

March 4, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House March 18 for Improvements to Highway 12 near Niobrara

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House on Thursday, March 18, regarding reconstruction and resurfacing along several segments of Nebraska Highway 12 near Niobrara. The open house will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the WFLA Hall, Spruce and Park Avenue, in Niobrara.

The proposed project in Knox County involves constructing almost 11 miles of new two-lane roadway just south of the existing highway. The highway grade will be raised to reduce flood and backwater damage to the road.

The first segment of reconstruction begins just east of the Verdel turnoff and ends at Medicine Creek west of Niobrara. The second segment of reconstruction begins just east of Niobrara and ends at the Santee Sioux Indian Reservation.

Construction will include grading, surfacing, culverts, bridges and county road intersections. The completed highway will have shoulders, of which two feet will be surfaced.

Roadside construction for channel stabilization is proposed for a segment of highway west of Niobrara, between the Mormon Canal and the Niobrara River. About 1-½ miles of Nebraska 12 will be resurfaced on the reservation, beginning where the reconstruction project ends and ending at the community of Santee.

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 in the areas where the driving lanes and roadsides will be reconstructed. Construction will impact wetland areas and mitigation will be required. Replacement wetlands will be established along the project or at a wetlands mitigation banksite.

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.

Preliminary plans developed by the Nebraska Department of Roads are available for public inspection at the NDOR District 3 Office, 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:

Lonnie Huebert, Roadway Design Division in Lincoln, (402) 479-3934.

STPD-12-5(1011)

March 5, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work Scheduled To Begin On Highways 8 & 112

Work is scheduled to begin at two locations on Highway 8 and one on Highway 112 according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. Work on the Odell East & West project will begin on March 29 from the N-112 junction to the Gage/Jefferson County line. Work on the Liberty Spur – East project will begin April 5 from Spur S-34A to the N-8 and N-99 junction. The Odell Southwest project is located from the N-8 junction south to the State Line on Highway 112 and will begin later this year.

Constructors Inc. of Lincoln has the \$3,989,062 contracts for bridges, culverts, patching, milling and asphalt overlays.

Work will begin on the bridges located east and west of Odell beginning March 29. Local traffic accessing Odell will be routed on Highway 8 west of Odell and will have access into Odell via a shoofly on the west edge of Odell. Through traffic on Highway 8 will be detoured via N-112, US-136 and N-103. The bridges are scheduled to be re-opened August 14 to normal 2-lane – 2-way traffic. The remaining milling and asphalt overlay will be constructed under traffic with flaggers and pilot vehicles.

The Liberty Spur – East project will be constructed under traffic with flaggers and pilot vehicles. A box culvert located approximately 2 miles west of the N-8 and N-99 junction will be constructed in phases to facilitate one lane traffic at this location. There will be a restriction on overwidth traffic for this project.

The Odell Southwest project will be constructed under traffic with flaggers and pilot vehicles.

Motorists should watch for reduced speed limits in work zones and construction vehicles entering and leaving the highway. The public is also reminded that fines are doubled for speeding in work zones.

Work is anticipated to be completed in November. The project manager for these projects is Mike Habegger at the Tecumseh office.

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For additional information contact:

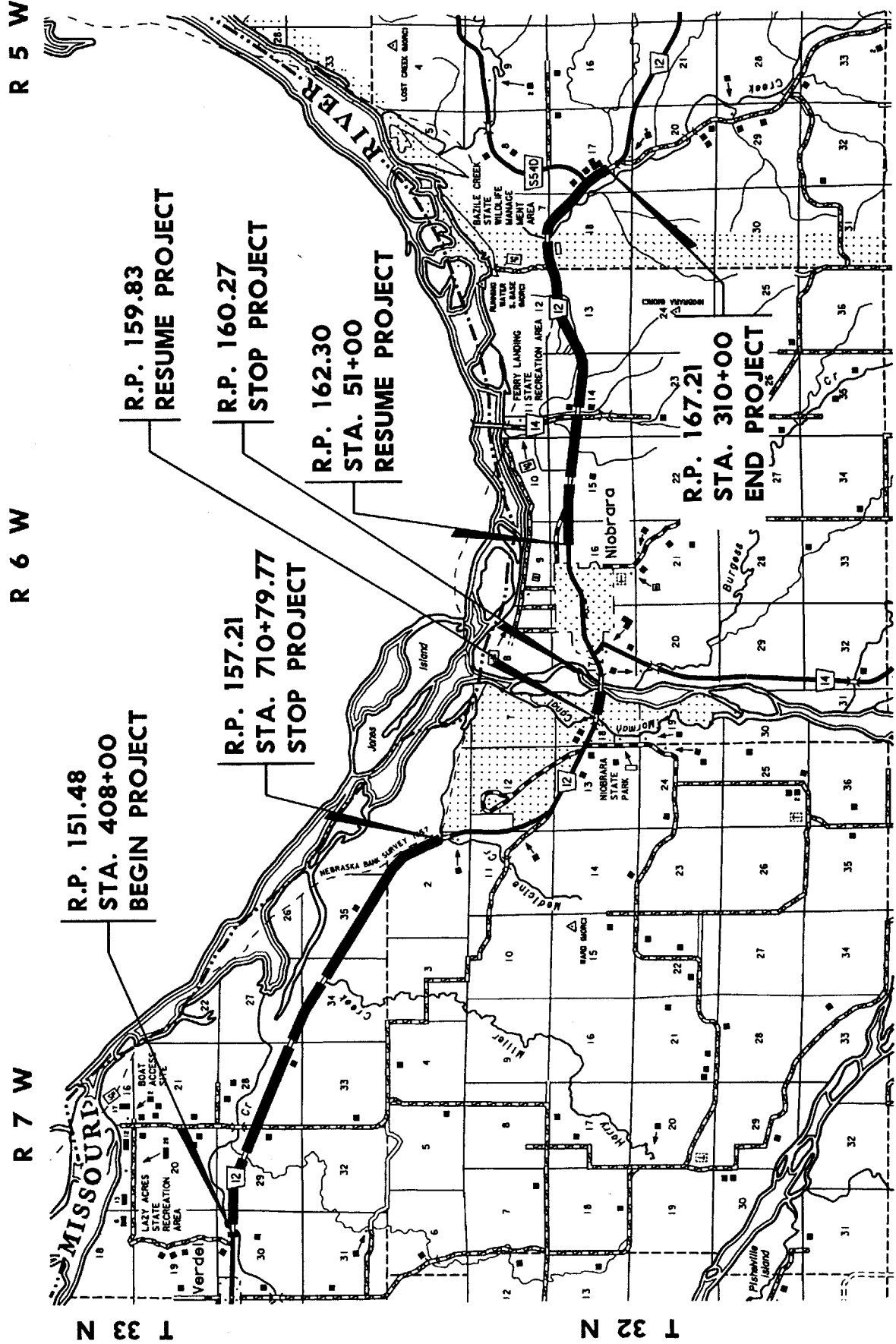
Mike Habegger in Tecumseh at (402) 335-4131

