improve the physical environment of the downtown areas of Nebraska's Lied Main Street communities who will apply for funding on a competitive basis. Communities selected for funding will provide matching funds.

### **NSHS Engineer Cantonment Site**

The Nebraska State Historical Society (NSHS) was awarded \$31,776 for analysis of historic artifacts excavated from the historic "Engineer Cantonment" site. The NSHS recently discovered the winter quarters of the 1819-1820 Major Stephen Long Scientific Expedition from Pittsburgh to the Rocky Mountains. The Long expedition consisted of a small group of engineers, artists, naturalists, and soldiers charged with exploring portions of the Missouri and Platte River valleys. The site is located along the Missouri River bluffs between Omaha and Blair. Funding will be used to analyze the recovered collections, disseminate results of the excavation to the public, and develop a management and interpretive plan. The NSHS will provide a cash match of \$21,184.

### **Dakota City Trail**

The City of Dakota City was awarded \$482,589 for preliminary engineering and construction of a 2.6 mile long, 8-foot wide concrete trail. This trail begins at the center of Dakota City and follows Dakota Avenue north providing alternative transportation to employment and commercial centers. The trail continues north under I-129 and connects with the existing trail system in South Sioux City. Dakota City is providing a local cash match of \$120,647.

### **Pawnee City Prairie Hills Connector Trail**

The City of Pawnee City was awarded \$267,497 for preliminary engineering and construction of a one mile long, 8-foot wide concrete and crushed rock trail located in the northeast portion of the community. The trail connects the downtown area of Pawnee City with residential neighborhoods and the Prairie Hills Sports Complex located northeast of town. Pawnee City is providing a local cash match of \$66,874.

### **Pierce County Meridian Highway Bridge Repair**

Pierce County was awarded \$20,142 for preliminary engineering and construction to repair two bridges on the historic route of the Meridian Highway in Pierce County. The Meridian Highway was one of the first north to south transcontinental highways stretching from Mexico City to Winnipeg, Canada. Pierce County will provide a local cash match of \$5,036.

### **Jamaica North Trail, Lancaster County**

Lancaster County was awarded \$500,000 to develop a portion of the former Union Pacific Railroad corridor recently acquired by the City of Lincoln. Transportation Enhancement funds will be used for design and construction of 6.25 miles of this corridor, beginning at 6<sup>th</sup> and Calvert Streets and ending one-half mile south of Saltillo Road. This segment is an integral portion of the planned 55-mile Homestead Trail stretching from Lincoln to Marysville, Kansas. Jamaica North also connects to the trail system within Wilderness Park and the Salt Creek Levee trail system, ultimately providing access to the Downtown area, Haymarket Ball Park, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. Lancaster County will provide a local cash match of \$100,00 with an additional \$277,000 provided through private donations.

### **Southeast Nebraska Old West Trails & Transportation Center, Odell**

The Village of Odell was awarded \$104,160 for renovation of a historic bank building for use as a transportation visitor center. The one-story limestone bank building was constructed in 1885 and is located on the north end of Main Street in downtown Odell. The purpose of the center is to provide travel and interpretive information on the region's transportation history. The Village of Odell will be providing a local cash match of \$26,040 through private donations.

### **Plattsmouth Main Street Project – Phase 2**

The City of Plattsmouth was awarded \$84,265 for construction of a turn-a-round at the east end of the City's historic Main Street. The turn-a-round will use existing pavers salvaged from the project site. The City of Plattsmouth will provide a local cash match of \$46,379.

### **Alliance 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Landscaping**

The City of Alliance was awarded \$40,654 to design and install landscape improvements within the right of way of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (Highway #2). The project begins at Highway #385 on the west and ends at Black Hills Avenue on the east. Improvements will also be included at the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Flack Avenue. The improvements include concrete and plant removal, and installation of drought and heat tolerant trees and shrubs. The City of Alliance will provide a local cash match of \$10,164.

### **Antelope Creek Trail – Phase 1**

The City of Lincoln was awarded \$291,951 for preliminary engineering and construction of a 1.9 mile trail in east Lincoln known as the Antelope Creek Trail. This trail begins at the end of the existing Billy Wolff Trail in the Holmes Park Dog Run near 70<sup>th</sup> Street and extends in a southeast direction to 86<sup>th</sup> and Old Cheney Road. This segment is the first phase of the City's two-phase plan to extend the Antelope Creek Trail from Holmes Park to Highway #2. The City of Lincoln is providing a cash match of \$130,000.

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#### **For additional information contact:**

Jim Pearson, TE Administrator, (402) 479-4881

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December 18, 2003

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## **I-80 Westbound On Ramp From Cornhusker Highway Closing Tonight Temporarily**

Due to wet and icy conditions, the striping on I-80 near the westbound on ramp from Cornhusker Highway to I-80 (Lincoln Airport, RP 399) that was to happen last night has been rescheduled. The westbound on ramp will be closed from Thursday evening, December 18, at 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. Friday, December 19, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. Weather permitting, the closure will allow for pavement marking changes on westbound Interstate 80. Traffic wishing to go west on I-80 will follow a marked detour on Cornhusker Highway.

