

June 2, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Work Begins June 14 on Highway 8, West of Endicott**

Construction work on Nebraska Highway 8, west of Endicott, is scheduled to begin on June 14, weather permitting, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Work will include grading, culvert extensions, bridge remodeling, and asphalt overlay. Traffic will be maintained on Highway 8 with the use of signs, flaggers, and pilot cars in the construction work zones. Traffic lights will be in use at the bridge remodel site.

Werner Construction Company of Hastings, Nebraska, has the \$1,377,317.98 contract for this project. The anticipated completion date is November of this year.

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**For additional information contact:**

Allen A. Vandergrift, Highway Project Manager, in Fairbury (402) 729-3489  
S-8-6(1008), Endicott West

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

June 10, 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 June 18, 2004, in the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Building Auditorium at 1500 Highway 2 in Lincoln.

The agenda includes:

- ◆ Addition of projects to the Nance County and the City of Columbus One- and Six-Year Road and Street Improvement Plans.
- ◆ State-Aid Bridge Fund applications from Antelope, Cass, Fillmore, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe and Phelps Counties.
- ◆ Informal hearing (at 9:30 a.m.) on Nebraska Department of Roads' request for Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards on Project STPC-5112(2), Nebraska Highway 64, Cuming Street, in Omaha.
- ◆ Consideration of Hearing Officers' recommendation/Banner County's request for Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards on 35 Local roads.

The meeting is open to the public.

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Detailed agenda as of June 10, 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**  
**June 18, 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 May 21, 2004, meeting

John Craig – Director NDOR

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 6/10/04*)

Status Report – 2004 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road, and Street Plan Submittals (*NDOR, 91 County and 531 Municipal plans received*)

- A. Otoe County (1) – repair and armor coat surfacing of an existing asphalt road. (*carried over*)
- B. Village of Prosser (1) – grading and aggregate surfacing of a new street. (*carried over*)
- C. City of Columbus (1) – grading, concrete surfacing with curb and gutter, and drainage structures on a new subdivision street.
- D. Nance County (1) – replace bridges with culverts.

State Aid Bridge Fund Applications (10 ) – Antelope, Cass, Fillmore, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, and Phelps Counties.

9:30 a.m. Informal Hearing – NDOR request for Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for a reduction in lane width on Project STPC-5112(2), Cuming Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Street to 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Omaha, Control Number 22157, on a Major Arterial highway (Nebraska Highway 64). Consideration of request.

Consideration of Hearing Officers recommendation/ Banner County's request for Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards on 35 Local roads.

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

Correspondence and General Information:

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

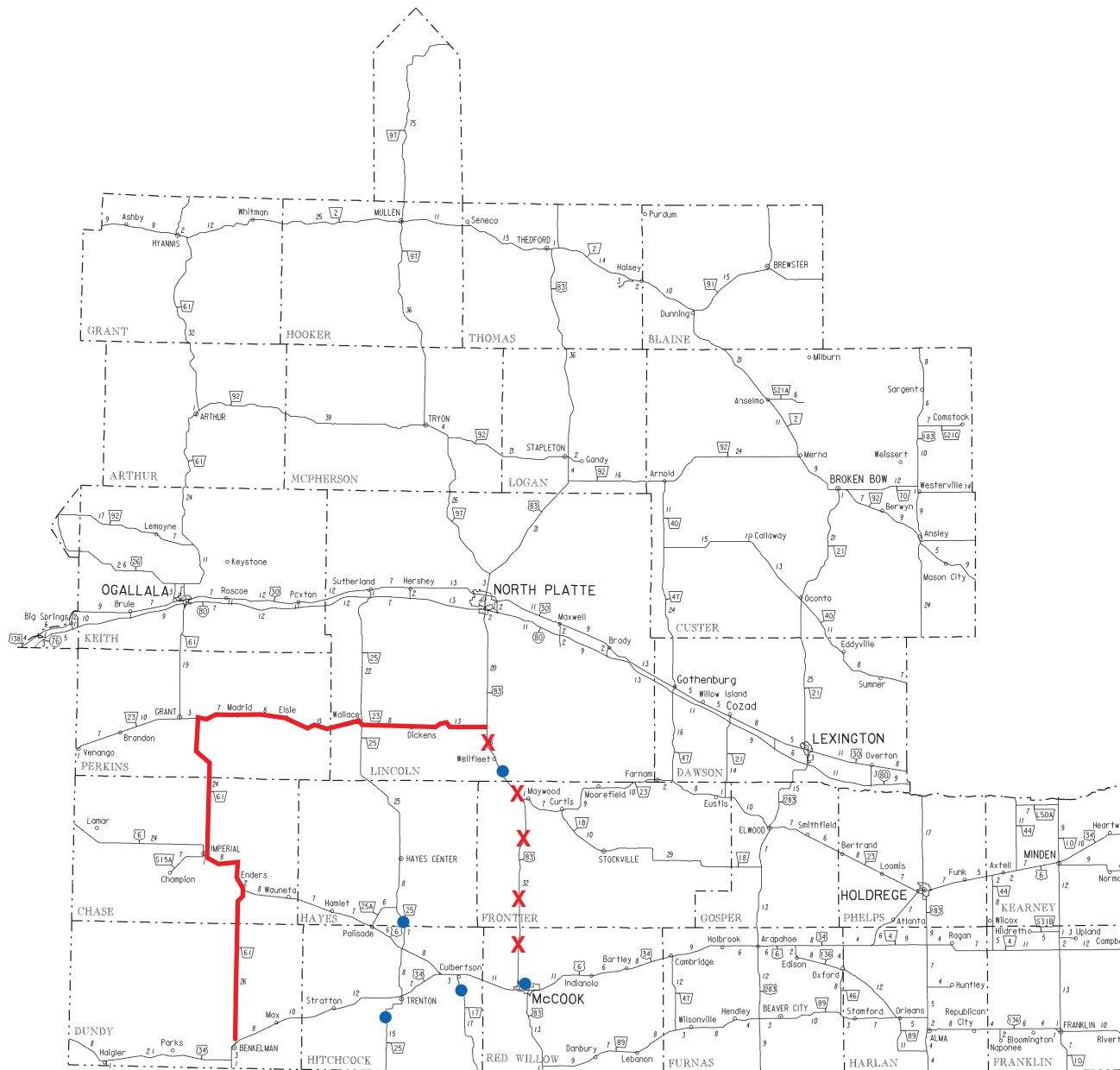
Acknowledgement of visitors

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

Adjournment



# Districts 6 & 7 Restrictions



## Wellfleet South Special Width Restrictions

### Alternate Routes Suggested

**Special width restrictions** for US-83 south of the junction of N-23/US-83 (20 miles south of North Platte) for southbound overwidth (combine) traffic.

At the junction of N-23/US-83 turn west for 49 miles to the junction of N-23/N-61. Turn south on N-61 and proceed south to Benkelman.

Construction activities that are occurring or will start soon are:

- South of Wellfleet on US-83
- In McCook on US-83 and US-6
- North of US-6 near Palisade on N-25
- South of Trenton on N-25
- South of Culbertson on N-17

***Call ahead for combine route information before you travel.***

District 6 North Platte (308)535-8031

District 7 McCook (308)345-8490

District 8 Ainsworth (402)387-2471

**NEBRASKA ♦ DEPARTMENT ♦ OF ♦ ROADS**



June 10, 2004

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Information Open House June 24 for Hwy. 71 Improvements Near Marsland**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a Pre-Appraisal Information Open House on Thursday, June 24, regarding a project to widen Nebraska Highway 71 and construct a new bridge over the Niobrara River south of Marsland. The open house will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., MDT, at the Marsland Schoolhouse, in Marsland.

The proposed project involves improving almost eight 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, and reconstruction of two segments of roadway, bridges and culverts. The work will be done under traffic. The completed two-lane asphalt highway will have six-foot-wide shoulders, of which two 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 wetland 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.

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 5 Office, 514 Main Street, in Bridgeport, and at the Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln. Information also is available at [www.dor.state.ne.us](http://www.dor.state.ne.us) on the Internet.

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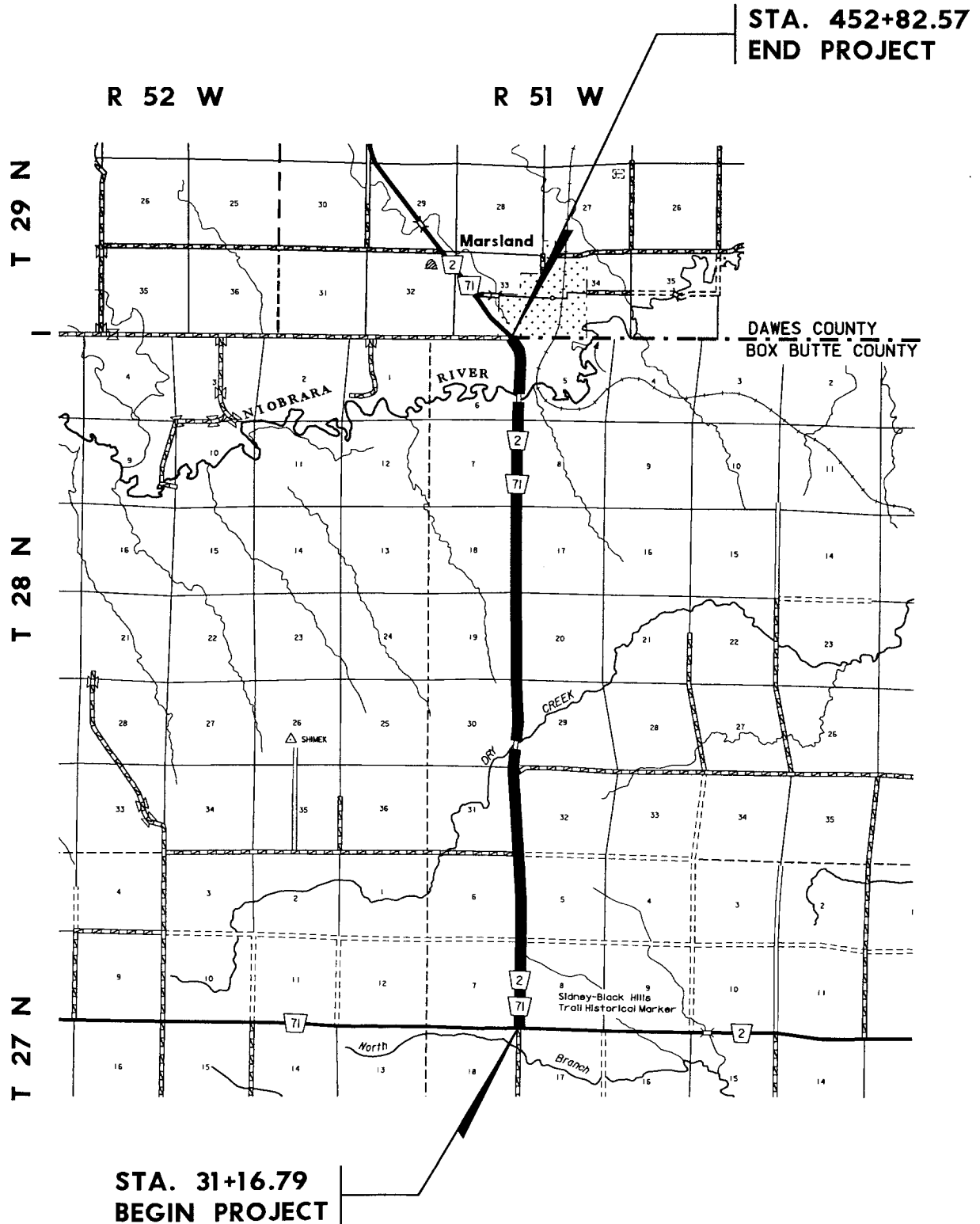
**For additional information contact:**