EACSTPD-8-6 (113), RD-8-7 (1010) and PEP-112-1 (1003)

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NIOBRARA EAST & WEST 12-5(115)

C.N. 31674 B.N.
KNOX COUNTY



March 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 March 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 Cities of Atkinson, Dakota City, Neligh, Newman Grove, Neligh, Pierce, Weeping Water and Wilber, and the Village of Dwight One- and Six-Year Road and Street Improvement Plans.
- ◆ State-Aid Bridge Fund applications from Cedar, Dixon, Kearney, Merrick and Stanton Counties.
- ◆ Informal hearing (at 9:30 a.m.) on Nebraska Department of Roads' request for Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards on Project STPD-75-3(107), US Highway 75, Herman to Blair.
- ◆ Consideration of sanctions for failure to submit the 2003-2004 annual street program budget, expenditure and equipment report by certain municipalities.

The meeting is open to the public.

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Detailed agenda as of March 11, 2004 enclosed

For additional information contact:

LeMoyne D. Schulz (402) 479-4436.

LDS/NR907

Agenda
for the Meeting of
Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards
March 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 February 13, 2004, meeting

Status Report – 2003-2004 Standardized System of Annual Reports (*NDOR, 93 County and 518 Municipal reports received, 12 Municipal reports are delinquent*)

- Consideration of suspension of Highway Allocation Funds to the following Municipalities for failure to submit the 2002-2003 Standardized System of Annual Reports in accordance with Neb.Rev.Stat. Sec. 39-2120 and 39-2121

Burton
Dix
Fremont
Magnet

Melbeta
Osmond
Santee
Schuyler

Scribner
Union
Waterbury
Winnebago

Status Report – 2004 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road, and Street Plan Submittals (*80 County and 464 Municipal plans received, 10 County and 67 Municipal plans are delinquent*)

2003 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road, and Street Plan Revisions (*number of projects in parentheses*):

- A. City of Superior (13) – armor coat surfacing on existing concrete, asphalt and bituminous streets, and asphalt surfacing of an existing alley. (*Carried over*)
- B. City of Weeping Water (4) – grading and asphalt surfacing of existing gravel streets.
- C. City of Atkinson (1) – grading on aggregate surfacing of a new subdivision street.
- D. Village of Dwight (1) – addition of curb and gutter on existing asphalt streets.
- E. City of Wilber (1) – grading, concrete surfacing with curb and gutter, and drainage structures on new subdivision streets.
- F. City of Neligh (2) – concrete surfacing of existing gravel streets
- G. City of Newman Grove (1) – concrete surfacing with curb and gutter on an existing bituminous street
- H. City of Dakota City (1) – open and grade a new street
- I. City of Pierce (1) – concrete surfacing with curb and gutter, drainage structures and erosion control on a new subdivision street.

State Aid Bridge Fund Applications (5) – Cedar, Dixon, Kearney, Merrick and Stanton Counties.

9:30 a.m. Information Hearing – NDOR request for Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for a reduction in design number on Project No. STPD-75-3(107), Control No. 21704, Herman – Blair, on a Major Arterial highway (U.S. Highway 75). Consideration of request.

Update regarding contested case hearing of Banner County's request for Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards on 35 Local roads (*nothing to report as of 03/11/04*)

Other Business:

- Update on LB 500 Implementation (*Class A Superintendent's License & Higher Incentive Payment*) by Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents and by NDOR
- Legislative Update

Correspondence and General Information:

- Miscellaneous correspondence

Acknowledgement of visitors

Next meeting April 16, 2004, 9:00 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads, Central Headquarters Building Auditorium, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska

Adjournment

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March 11, 2004



Asphalt Pavement Alliance

www.AsphaltAlliance.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 16, 2004

For more information, contact:
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tchristie1@hotmail.org
At the State of Nebraska Department of Roads,
Dan Nichols, 402-479-4783

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS WINS 2003 PERPETUAL PAVEMENT AWARD

The Asphalt Pavement Alliance (APA) announced today that the State of Nebraska Department of Roads has won a 2003 Perpetual Pavement Award for a section of US Highway 20. The award was presented at a special ceremony at the APA's Asphalt Pavement Conference: 21st Century Construction during the World of Asphalt® 2004 Show and Conference, March 15-18, 2004, in Nashville.

To qualify for this prestigious award, a pavement must meet strict criteria and demonstrate Hot Mix Asphalt's long-life characteristics, excellence in design, quality in construction, and value to the traveling public. It also must have been constructed at least 35 years ago. Engineers at the National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT) evaluated the nominations and a panel of industry experts validated the winners.

"The long-term performance of this segment of US-20, near O'Neill, Nebraska, is an excellent example of one of the many benefits the citizens of Nebraska enjoy when design, construction, and maintenance all come together," commented John Jacobsen, Deputy Director-Operations, of the State of Nebraska Department of Roads. "When the right mix is placed by conscientious construction personnel and maintained by a dedicated, state-maintenance force, the service life of roads can extend to 30 or more years. The knowledge we gained from the long-term performance of US-20, along with similar roads, is one reason why we have developed and are aggressively pursuing the Department's preventive maintenance program."

The award-winning pavement runs from reference post 309.02 to 314.71 on US 20 in Holt County, traveling along the terraces of the Elkhorn River. The climate in the area is wet/freeze.

The road was made from gravel before 1938, when it was graded and surfaced with a bituminous mat (cold mix asphalt). It received a second bituminous mat in 1947, and a double armor coat in 1955.

The first Hot Mix Asphalt surface—a 3-inch course sand/gravel HMA with high oil content—was placed in 1967 on top of a 4-inch granular base and the existing 5-inch bituminous mat. The road received another 3-inch HMA overlay in 1982. In 1998, 2 inches of the asphalt were removed by cold milling and then replaced by a 2-inch layer of HMA.

The state has maintained the road with spot patching and sealing throughout the years as necessary. “There was nothing out of the ordinary in the construction of the road; its long life, I believe, is due to a good preventive maintenance program,” said Mark Kovar, District Engineer for the Nebraska DOR. He notes that the road has held up well despite the increasing number of motor vehicles: the average daily traffic is now 2,970 vehicles a day, with trucks making up 13 percent of that number.

“Even though this pavement has been punished by more than 35 years of heavy use, motorists are still using the original pavement structure,” said Pete Alex, APA Co-Chairman. “The extraordinary performance of this pavement is worthy of attention.”

“Perpetual Pavement is an industry standard which is extremely well represented by this highway,” added Luke Stango, APA Co-Chairman. “Long life, durability, and exceptional performance are hallmarks of Hot Mix Asphalt. This pavement is testimony to high-performance asphalt as a marriage of excellent design and quality construction.”

Visit www.AsphaltAlliance.com for more information or contact Roger Sandberg, NAPA Vice President – Technology and Market Development, e-mail rsandberg@hotmix.org.

The Asphalt Pavement Alliance is a coalition of the National Asphalt Pavement Association, the Asphalt Institute, and the State Asphalt Pavement Associations. The Asphalt Pavement Alliance's mission is to further the use and quality of Hot Mix Asphalt pavements. The Alliance will accomplish this through research, technology transfer, engineering, education, and innovation.

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March 16, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Hearing March 30 for South Omaha Veterans Memorial Bridge Study

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a Public Hearing Tuesday, March 30, to present results of a study to replace the Veterans Memorial Bridge over the Missouri River between Omaha and Council Bluffs, Iowa. The hearing will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at Sokol South Omaha, 2021 U Street, in Omaha.

Nebraska is the lead agency, in coordination with the Iowa Department of Transportation, for the study about replacing the two-lane historic bridge. The preferred alignment for a new four-lane structure is just north of the existing bridge. The intersection of 13th Street and Missouri Avenue must be reconstructed as part of the project.

Acquisition of private property will be required to construct the project. Possible acquisitions include two businesses, six residences along Missouri Avenue, and six residences on the east side of 13th Street. The department's Relocation Assistance Program will be available.

Bridge replacement will impact wetland areas, mostly on the Iowa side of the river. Replacement wetlands for about three acres will be established at a mitigation site.

Much of the new bridge will be constructed while traffic is maintained on the existing bridge. U.S.275 over the Missouri River must be closed for four to six months to complete construction, and traffic will be detoured along Interstate 80 via South 13th Street in Omaha and South 24th Street in Council Bluffs.

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement about the project was approved by the Federal Highway Administration on Jan. 22, 2004. It is available for public review and comment at the Council Bluffs Public Library at 400 Willow Ave., the Omaha Public Library at 2302 M St., the NDOR District 2 Headquarters at 4425 S. 108 St. in Omaha, the NDOR Central Headquarters at 1500 Hwy 2 in Lincoln, the Nebraska Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration at 100 Centennial Mall North in Lincoln, the Iowa DOT Office at 300 West Broadway at 4th Street in Council Bluffs, and the Iowa DOT District 4 Office at 63200 White Pole Road in Atlantic. Copies of the document also will be available at the March 30 forum.

The public meeting is being held to present information and to receive comments and questions. No formal presentation is planned. An English and Spanish language translator will be available. Written statements and exhibits will be accepted as part of the public record for ten days.

Officials from the city of Omaha plan to hold a public meeting in conjunction with the bridge meeting to present information about the city's proposed Gibson Road Viaduct project just south of the bridge.

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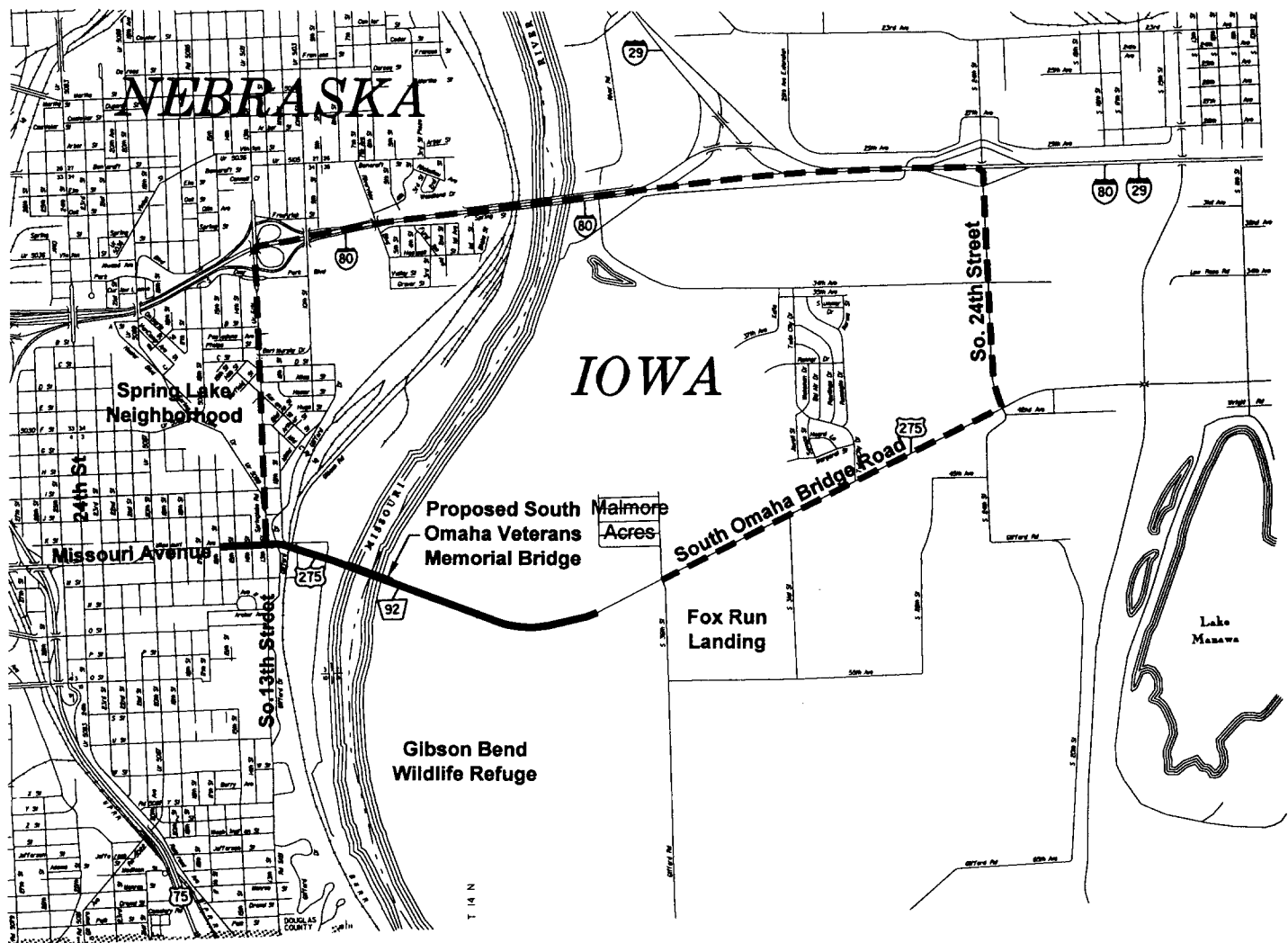
Steve McBeth, Planning and Project Development Division in Lincoln, (402) 479-4417.

BR-275-7(174)

SOUTH OMAHA VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE BR-275-7(174)

C.N. 21574

DOUGLAS & POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTIES



NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF BRIDGE LOCATION HEARING

Date: March 30, 2004
Time: 6 – 8 p.m.
Place: Sokol South Omaha
2021 U St.
Omaha, Nebraska

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Nebraska is the lead agency, in coordination with the Iowa Department of Transportation, for the study about replacing the two-lane historic bridge. The project is identified as BR-275-7(174) and is known as **South Omaha Veterans Memorial Bridge**.

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For further information regarding the proposed project, contact Steve McBeth in Lincoln at (402) 479-4417.

March 19, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

State Highway Commission Monthly Agenda Announced

The State Highway Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting March 26, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 103, at the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska. This meeting is preceded by their Educational Briefing and Discussion, held in the Director's Conference Room.

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; by calling (402) 479-4530; or by checking the NDOR website at www.dor.state.ne.us.

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Agenda Below

Agenda

Friday, March 26, 2004

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: Commissioner Ronald W. Books, Chair

Roll Call:

Approval: February, 2004 Meeting Minutes

Introductions/Correspondence/Announcements:

Old Business/New Business: Recognition of Service – Commissioner Duane W. Acklie

Agenda Presentation: Nebraska's Enhancement Project Development
Jim Pearson, Program Manager, Government Affairs Division
Questions/Comments

Project Approval:

“Norfolk Southeast”, Project STPD-35-3(105), C.N. 31442
Lou Lenzen, Assistant Design Engineer
Requests Design Approval of the Design Features
A Public Hearing was held December 15, 2003
Questions/Comments/Commission Vote

“In Elkhorn”, Project STPD-31-2(108), C.N. 21786
Mike Owen, Assistant Design Engineer
Requests Approval of the Design Features and
Control of Access
An Information Meeting was held January 29, 2004
Questions/Comments/Commission Vote

“North Loup to Ord”, Project STPD-11-3(116), C.N. 42089
Lou Lenzen, Assistant Design Engineer
Requests Approval of the Design Features
A Public Hearing was held January 13, 2004
Questions/Comments/Commission Vote

Public Input:

Questions/Comments

Public Meeting Schedule:

March 30, 2004 (*Reiser*)
“South Omaha Veterans Memorial Bridge”
Information Open House, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Sokol South Omaha, Main Hall, 2021 “U” St, Omaha

April 6, 2004 (*Wanitschke*)
“Grant-Greenwich Streets – Grand Island”
Information Open House, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Midtown Holiday Inn, Grand Island

April 8, 2004 (*Books*)
“Thedford Viaduct”
Information Open House, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Stubs Restaurant, Thedford

April 14, 2004 (*Acklie*)
“Lincoln Bypass, Saltillo & Pioneers”
Information Open House, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Public Information Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Lincoln Firefighters Reception Hall,
241 Victory Lane, Lincoln

Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting

Friday, April 16, 2004, 10:00 a.m.
Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Complex, Lincoln, NE

Nebraska State Highway Commission
Educational Briefing & Work Session

Friday, March 26, 2004

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

Agenda

NDOR's Long-Range Transportation Plan, Steve McBeth, NDOR
Arlee Reno, Consultant Cambridge Systematics

Exchange of Ideas, Concerns, etc.
NDOR Staff & Commission Members

Selection – WASHTO 2004 Delegate
July 18-21, 2004
Kalispell, Montana
(see available brochure)

★ Reminder ★

Due: April 1, 2004
Accountability & Disclosure Statements

March 23, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House April 6 for Improvements to U.S. 30 at Grand Island

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House on Tuesday, April 6, regarding a project to reconstruct about thirteen blocks of West 2nd Street in Grand Island. The open house will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the Midtown Holiday Inn, 2503 South Locust Street, in Grand Island.

