

February 4, 2003

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## **Weander New District 2 Engineer for State Roads**

Tim Weander will be the new District 2 Engineer in Omaha for the Nebraska Department of Roads. District 2 includes Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington Counties. Weander, a licensed professional engineer, succeeds John Jacobsen, who has been promoted to Deputy Director of Operations for the department after serving 10 years in his position.

For 19 years, Weander has worked at the Roads Department in a variety of capacities, including serving as District 5 Engineer in Bridgeport for the past 7 years. Born in Ainsworth, Weander is a second-generation NDOR employee. His father, Leonard Weander, worked at the department for 43 years, including 17 years as Construction Engineer in District 1, Lincoln area.

Weander started at NDOR in 1983, after receiving his construction management degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He served 6 years as a project manager in Omaha. He then served 6 years in the Roadway Design Division in Lincoln, 2 years as a designer in the Expressway Design Section, and 4 years as a design unit head in the Interstate Design Section. Weander was responsible for design of Omaha's 13<sup>th</sup>, 42<sup>nd</sup>, 72<sup>nd</sup> and 84<sup>th</sup> Street interchanges reconstruction of Interstate 80.

After serving 3 months as District Construction Engineer in Grand Island, Weander was named District 5 Engineer in 1996. During his tenure as District 5 Engineer, Weander was responsible for a variety of projects, including the continued expansion of Nebraska Highway 71 from a two-lane highway to an expressway from Kimball to Scottsbluff.

Weander, 42, and his wife, Alice, have three children, Nate, Nick and Katie. In addition to spending time with his family, Weander enjoys hunting, camping and hiking.

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# News Release

February 18, 2003

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## Work on I-180 in Lincoln Continues

Construction for I-180 and Cornhusker Highway will continue this spring with the following traffic changes. **Westbound Cornhusker to northbound I-180 entrance ramp** will close for construction on Monday, February 24, weather permitting. The construction of the ramp and northbound I-180 should be complete, allowing the ramp to be reopened by mid May.

**Northbound I-180** will be reduced to one lane and traffic detoured onto the southbound roadway for two-way traffic, from just north of the Cornhusker Bridge and back across north of Adams Street. These changes will begin Monday, March 3, weather permitting. Traffic will remain in this pattern until mid May.

Constructors, Inc., of Lincoln, is the prime contractor for the work.

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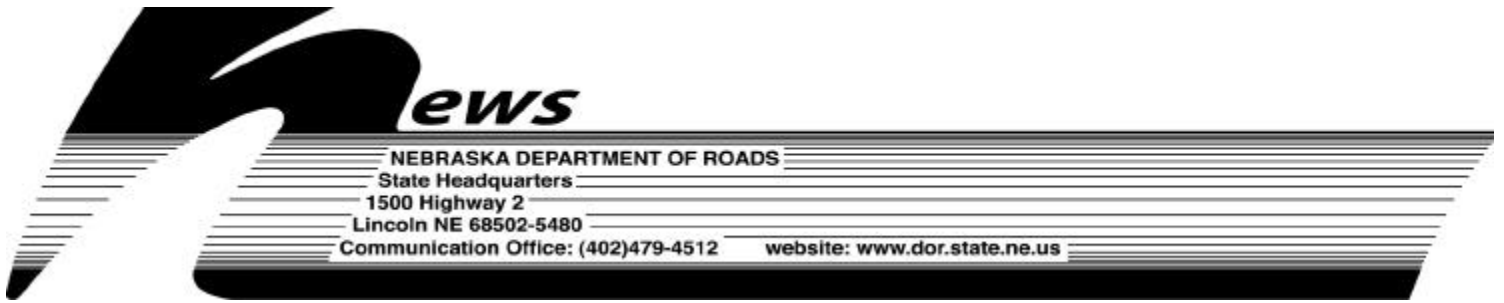
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**Notice of Highway Design Public Hearing  
"Norfolk West"  
March 25, 2003, 7:30 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads, along with the State Highway Commission will hold a Highway Design Public Hearing regarding Project NH-BR-275-5(137), known as "Norfolk West," on March 25, 2003, 7:30 p.m., at Divots Convention Center, 4200 West Norfolk Avenue, Norfolk, Nebraska.

**Notice of Highway Design Public Hearing  
"I-80, Six Lane, Lincoln to Ruff Road"  
March 18, 2003, 7:30 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads, along with the State Highway Commission will hold a Highway Design Public Hearing regarding Project IM-80-9(872), known as "I-80, Six Lane, Lincoln to Ruff Road," on March 18, 2003, 7:30 p.m., at Lancaster Event Center, Exhibit Hall, 4100 N. 84th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.



February 21, 2003

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**Public Hearing March 25 for Improvements to Highway 275 at Norfolk**

The Nebraska Department of Roads and the State Highway Commission will hold a Public Hearing Tuesday, March 25, concerning the proposed improvement of Nebraska Highway 275 in the Norfolk area. The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m., at Divots Convention Center, 4200 West Norfolk Avenue, in Norfolk.

The proposed project in Madison County would widen about seven miles of U.S. 275 from a two-lane highway to a four-lane highway. Construction will include grading, surfacing, drainage structures, bridges, access frontage roads and lighting.