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



# MARSLAND SOUTH 71-4(113)

C.N. 50861 BOOK 5126  
BOX BUTTE COUNTY





## 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.



June 11, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Sarpy County

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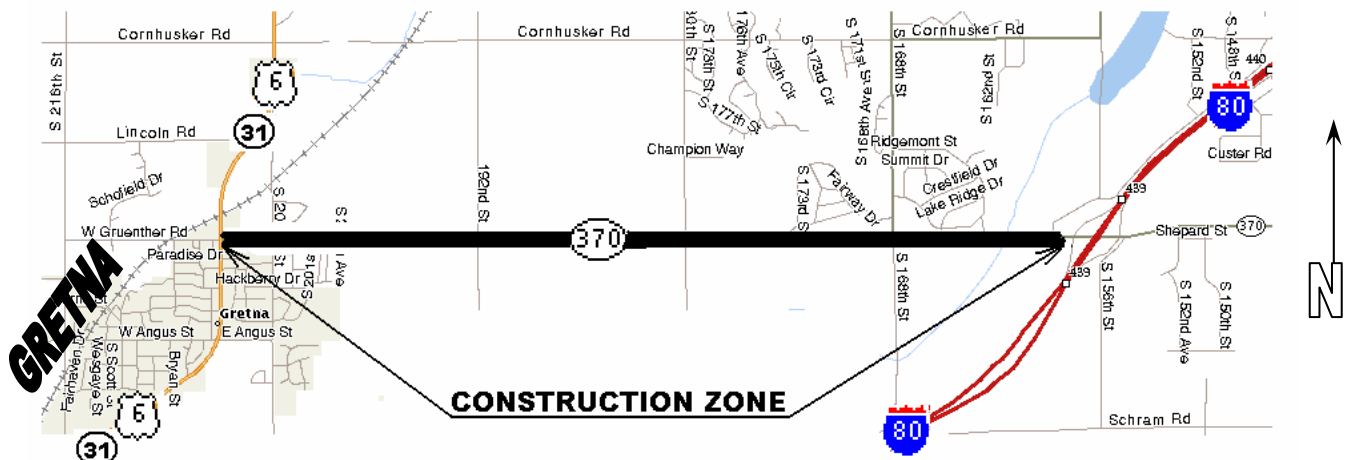
Tuesday, June 1, 2004 @ 7:00AM  
Until

~~Friday, June 11, 2004~~  
Wednesday, June 16, 2004

## Weather Permitting

**Milling and Asphalt Overlay Operations on Highway N-370 between Interstate 80 & Highway US-6/N-31 will begin.**

**Traffic will be maintained with Lane Closures, Flaggers and Pilot Cars.**



This Asphalt Overlay is necessary to improve the driving surface of N-370 between I-80 & US-6/N-31.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

**For additional information contact:**

Marvin Lech PE  
District Construction Engineer



**Notice of Information Open House**  
**Herman to Blair**  
**July 7, 2004**  
**5:00-7:00 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding Project STPD-75-3(107), known as "Herman to Blair," on July 7, 2004, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Jackson-Peck Post 274, 705 Main Street, Herman, Nebraska.



## NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

**Date:** July 7, 2004  
**Time:** 5 – 7 p.m.  
**Place:** Jackson-Peck Post 274  
705 Main St.  
Herman, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding a project to replace a bridge north of Blair and reconstruct the highway just south of Herman.

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 in Washington County, STPD-75-3(107) and known as **Herman to Blair**, involves the U.S. Highway 75 bridge over Stuart Creek, about 2 ½ miles north of Blair, and about 1 mile of U.S. 75 at Herman.

The Stuart Creek bridge will be replaced at its existing location. A temporary road around the work zone will be used to maintain traffic during construction.

Construction will resume about ¾ mile south of Herman, where the segment of U.S. 75 to the south edge of town will be constructed on new alignment just east of the existing alignment. The highway in Herman will be milled and resurfaced.

Additional property must be acquired

for highway right-of-way. Two residences are directly impacted by the project and must be acquired. The department's Relocation Assistance program will be available. Herman's sanitary pump station must be relocated as part of the project. Control of access to the highway will be modified.

