

November 1, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Monday, November 8, 2004 @ 9:00AM
for
1 Week

Exit Ramp to N-31 (204th Street) from
Westbound West Dodge Road will be CLOSED.

Marked Detour for Westbound West Dodge Road to
N-31 (204th Street) will be
Westbound West Dodge Road to Skyline Drive
then South on Skyline Drive to Eastbound West Dodge Road
to N-31 (204th Street).

Marked Detour Provided.

See Attachment.

This Closure is necessary to complete the paving on the Ramp.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

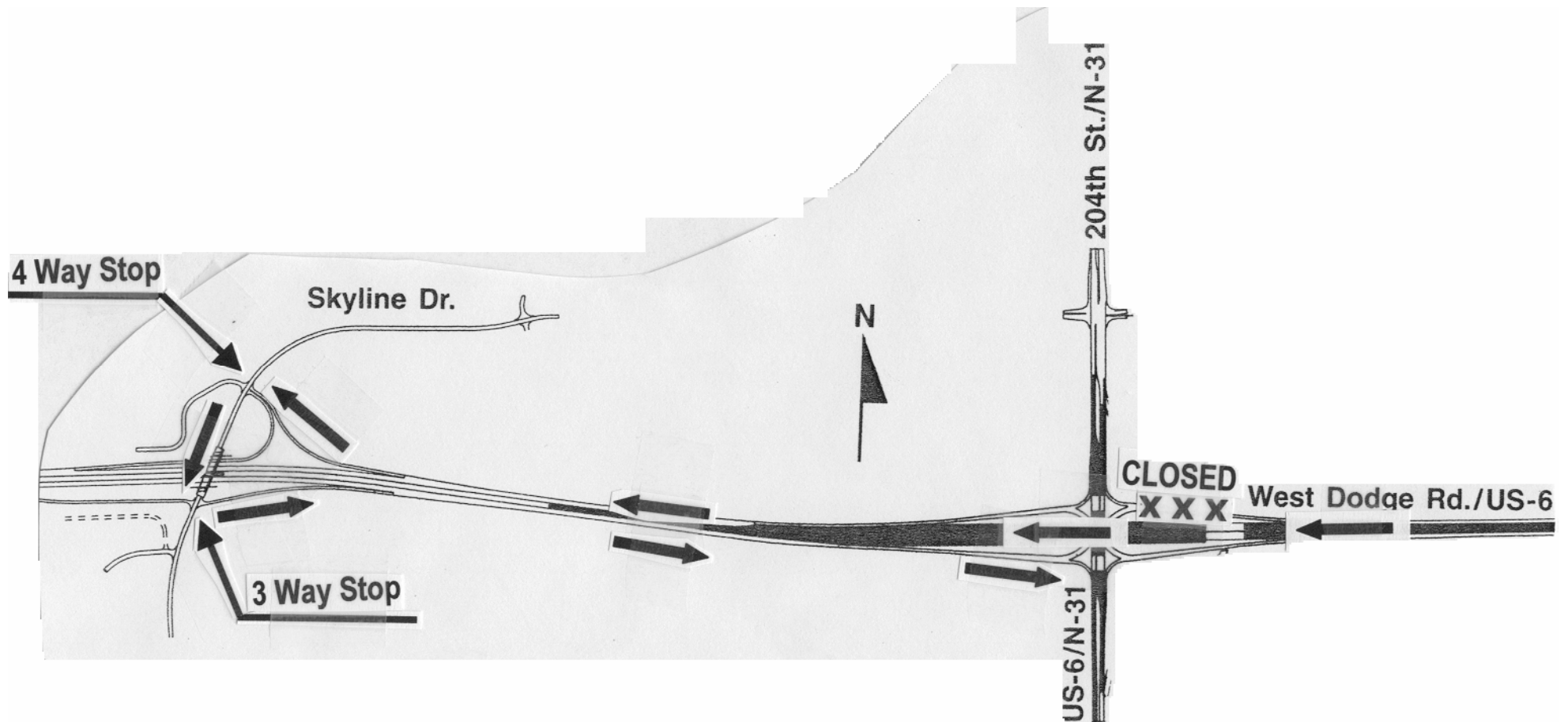
Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

DETOUR

Westbound US-6 to N-31 (204th Street)

Detour Route:

Westbound West Dodge Road to Skyline Drive then Southbound on Skyline Drive to Eastbound West Dodge Road to N.31.



November 2, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Tuesday, November 2, 2004 @ 11:00PM
Until
Wednesday, November 3, 2004 @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

**Northbound Interstate 680 at West Maple Road will be Closed.
&
Southbound Interstate 680 at West Maple Road will be Closed.**

Marked Detours provided for Traffic.

Northbound I-680 Detour: Hwy N-64 (West Maple Road) East to Hwy N-133 (90th Street) North to Interstate 680.

Southbound I-680 Detour: Southbound I-680 will use the Exit and Entrance Ramps at West Maple Road.

These Closures are necessary for the placement of Bridge Girders at West Maple Road.

Chas Vrana Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

Website: www.dor.state.ne.us

District 1 Headquarters
302 Superior St.
Lincoln, NE 68509-4759
Phone (402)471-0850 FAX (402)471-3401

November 3, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Cornhusker Highway in Lincoln, Under I-80, Closed Overnight

Cornhusker Highway, in Lincoln, will be temporarily closed under I-80 at the Airport Interchange from 9:00 p.m. Thursday, November 4, until 6:00 a.m. Friday, November 5, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

The road closure will allow for construction crews to place girders for the new bridge over Cornhusker Highway, weather permitting. The contractor for this work is Capital Contractors, Inc. of Lincoln.

Cornhusker Highway will remain open to the I-80 ramps each direction. A marked detour will be provided that will route westbound Cornhusker traffic on I-80 east to I-180 loops, then return on I-80 west. Eastbound Cornhusker traffic will be detoured onto I-80 westbound to US-77 bypass, then return on eastbound I-80. Motorists from the City of Lincoln heading to the airport that night or early the next morning should use I-180 north to I-80 west to avoid delays.

The closure will have marked detours. Motorists who use these routes are encouraged to watch for signing and follow the marked detours or plan alternate routes. A detour map for this night and updates for specific traffic changes on this project can be found on the Department of Roads' website www.nebraskatransportation.org/rca.

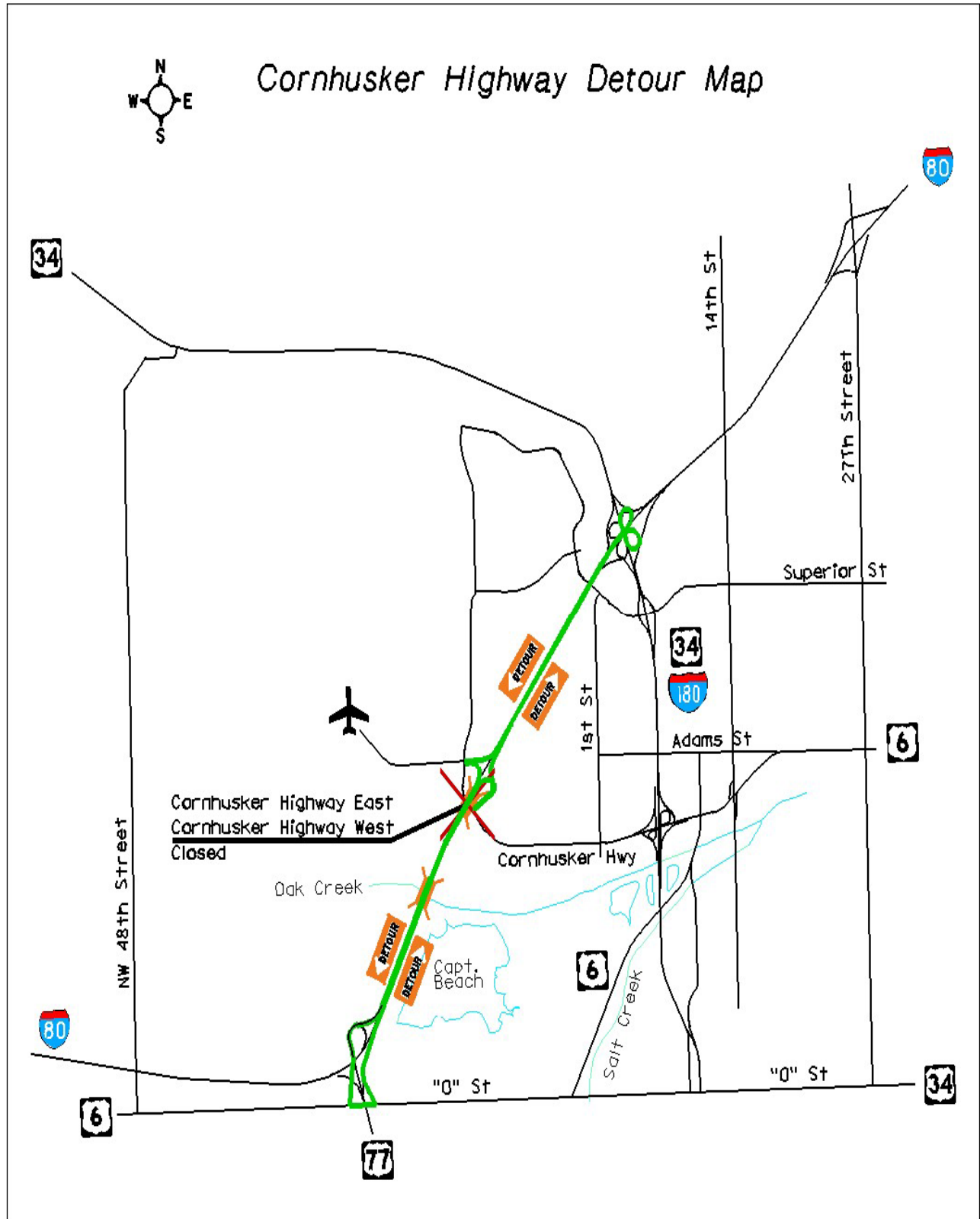
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For additional information contact:

Mike Sklenar at 471-0850, ext. 1069 or Hugh Holak at 471-0850, ext. 1061.



Cornhusker Highway Detour Map



November 5, 2004

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Reminder

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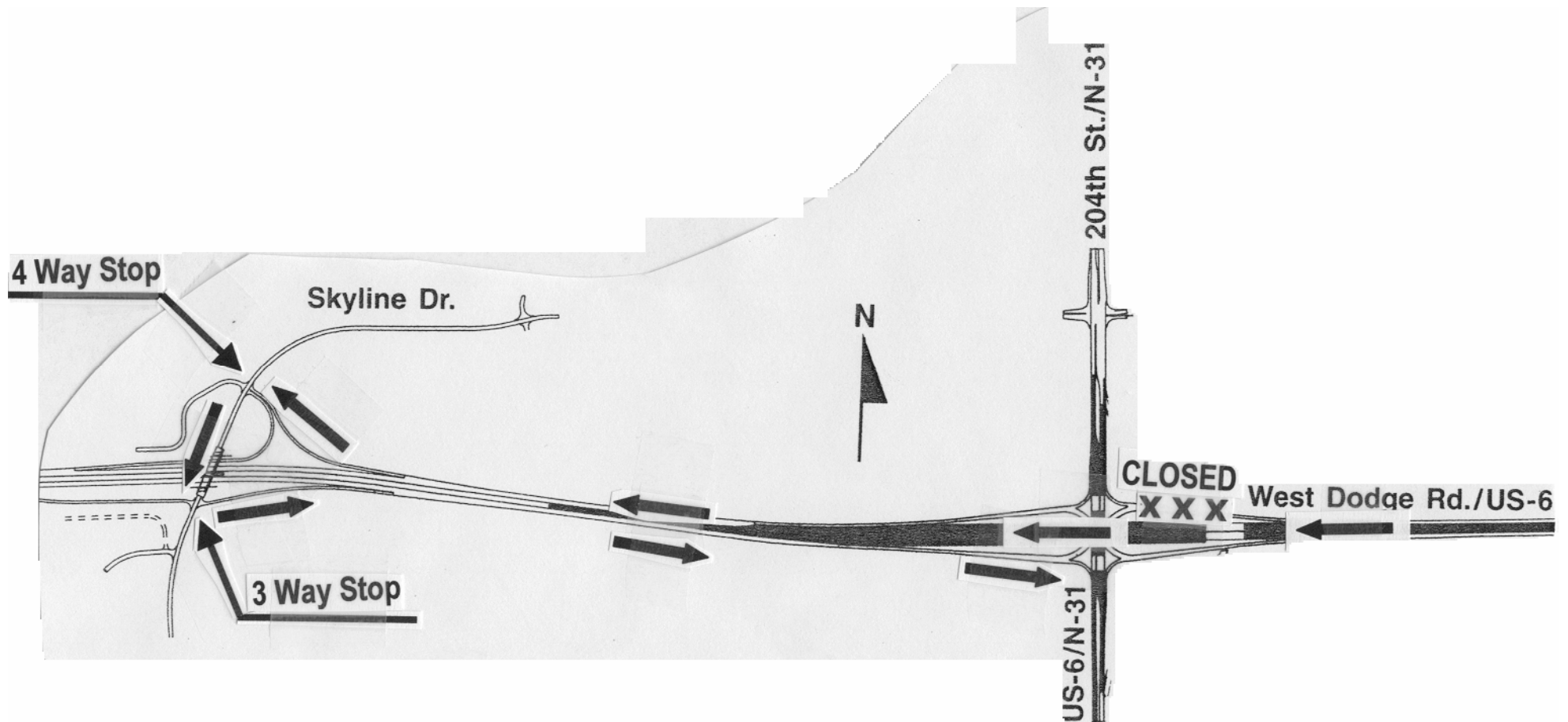
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**Notice of Design Public Hearing
Pilger West
December 9, 2004
7:30 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads, along with the State Highway Commission will hold a public hearing regarding Project F-275-6(1021), known as "Pilger West," on December 9, 2004, 7:30 p.m. at the Wisner City Auditorium, 1001 Avenue D, Wisner, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Date: Dec. 9, 2004
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Wisner City Auditorium
1001 Avenue D
Wisner, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads along with the State Highway Commission will hold a public hearing regarding construction of the four-lane expressway west of Pilger.

The proposed project in Stanton County, identified as F-275-6(1021) and known as **Pilger West**, involves constructing a 9 ½ mile segment of the planned four-lane divided expressway along U.S. Highway 275 from Norfolk to Fremont.

The Pilger West project begins just east of the intersection with Nebraska Highway 57 and ends between the junction of Nebraska Highway 15 south to Pilger and the junction of Nebraska Highway 15 north to Wayne.

Construction will include grading, concrete surfacing, drainage structures, and a new bridge over Humbug Creek. The county road intersection near the bridge will be realigned. A depressed median will separate the expressway's eastbound and westbound driving lanes.

The two eastbound lanes of U.S. 275 will be constructed first, south of the existing highway. The existing roadway will then be removed, graded and reconstructed.

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. Property acquisition includes buildings and possibly the residence on the southeast corner of the junction with N-15 South. Control of access to the new expressway also will be acquired.

Construction will impact wetlands

areas and mitigation will be required. Replacement wetlands for about 2 ½ acres will be established at the West Point Wetland Mitigation Bank in Cuming County.

The public is invited to stop at the hearing location from 3 - 5 p.m. for an informal discussion of any aspect of the project.

Personnel from the Department of Roads will be available to visit one-on-one regarding the proposed improvements.

The public hearing is being held to provide information about design features of the project. All people are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions.

Written statements and exhibits may be presented at the hearing, and they will be accepted as part of the public record for 10 days after the hearing.

Where possible, the Department of Roads will provide an accessible meeting facility for disabled people. Appropriate provisions for people who are hearing and visually challenged will be made if the department is notified by Nov. 25, 2004. Notification should be submitted to: Public Hearings Officer, Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4759, voice telephone (402) 479-4871. TDD telephone is (402) 479-3834.

Preliminary plans developed by the Nebraska Department of Roads are available for public inspection at the NDOR District 3 Office, 408 N. 13th St., in Norfolk, and at the Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln. Information also is available at www.dor.state.ne.us on the internet.

For further information regarding the proposed project, contact Larry Legg in the Roadway Design Division at (402) 479-3943.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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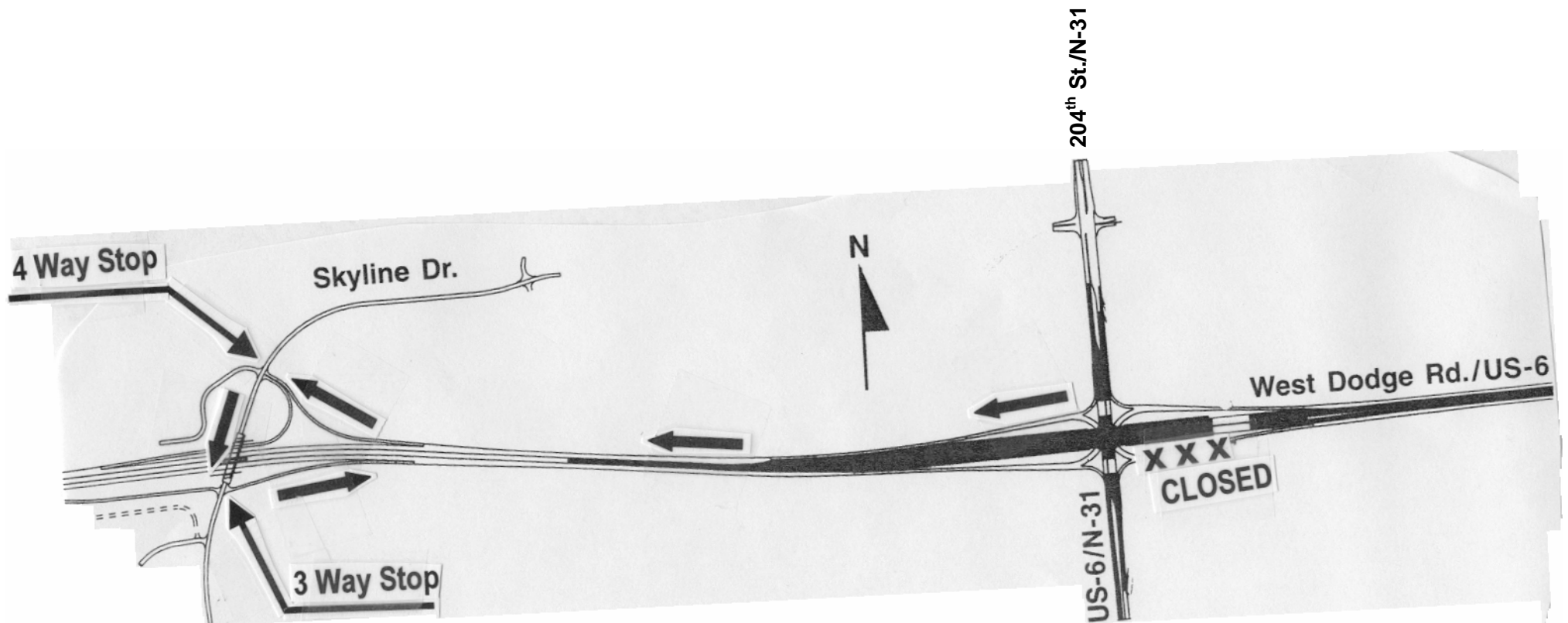
Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

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November 8, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New Highway and Street Superintendents Licensed

Lincoln -- Three persons successfully completed the October 1, 2004 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 John Blum of Alma, Allan Bryant of York and Brenda Tophoj of Oshkosh.

Blum is an equipment operator for the Harlan County Road Department; Bryant is an equipment operator for the York County Road Department; and Tophoj is the secretary of the Garden County Road Department.

The next examination will be held April 1, 2005 with an application deadline of February 15, 2005. 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:

Virgil Dearmont, P.E., of Lincoln, as both County Highway Superintendent and City Street Superintendent; and Julie Ogden, P.E., of Wahoo, as County Highway Superintendent. Registered Professional Engineers (P.E.) are licensed by equivalency. Dearmont is a Civil Engineer for the Lancaster County Road Department and Ogden is a Civil Engineer for JEO Consulting Group in Wahoo.

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:

LeMoyne Schulz (402) 479-4436.

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November 12, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Jim Knott Appointed New NDOR Roadway Design Engineer

Jim Knott will be the new Roadway Design Division Engineer for the Nebraska Department of Roads at their state headquarters in Lincoln. Knott, a licensed professional engineer, succeeds Eldon Poppe, who will retire November 19 with 40 years of state service, 14 years as Roadway Design Engineer in Lincoln.

For 24 years, Knott has worked at the Roads Department in a variety of capacities, including serving as District 7 Engineer in McCook for the past nine years. District 7 includes Perkins, Chase, Dundy, Hayes, Hitchcock, Frontier, Red Willow, Gosper, Furnas, Phelps, Harlan, Kearney and Franklin Counties.

Born in Kittery, Maine, Knott lived in Portsmouth, New Hampshire; Dover, Delaware; and Montgomery, Alabama before his family moved to Lincoln in 1971, where he graduated from Lincoln East High School. Knott attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, graduating in December 1980 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He worked for three months in NDOR's Traffic Engineering Division while attending UNL.

From 1981 to 1986, Knott worked for District 1, serving as an Engineer I, II and III. In 1986, he was selected as the District Construction Engineer in North Platte, and in 1995, he was promoted to District 7 Engineer in McCook.

During his tenure as District 7 Engineer, and throughout his career, Knott said his greatest accomplishment was seeing the people he coached and mentored accomplish great things in their private and professional lives. He said that will continue to be his primary goal.

Knott said he will provide the leadership and resources to help the Roadway Design Division attain even higher levels of achievement in the performance of NDOR's mission and in the pursuit of its goals. In addition, Knott said he plans to develop and enhance partnerships with other divisions, agencies and private concerns.

Knott said he believes leadership is first and foremost an act of service – service to the individual, service to the division and service to the agency. He said he tries to practice this philosophy in his management.

“I believe that given the best equipment in the world, no one can accomplish the goals or mission of an agency like ours without building a solid team of dedicated employees. I intend to build upon the foundation of performance that is already in place, and together with the employees of Roadway Design, strive for even greater accomplishments.”

Knott was married for 23 years to his wife, Arlene, who passed away from cancer in 2003. He has four children, Josh, 20; Kayla, 16; Michael, 14; and Hannah, 7. In addition to spending time with his children, Knott enjoys refinishing furniture, working on cars and refereeing soccer.

Poppe Retires

Born and raised on a farm west of Grant, Nebraska, Eldon Poppe was educated in a one room school house through the seventh grade. After graduating from high school, he served in the Army in 1960 and 1961.

Poppe began working at NDOR on a temporary basis in 1961 while attending UNL. Poppe began working full time at NDOR in 1965 and served in positions ranging from Engineer Aid II to Engineer Aid VI through 1971, when he received his Engineers license.

During the years that followed, Poppe served in a variety of positions, including Rural Roads Engineer, Rural Design Squad Leader, and Assistant Plans, Specifications and Estimates Engineer. In 1988, Poppe was promoted to Assistant Design Engineer and in 1992, he was appointed Roadway Design Engineer.

