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News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Lane Changes to Occur on Highway 77 South of Wahoo

The Department of Roads will be shifting traffic onto the new lanes of Highway 77 south of the US-77 and N-63 intersection, north of Ceresco, later this week.

Northbound traffic will continue north on the new US-77 lanes to the new Highway 63 intersection, east to the existing Highway 63 intersection and then north on the existing Highway 77. Old US-77 will be closed south of Swedeburg. Southbound traffic will now stop at the existing N-63 intersection, go west to the new N-63 intersection and then south on the new Highway 77 lanes. The detour will be marked, and message boards will be used to alert traffic of the upcoming change.

Dobson Brothers Construction Company of Lincoln is the contractor. The Department of Roads' Manager for this project is Bob Sanburn of Lincoln.

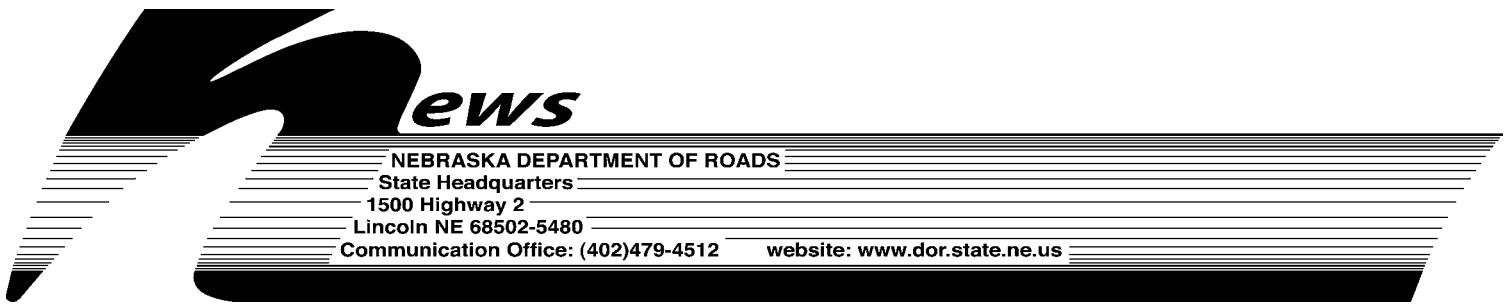
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September 9, 2003

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Hearing Sept. 23 for Hwy. 75 Improvements, Plattsmouth to Bellevue

The Nebraska Department of Roads and the State Highway Commission will hold a Public Hearing Tuesday, September 23, regarding reconstruction of U.S. Highway 75 between Plattsmouth and Bellevue. The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m., at the Lied Activity Center, 2700 Arboretum Drive, in Bellevue.

The proposed improvement involves reconstructing about 6 miles of U.S. 75 into a four-lane expressway and freeway. The expressway portion of the project begins about one mile north of the intersection with U.S. Highway 34 and ends just south of Bay Road. The freeway project begins just south of Bay Road and connects to the Kennedy Freeway, just north of Grenoble Drive.

Construction will include grading, surfacing, drainage structures, bridges, railroad viaducts, lighting, and traffic signals. Portions of Bay Road, Webster Boulevard, and Platteview Road will be realigned. One interchange will be constructed for the realigned Bay Road/Webster Boulevard, and one interchange will be constructed for the realigned Platteview Road.

South of Bay Road, Sixth Street will be extended north about ½ mile to connect with Bay Road. Allied Road will be extended north to connect with realigned Platteview Road.

Control of access to the roadway will be acquired to promote safety. North of Club View Road, no direct access to U.S. 75 will be permitted and motorists will use the new interchanges at Bay Road and realigned Platteview Road.

Five at-grade railroad crossings are proposed for closure. At least one railroad viaduct will be constructed on new alignment north of LaPlatte Road and east of U.S. 75. Three existing viaducts on U.S. 75 will be modified or replaced.

U.S. 75 will remain open to traffic during construction. Temporary roads will be used during some phases of construction. Detours may be needed for local traffic.

Extensive amounts of property must be acquired as highway right-of-way to construct the project. Forty residences, including the 29 mobile homes at Accent Mobil Home Park, will be displaced. Three businesses and a number of other structures also will be displaced. The department's Relocation Assistance Program will be available.

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Construction will impact wetlands areas and mitigation will be required for about 8 acres. Replacement wetlands will be established at the Lincoln Bend Bank Site located along the Missouri River near Indian Cave State Park in Nemaha 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 2 Office located at 4425 S. 108th Street, in Omaha, and at the Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