Construction will impact wetlands areas and mitigation will be required. Replacement wetlands will be established at the Lincoln Bend Bank Site along the Missouri River in Nemaha County.

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 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.

Preliminary plans will be available for public inspection at the NDOR District 2 Office, 4425 S. 108<sup>th</sup> St., in Omaha, at the District 2 Office, 2600 S. Hwy 30, in Blair, and at the Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln. Information also is available at [www.dor.state.ne.us](http://www.dor.state.ne.us) on the internet.

For further information regarding the proposed project, contact Mick Syslo, Roadway Design Division, in Lincoln at (402) 479-3741.



**Notice of Information Open House**  
**Pilger to Wisner**  
**July 8, 2004**  
**5:00-7:00 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public Information meeting regarding Project STPD-275-6(1022), known as "Pilger to Wisner," on July 8, 2004, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the City Auditorium, 1001 Avenue D, Wisner, Nebraska.



## NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

**Date:** July 8, 2004  
**Time:** 5 – 7 p.m.  
**Place:** City Auditorium  
1001 Avenue D  
Wisner, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding a new alternative for location of the U.S. Highway 275 expressway at Wisner.

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

The proposed project in Stanton and Cuming counties, identified as STPD-275-6(1022) and known as **Pilger to Wisner**, involves constructing about 10 miles of four-lane expressway from east of Pilger to east of Wisner.

An earlier study, done 13 years ago, concluded the expressway should be built around the south side of Wisner. The current study intends to address changes since that time, include additional environmental reviews, and determine feasibility of an alignment on either side of Wisner. Public input is being sought.

Private property must be acquired for

highway right-of-way throughout the length of the project. Acquisition of some residences and commercial structures at Wisner may be required depending on the location of the new roadway. The department's Relocation Assistance program will be available.

Construction will impact wetlands areas and mitigation will be required. Replacement wetlands will be established along the project or at a regional wetlands 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 24, 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. 13<sup>th</sup> St., in Norfolk, and at the Planning and Project Development Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

For further information regarding the proposed project, contact Jim Wilkinson in Location Studies at (402) 479-4421.



June 16, 2004

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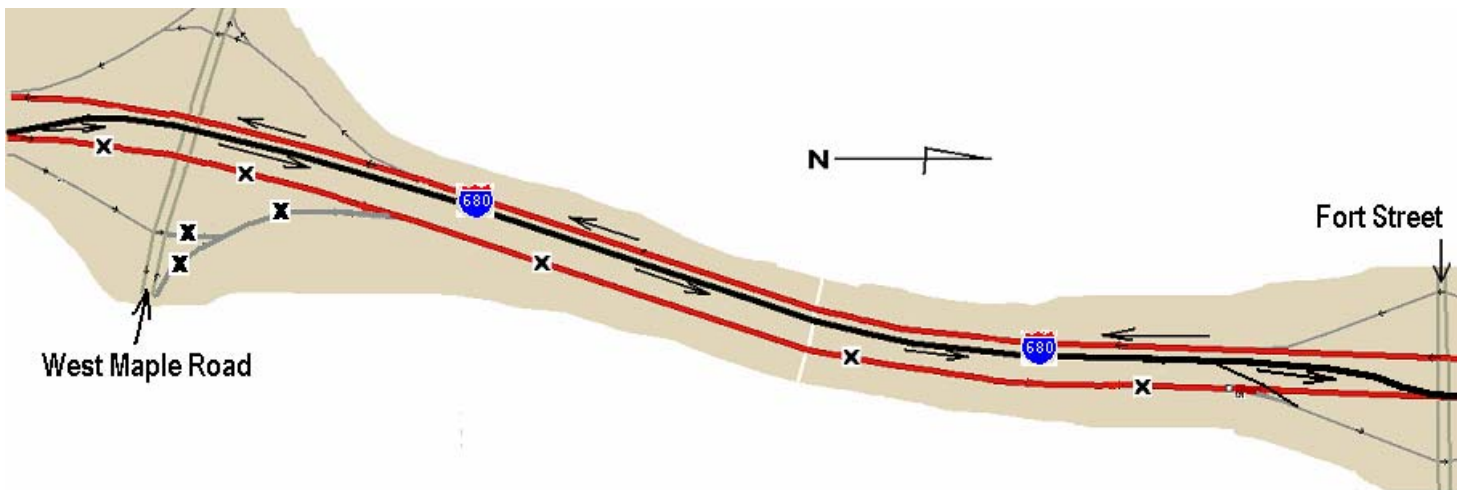
## Douglas County

Thursday, June 17, 2004 @ 10:00PM  
Until  
Fall 2004

**Northbound Interstate 680 will be shifted to the Southbound Lanes from West Maple Road to Fort Street.**

**Northbound & Southbound Interstate 680 will be separated by Temporary Concrete Barriers.**

**Westbound & Eastbound West Maple Road Entrance Ramps to Northbound Interstate 680 will be Closed.**



This Traffic Shift is necessary for the Construction of the Northbound Lanes of I-680.

Chas Vrana Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

**For additional information contact:**

Marvin Lech PE  
District Construction Engineer



June 17, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **I-180 and I-80 Temporary Ramp Closures Needed for Resurfacing Work**

Construction work on I-180 and I-80 interchange ramps, north of Lincoln, is scheduled to begin Monday, June 21, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. The construction work will include milling, resurfacing and guardrail on eight ramps and four loops at the interchanges at I-180 and Superior Street and at I-180 and I-80.