The proposed project involves widening West 2nd Street, also known as U.S. Highway 30, from four lanes to five lanes. The project begins at Grant Street and ends about 200 feet east of Greenwich Street.

Construction will include concrete surfacing, sidewalks, storm sewers, traffic signals and lighting. Eastbound traffic will be maintained during construction. Westbound traffic will be detoured along West 3rd Street. Alternate truck routes will be coordinated with the City of Grand Island.

Additional property, including the Conoco Cafe on the south side of U.S. 30 between Grant and Clay Streets, must be acquired for public right-of-way.

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.

Preliminary plans developed by the Nebraska Department of Roads are available for public inspection at the NDOR District 4 Headquarters, 211 North Tilden St., in Grand Island, and at the Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln. Information also is available at www.dor.state.ne.us on the Internet.

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For additional information contact:

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

C.N. 40352 BOOK *
HALL COUNTY



NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Date: April 6, 2004

Time: 4 – 6 p.m.

Place: Midtown Holiday Inn
Islander Room
2503 South Locust St.
Grand Island, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding a project to reconstruct about 13 blocks of West 2nd Street in Grand Island.

Personnel from the department will be available to visit one-on-one about the proposed improvement. Displays will be available for public inspection, and NDOR staff will receive comments and questions. No formal presentation is planned.

The proposed project involves widening West 2nd Street, also known as U.S. Highway 30, from four lanes to five lanes. The project, identified as NH-30-4(103) and known as **Grant Street – Greenwich Street, Grand Island**, begins at Grant Street and ends about 200 feet east of Greenwich Street.

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

March 25, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House April 8 for Improvements to Highway 83 at Thedford

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House on Thursday, April 8, regarding location of a proposed highway viaduct at Thedford. The open house will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., at Stubs, Jct. Hwy. 2 and U.S. 83, in Thedford.

The viaduct would carry traffic on U.S. Highway 83 over the Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway tracks and over Nebraska Highway 2 just east of Thedford. A new at-grade intersection of U.S. 83 and Nebraska 2 would be constructed on the north side of Nebraska 2.

Four alternatives are under consideration for the viaduct location. Not building a viaduct also is an alternative under consideration. If a viaduct is constructed, the existing West Junction of U.S. 83 and Nebraska 2 will be removed.

Two of the alternatives were presented publicly at Thedford last fall. They show U.S. 83 bridging the railroad and Nebraska 2, then looping east and south to a new intersection on the north side of Nebraska 2. Two newly developed alternatives propose bridging the railroad and Nebraska 2, then looping west and south to a new intersection on the north side of Nebraska 2.

Additional land must be purchased as highway right-of-way for viaduct construction. Control of access to the roadway near the viaduct may be required.

U.S. 83 would remain open to traffic throughout construction. Temporary roadways around work zones would be used during some phases of construction. Temporary closure of Nebraska 2 would be required during placement of the viaduct girders.

Construction may impact wetland areas and mitigation may be required.

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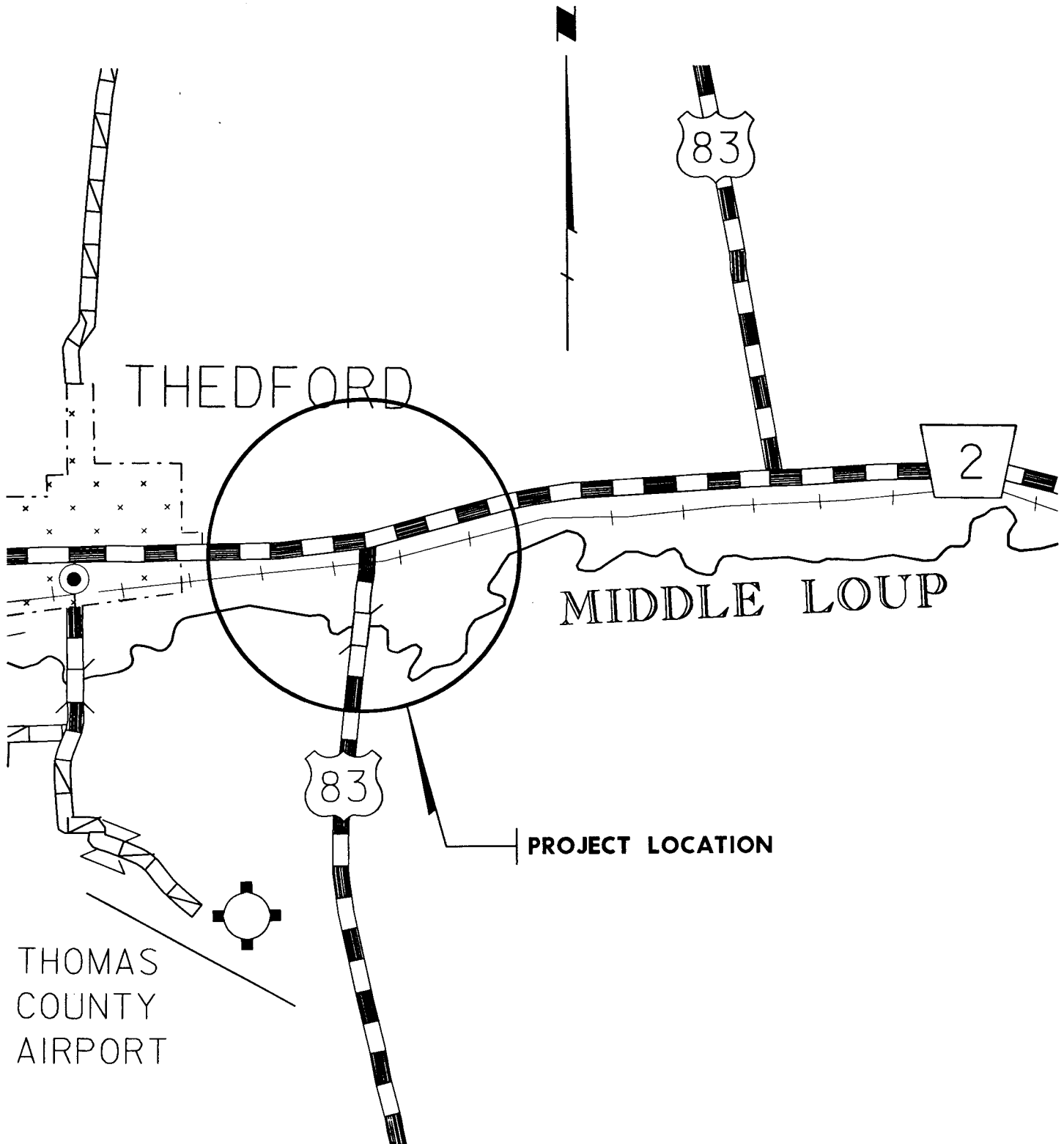
Steve McBeth, Planning and Project Development Division in Lincoln, (402) 479-4417.

NH-83-3(106)

THEDFORD SOUTH, VIADUCT STUDY NH-TMT-83-3(106)

C.N. 61044

THOMAS COUNTY



NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Date: April 8, 2004

Time: 4 – 6 p.m.

Place: Stubs

**Jct. Hwy. 2 & U.S. 83
Thedford, Nebraska**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding location of a proposed highway viaduct at Thedford.

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Two newly developed alternatives propose bridging the railroad and Nebraska 2, then looping west and south to a new intersection on the north side of Nebraska 2.

The project is identified as NH-

TMT-83-3(106), also known as ***Thedford South, Viaduct Study.***

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March 26, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Road and Street Examiners to Meet

The Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents will meet at 8:45 a.m., April 2, 2004 in Room 103, Department of Roads, Central Headquarters Bldg., 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln.

The principal agenda items are:

- ◆ Administration of the written examination for licensure.
- ◆ Licensing of one Professional Engineer.
- ◆ Consideration of re-written Licensing Regulations (4238 NAC 2) and Procedural Regulations (428 NAC 1) for Public Hearing on May 6, 2004.

The meeting is open to the public.

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Agenda as of March 24, 2004 enclosed.

For additional information contact:
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LDS/NR904

Agenda
for the Meeting of
**BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY
AND CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENTS**
April 2, 2004, 8:45 a.m.
Nebraska Department of Roads
Central Headquarters Building Highway Commission Room 103
1500 Highway 2, Lincoln Nebraska

Call to Order – Chairperson

Roll Call – Staff

Changes to Published Agenda – Staff

Minutes of February 20, 2004, Meeting

Professional Engineer application for a City Street Superintendent license:

- Mr. Christopher J. Wortmann, Yankton, SD

Professional Engineer application for a County Highway Superintendent license: *(None)*

Professional Engineer application for a County Highway Superintendent and City Street Superintendent licenses: *(None)*

Second Licenses issued administratively since February 20, 2004: *(None)*

Report on March 1-3, 2004 Pre-Licensing Workshop

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Written examination – Nebraska Department of Roads' Auditorium
(Authorized personnel only)

9:15 a.m. – Oral interview of candidates for April 2, 2004 County Highway Superintendent and City Street Superintendent examination, Room 103 *(Executive Session)*

Review of *(0)* new applicants and *(0)* re-applicants for the October 1, 2004, County Highway Superintendent and City Street Superintendent examination.

Preparation for October 1, 2004, Written Examination and September 1-3, 2004, Pre-Examination Workshop, including the following:

- New plan reading materials *(Deferred)*

Continuing Education Award

- Review of Candidate(s) *(None)*
- Terminate Continuing Education Award

Preparation of Thirty-Fourth Annual Report *(Deferred)*

Implementation of LB 500, County Highway and City Street Superintendents Act

- Feedback concerning Class A procedures and forms *(Deferred)*
- Status of revised Operating Procedures (under the Regulations) *(Deferred)*
- Status of revised Class A Application Logs & Affidavits *(Deferred)*
- Approve Class B Application Form *(Deferred)*
- Approve re-written Licensing Regulations (4238 NAC 2) and Procedural Regulations (428 NAC 1) for Public Hearing on May 6, 2004

Other Business

- Legislative Update

Correspondence and General Information

Acknowledgement of visitors

Next Meeting: May 7, 2004, 10:00 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads, Central Headquarters Building, Highway Commission Room 103, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Adjournment

Note: The business meeting is open to attendance of the public. The oral interview and written examination are closed to attendance of the public.

March 30, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House April 13 for I-80 Interchange Improvements at Elm Creek

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House on Tuesday, April 13, regarding a project to improve the Interstate 80 Interchange and Platte River Bridge south of Elm Creek. The open house will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the Village Hall, 122 West Potter Avenue, in Elm Creek.

The proposed project in Buffalo County involves improvement to U.S. Highway 183 and Exit 257 on I-80. The U.S. 183 bridge over the Platte River south of the interchange will be redecked. The bridge deck will be widened to accommodate 10-foot-wide shoulders. Guardrail will be updated.

The bridge will remain open to traffic during construction. Traffic on the bridge will be reduced to one lane and controlled by signals during construction.

The bridge over I-80 will be reconstructed on new alignment just east of the existing structure, which will be removed. Both ends of the new bridge will feature left-turn lanes for traffic entering I-80. The I-80 entrance and exit ramps will be reconstructed and lengthened.

Temporary roads will be used to maintain traffic on the interchange during construction. During girder placement for the new bridge over the interstate, traffic on I-80 must be detoured to U.S. Highway 30 between Overton and Odessa. Such work typically is done at night.

Some property must be acquired for highway right-of-way at the interchange. Temporary easements for construction will be required at the interchange. Control of access to U.S. 183 may be modified.

Construction will impact wetland areas and mitigation will be required. Replacement wetlands for about 2/3 acre will be established at the Mormon Island Wetland Mitigation Bank in Hall County.

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.

Preliminary plans developed by the Nebraska Department of Roads are available for public inspection at the NDOR District 4 Headquarters, 211 North Tilden St., in Grand Island, and at the Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln. Information also is available at www.dor.state.ne.us on the Internet.

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For additional information contact:

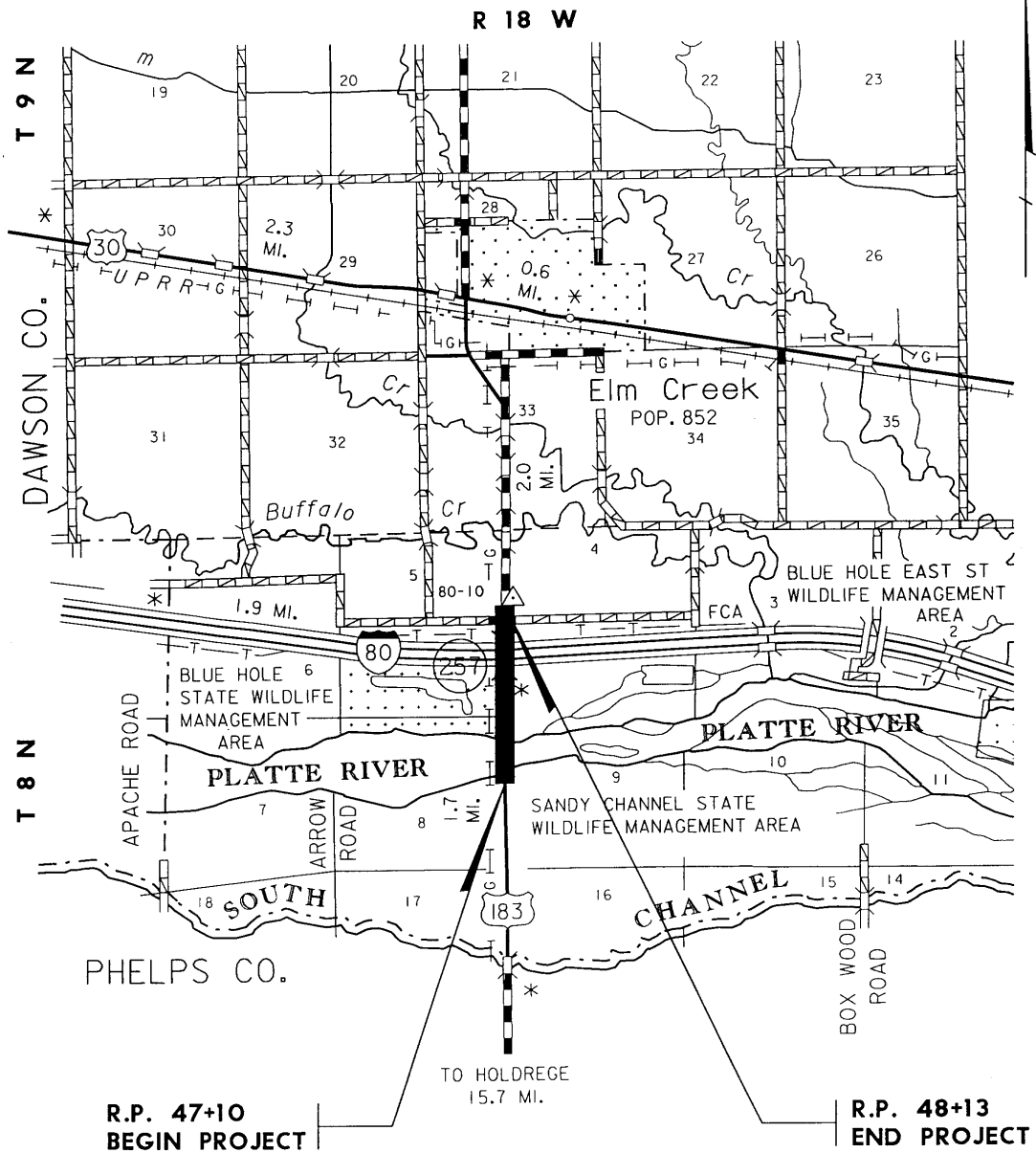
Dawn Allyn, Roadway Design Division in Lincoln, (402) 479-4663.

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ELM CREEK SOUTH NH-183-2(105)

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BUFFALO COUNTY



NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Date: April 13, 2004

Time: 4 – 6 p.m.

Place: Village Hall

**122 West Potter Ave.
Elm Creek, Nebraska**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding a project to improve the Interstate 80 interchange and Platte River Bridge south of Elm Creek.

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

The proposed project in Buffalo County, identified as NH-183-2(105) and known as ***Elm Creek South***, involves improvement to U.S. Highway 183 and Exit 257 on I-80.

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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 March 30, 2004. Notification should be submitted to: Kevin Dugan, 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.

March 30, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Hearing April 14 for Hwy. 77 Improvements Near Lincoln

The Nebraska Department of Roads and the State Highway Commission will hold a Public Hearing Wednesday, April 14, regarding upgrading Lincoln's West Bypass to freeway standards. The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m., at Firefighters Hall, 241 Victory Lane, in Lincoln.