Poppe enjoys hunting, fishing and golfing. He and his wife Mary Ann have a son, Jay, who is a State Patrolman stationed in Alliance.

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For additional information, contact the District Office in McCook, (308) 345-8490.

Website: www.dor.state.ne.us

State Headquarters
1500 Highway 2
Lincoln, NE 68502-5480
Communication Office: (402)479-4512

November 12, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Roads Standards Board to Meet

The Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards will meet at 9:00 a.m. on November 19, 2004, in the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Building Auditorium at 1500 Highway 2 in Lincoln.

The agenda includes:

- ◆ Addition of projects to the Kearney, Nance, Pawnee, Saline and Wayne Counties One- and Six-Year Road and Street Improvement Plans.
- ◆ State-Aid Bridge Fund application from Otoe County.
- ◆ Scheduling dates for 2005 – 2006 meetings.

The meeting is open to the public.

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Detailed agenda as of November 12, 2004 enclosed.

For additional information contact:
LeMoyne D. Schulz (402) 479-4436.

LDS/NR822

**Agenda
for the Meeting of
Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards
November 19, 2004, 9:00 a.m.
Nebraska Department of Roads Central Headquarters Building Auditorium
1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska**

Call to Order – Chairman

Roll Call – Secretary

Changes to Published Agenda – Secretary

Minutes of the October 15, 2004, meeting

Status Report – 2004-2005 Standardized System of Annual Reports (*NDOR, 82 County and 71 Municipal reports received, 11 County reports are delinquent*)

Initial Status Report – 2005 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road, and Street Plan Submittals (*1 County and 2 Municipal plans received*)

2004 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road, and Street Plan Revisions (*number of projects in parentheses*)

- A. York County (1) – replace a bridge with a bridge. (*carried over*)
- B. Adams County (1) – replace a bridge with a bridge. (*carried over*)
- C. Kearney County (1) – grading and aggregate surfacing of an existing road.
- D. Pawnee County (2) – replace a bridge with a bridge and a bridge with a culvert.
- E. Nance County (1) – widen an existing bridge.
- F. Wayne County (1) – replace bridge with a culvert.
- G. Saline County (1) – replace bridge with culverts.

State Aid Bridge Fund Status – Quarterly Report

State Aid Bridge Fund Applications (1) – Otoe County

Schedule of Meetings for 2005 and Tentative Schedule for 2006

Other Business:

- Report on State and Federal Legislative Issues
- Progress Review – 2004 Work Plan
- Discussion/Adoption at this meeting or in January – 2005 Proposed Work Plan
- Confirmation of decision not to meet in December

Correspondence and General Information:

- Miscellaneous correspondence

Acknowledgement of visitors

Next meeting January 21, 2005, 9:00 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads, Central Headquarters Building Auditorium, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska

Adjournment

**Notice of Information Open House
Kearney West
December 7, 2004
4:00-6:00 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding Project STPD-30-4(147), known as "Kearney West," on December 7, 2004, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the 1st Inn Gold, 224 2nd Avenue South, Kearney, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Date: December 7, 2004

Time: 4 – 6 p.m.

Place: 1st Inn Gold
224 2nd Ave. South
(south of I-80)
Kearney, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding possible alternatives for reconstructing a segment of U.S. Highway 30 west of Kearney.

Personnel from the department will be available to visit one-on-one about the proposed project. NDOR staff will receive comments and questions. No formal presentation is planned.

The proposed project, identified as STPD-30-4(147) and known as **Kearney West**, involves extending the existing four-lane highway west about 4 ½ miles.

The new roadway would be constructed south of the existing high-

way. Three possible alignments are under consideration.

Private property must be acquired for highway right-of-way throughout the length of the project. Property acquisition may include homes and other structures. Control of access to the new roadway will be acquired. Construction will impact wetlands areas and mitigation will be required.

Where possible, the Department of Roads will provide an accessible meeting facility for disabled people. Appropriate provisions for people who are hearing and visually challenged will be made if the department is notified by Nov. 23, 2004. Notification should be submitted to: Public Hearings Officer, Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4759, voice telephone (402) 479-4871. TDD telephone is (402) 479-3834.

For further information regarding the proposed project, contact Dawn Allyn in the Roadway Design Division at (402) 479-4663.

AASHTO NEWS

American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

For Immediate Release
November 18, 2004

Contact: Steve Garbe, NDOR
Transportation Technology Engineer
(402) 479-3862

AASHTO Report Identifies How NDOR is “Optimizing the System”

While transportation agencies are continually challenged to improve the safety of motorists traveling through work zones, the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) has been cited as a model for its use of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technologies to improve work-zone safety.

The use of ITS technologies – typically a combination of automated traffic sensors, dynamic message signs, and variable speed limit signs – is highlighted in the recently released report, *Optimizing the System: Saving Lives, Saving Time*, from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). The report chronicles how state departments of transportation (DOTs) across the U.S. are fighting congestion by getting the most out of roadways through innovative techniques.

Optimizing the System: Saving Lives, Saving Time, highlights successful techniques from across the country. It is available at the AASHTO web site, <http://www.transportation.org>, or by phoning the association at (202) 624-5800. A video illustrating the report findings will also be available.

NDOR utilized a variety of ITS technologies during a work-zone project along I-80 in Omaha, including the installation of thirteen electronic traffic detectors, two mobile camera units, 21 variable message signs, and a central computer system to inform motorists of real-time delays and to advise them on alternate routes.

Utah Department of Transportation Executive Director John Njord emphasized the importance of optimizing the transportation system. “The need to optimize our transportation system springs from the recognition that growth in demand has far outstripped our ability to provide adequate new capacity.”

“Between 1980 and 1999, the number of vehicle miles traveled on America’s roads and highways increased by 76 percent, while capacity grew by only 1.5 percent. Expert analysis estimates that less than half of the new roadway that was needed to handle even current levels of traffic was added in that time.”

Optimizing the System provides examples from DOTs on how they have used traffic-controlling devices, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and other techniques to make drivers aware of impending hazards, speed traffic flow and prevent accidents.

Other innovations include ramp metering, 511 Travel Information Centers, EZ Pass electronic toll transponders, traffic management centers and roadside assistance teams.

Written by Brian Hansen, guidance was offered by the AASHTO Standing Committee on Highways and the Highway Subcommittee on Systems and Operation Management, the Federal Highway Administration, ITS America and other transportation organizations.



November 18, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work to Begin on US 77 at K&L Street Interchange in Lincoln

Work is scheduled to begin November 22 on the US Highway 77, K&L Street Interchange, in Lincoln, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Dobson Brothers Construction Company of Lincoln has the \$10,119,344 contract. Current work on this project includes grading, culvert work, and temporary surfacing. This project is anticipated to be completed in late fall 2006. The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Bob Traudt of Lincoln.

Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously through construction zones.

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For additional information contact:

District Construction Engineer Mike Sklenar in Lincoln at 471-0850 ext. 1069, or Bob Traudt in Lincoln at 402-471-0850, ext. 1119.
S-77-2(1021)

NR821

November 19, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Monday, November 22, 2004 @ 2:00AM
Until
Monday, November 22, 2004 @ 5:30AM

Southbound HWY N-31 (204th Street) will be CLOSED
at Cumberland Drive North of HWY US-6 (West Dodge Road).

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Northbound HWY N-31 (204th Street) will be CLOSED
at Rawhide Road South of HWY US-6 (West Dodge Road).

These Closures are necessary to erect two Sign Structures across HWY N-31.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE,
District Construction Engineer

Winter 2004

FOR RELEASE AT WILL

State Road Crews Ready for Winter Weather's Blast – Are You?

The Nebraska Department of Roads' snow removal crews stand ready again this year to meet winter weather's challenges. With a combination of high-tech and traditional tools at their disposal, the department continues to build upon the latest innovations to lessen winter's blast.

This is the fourth year Nebraska's statewide 511-telephone system is available to provide 24-hour-a-day, year-round traveler information. By dialing 511 on their cellular telephone or landline telephone, motorists will be able to access the quickest, most up-to-date information about weather conditions, road conditions and travel advisories.

Automatic speech recognition (ASP) offers callers the option of using their voice or keypad to make selections while using 511. Callers outside of Nebraska may dial 800-906-9069. The 511 system is also available on the Internet at www.nebraskatransportation.org. Nebraska's 511 system provides information for Nebraska and South Dakota highways. Phone numbers are provided for accessing Wyoming, Colorado and Iowa traveler information.

The department plans continued use of liquid chemical processes for frost, ice and snow control on roadways. Maintenance crews will use several liquid chemicals on the roadways, including salt brine and agricultural-based products mixed with magnesium chloride. These products prevent snow and ice from bonding to the pavement surface, or they may be applied as de-icing materials to help remove ice and snow buildup on the roadway.

De-icing systems are in place on bridges in several districts, including District 4 (Grand Island), District 5 (Scottsbluff) and District 6 (North Platte). Because of the ability to pre-treat the pavement, these bridge de-icing systems have proven helpful in preventing accidents and are especially effective for frost conditions.

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State Road Crews Ready for Winter Weather – Are You?

Changeable message signs will be positioned along Interstate 80 from Kimball to Omaha and on other highways throughout Nebraska, alerting motorists of immediate and/or upcoming closures. Dynamic message signs (DMS) are located along the Interstate 80 corridor throughout Nebraska to assist motorists. The electronic message signs are constructed over the Interstates and notify drivers of construction, lane and road closures, accidents and inclement weather. Signs are also part of the Amber Alert system.

Real-time weather and road information is available on the Roads Department website, www.nebraskatransportation.org by clicking on the “511” icon at the bottom of the home page. Various weather links are also available on the website by clicking on the heading “Road Reports & Travel Info.” Information about 511 can also be obtained by clicking on www.safetravelusa.com.

Travelers are reminded to follow basic rules of the road for winter driving conditions, including making sure their vehicle is tuned up, traveling at reduced speeds, leaving extra space between vehicles and always buckling up. Motorists are also reminded to stay at least 100 feet behind snowplows and to allow plenty of room when passing.

When planning a trip, travelers are advised to check the weather forecast for their planned destination. Remember: “If the snow is blowing, should you be going?”

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For additional or localized information, please contact your state highway District Maintenance Superintendent:

District 1 – Lincoln Roger Kalkwarf (402)471-0850, Ext. 1041	District 2 – Omaha Dale Butler (402)595-2534, Ext. 203	District 3 – Norfolk Thomas McCoy (402)370-3470	District 4 – Grand Island Allen Horak (308)385-6265, Ext. 204
District 5 – Bridgeport Chris Ford (308)262-1920	District 6 – North Platte Roger Klasna (308)535-8031	District 7 – McCook Larry L. Peterson (308)345-8490	District 8 – Ainsworth John Stahl (402)387-2471, Ext. 204

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Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE,
District Construction Engineer

November 23, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Hearing December 9 for Hwy. 275 Improvements in Pilger Area

The Nebraska Department of Roads and the State Highway Commission will hold a Public Hearing Thursday, December 9, regarding construction of the four-lane expressway west of Pilger. The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m., at the Wisner City Auditorium, 1001 Avenue D, in Wisner.

The proposed project in Stanton County involves constructing a 9 ½ mile segment of the planned four-lane divided expressway along U.S. Highway 275 from Norfolk to Fremont. The project begins just east of the intersection with Nebraska Highway 57 and ends between the junction of Nebraska Highway 15 south to Pilger and the junction of Nebraska Highway 15 north to Wayne.

Construction will include grading, concrete surfacing, drainage structures, and a new bridge over Humbug Creek. The county road intersection near the bridge will be realigned. A depressed median will separate the expressway's eastbound and westbound driving lanes.

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Larry Legg, Roadway Design Division in Lincoln, (402) 479-3943.