The project begins just west of the junction with Nebraska Highway 121 and proceeds east, crosses the Elk-horn River, and connects to the four-lane roadway on the west side of Norfolk.

The new highway generally will follow the existing alignment. Two of the new traffic lanes will be built primarily on the south side of the existing roadway. A ½-mile segment near the middle of the project will have the new lanes built on the north side of the existing lanes. The existing two-lane roadway will be reconstructed to match the new lanes. Intersections will be reconstructed to match the new highway.

A depressed median will be constructed between the eastbound and westbound lanes through much of the project. The median will transition to a narrower raised median closer to Norfolk.

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

Additional property must be acquired for highway right-of-way throughout the project. Six homes and a number of other structures must be acquired as part of the proposed improvement. Control of access to the new highway must be acquired.

Construction will impact wetlands areas and mitigation will be required for about five acres. Replacement wetlands will be established at the West Point Wetland Mitigation Bank, located 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 NDOR District 3 Office, 408 N. 13<sup>th</sup> St., in Norfolk, and at the Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

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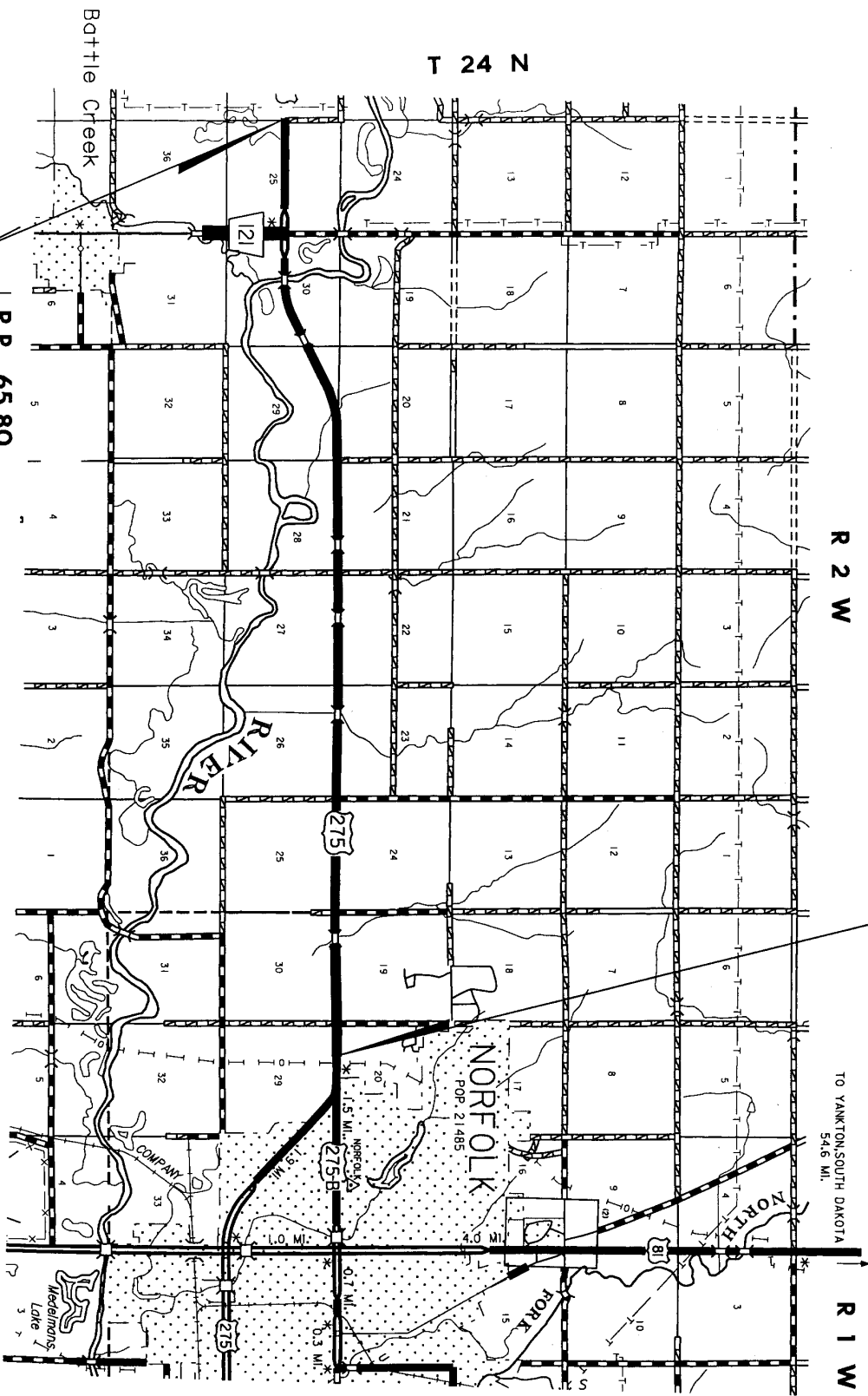
Mick Syslo, Roadway Design Division in Lincoln, (402) 479-3741.

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# NORFOLK WEST 275-5 (137)

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MADISON COUNTY

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