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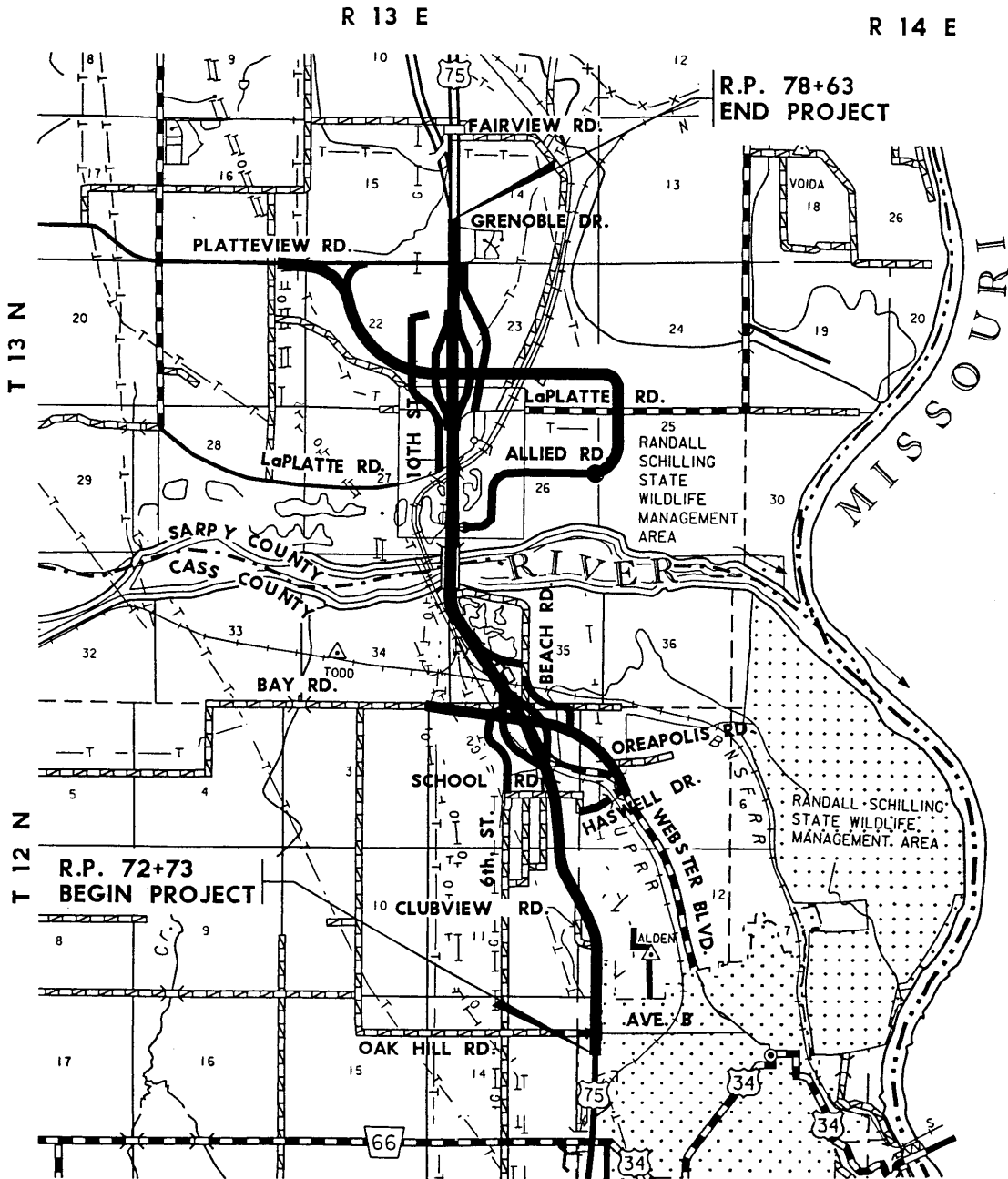
Dawn Allyn, Roadway Design Division in Lincoln, (402) 479-4663.

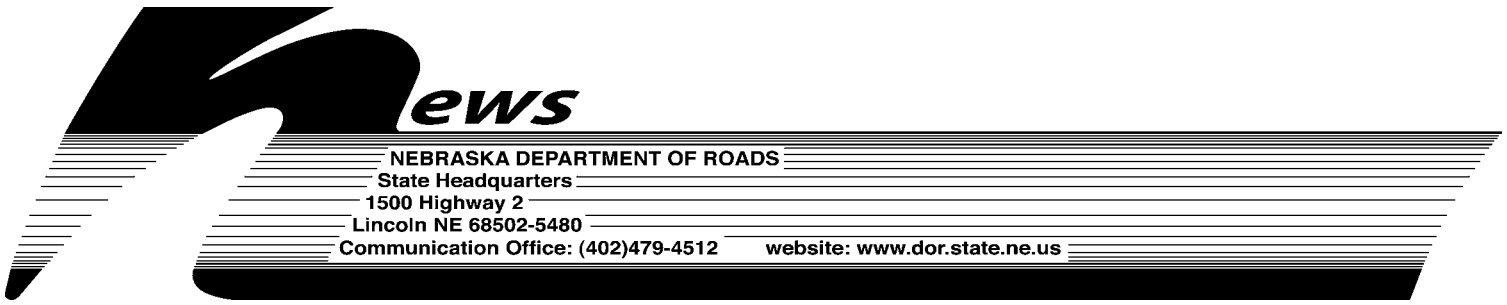
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Nebraska Surface Transportation Program Plans Announced for Fiscal Year 2004 and Beyond

Nebraska Department of Roads' Director John Craig released today the fiscal year 2004 Surface Transportation Program. This publication reflects how the Department allocates the taxpaying highway users' dollars to provide the best statewide surface transportation system possible to all Nebraskans and the traveling public.

The 2004 Surface Transportation Program is published at \$629 million. The state highway program totals \$380 million and is funded from state and federal highway user fees. The local system program for city streets and county roads and bridges totals \$249 million and is also funded by state and federal highway user fees.

A total of 175 new projects will be let to contract on the state highway system during fiscal year 2004. Projects will range in size from small lighting, signalization, signing and minor concrete repair projects located throughout the state to large projects such as major interstate expansion projects and continued progress on the expressway system including the York Bypass on Highway US-81 and the Scottsbluff to Gering Bypass on Highway N-71.

The 2004 and Beyond Surface Transportation Program book is available on the NDOR website at www.nebraskatransportation.org. Ever concerned with the safety of the driving public, the Department of Roads reminds motorists to drive safely, with caution, obey the traffic laws and always wear seat belts.

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**Notice of Information Open House
I-480/US-75 Interchange
October 16, 2003, 4:00-7:00 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House meeting regarding Project IM-480-9(561), known as "I-480/US-75 Interchange," on October 16, 2003, 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Metro Area Transit Lower Level Training Room, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska.