

August 2, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work begins soon on Highway 53 North of Alexandria

Construction work on Nebraska Highway 53, Alexandria North, is set to begin August 16, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Werner Construction Company of Hastings has the \$927,354.00 contract for an 8-inch stabilized bituminous base, 3-inch asphalt overlay, grading, guardrail and shoulder construction. During construction, traffic will be maintained on Highway 53 with the use of signs, flaggers, and pilot cars in the construction work zones.

Work is anticipated to be completed by the fall of 2004. The Department of Roads' manager for the project is Allen A. Vandegrift of Fairbury.

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For additional information contact:

Allen A. Vandegrift, Fairbury at (402) 729-3489

RD-53-1(1004)

August 2, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

GOOD NEWS

Effective Immediately

**132nd Street Entrance Ramp to
Eastbound West Dodge Road is now open.**

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

www.westdodge.info

August 4, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work Begins Monday on Highway 136 in the Fairbury Area

Asphalt overlay, pavement patching and shoulder work is scheduled to begin August 9 on U.S. Highway 136, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

The project begins at the intersection of U.S. 136 and County Road 566, west of Fairbury and runs east through Fairbury to the intersection of U.S. Highway 136 and County Road 573 on the west edge of Jensen.

Traffic will be maintained on U.S. 136 with the use of signs, flaggers and pilot cars in the construction work zones. Werner Construction Company, of Hastings, has the \$1,843,308 contract for this project. Work is anticipated to be completed by December this year.

The Department of Roads manager for this project is Allan Vandegrift of Fairbury.

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For additional information contact:

Allen A. Vandegrift in Fairbury, (402) 729-3489
RD-136-6(1011)

NR862

August 4, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Northbound Lanes of Highway 77 to Open From Ceresco to Wahoo

Weather permitting, the northbound lanes of Highway 77 from Ceresco to Highway 92, at Wahoo, will be open to traffic on Friday, August 6, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. Approaching the junction of Highway 77 and 92, the right-hand lane of Highway 77 will end and traffic will merge to the left. There will be a three-way stop at the junction of Highway 77 and 92, and northbound traffic must turn either right or left onto Highway 92. The speed limit for northbound traffic will be 60 mph with speed zones as necessary.

The left-hand lane of southbound Highway 77 will be closed for installation of pavement markings from the junction of Highway 92 to Ceresco. The speed limit will be posted at 60 mph until this work is completed and then returned to 65 mph.

Lighting at the junction of Highways 77 and 63, and the junction of Highway 77 and 92 will be activated as soon as possible.

Dobson Brothers of Lincoln is the prime contractor for this work. The Department of Roads manager for this project is Bob Sanburn, of Lincoln.

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For additional information contact:

Bob Sanburn in Lincoln, (402) 471-0850 ext. 1102, or Mike Sklenar in Lincoln, (402) 471-0850, ext. 1069
S-77-2(1038)

NR861

August 6, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Highway 8 Slated to Re-Open August 13

Bridge work is nearly finished on Highway 8, east and west of Odell. Tentatively the bridges will be open to traffic August 13, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

The prime contractor, Constructors, Inc., and subcontractor Commercial Construction, Inc., both of Lincoln, have a few finishing touches to complete prior to the scheduled opening date. Temporary asphalt surfacing will be placed at all bridge ends and the roadway will be opened to normal two-lane two-way traffic on August 13. The remaining work of milling, asphalt overlay, guardrail and seeding will be performed under traffic, with flaggers and pilot vehicles.

Motorists should watch for possible reduced speed limits in work zones. Drivers are reminded that fines are doubled in work zones, and to watch for construction vehicles entering and leaving work areas. The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Mike Habegger of Tecumseh.

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For additional information contact:
Mike Habegger in Tecumseh, (402) 335-4131.

EACHSTPD-8-6(113)

NR860

August 13, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Road and Street Examiners to Meet

The Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents will meet at 10:00 a.m., August 20, 2004 in Room 129, Department of Roads' Central Headquarters Bldg., 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln.

The principal agenda items are:

- ◆ Licensing for one Professional Engineer
- ◆ Approval of candidates for the October 1, 2004 Examination
- ◆ Final preparations for the September 1-3 Applicants' Workshop and the October 1, 2004 Examination
- ◆ Approve re-written Licensing Regulations (425 NAC 2) for Public Hearing and adopt revised implementation schedule and outreach plan
- ◆ Adoption of proposed Contested Cases Regulations 425 NAC 1, Sec. 002

The meeting is open to the public.

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Agenda as of August 13, 2004 enclosed.

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

LDS/NR858

Agenda

for the Meeting of

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY AND CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENTS

August 20, 2004, 10:00 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 May 7, 2004, Meeting

Professional Engineer application for a City Street Superintendent license: *(None)*

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

Professional Engineer application for County Highway Superintendent and City Street Superintendent licenses: *(1)*

- Mr. Virgil R. Dearmont, Lincoln

Second Licenses issued administratively since May 7, 2004: *(None)*

Review of (8) new applicants and (2) re-applicants for the October 1, 2004, County Highway Superintendent and City Street Superintendent examination *(reminder postcards were sent in early August to persons who had received application packets)*

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

- New plan reading materials *(Deferred)*

Annual license renewal billing preparations for 2005 *(October 11, 2004 mailing to licensees)*

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

- Adopt revised implementation schedule & outreach plan
- Consideration of input received at/following the August 5, 2004, informal hearing.
- Consideration of latest revisions from staff
- Approve draft re-written Licensing Regulations (425 NAC 2) for formal public hearing and set date/time/location of hearing(s)
- Status of revised Class A Application Logs & Affidavits *(Deferred)*
- Approve Class B Application Form *(Deferred)*
- Briefing on status and progress on revised Operating Procedures *(under the Regulations)*
- Review of transcript of August 5, 2004 Rules and Regulations Public Hearing
- Adopt proposed Contested Cases Regulations 425 NAC 1, Sec. 002

Other Business

Correspondence and General Information

- Revised NDOR Incentive Certification Policy
- Annual Certification of Rules and Regulations Amendments

Acknowledgement of visitors

Rules and Regulations Public Hearing: September 30, 2004, time & location (in Lincoln) tba

Next Meeting: October 1, 2004, 8:45 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads, Central Headquarters Building, Highway Commission Room 103, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska in conjunction with administration of the examination *(9:00 a.m., Auditorium)*

Adjournment

**Notice of Information Open House
Columbus Viaduct
September 1, 2004
4:00-6:00 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding Project NH-30-5(125), known as "Columbus Viaduct," on September 1, 2004, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the New World Inn, 265 33rd Avenue, Columbus, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Date: Sept. 1, 2004
Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Place: New World Inn
Nina Room
265 33rd Ave.
Columbus, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting about reconstruction of the 33rd Avenue viaduct in Columbus.

Personnel from the department will be available to visit one-on-one about the proposed project, identified as NH-30-5(125) and known as **Columbus Viaduct**. Displays will be available for public review. NDOR staff will receive comments and questions. No formal presentation is planned.

Traffic will be maintained on the existing viaduct, which carries U.S. Highway 30 and U.S. Highway 81 over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks, as much as possible during construction.

As part of the proposed construction, the highway will be reconstructed for two blocks north of the viaduct, between 13th Street and 15th Street. Highway widening for turn lanes will be required between 13th and 14th Street. Acquisition of private property for highway right-of-way 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 Aug. 18, 2004. Notification should be submitted to: Public Hearings Officer, Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4759, voice telephone (402) 479-4871. TDD telephone is (402) 479-3834.

For further information regarding the proposed project, contact James Miller in the Roadway Design Division at (402) 479-4442.

**Notice of Information Open House
Greeley South
September 2, 2004
4:00-6:00 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding Project NH-281-3(110), known as "Greeley South," on September 2, 2004, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the County Courthouse Assembly Room, Courthouse Square, Greeley, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Date: September 2, 2004

Time: 4 – 6 p.m.

Place: Assembly Room
County Courthouse
Courthouse Square
Greeley, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding possible alternatives for reconstructing a segment of U.S. Highway 281 in Greeley County.

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

The proposed project, identified as NH-281-3(110) and known as **Greeley South**, involves about 8 miles of U.S. 281 between the north and south junctions of Nebraska Highway 22.

U.S. 281 will be regraded and reconstructed. The work cannot be done under traffic. The completed two-lane roadway will include 8-foot-wide surfaced shoulders.

The least expensive alternative is to close U.S. 281 during construction

and detour traffic along Nebraska Highway 11 via St. Paul and Scotia.

