

May 5, 2003

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New Highway and Street Superintendents Licensed

Lincoln -- Three persons successfully completed the April 4, 2003 examination and are now licensed by the Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents.

Licensed as both County Highway Superintendent and City Street Superintendent are Gene Engelken of Steinauer, Kenneth E. Marcey-Fleming of Hampton, and Stephen A. Ragoss of Geneva. Engelken is a Pawnee County Road Foreman. Marcey-Fleming is Utility Superintendent for the Village of Hampton. Ragoss is General Superintendent with L. J. Webb Contractor, Inc.

The next examination will be held October 3, 2003 with an application deadline of August 15, 2003. Applications can be obtained by contacting the Board of Examiners, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509, (402) 479-4607, and by consulting the website listed below.

Also recently licensed were:

Chad R. Kehrt, P.E., of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, James McMeekin, P.E. of Omaha, and Fred T. Scarpello, P.E. of Omaha, licensed as both County Highway Superintendent and City Street Superintendent; Dwight Hanson, P.E. of Ithaca, licensed as County Highway Superintendent; and Tyler L. Hevlin, P.E., of Fremont, and Eric C. Obert, P.E., of Wahoo, licensed as City Street Superintendent. Registered Professional Engineers (P.E.) are licensed by equivalency. Hanson is Facility Manager at the University of Nebraska Agricultural Research and Development Center; Hevlin is a Project Engineer with JEO Consulting Group, Inc.; Kehrt is Associate Engineer for the City of South Sioux City; McMeekin is a Senior Civil Engineer with Mitchell Engineering and Inspections; and Scarpello is Vice President of Jacobson Helgoth Consultants.

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Superintendents are qualified to administer city and county street and road programs, including:

- preparing one- and six-year improvement plans,
- assisting in preparing annual budgets and financial reports,
- supervising the annual program for roadway design, construction and maintenance, and
- coordinating plans with adjacent counties and cities and with the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Additional information about the licensing program is available at the Nebraska Department of Roads, Government Affairs Division website, www.nebraskatransportation.org/localiaison/index.htm.

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For additional information contact:

Andy Cunningham (402) 479-4569.

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News release

May 13, 2003

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Temporary I-80 Eastbound Road Closure & Detour at Locust Street Interchange

Interstate 80 eastbound will be closed from Exit 312 to Exit 324 for 7 hours on Wednesday, May 14, at 11:00 p.m. until Thursday, May 15, at 6:00 a.m. Traffic will be detoured on US Highway 34 east to the Giltner Spur. The detour route will be north on US-281 (US-34 east) for 4 ½ miles to the junction of US-34 and Nebraska Highway 2, then east on US-34 for 12 miles to the Giltner Spur, then south 3 ½ miles back to I-80. This closure is due to removal operations of the bridge deck and girders of the existing overhead bridge structure at I-80, Reference Post 314 Locust Street Overhead Bridge.

Interstate 80 westbound will be closed from Exit 318 to Exit 312 for 7 hours on Tuesday, May 20, at 11:00 p.m. until Wednesday, May 21, at 6:00 a.m. Traffic will be detoured on N-2 north for 3 ½ miles to US-34 west. The detour route will follow US-34 west for 6 miles to the junction of US-34 and US-281, then will proceed south on US-281 (US-34 west) for 4 ½ miles back to I-80. The closure is due to removal operations of the bridge deck and girders of the existing overhead bridge structure at I-80, Reference Post 314, Locust Street Overhead Bridge.

Werner Construction Company of Hastings has the \$9.8 million contract for this period. The interchange project will be completed in four phases with an anticipated completion in July 2004. The South Locust Street project has an anticipated completion date of November 2003. The NDOR manager assigned to this project is Kirk Weber of Grand Island.

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For additional information contact:

Kirk Weber in Grand Island, (308) 385-6888, Ext. 212

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News Release

May 14, 2003

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

I-180 Temporary Closure Needed for Interstate Work

I-180 southbound lanes, in Lincoln, will be closed, temporarily, at Cornhusker Highway on Thursday, May 15, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The southbound entrance ramp off Cornhusker will also be closed.

The closure will allow replacement of damaged guardrail on the Oak Creek Bridge.

Both I-180 exits to Cornhusker will remain open. A marked detour will be provided to route traffic east on Cornhusker, then south on 11th Street. Local motorists may wish to consider a different route to downtown. Northbound I-180 travel will not be affected.

Friday, May 16, the northbound I-180 exit ramps to Cornhusker Highway in both directions will be closed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for bridge repair.

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For additional information contact:

District 1 Construction Engineer Mike Sklenar in Lincoln, 471-0850, Ext. 1069 or Hugh Holak, 471-0850, Ext. 1061.

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News release

May 19, 2003

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Temporary Closure of I-80 at Grand Island – Tuesday Night

Interstate 80 westbound will be closed from Exit 318 to Exit 312 for 8 hours on Tuesday, May 20, at 10:00 p.m. until Wednesday, May 21, at 6:00 a.m. Traffic will be detoured on N-2 north for 3 ½ miles to US-34 west. The detour route will follow US-34 west for 6 miles to the junction of US-34 and US-281, then will proceed south on US-281 (US-34 west) for 4 ½ miles back to I-80. The closure is due to removal operations of the bridge deck and girders of the existing overhead bridge structure at I-80, Reference Post 314, Locust Street Overhead Bridge.

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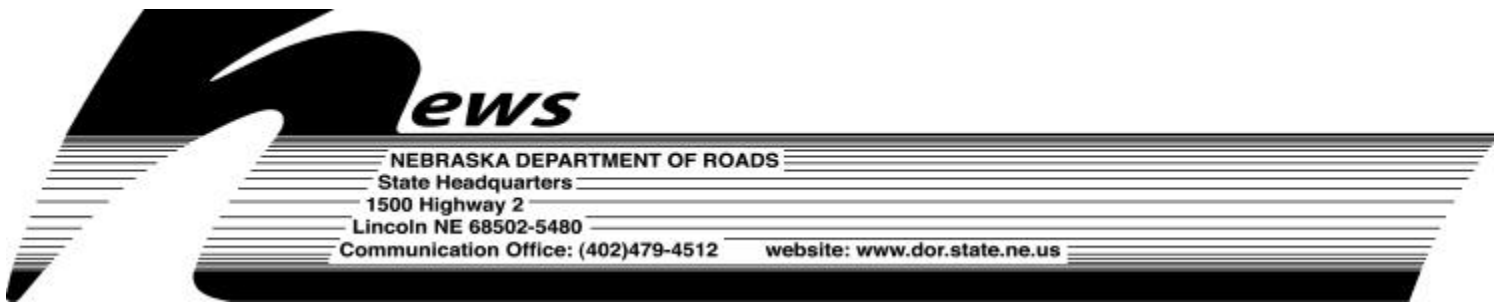
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May 19, 2003

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Transportation Enhancement and Byway Funding Public Forums to be Held in Western Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads is announcing the availability of funds for the Transportation Enhancement Program and the Byways Program for Fiscal Year 2004. The Transportation Enhancement Select Committee is requesting proposals for projects to build pedestrian/bike trails, restore historic transportation facilities, and landscape or beautify streets and highways. Proposals will also be accepted for funding of projects along Nebraska's nine scenic byways.

Intent-to-Apply application forms for governmental agencies may be requested by calling 402-476-7331 or downloaded from <http://www.sinclairhille.com/programs/ndor.htm>. Anyone interested in applying should return their Intent-to-Apply form by July 14, and complete the final application form by October 3, 2003.

Informational meetings regarding the Transportation Enhancement Program, Nebraska Byways Program, and other Federal programs available to rural communities will be held: June 10, 2003 in Gothenburg, NE; June 11, 2003 in Alliance, NE; June 12, 2003 in McCook, NE. In cooperation with the Nebraska Department of Roads, the USDA-Rural Development and the Nebraska Rural Development Council will participate in these meetings to discuss housing and infrastructure programs available to rural communities, and to gather input on how Federal programs can best serve rural residents. For additional information regarding the time and location of these joint meetings, please contact Deana McKinstry at 402-476-7331.

If anyone has questions about the Enhancement program, they may contact Jim Pearson at the Department of Roads at 402-479-4881 or John Kay at 402-476-7331. Questions regarding USDA programs should be directed to your local USDA-Rural Development office.

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May 22, 2003

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Milford Interchange Ramps Closing Temporarily

Werner Construction Company is planning to lay 2 inches of asphalt on all ramps of the Milford Interchange (Exit 382) on I-80 on Friday, May 23rd. All the ramps will remain closed for the day. The motorists are encouraged to use Pleasant Dale Interchange (Exit 388) or Seward Interchange (Exit 379).

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For additional information contact:

District Construction Engineer Mike Sklenar in Lincoln, 471-0850 Ext. 1069, or
Project Manager Babrak Niazi at 471-0850 Ext. 1064.

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News Release

May 28, 2003

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work Begins On Highway 75 at Dawson

Work is scheduled to begin on June 16, 2003 on Highway US-75, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. Work will be from the north edge of Dawson to the N-62 Stella spur, on US-75.

Constructors Inc. of Lincoln, Nebraska has the \$1,467,951 contract for milling, patching, guardrail, seeding and asphalt surfacing.

All phases of construction will be done under traffic with flaggers and pilot vehicles. Motorists should watch for possible reduced speed limits in work zones.

Work is anticipated to be completed in October. The Department of Roads' Manager assigned to this project is Mike Habegger of Tecumseh.

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For additional information contact:

Mike Habegger in Tecumseh, (402) 335-4131

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News Release

May 30, 2003

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I-180 southbound lanes, in Lincoln, will be closed, temporarily, at Cornhusker Highway on Monday, June 2, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The southbound entrance ramp off Cornhusker will also be closed.

The closure will allow replacement of damaged guardrail on the Oak Creek Bridge.

Traffic on Northbound I-180 will switch from the current two-way traffic to exiting at the Cornhusker exit, detour on the frontage road and re-enter on the entrance ramp. Weather permitting, the traffic change will take place Wednesday, June 4. Traffic will remain in a single lane. This will allow for continued safe construction of the Northbound bridge over Oak Creek.

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News release

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Work to begin soon on I-80 from Minden to Gibbon

Work is scheduled to begin June 9 on Interstate 80 from just west of the Minden Interchange to about 1 1/2 miles west of the Gibbon Interchange, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Constructors, Inc. of Lincoln has the \$1,473,941 contract for milling, concrete patching, and asphalt surfacing. Traffic will be maintained with lane closures, a 12' width restriction and reduced speed limits. All lanes of traffic will be open from 3 p.m. Friday to sunrise the following Monday. Work is anticipated to be completed in September, 2003. The Department of Roads' project manager assigned to this project is Lyle Kohmetscher of Hastings.

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For additional information contact:

Lyle Kohmetscher in Hastings, (402) 462-1996.

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