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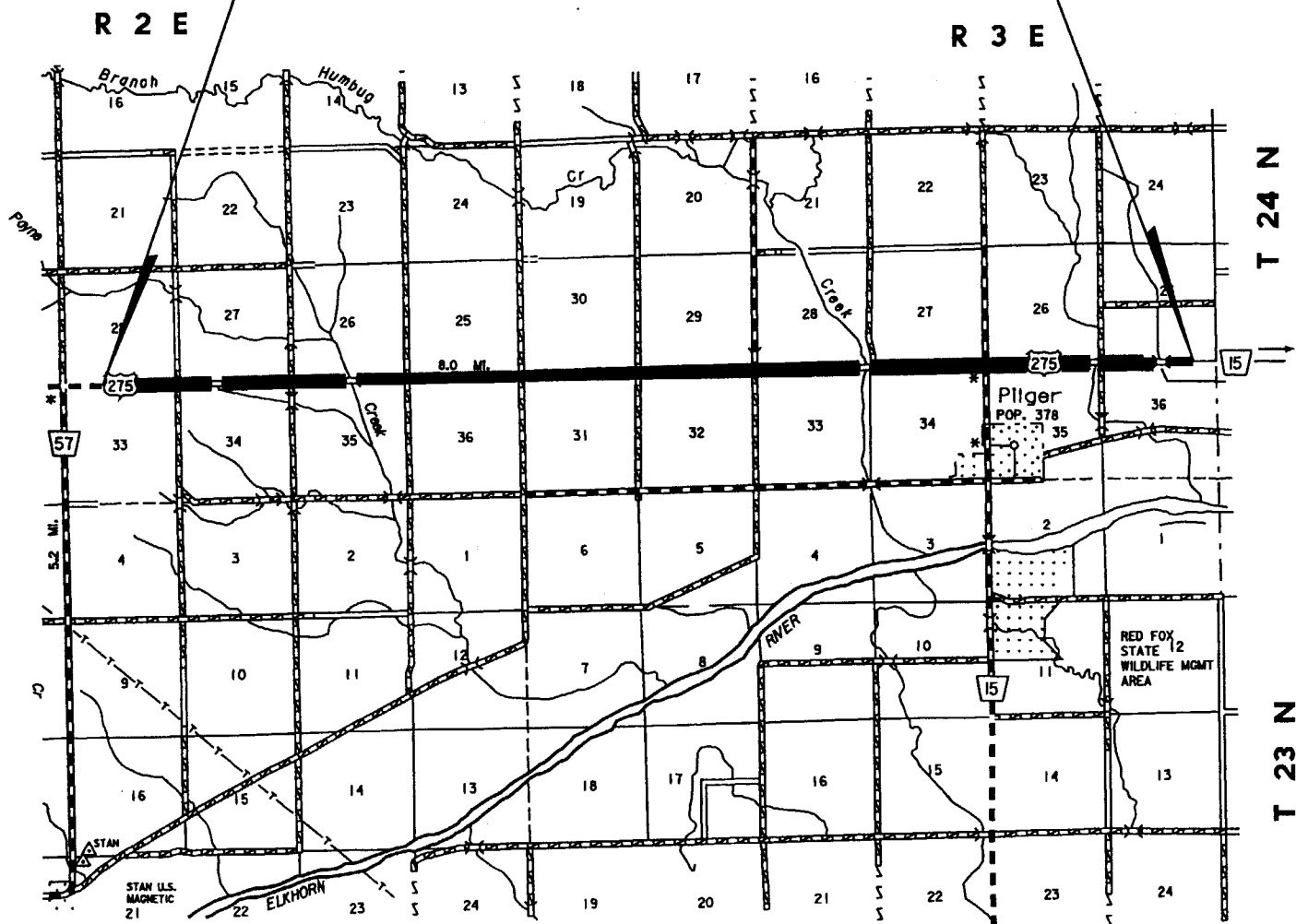
NR819

PILGER WEST 275-6(1021)

C.N. 32022
STANTON COUNTY

R.P. 86.34
STA. 60+30.60
START PROJECT

R.P. 95.90
STA. 565+00
END PROJECT

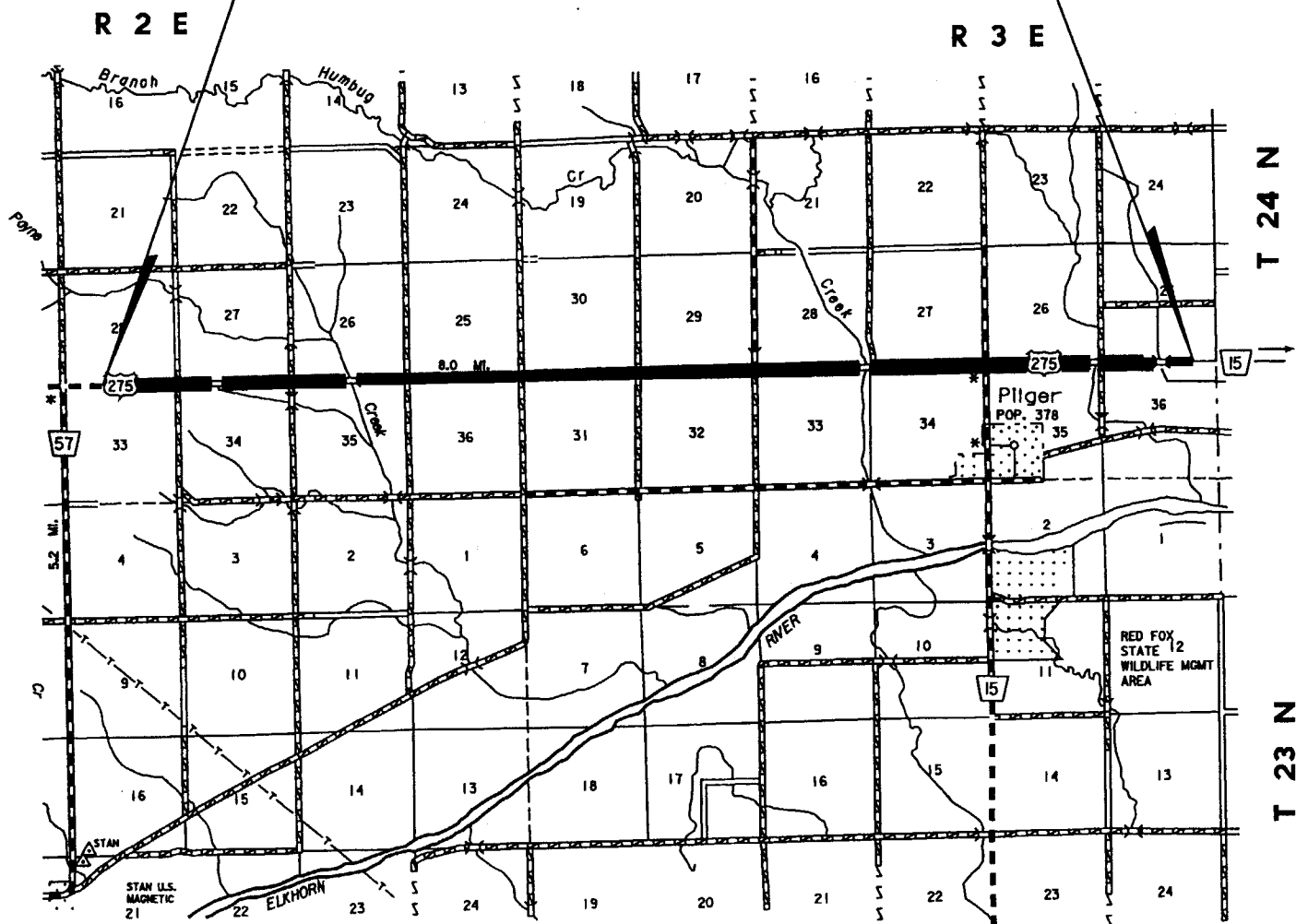


PILGER WEST 275-6(1021)

C.N. 32022
STANTON COUNTY

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STA. 60+30.60
START PROJECT

R.P. 95.90
STA. 565+00
END PROJECT



November 23, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House December 7 for Hwy. 30 Improvements Near Kearney

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House on Tuesday, December 7, regarding possible alternatives for reconstructing a segment of U.S. Highway 30 west of Kearney. The open house will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the 1st Inn Gold, 224 2nd Avenue South, in Kearney.

The proposed project in Buffalo County involves extending the existing four-lane highway west about 4 ½ miles. The new roadway would be constructed south of the existing highway. Three possible alignments are under consideration.

Private property must be acquired for highway right-of-way throughout the length of the project. Property acquisition may include homes and other structures. Control of access to the new roadway will be acquired. Construction will impact wetlands areas and mitigation will be required.

Personnel from the Department of Roads will be available to visit one-on-one about the project. Displays will be available for public inspection, and NDOR personnel will receive comments and questions. No formal presentation is planned.

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For additional information contact:

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

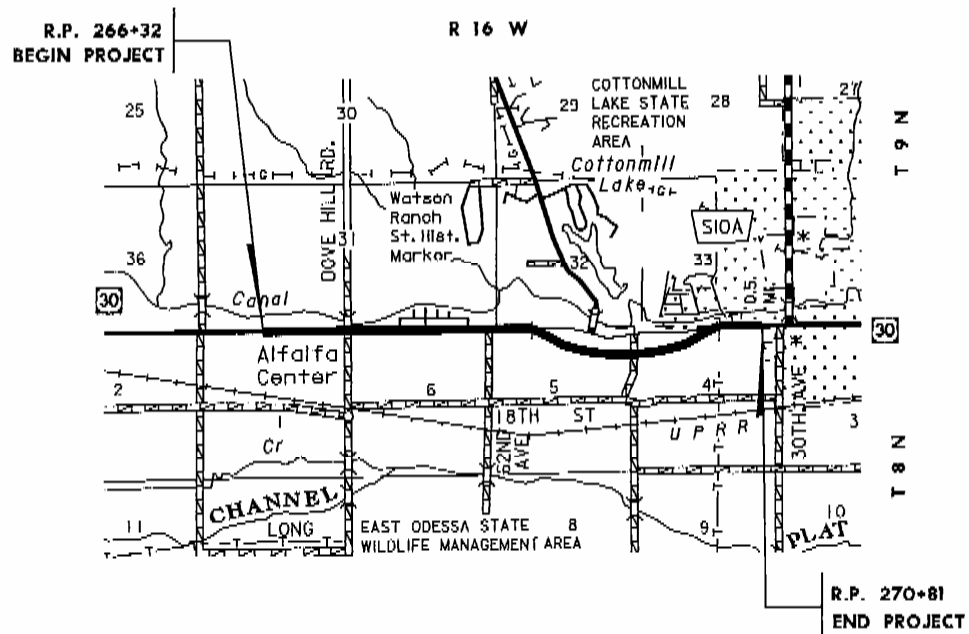
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November 24, 2004

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Douglas County

Monday, November 29, 2004 @ 12:00PM
Until
Tuesday, November 30, 2004 @ 6:00AM

Westbound West Dodge Road will be CLOSED
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Eastbound L28B (West Dodge Road) will be CLOSED at HWY US-275.

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For additional information contact:

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Thursday, December 2, 2004 @ 12:01AM
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Transportation Enhancement Projects to be Considered

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 9, 2004 at 9:00 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 is within or adjacent to the following communities:

Arlington	Ashland	Bancroft
Beatrice	Blair	Fairbury
Grand Island	Lincoln	Millard
Norfolk	North Platte	Omaha
Pickrell	Ralston	Ravenna
Rushville	South Sioux City	Springfield
Sutton	Weeping Water	West Point
Winnebago		

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:

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