The other alternative is to construct a new roadway just east of the existing alignment and maintain traffic on U.S. 281 during construction. The old road would be abandoned upon completion.

Both construction alternatives involve acquisition of private property throughout the length of the project. The difference in cost of the two alternatives is estimated at \$1.4 million.

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 Aug. 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.

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

Website: www.dor.state.ne.us

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

August 16, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work is Scheduled to Begin on I-80 at 250th in Cass County

Work is scheduled to begin August 23 on Interstate 80 at 250th Street in Cass County, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Hawkins Construction Company, of Omaha, has the \$2,268,751 contract for grading, culverts, concrete paving, bridge work and guardrails. The project will have daylight lane closures for the construction of new lanes. Once the new lanes have been built, traffic will be shifted onto the new lanes and two-lane traffic will be maintained until the project is completed.

Motorists should watch for reduced speeds and lane restrictions in the construction area. Commuters might wish to consider alternate routes, such as Highway 6, around this area. Work is anticipated to be complete in September 2005. The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Abdul Siddiqui of Lincoln.

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For additional information contact:

Abdul Siddiqui in Lincoln, 471-0850, Ext. 1063, or Mike Sklenar in Lincoln, 471-0850, Ext. 1069.

NH-80-9(826)

NR857

August 18, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House Sept. 1 for Hwy. 30 Improvements in Columbus

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House on Wednesday, September 1, regarding reconstruction of the 33rd Avenue viaduct in Columbus. The open house will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the New World Inn, 265 33rd Avenue, in Columbus.

Traffic will be maintained on the existing viaduct, which carries U.S. Highway 30 and U.S. Highway 81 over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks, as much as possible during construction.

As part of the proposed construction, the highway will be reconstructed for two blocks north of the viaduct, between 13th Street and 15th Street. Highway widening for turn lanes will be required between 13th and 14th Street. Acquisition of private property for highway right-of-way may be required.

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

Preliminary plans will be available for review at the NDOR Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

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For additional information contact:

James Miller, Roadway Design Division in Lincoln, (402) 479-4442.
NH-30-5(125)

NR856

August 18, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

I-80 West Entrance Ramp at Lincoln Airport Closed Overnight

The I-80 westbound entrance ramp from Cornhusker Highway (Lincoln Airport) will be closed Thursday night, August 19, from 10:45 p.m. until 2:30 a.m., Friday, August 20.

The road closure will allow for construction crews to place concrete on the bridge deck over Cornhusker Highway, weather permitting. Lane closures will also be required on I-80 during this time. The lane closures will be removed by 6:00 a.m, Friday. The contractor for this work is Capital Contractors, Inc. of Lincoln.

Traffic leaving the Airport wishing to travel west during this time should use Cornhusker Highway to I-180. The speed limit on I-80 will also be reduced to 45 mph over the bridge to allow for the concrete to cure properly. This speed reduction will remain until Saturday morning.

Additional information can be found on the Department of Roads' website at www.nebraskatransportation.org/rca/.

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For additional information contact:

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

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August 18, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

I-80 West Entrance Ramp at Lincoln Airport Closed Overnight

The I-80 westbound entrance ramp from Cornhusker Highway (Lincoln Airport) will be closed Thursday night, August 19, from 10:45 p.m. until 2:30 a.m., Friday, August 20.

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August 19, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House Sept. 2 for Hwy. 281 Improvements Near Greeley

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House on Thursday, September 2, regarding possible alternatives for reconstructing a segment of U.S. Highway 281 in Greeley County. The open house will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the County Courthouse Assembly Room, Courthouse Square, in Greeley.

The proposed project involves about 8 miles of U.S. 281 between the north and south junctions of Nebraska Highway 22.

U.S. 281 will be regraded and reconstructed. The work cannot be done under traffic. The completed two-lane roadway will include 8-foot-wide surfaced shoulders.

The least expensive alternative is to close U.S. 281 during construction and detour traffic along Nebraska Highway 11 via St. Paul and Scotia.

The other alternative is to construct a new roadway just east of the existing alignment and maintain traffic on U.S. 281 during construction. The old road would be abandoned upon completion.

Both construction alternatives involve acquisition of private property throughout the length of the project. The difference in cost of the two alternatives is estimated at \$1.4 million.