Daily closures of ramps and loops will be needed; however, only one ramp will be closed each day for construction. Information regarding ramp closure schedules will be posted on the NDOR website at [www.dor.state.ne.us](http://www.dor.state.ne.us). Local traffic will be directed, by changeable message signs, to follow temporary detours, during the ramp closures.

Pavers Companies of Lincoln, Nebraska, has the contract for the resurfacing project, which is scheduled to be completed in mid-August. NDOR Project Manager for this project is Dewaine Knutson of Lincoln. Motorists are urged to drive safely near highway construction sites.

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### **For additional information contact:**

District 1 Construction Engineer Mike Sklenar in Lincoln, 471-0850, Ext. 1069 or Dewaine Knutson, 471-0850, Ext. 1082.

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June 18, 2004

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **State Highway Commission Monthly Agenda Announced**

The State Highway Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting June 25, at 10:00 a.m., at the Country Kitchen meeting room in McCook, Nebraska. One commission meeting each year is held in greater Nebraska, and this year, District 7 and Commissioner Greg A. Wolford of McCook will host the outstate meeting.

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](http://www.dor.state.ne.us).

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***Agenda Below***



# Agenda

## Annual Outstate Meeting

Friday, June 25, 2004, 10:00 a.m.



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District 7, McCook, Country Kitchen Restaurant Meeting Room

**Call to Order:** Chair, Ronald W. Books, District 6

**Roll Call:**

**Approval:** May, 2004 Meeting Minutes

**Introduction of Commissioners:** Commissioner Ronald W. Books

**Introduction of Guests:** Commissioner Greg A. Wolford

**Welcome to District 7:** Mayor Jerda Garey, City of McCook  
City of Commerce, Greater McCook Area, Marie Owen, Executive Director  
McCook Economic Development Council, Rex Nelson

**Old Business:**

**Presentations:** *"The Economy and the Roadways"*  
State Senators – Elected Officials, District 7  
*"Construction Highlights of District 7"*  
Jim Knott, District Engineer  
*"Transportation Trends"*  
John L. Craig, Director, Nebraska Department of Roads

**Public Input:**

**Questions/Comments/Responses:**

**New Business:**

**Public Meeting Schedule:**

July 7, 2004 (*Reiser*)  
Project STPD-75-3(107), C.N. 21704  
"Herman to Blair" – 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Public Information Meeting  
American Legion Post #274, Herman, NE

July 8, 2004 (*Reiser*)  
Project STPD-275-6(1022), C.N. 21789  
"Wisner Bypass" – 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Corridor Location Information Meeting  
City Auditorium, Wisner, NE

July 22, 2004 (*Acklie*)  
Project S-50-2(1020), C.N. 12440  
"Weeping Water North & South"  
4:00-6:00 p.m.  
Pre-Appraisal Open House  
PSC Office, Weeping Water, NE

**Adjournment**

**Next Scheduled Meeting**

Friday, July 23, 2004, 10:00 a.m.  
NDOR Central Complex  
Lincoln, Nebraska



Website: [www.dor.state.ne.us](http://www.dor.state.ne.us)

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

June 18, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **I-180 and I-80 Temporary Ramp Closures Needed for Resurfacing Work**

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Pavers Companies of Lincoln, Nebraska, has the contract for the resurfacing project, which is scheduled to be completed in mid-August. NDOR Project Manager for this project is Dewaine Knutson of Lincoln. Motorists are urged to drive safely near highway construction sites.

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### **For additional information contact:**

District 1 Construction Engineer Mike Sklenar in Lincoln, 471-0850, Ext. 1069 or Dewaine Knutson, 471-0850, Ext. 1082.

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**Notice of Pre-Appraisal Open House**  
**Weeping Water North & South**  
**July 22, 2004**  
**4:00-6:00 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding improvements to Nebraska Highway 50 near Weeping Water. The meeting for Project S-50-2(1020), known as "Weeping Water North & South," will be held on July 22, 2004, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the PCS Admin. Bldg., East Garfield Street, Weeping Water, Nebraska.



## NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF PRE-APPRAISAL MEETING

**Date:** July 22, 2004  
**Time:** 4 – 6 p.m.  
**Place:** PCS Admin. Bldg.  
East Garfield Street  
Weeping Water

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a pre-appraisal public meeting regarding improvements to Nebraska Highway 50 near Weeping Water.

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

The proposed project in Cass County, identified as S-50-2(1020) and known as **Weeping Water North & South**, begins at the intersection of Nebraska 50 and U.S. Highway 34. The project ends 7 miles north at the intersection of Nebraska 50 and Nebraska Highway 1.

Construction will include replacing the existing 8-foot-wide surfaced shoulders and resurfacing the two-lane highway, replacing the bridge over Weeping Water Creek, extending or replacing culverts, roadside grading, adding truck climbing lanes, adding roadway lighting at the highway intersections, and adding lighting and a left-turn lane at the Weeping Water Spur 13K intersection with Nebraska 50.

Construction will be done under traffic. Temporary roadways around work zones, including the bridge replacement, will be used during some phases of construction.

Private property must be acquired for highway right-of-way along the project. Temporary easements for construction may also be acquired.

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 the Waverly Bank Site located in Section 25 T11N-R8E in Lancaster County.