The proposed project on U.S. Highway 77 in Lancaster County involves constructing two interchanges, removing five at-grade intersections, and reconstructing several adjoining roads. Interchanges will be constructed at Pioneers Boulevard and Warlick Boulevard. Roadway lighting will be added along the two streets and at the interchanges.

Existing at-grade intersections with U.S. 77 will be removed at Pioneers Boulevard, Old Cheney Road, Warlick Boulevard, Yankee Hill Road and Rokeby Road.

Reconstruction of adjoining roads includes West Denton Road from U.S. 77 to just west of Folsom Street, 1st Street south of West Denton Road, and Pioneers Boulevard from just west of Folsom Street to just west of South 1st Street.

Traffic will be maintained on U.S. 77 throughout construction. A temporary at-grade intersection with Warlick Boulevard will be used during construction. The Pioneers Boulevard intersection will be closed during construction and traffic will be detoured to Old Cheney Road via South Folsom Street and South 1st Street.

Acquisition of private property for highway right-of-way will be required for the project. Two homes and a number of commercial buildings must be acquired for construction of the Pioneers interchange. Control of access near the new interchanges must be modified or acquired.

Construction will impact wetland areas and mitigation will be required. Replacement wetlands for almost five acres will be established along the beltway project south of Lincoln or at the Rock Creek Wetland Mitigation Bank north of town.

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 1 Office, 302 Superior Street, in Lincoln, and at the Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

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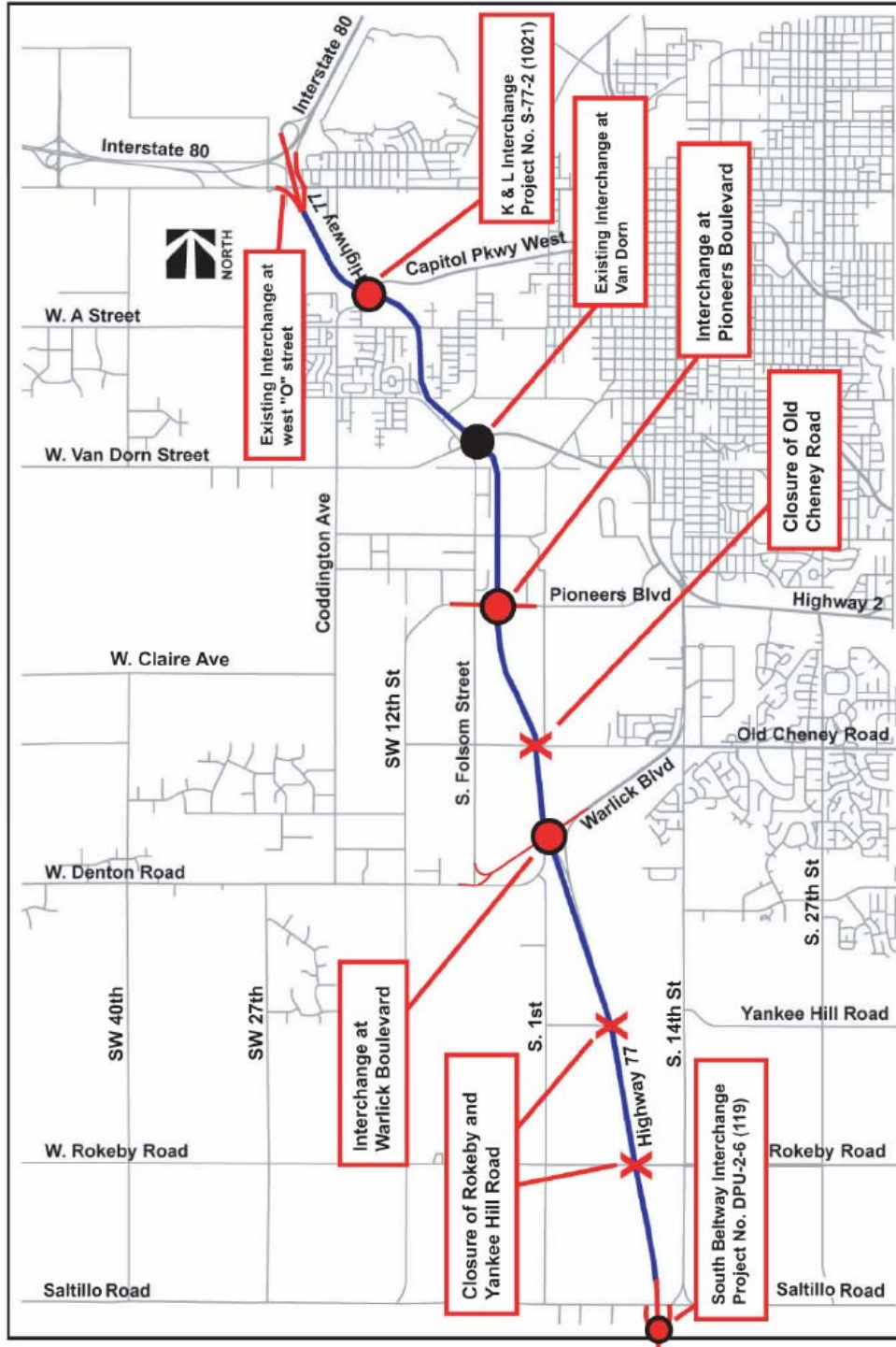
For additional information contact:

Syed Ataullah, Roadway Design Division in Lincoln, (402) 479-4777.

NH-77-2(156)

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US 77 Corridor, Saltillo Road to I-80



NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF HIGHWAY DESIGN HEARING

Date: April 14, 2004
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Firefighters Hall
241 Victory Lane
Lincoln, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads along with the State Highway Commission will hold a public hearing about upgrading Lincoln's West Bypass to freeway standards.

The proposed project on U.S. Highway 77 in Lancaster County involves constructing two interchanges, removing five at-grade intersections, and reconstructing several adjoining roads. Project NH-77-2(156) is known as **Lincoln Bypass, Saltillo & Pioneers**.

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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.

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