

May 7, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Cornhusker Highway Under I-80 Closing Overnight

Cornhusker Highway will be closed under I-80, at the Airport Interchange, from 9:00 p.m. Monday, May 10 until 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 11, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. The road closure will allow for construction crews to remove sections of the I-80 bridge over Cornhusker Highway and pull sheet pile next to traffic, weather permitting. The contractor for this work is Capital Contractors, Inc. of Lincoln.

Cornhusker Highway will remain open to the I-80 eastbound ramp. A marked detour will be provided that will route traffic on I-80 east to I-180 loops, then return on I-80 west. Traffic from NW 12th Street going east will be detoured west on I-80 to West "O" Street and return on I-80 east. 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.

Cornhusker Highway eastbound only will be closed under I-80 at the Airport Interchange from 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 11 until 6:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 12. This closure will allow for construction crews to set girders over the traffic. In conjunction with this closure, I-80 will have left lanes closed onto the bridge in both directions. Traffic from NW 12th Street going east will be detoured west on I-80 to West "O" Street and return on I-80 east. Westbound traffic on Cornhusker Highway will not be affected.

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.

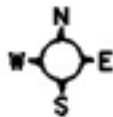
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For additional information contact:

Mike Sklenar at 471-0850 X1069 or Hugh Holak at 471-0850 X1061.

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Cornhusker Highway Detour Map



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New Highway and Street Superintendents Licensed

Lincoln -- Five persons successfully completed the April 2, 2004 examination and are now licensed by the Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents.

Licensed as County Highway Superintendent is Arnold Mellick of Jackson.

Licensed as both County Highway Superintendent and City Street Superintendent are Terry Flick of Potter, Bridget Klepper of Seward, Rodney Ripley of Bellevue, and Lenny Thorne, Jr. of Plattsmouth.

Flick is an equipment operator for the Banner County Road Department; Klepper is the Office Manager for the Seward County Road Department; Mellick is the Road Foreman for the Dakota County Road Department; Ripley is the Highway Foreman for the Sarpy County Road Department; and Thorne the Assistant Highway Superintendent for Cass County.

The next examination will be held October 1, 2004 with an application deadline of August 13, 2004. 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:

Marc Rosso, P.E., of Scottsbluff; Matthew Sutton, P.E., of Omaha; and Christopher Wortmann, P.E., of Yankton, South Dakota; licensed as City Street Superintendents, and Tim Steffen, P.E., of Lincoln; licensed as both County Highway Superintendent and City Street Superintendent. Registered Professional Engineers (P.E.) are licensed by equivalency. Rosso is the Marketing/Sales Engineer for Baker & Associates in Scottsbluff; Steffen is a Civil Engineer for Mainelli, Wagner & Associates in Lincoln; Sutton is a Civil Engineer for The Schemmer Associates in Omaha; and Wortmann is a Project Engineer for Eisenbraun & Associates in Yankton, South Dakota.

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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May 11, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Western Nebraska Electronic Message Boards Operational Soon

2004 Summer Driving Season

Nine overhead electronic message boards, similar to those used on the Omaha freeways, will soon be operational on Interstate 80 in western Nebraska. For the most part, construction activities have been completed and the signs are in place. Nebraska Department of Roads staff based in Bridgeport, North Platte and Grand Island will be responsible for the operation of the giant message boards and are undergoing training. After testing and barring unforeseen complications, the devices will be in use for the summer driving season. Message boards are located on I-80 in Kimball, Cheyenne, Deuel, Keith, Buffalo and Hall Counties.

Nebraska's Traveler Information System Grows

The new message boards will join other recent advances in Nebraska's effort to develop new means to deliver timely information to motorists, including the Nebraska **511** traveler information number. Officials expect to roll out other new ways of communicating timely information to the public soon. One coming innovation is a dynamic internet accessible map that will display changing conditions on the 10,000-mile Nebraska state highway system.

Traffic cameras are currently being tested along the interstate corridor and will become another tool in Nebraska's strategy to use other types of traveler information based media to convey accurate and timely information to the traveling public. Video images can provide valuable information to system operators and travelers alike. The additional level of detail

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provided by Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) will allow system managers to *identify* and *react* to emerging situations in real-time; while travelers will benefit in other ways, including having better information to make better travel decisions.

Message Content will be Limited

Western Nebraska's new electronic message boards will not carry general public information or nonessential messages but are limited to traffic control, and informing motorists of roadway conditions and action required. Messages will be limited to managing travel, controlling and diverting traffic, identifying current and anticipated roadway conditions, or limiting access to particular lanes or the entire roadway. The signs may be used on a limited basis for driver safety messages that must be of short duration, and relate to a specific safety campaign.

Child Abduction Messages and the Nebraska Amber Plan Program

The display of child abduction messages on the message boards is acceptable under very specific circumstances.

1. Confirmation that a child has been abducted.
2. Belief that the circumstance surrounding the abduction indicate that the child is in serious danger.
3. Enough descriptive information about the child, abductor, and/or suspect's vehicle to believe that an immediate broadcast alert will help.
4. All law enforcement agencies must contact the Nebraska State Patrol before NDOR will post a child abduction message. NDOR will not post a child abduction message that has not met the criteria and procedures established by the *Nebraska Amber Plan Program* and the Nebraska State Patrol.