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 July 8, 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 are available for public inspection at the District 1 Office, 302 Superior St., in Lincoln, and at the Roadway Design Division, NDOR Central Headquarters, 1500 Hwy 2, in Lincoln.

For further information about the proposed project, contact Lonnie Huebert in Lincoln at (402) 479-3934.



June 23, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Cornhusker Highway, Under I-80, Closed Overnight**

Cornhusker Highway Westbound will be temporarily closed under I-80 at the Airport Interchange from 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, until 6:00 a.m. Thursday, June 24, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

The road closure will allow for construction crews to set new bridge girders 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 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 12<sup>th</sup> Street going east will be unaffected. 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](http://www.nebraskatransportation.org).

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**For additional information contact:**

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

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June 23, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Information Open House July 7 for Hwy. 75 Improvements Near Herman**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House on Wednesday, July 7, regarding a project to replace a bridge north of Blair and reconstruct the highway just south of Herman. The open house will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the Jackson-Peck Post 274, 705 Main Street, in Herman.

The proposed project in Washington County involves the U.S. Highway 75 bridge over Stuart Creek, about 2 ½ miles north of Blair, and about one mile of U.S. 75 at Herman. The Stuart Creek bridge will be replaced at its existing location. A temporary road around the work zone will be used to maintain traffic during construction.

Construction will resume about ¾ mile south of Herman, where the segment of U.S. 75 to the south edge of town will be constructed on new alignment just east of the existing alignment. The highway in Herman will be milled and resurfaced.

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### **For additional information contact:**

Mick Syslo, Roadway Design Division in Lincoln, (402) 479-3741.

STPD-75-3(107). Herman – Blair  
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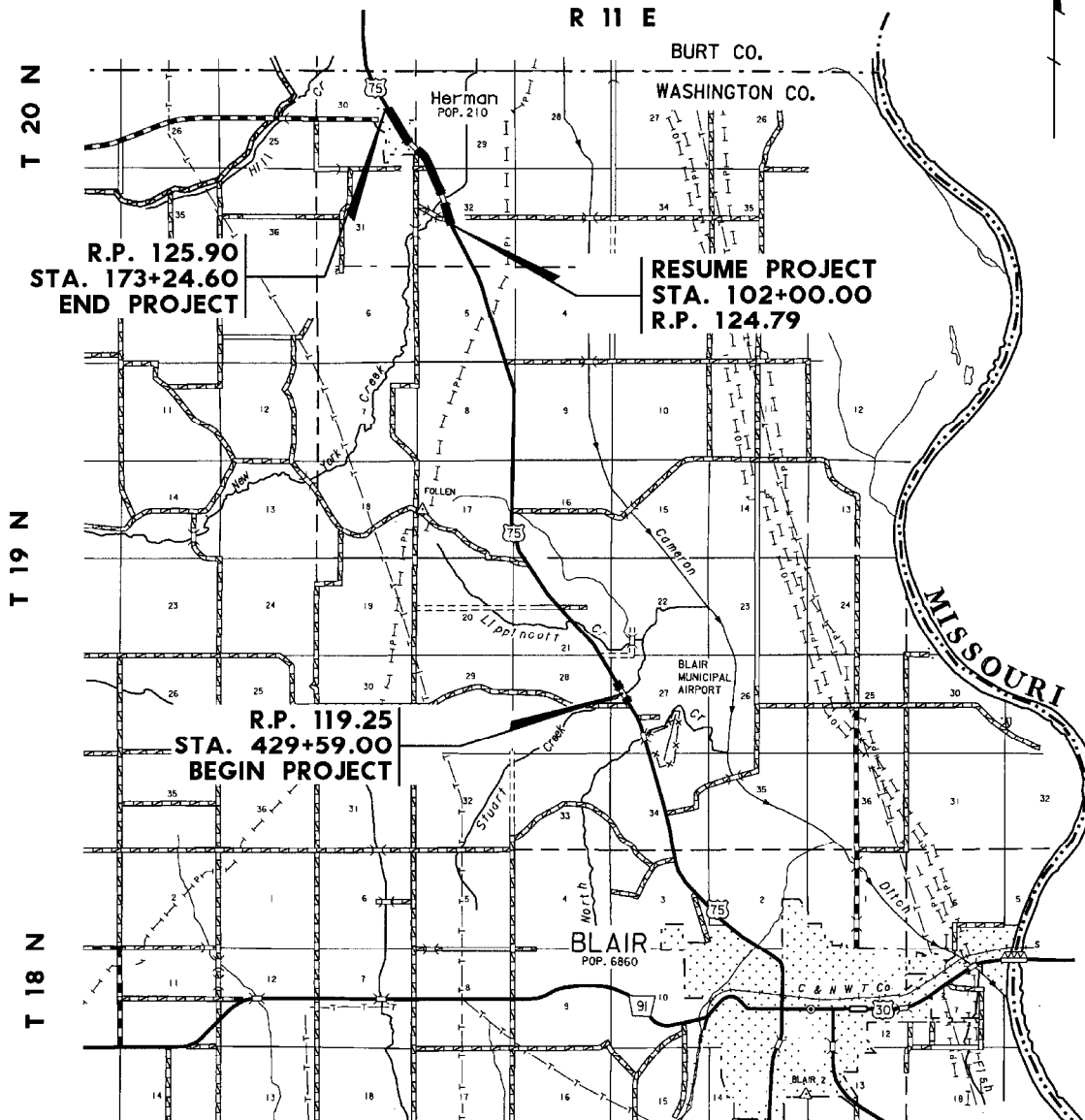


# HERMAN-BLAIR

## 75-3(107)

C.N. 21704 BOOK X255

WASHINGTON COUNTY





June 24, 2004

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Information Open House July 8 for Hwy. 275 Improvements Near Wisner**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House on Thursday, July 8, regarding a new alternative for location of the U.S. Highway 275 expressway at Wisner. The open house will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the City Auditorium, 1001 Avenue D, in Wisner.