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### **For additional information contact:**

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# Legal Notice

## Notice of Rule-Making Hearing Nebraska Department of Roads

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) will hold a Public Hearing concerning amended JUNKYARD REGULATIONS, January 30, 2004, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., NDOR Central Administration Bldg. (Auditorium), 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln.

The following revised Chapter assigned to the Right of Way Division is proposed for adoption: 410 NAC 4, Permits for Location and Maintenance of Junkyards within One Thousand Feet of the Highway Beautification Control System (HBCS).

The regulations, authorized by Neb. Rev. Stat. 39-2601 through 39-2612, cover Interstates, the National Highway System, Federal-Aid Primary roads (as of June 1991), and designated Scenic Byways. They address permit, location and screening requirements and other conditions. The changes reflect a comprehensive revision, as well as implementation of LB 186 (2003) to remove the following from regulation by NDOR: junkyards adjacent to non-Interstate routes in counties that have formally adopted a comprehensive development plan and that regulate junkyards through zoning.

Fiscal impact: Exempted junkyards will avoid the \$50 annual permit fee. NDOR will experience a slight reduction in administrative costs. Nebraska will remain in compliance with Federal highway beautification requirements.

Comments and recommendations may be presented orally or in writing at the Hearing, or mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the Department of Roads prior to the Hearing, or by February 9, 2004.

Send comments or obtain a free copy of the proposed Rules and Regulations revisions and the Fiscal Impact Statement by writing to: Government Affairs Division, Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4759, FAX (402) 479-3636. You may also call (402) 479-4607; TDD# (402) 479-3834; or e-mail [emartens@dor.state.ne.us](mailto:emartens@dor.state.ne.us). To view a copy over the Internet, go to the NDOR website: [www.nebraskatransportation.org](http://www.nebraskatransportation.org) and click on "news and upcoming events," or go to the Secretary of State's website: [www.sos.state.ne.us/Rules/hearings.htm](http://www.sos.state.ne.us/Rules/hearings.htm). To pick up a copy in person: 1400 Highway 2, Government Affairs Division Office.

This notice is provided pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

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# Legal Notice

## Notice of Rule-Making Hearing Nebraska Department of Roads

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a Public Hearing (Re-Hearing) concerning proposed amended RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO TITLE 409, CONSTRUCTION DIVISION, CHAPTERS 1 & 2, CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS, January 30, 2004, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., Central Administration Bldg. (Auditorium), 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln.

The regulations pertain to construction contracts, bids and qualifications of bidders. The changes, which have been significantly revised since the July 16, 2002 Public Hearing, combine existing Chapters 1 (English Measurements) and 2 (Metric Measurements) into a single new Chapter 1. The changes also update the existing rule and modify it to allow electronic transfer of data. The changes allow, at the Department's discretion, submission of bids over the Internet. Also at the Department's discretion, bid bonds (bid quantities) may be either a single project bid bond (current procedure), an annual bid bond for multiple projects, or an electronic bid bond registered on the Internet. Finally, again at the Department's discretion, electronic signature on bid documents is authorized.

Fiscal impact: The Internet option and flexible bonding procedure should reduce bidding costs for contractors. Sureties may experience increased costs.

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December 30, 2003

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Public Hearing January 13 for Hwy. 11 Improvements in North Loup Area

The Nebraska Department of Roads and the State Highway Commission will hold a Public Hearing Tuesday, January 13, regarding improvement of Nebraska Highway 11 between North Loup and Ord. The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m., at the Veterans Club Ballroom, 246 S. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, in Ord.

The proposed project would improve about 11 ½ miles of Nebraska 11 in Valley County. It begins at the western edge of North Loup and ends at 11th Street in Ord.

Construction will include grading, surfacing, new construction, bridge replacement, culverts, and modification of some irrigation facilities. Construction in Ord will include roadway lighting and curbs and gutters.

The two-lane asphalt highway between North Loup and Ord will be reconstructed on shifted alignment in three areas and resurfaced in other areas. Turf shoulders will be constructed 8 feet wide, including 2-foot-wide surfacing adjacent to the driving lanes.

In Ord, the two-lane project will continue to 5th Street. Between 5th Street and 11th Street, the highway will be reconstructed to a three-lane concrete roadway.

Most of the project will be constructed under traffic. Temporary roads around work zones will be used to maintain traffic. Temporary closure of Nebraska 11 will be required to replace bridges, and through traffic will be detoured along Nebraska Highway 22 and Nebraska Highway 70 to accommodate that work.

Property must be acquired for highway right-of-way throughout the length of the project. Construction will impact wetland areas and mitigation will be required for about 1 ½ acres. Replacement wetlands will be established at a regional wetlands bank site.

Interested persons are invited to stop at the hearing location from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., before the hearing, for informal discussions with Department of Roads' personnel on any aspect of the project.

Preliminary plans developed by the Nebraska Department of Roads are available for public inspection at the District 4 Office located at 211 N. Tilden Street, in Grand Island, and at the Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

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**For additional information contact:**

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# NORTH LOUP TO ORD 11-3(116)

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VALLEY COUNTY