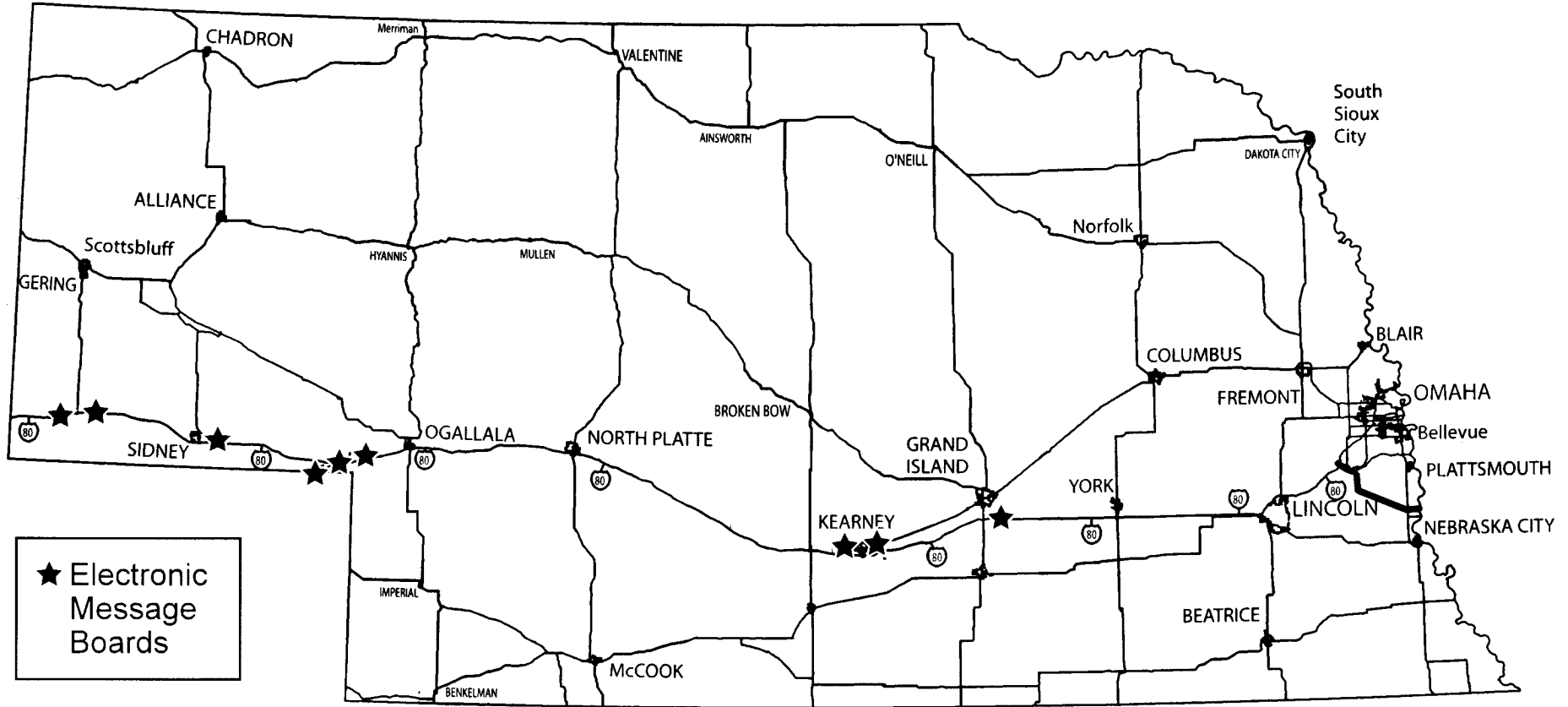
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For additional information contact:

Steve Garbe, Transportation Technology Engineer; (402) 471-1808.

(Sign Locations Map Attached)

Western Nebraska Electronic Message Boards



May 13, 2004

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Public Hearing May 27 for Rulo Bridge Study

The Nebraska Department of Roads and the State Highway Commission will hold a Public Hearing Thursday, May 27, regarding location of a new Missouri River bridge at Rulo. The hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m., at Camp Rulo River Club (riverside south of Highway 159), in Rulo.

Nebraska is the lead agency, in coordination with the Missouri Department of Transportation, for a study about replacing the existing historic bridge.

Two possible alignments for a new bridge remain under consideration. The preferred alignment for a new two-lane structure is about 600 feet south of the existing bridge. Bridge replacement will require roadway reconstruction in Rulo and on the Missouri side of the river.

The new bridge will be constructed while traffic is maintained on the existing bridge. Local detours in Rulo will be used during some phases of construction.

Acquisition of private property will be required to construct the project. Possible acquisitions include five residences, of which one is a historic residence, and one commercial property. The department's Relocation Assistance Program will be available.

Bridge replacement will impact wetland areas, mostly on the Missouri side of the river. The department intends to establish replacement wetlands at a mitigation site.

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement regarding the project was approved by the Federal Highway Administration on Feb. 11, 2004. It is available for public review and comment in the Nebraska Department of Roads Central Headquarters at 1500 Highway 2 in Lincoln, the NDOR District 1 Office at 302 Superior St. in Lincoln, the Nebraska Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration at 100 Centennial Mall North in Lincoln, the Rulo Library at 1st and Stutzman Streets in Rulo, through Rulo Village Clerk Rachelle Keller at 402-245-2030, and in the Missouri Department of Transportation Office at 3602 No. Belt Hwy in St. Joseph, Missouri. Copies of the document also will be available at the public hearing.

Interested persons are invited to stop at the hearing location from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., before the hearing, for informal discussions with Department of Roads personnel on any aspect of the project.

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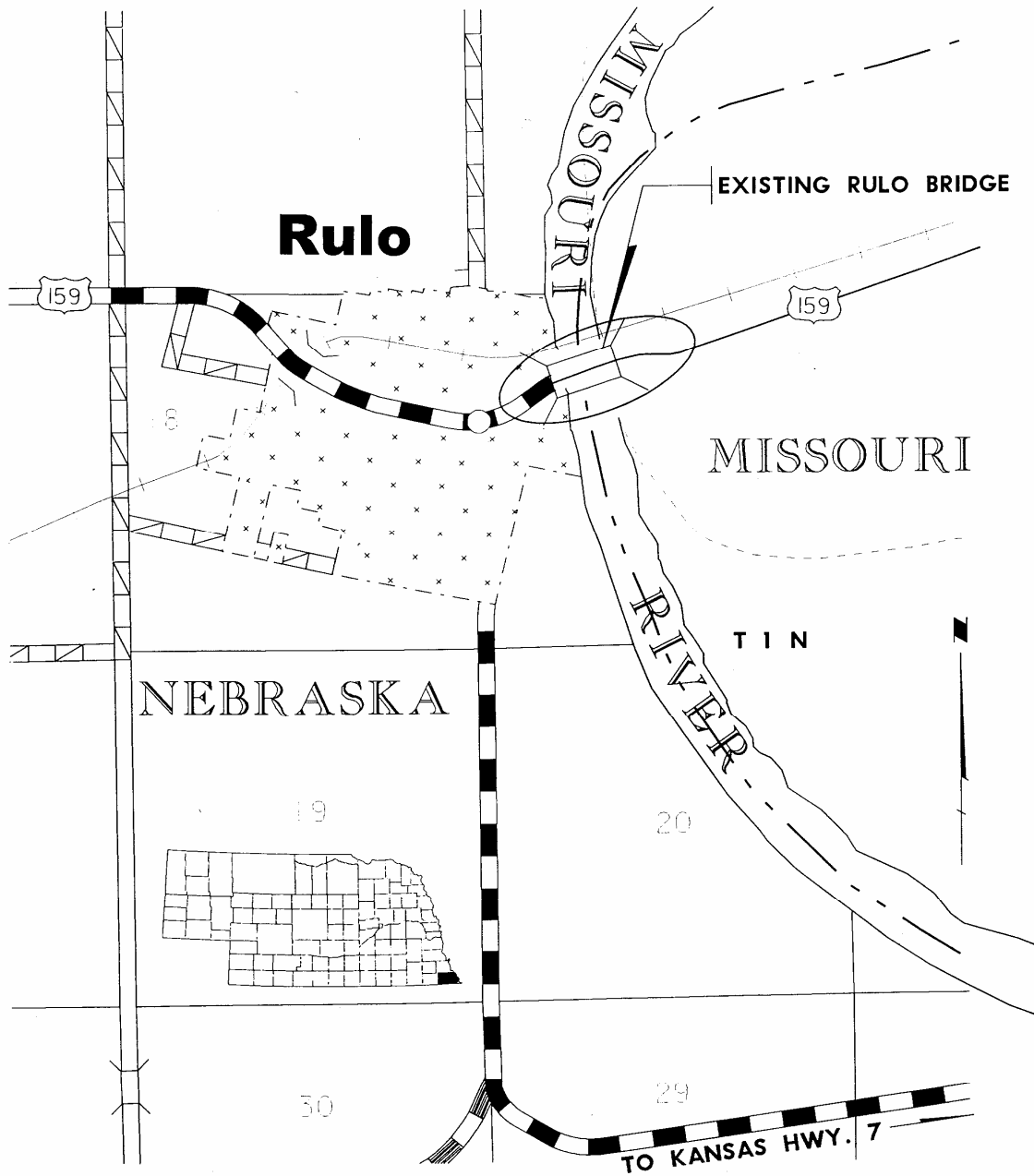
For additional information contact:

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

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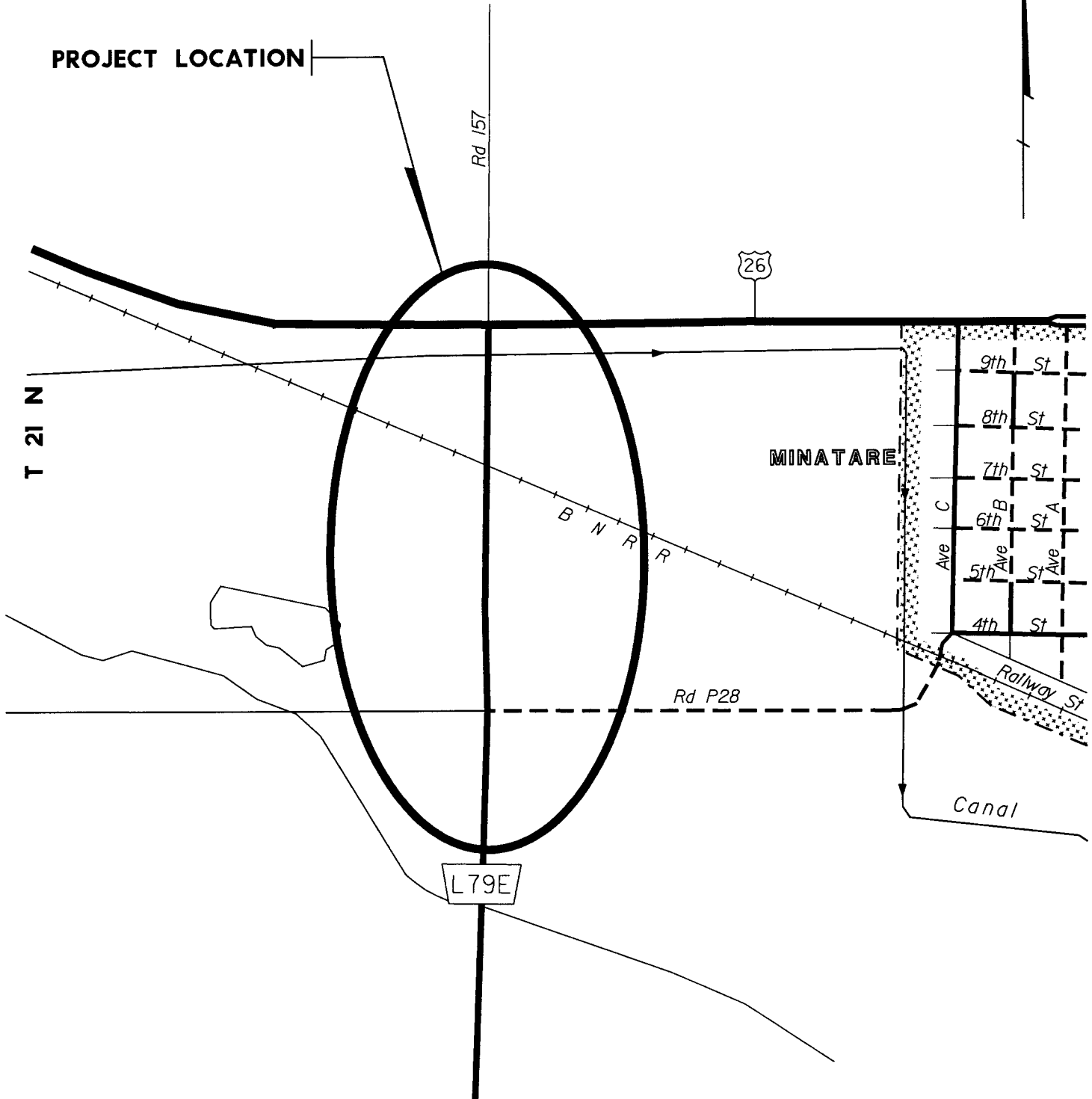
Notice of Information Open House
Minatare South Viaduct Study and Melbeta Viaduct Study
Minatare
June 2, 2004
4:00-6:00 p.m.

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting about possible location of highway viaducts at Minatare and Melbeta. The projects are identified as STPD-L79E(109), known as "Minatare South Viaduct Study" and STPD-L79E(110), known as "Melbeta Viaduct Study." The meeting will be held on June 2, 2004, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Old Legion Club, 711 Main Street, Minatare, Nebraska.

MINATARE SOUTH, VIADUCT STUDY STPD-L79E (109)

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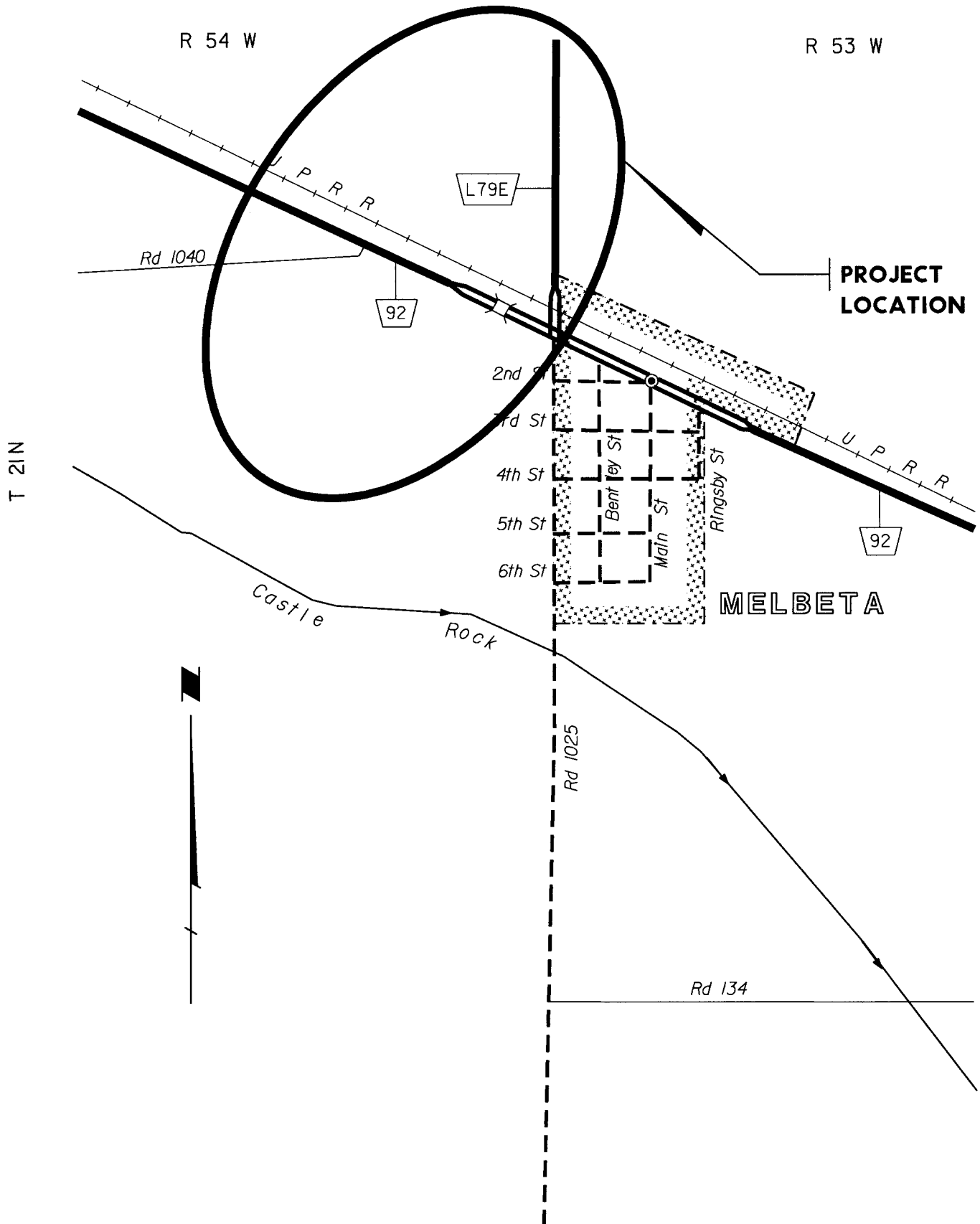
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MELBETA, VIADUCT STUDY STPD-L79E (110)

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SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY



NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Date: June 2, 2004
Time: 4 – 6 p.m.
Place: Old Legion Club
711 Main St.
Minatare, Nebraska

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

The proposed viaducts would carry traffic on Nebraska Link 79E over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway tracks just west of Minatare and over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks at Melbeta.

New at-grade intersections would be constructed with U.S. Highway 26 at Minatare and with Nebraska Highway 92 at Melbeta.

A number of alternatives are under consideration as potential viaduct locations. Not building a viaduct also is an alternative under consideration.

The projects are identified as STPD-L79E(109) *Minatare South Viaduct Study*, and STPD-L79E (110) *Melbeta Viaduct Study*.

Purchase of additional land as highway right-of-way would be required for the projects. Control of access to the roadway near the viaducts may be required. Construction may impact wetlands areas and mitigation may 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 May 19, 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.

Preliminary plans developed by the Nebraska Department of Roads are available for public review at the Planning and Project Development Division, 1400 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

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

**Notice of Information Open House
Scottsbluff West Viaduct Study
June 3, 2004
4:00-6:00 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding possible location of a highway viaduct west of Scottsbluff. The meeting for Project STPD-L79G(111), known as "Scottsbluff West Viaduct Study," will be held on June 3, 2004, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express, 1821 Frontage Road, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Date: June 3, 2004
Time: 4 – 6 p.m.
Place: Holiday Inn Express
1821 Frontage Road
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

highway right-of-way would be required for the project. Control of access to the roadway near the viaduct may be required. Construction may impact wetlands areas and mitigation may be required. An historic site is located in the study area.

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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 May 20, 2004.

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

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.

The proposed viaduct would carry traffic on Nebraska Link 79G over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks about 1 mile west of Scottsbluff. A number of alternatives are under consideration. Not building a viaduct also is an alternative under consideration.

Preliminary plans developed by the Nebraska Department of Roads are available for public review at the NDOR Planning and Project Development Division, 1400 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

The project is identified as STPD-L79G(111), also known as **Scottsbluff West Viaduct Study**.

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

Purchase of additional land as

May 14, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

State Highway Commission Monthly Agenda Announced

The State Highway Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting May 21, 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, May 21, 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: Chair, Ronald W. Books, District 6

Roll Call:

Approval: April, 2004 Meeting Minutes

Introductions/Correspondence/Announcements:

Agenda Presentation: *"Smart Work Zone Project"*
Randy Peters, Dan Waddle, Wallace Heyen
NDOR's Traffic Engineers
Questions/Comments

Project Approval:

Location Approval
"South Omaha Veteran's Memorial Bridge"
Steve McBeth, Planning & Locations Studies Engineer
Questions/Comments/Commission Vote

Design Features & Access Control Approval
"Plattsmouth to Bellevue"
Dawn Allyn, Assistant Design Engineer
A Public Hearing was held September 23, 2003
Questions/Comments/Commission Vote

Approval of the Location & Design Features
N-61/UPRR "Lake McConaughy"
Dawn Allyn, Assistant Design Engineer
A public hearing was held February 19, 2004
Questions/Comments/Commission Vote

Public Input

Public Meeting Schedule:

May 27, 2004 (*Acklie*)
"Rulo Bridge"
BR-159-7(105), Control No. 12381
Information Meeting, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Location Public Hearing, 6:30 p.m.
Camp Rulo River Club, Rulo, NE

Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting

Friday, June 25, 2004, 10:00 a.m.
District 7 – McCook Country Kitchen Restaurant

Nebraska State Highway Commission
Educational Briefing & Discussion
Friday, May 21, 2004
8:30 a.m., Director's Conference Room
NDOR Central Complex, Lincoln, NE

Agenda

Outstate Commission Meeting

See Attachments: Agenda & Activity Sheet – *Select, Mark & Return to Executive Secretary*
Room Confirmation

I-80 Rest Area Update – Deputy Director, Monty Fredrickson

Project Approval Updates: Deputy Director, Monty Fredrickson

“South Omaha Veterans Memorial Bridge”

“N-61 UPRR Lake McConaughy

“Plattsmouth to Bellevue”

Nebraska Funding Levels Percent Change: Director Craig *(refer to chart)*

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Roads Standards Board to Meet

The Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards will meet at 9:00 a.m. on May 21, 2004, in the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters Building Auditorium at 1500 Highway 2 in Lincoln.

The agenda includes:

- ◆ Addition of projects to the Colfax, Cuming, Otoe, Phelps, Saunders, Thayer and Wayne Counties, the City of Columbus and Village of Prosser One- and Six-Year Road and Street Improvement Plans.
- ◆ Informal hearings: 9:30 a.m. for Cuming County's request for a Relaxation of Standards for Construction on a Minimum Maintenance Road; 9:40 a.m. for Thayer County's request for a Relaxation of Standards for construction on a Minimum Maintenance Road.
- ◆ Consideration of sanctions for failure to submit the 2004 One- and Six-Year Plan by certain municipalities.

The meeting is open to the public.

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Detailed agenda as of May 14, 2004 enclosed

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

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**Agenda
for the Meeting of
Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards
May 21, 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 April 16, 2004, meeting

Status Report – 2003-2004 Standardized System of Annual Reports (*NDOR, 93 County and 530 Municipal reports received, 1 Municipal report is delinquent*)

- Update on the suspension of Highway Allocation Funds to the following Municipality for failure to submit the 2003-2004 Standardized System of Annual Reports in accordance with Neb.Rev.Stat. Sec. 39-2120 and 39-2121
Osmond (*Suspension initiated with the 4/9/04 allocation distribution*)
- Consideration of lifting of suspension (none as of 5/14/04)

Status Report – 2004 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road, and Street Plan Submittals (*90 County and 528 Municipal plans received, 3 Municipal plans are delinquent*)

- Consideration of suspension of Highway Allocation Funds to the following Municipalities for failure to submit the 2004 One- and Six-Year Plan in accordance with Neb.Rev.Stat. Sec.39-2117 and 39-2119

Fremont

Nora

Scribner

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- revised form 10's received 4/20/04*)
- B. City of Weeping Water (4) – grading and asphalt surfacing of existing gravel streets. (*Carried over*)
- C. City of Wilber (1) – grading, concrete surfacing with curb and gutter, and drainage structures on new subdivision streets. (*Carried over*)

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

- A. Cedar County (1) – grading and aggregate surfacing of an existing gravel road. (*Carried over – revised form 10 received 4/22/04*)
- B. Village of Stapleton (1) – open, grade and aggregate surfacing of unopened streets. (*Carried over – revised form 10 received 4/19/04*)
- C. Otoe County (1) – repair and armor coat surfacing of an existing asphalt road.
- D. Village of Prosser (1) – grading and aggregate surfacing of a new street.
- E. Wayne County (2) – replaces bridges with culverts.
- F. Phelps County (1) – replace bridge with culvert.
- G. Cuming County (1) – replace bridge with culvert.
- H. Saunders County (2) – replace bridges with a bridge and a culvert.
- I. City of Columbus (4) – grading, concrete surfacing with curb and gutter, and drainage structures on new subdivision streets.
- J. Thayer County (1) – (*see relaxation of standards request below*)
- K. Colfax County (1) – replace bridge with a culvert.

State Aid Bridge Fund Applications (*None*).

9:30 a.m. Informal Hearing – Cuming County request for Relaxation of Standards for replacement of a bridge with culverts on a Minimum Maintenance Road, Project C-20(470). Consideration of request.

9:40 a.m. Informal Hearing – Thayer County request for Relaxation of Standards for replacement of a bridge with a low water crossing on a Minimum Maintenance Road, Project C-85(366). Consideration of request and addition of the project to the One-Year Plan.

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 05/13/04*)

Other Business:

- Local Officials' Workshops & other training venues (*deferred from the March meeting*).
- Review Work Plan Milestones
- 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:

- Preferences/possible invitation(s) for Annual Outstate Meeting
- Miscellaneous correspondence

Acknowledgement of visitors

Next meeting June 18, 2004, 9:00 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads, Central Headquarters Building Auditorium, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska

Adjournment

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Temporary Traffic Shift on I-80 for Bridge Maintenance

Joint repair is needed at the end of the westbound I-80 bridge at R.P. 405 (over US-77, north of Lincoln). The need to repair the joint has required an immediate speed reduction of traffic until repairs can be made. Plans are being prepared by NDOR Bridge Division to allow repair work to begin as soon as possible. Capital Contractors, Inc., Lincoln, has been contracted to do the work. The repair work will begin sometime next week and will take approximately a week to complete, weather permitting.

The plan for I-80 traffic accommodation is to maintain eastbound traffic in the normal manner while the westbound traffic will be detoured around the affected bridge by using the exit and entrance ramps at the interchange. In order to make this I-80 detour function safely, the southbound US-77 expressway traffic will be routed off US-77, two miles north of I-80 at Waverly Road and will proceed three miles west on Waverly Road, turn south on 14th Street for 2.25 miles, then turn east on Arbor Road to 27th Street and then south to Interchange 403 where they will rejoin southbound US-77 and westbound I-80.

Traffic eastbound on I-80 planning to go northbound on US-77 will exit normally at R.P. 405 and turn south on L-55X to Arbor Road, then one mile east to 70th Street, north on 70th Street for 2.25 miles to Waverly Road, then west on Waverly Road one mile to US-77. Traffic on L-55X planning to travel northbound on US-77 will also use this route.

Commuter traffic into and out of Lincoln should take note of alternate routes using other area highways to avoid delays on westbound I-80. Traffic between Wahoo and Lincoln should consider N-92 and N-79. Commuter traffic between Lincoln and Omaha should consider US-6 and US-34.

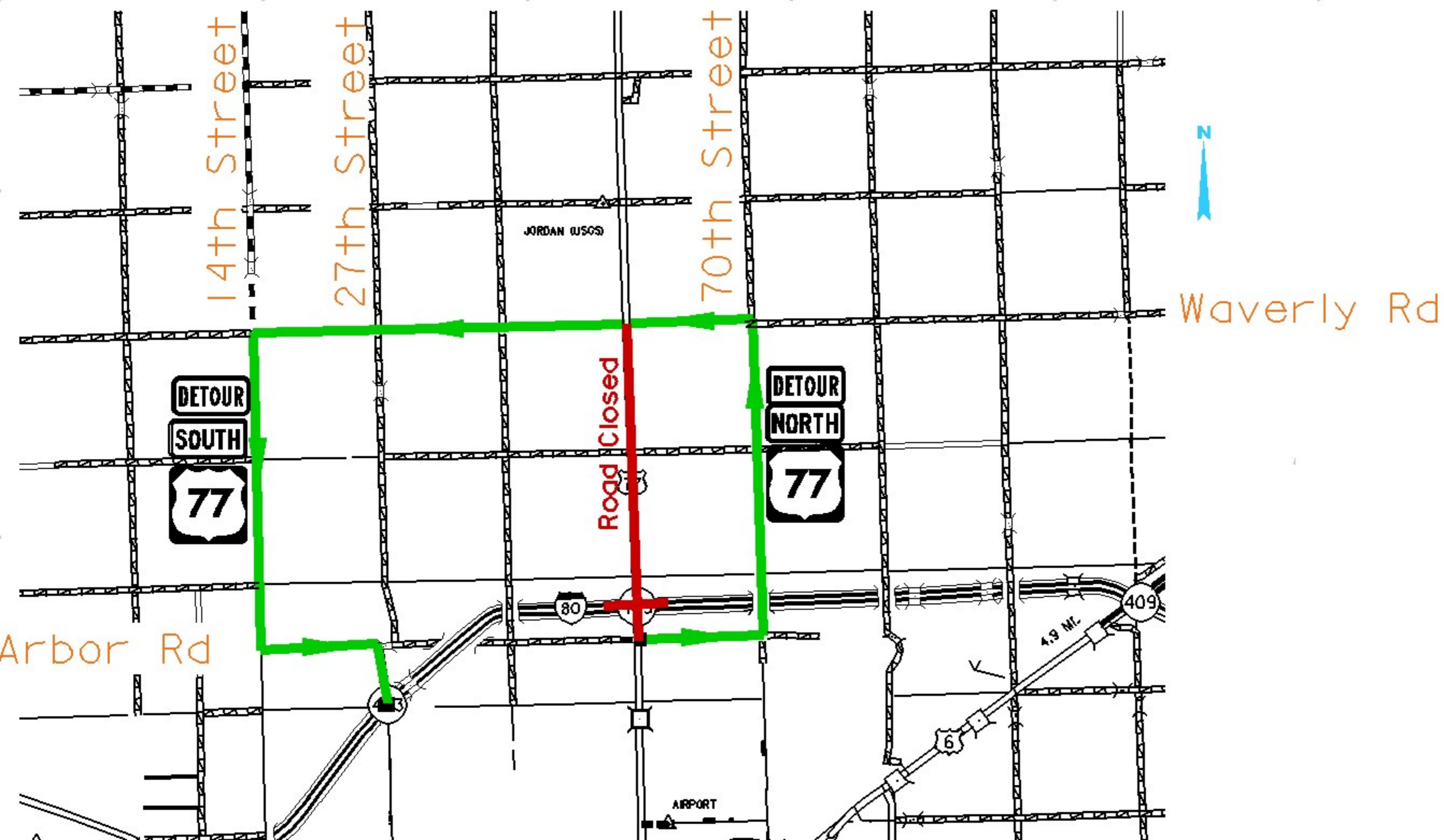
Information regarding detour routes will be available on the NDOR website for advance trip planning. Message boards and other detour information signs will be posted to assist drivers with route selection at critical highway intersections.

Motorists may want to select an alternate route or plan ahead to use the temporary detour routes.

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For additional information contact:

Janie Vrtiska, Maintenance Superintendent, (402) 471-0850 X1139 or
Roger Kalkwarf, District Maintenance Superintendent, (402) 471-0850 X1041



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Construction Work Scheduled to Begin

Construction work is scheduled to begin May 17 on I-80 between the Oshkosh – Julesburg interchange and the South Platte River according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Simon Contractors and Subsidiaries of Cheyenne, Wyoming has the 3.9 million dollar project for grading, milling, culverts, guardrail and asphaltic concrete surfacing work on the 8-mile project.

Traffic will be maintained through the project at a reduced speed. The work is expected to take approximately 4-5 months to complete.

The Department of Roads urges all drivers to use caution when driving through the work zone and to be reminded that fines are doubled in a work zone.

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For additional information contact:

Russ Frickey, Bridgeport, (308) 262-1929 Ext. 201

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May 20, 2004

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Information Open House June 3 for Improvements on Link 79G near Scottsbluff

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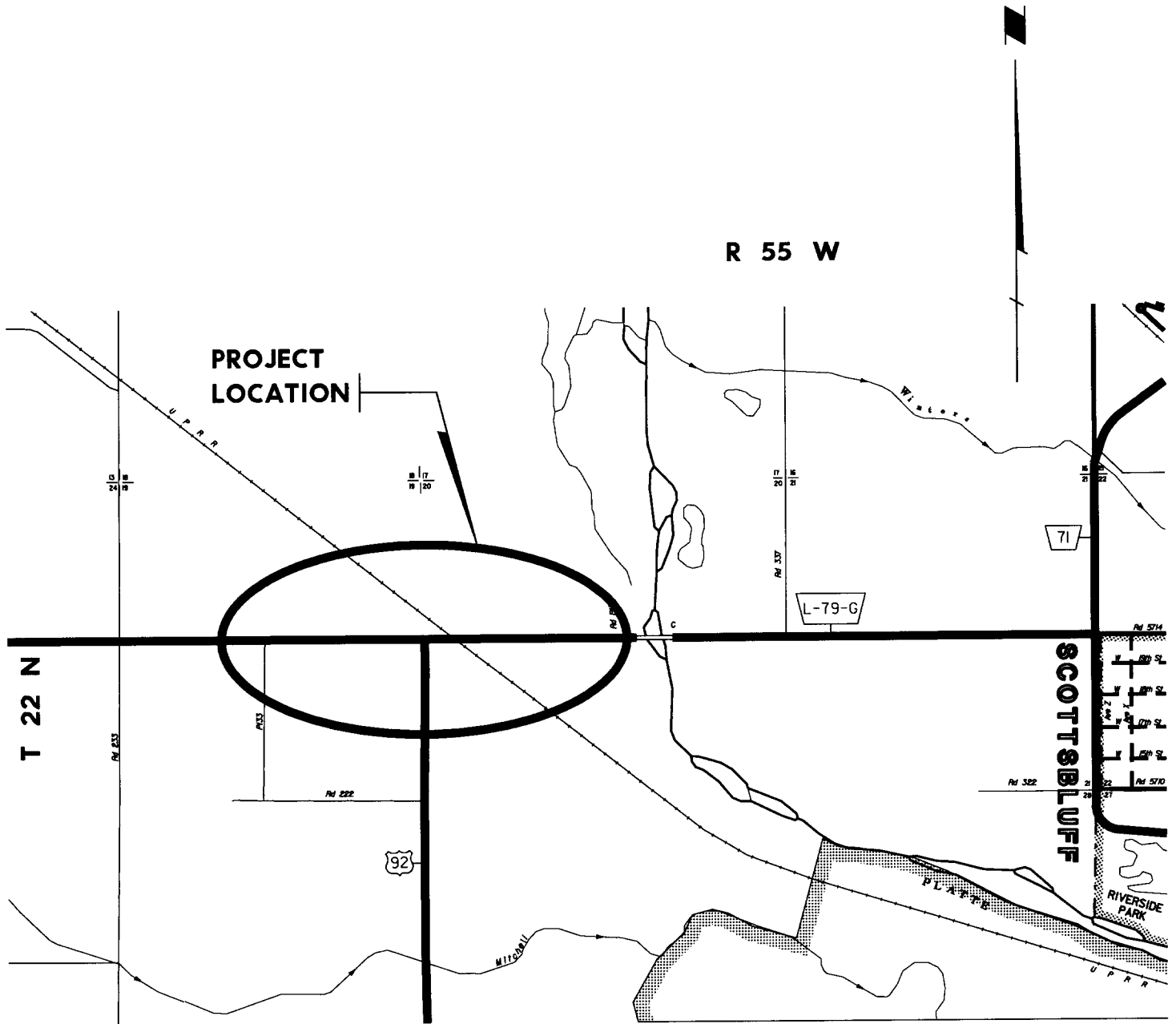
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SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY



May 20, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House June 2 for Proposed Viaducts at Minatare and Melbeta