The proposed project in Stanton and Cuming Counties involves constructing about ten miles of four-lane expressway from east of Pilger to east of Wisner.

An earlier study, done 13 years ago, concluded the expressway should be built around the south side of Wisner. The current study intends to address changes since that time, include additional environmental reviews, and determine feasibility of an alignment on either side of Wisner. Public input is being sought.

Private property must be acquired for highway right-of-way throughout the length of the project. Acquisition of some residences and commercial structures at Wisner may be required depending on the location of the new roadway. The department's Relocation Assistance Program will be available.

Construction will impact wetland areas and mitigation will be required. Replacement wetlands will be established along the project or at a regional wetlands mitigation bank site.

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. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, in Norfolk, and at the Planning and Project Development Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

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**For additional information contact:**

Jim Wilkinson, Planning and Project Development Division in Lincoln, (402) 479-4421.

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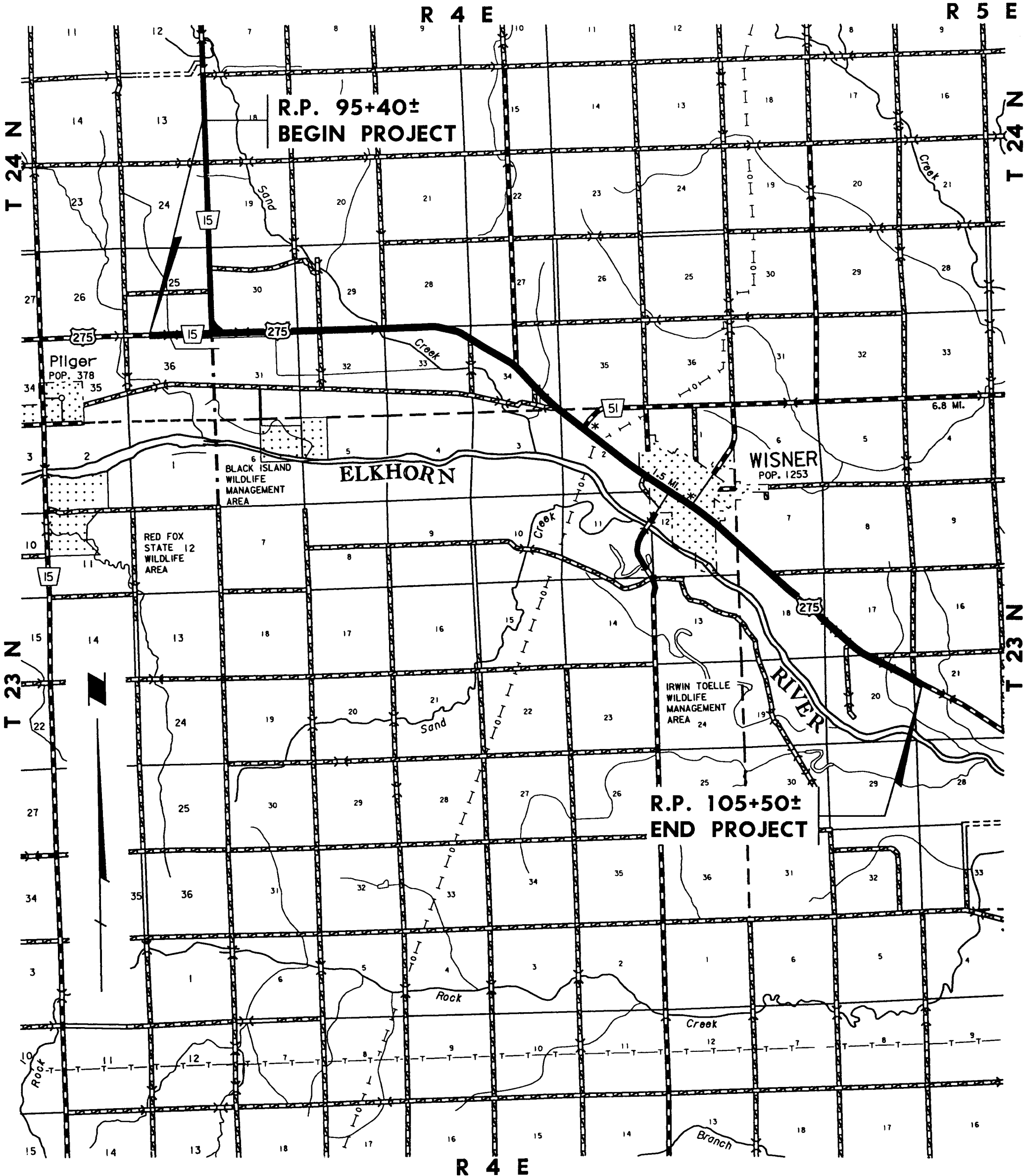
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# PILGER-WISNER CORRIDOR STUDY

## S-275-6(1022)

C.N. 32023  
STANTON & CUMING COUNTIES





June 24,2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Sarpy County

Monday, June 28, 2004 @ 7:00AM  
Until  
October 2004

**The Bellevue Toll Bridge on Highway N-370 over  
the Missouri River will be Closed.**

Marked Detour provided for Traffic.