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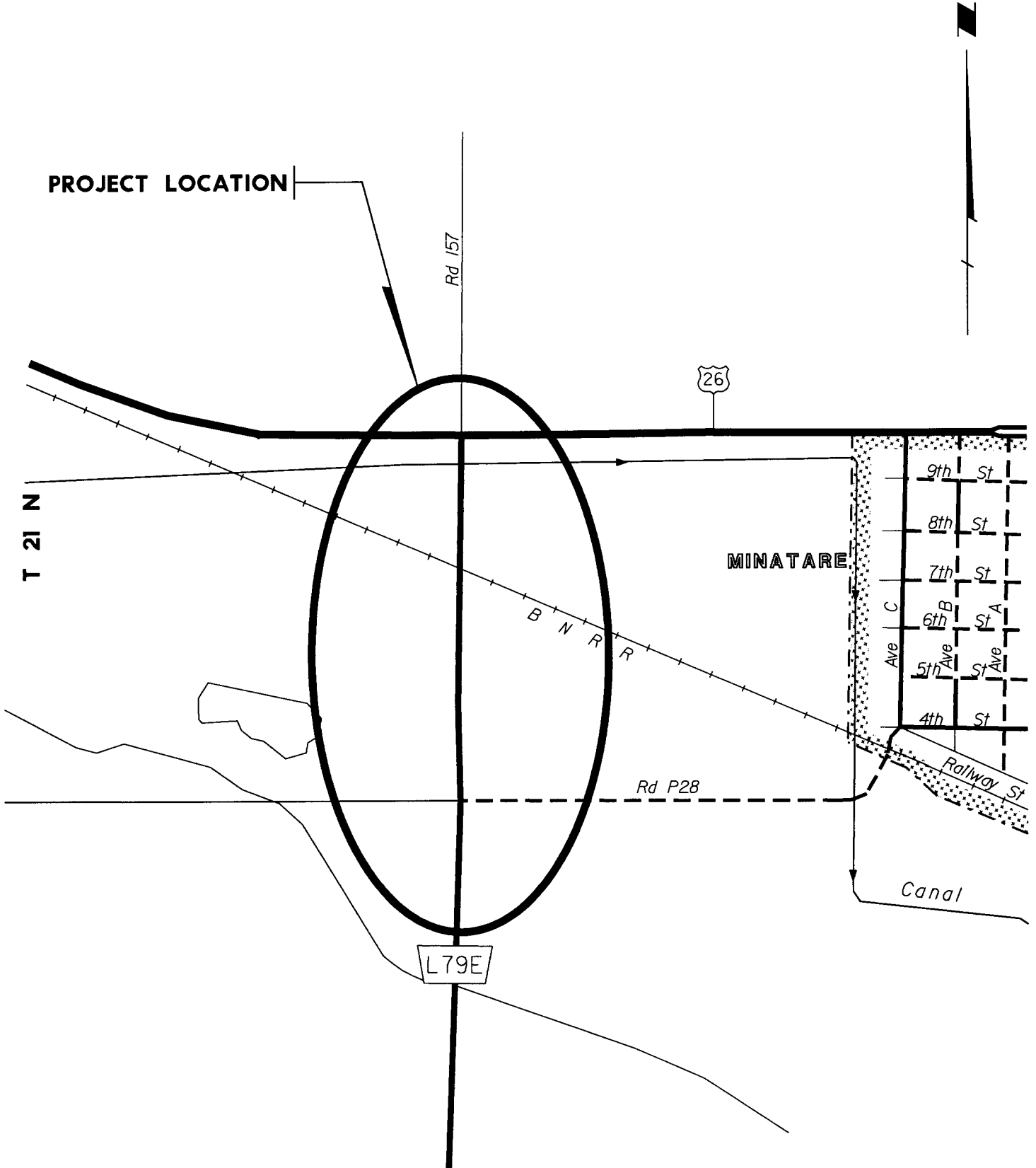
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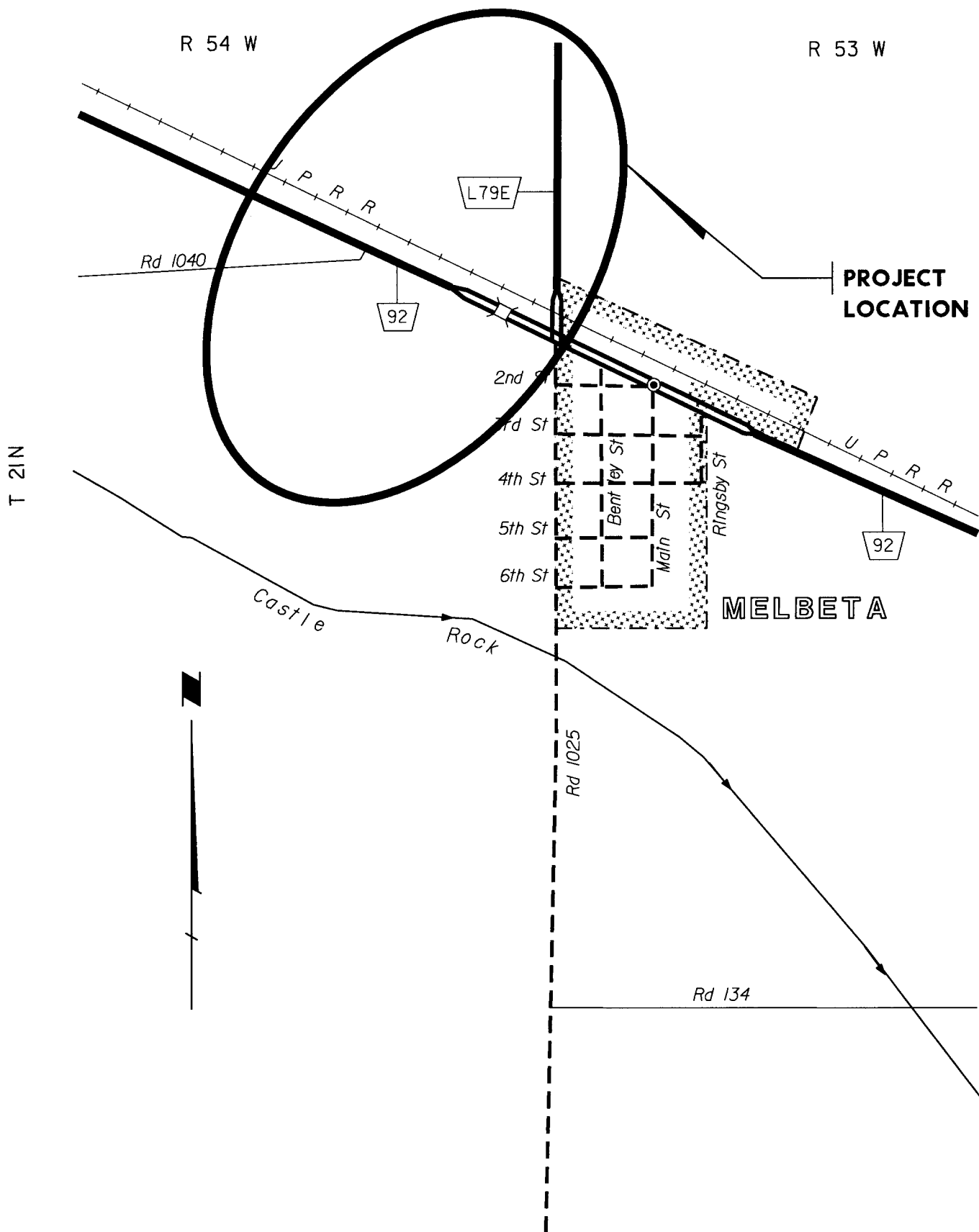
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**Notice of Pre-Appraisal Open House
Marsland South
June 24, 2004
3:00-5:00 p.m. MDT**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding Project STPD-71-4(113), known as "Marsland South," on June 24, 2004, 3:00-5:00 p.m. MDT at the Marsland Schoolhouse, Marsland, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF PRE-APPRAISAL OPEN HOUSE

Date: June 24, 2004
Time: 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. MDT
Place: Marsland Schoolhouse
Marsland, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting about a project to widen Nebraska Highway 71 and construct a new bridge over the Niobrara River south of Marsland.

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

The proposed project, STPD-71-4(113) and known as **Marsland South**, involves improving almost 8 miles of Nebraska 71 in Box Butte County. The project begins at the junction with Nebraska Highway 2 and ends just south of Marsland.

Construction will include roadside grading, surfacing, reconstruction of two segments of roadway, bridges and culverts. The work will be done under traffic. The completed two-lane asphalt highway will have 6-foot-wide shoulders, of which 2 feet will be surfaced next to the driving lanes.

A segment of roadway near Dry Creek will be reconstructed on new alignment just east of the existing bridge. The highway approaches to the Niobrara River bridge will be

reconstructed and the bridge will be replaced with a longer structure. A 2,500 foot temporary roadway will route traffic around the work zone during construction.

Acquisition of private property throughout the length of the entire project will be required. A representative of the Right of Way Division will attend the meeting.

Construction will impact wetlands areas and mitigation will be required. Replacement wetlands for about 2/3 acre will be established along the project or at a regional mitigation bank site.

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 June 10, 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 District 5 Office, 514 Main St., in Bridgeport. Plans also are available in the NDOR Roadway Design Division, 1500 Hwy 2, in Lincoln.

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