This Closure is necessary for Bridge Deck repairs.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

**For additional information contact:**

The Bellevue Bridge Commission 402-291-1913



June 24, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Monday, June 28, 2004 @ 9:00AM  
Until  
August 2004

**132<sup>nd</sup> Street Entrance Ramp to  
Eastbound West Dodge Road will be Closed.**

This Ramp Closure is necessary to construct portions of Eastbound West Dodge Road.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

**For additional information contact:**

Marvin Lech PE  
District Construction Engineer

[www.westdodge.info](http://www.westdodge.info)



June 25, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

## **GOOD NEWS**

Effective Immediately

**Hwy N-31 at West Dodge Road is now open to  
Head-to-Head Traffic in the Southbound Lanes.**

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

**For additional information contact:**

Marvin Lech PE  
District Construction Engineer



June 25, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## State Roads Department to Make Modifications at Intersection

The Department of Roads has responded to the Douglas County Board of Commissioners regarding the intersection at US-275/N-92 and 222<sup>nd</sup> Street.

The measures to be taken, agreed upon by the Nebraska Department of Roads, are outlined in the letter sent to the Douglas County Commissioners.

A copy of the letter follows. The Department of Roads' contact person is District Engineer, Timothy Weander at (402) 595-2534.

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June 24, 2004

Ms. Carol McBride Pirsch  
Chair, Board of Douglas County Commissioners  
Omaha-Douglas Civic Center  
1819 Farnam Street  
Omaha, NE 68183-0100

Dear Ms. McBride Pirsch:

I recognize your concern regarding the intersection of 222<sup>nd</sup> Street and US-275/N-92. Based on our analysis, the roadway meets all applicable safety standards. The safety of any road depends on the combined interaction of the driver, the vehicle and the roadway.

Pursuant to the meeting with the Nebraska Department of Roads, Douglas County Engineering and law enforcement professionals on June 17, 2004, we agree to the following modifications:

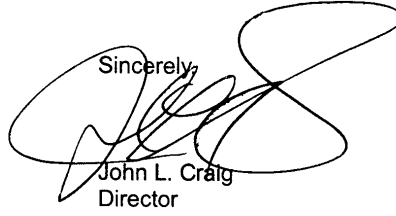
1. The County will install intersection roadway lighting, at its expense, and be responsible for future maintenance and energy costs.
2. The County will install rumble strips and associated additional warning signs in advance of the stop signs on the north and south county road (222<sup>nd</sup> Street) approach to the intersection.
3. The State will install an intersection control beacon at 222<sup>nd</sup> and US-275/N-92.
4. The State will install permanent electronic speed display monitors east and west of the intersection of 222<sup>nd</sup> Street and US-275/N-92.
5. The speed limit has been lowered to 55 mph. The installation of speed boards in Item 4 and effective law enforcement may address driver compliance with posted speed limits in the area.

These measures, taken together by our respective jurisdictions, may enhance the operation of the intersection.

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Ultimately, none of these changes will eliminate the possibility of future accidents at the intersection. The occurrence of future accidents at this location or, for that matter, at any other location, depends on individual drivers doing their part as well.

Sincerely,  
  
John L. Craig  
Director

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Bouncing Ball  
Beacon



Electronic  
Speed Display Monitor



June 28, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**REVISED  
DATE**

Douglas County

**Tuesday, June 29, 2004 @ 9:00AM**

**~~Monday, June 28, 2004 @ 9:00AM~~**

Until

August 2004

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June 30, 2004

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Conflict Resolution Needed for U.S. 30 Expressway at North Bend**

The Nebraska Department of Roads has invited the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution to be a neutral party in helping to resolve conflicts that have delayed progress on the U.S. Highway 30 expressway from Schuyler to Fremont. According to the Department's expressway program, approved by the 1988 legislature, this segment is the last to be planned and constructed on the U.S. 30 expressway.

The U.S. Institute, a program of the Morris K. Udall Foundation, was established in 1998 by the U.S. Congress to assist parties in resolving environmental, natural resource and public land conflicts where a federal agency or interest is involved. The Institute provides a neutral place within the federal government where public and private interests can reach common ground. It serves as an impartial, non-partisan institution providing professional expertise, services and resources to all parties involved in environmental disputes regardless of who initiates or pays for assistance.

A Draft Environmental Assessment was prepared in 1997 for the U.S. 30 project in Dodge and Colfax counties and a public hearing was held to review alternatives that were considered in locating an alignment for a four-lane expressway. At the time of the hearing, it was evident that the community of North Bend and other affected stakeholders were not in agreement regarding the alternatives under consideration.

Since that time, the Department of Roads and the Federal Highway Administration have conducted additional studies and held additional discussions in an effort to reach resolution of the conflicts. The U.S. Institute will now work with all the stakeholders to design a resolution process and hire a third-party mediator to help resolve the issues and reach agreement.

In the near future, identified stakeholders will be contacted by the Institute to begin the process of participation. Meetings will be held locally to formally identify the appropriate participants and select the mediator. A collaborative stakeholder process will then begin.

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**For additional information contact:**

Cindy Veys, Planning & Project Development Division in Lincoln, (402) 479-4410.