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For additional information contact:

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

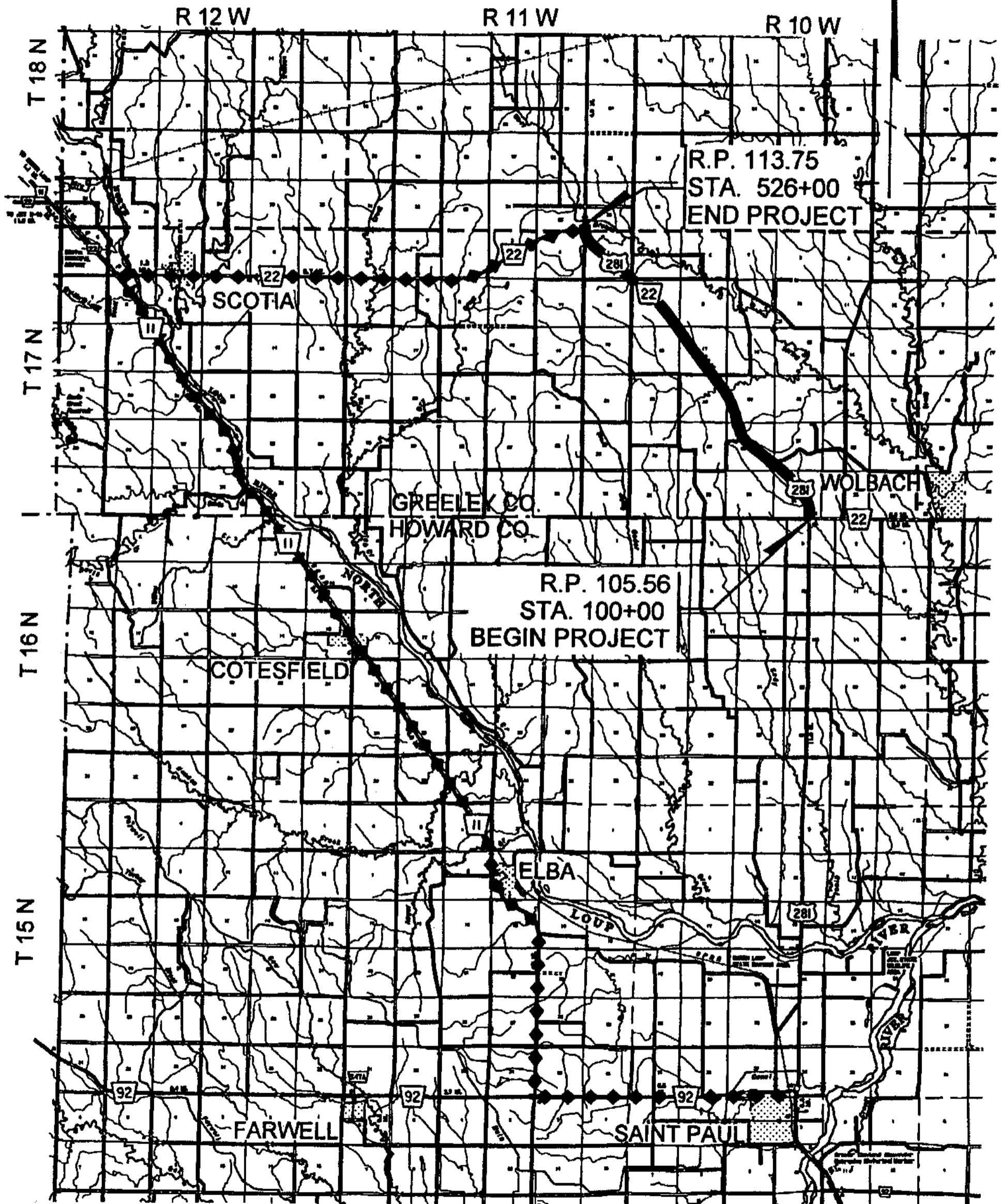
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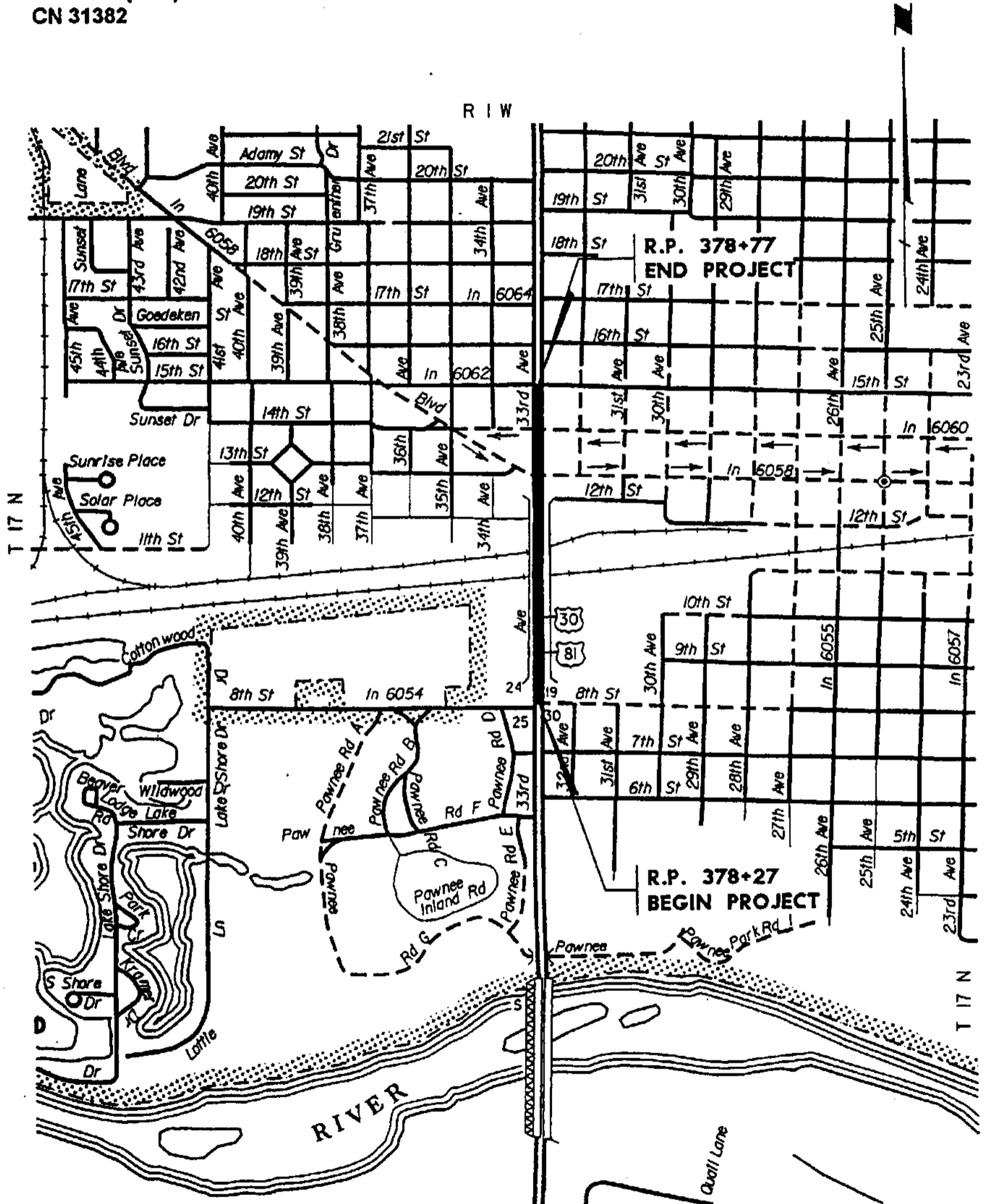


- PROJECT LOCATION
- DETOUR ROUTE

COLUMBUS

PLATTE COUNTY
NEBRASKA

NH-30-5(125)
CN 31382



August 20, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Department of Roads to Work with Communities to Resolve Banner Issue

Because of an increasing number of banners being placed on highway right of way within communities, the Department of Roads will develop, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and local communities, written clarification of the federal regulations and state laws regarding encroachments on the right of way.

The Department of Roads and the FHWA have recently been made aware of banners in several cities that contain advertising. In a letter dated August 13, the FHWA reminded the Roads Department that banners containing advertising are not permitted. The FHWA directed the department to have un-permitted banners removed by December 31, 2004 and further advised that violations can jeopardize federal funding for entities involved.

In order to comply with the directive, the Department of Roads will work with communities to update and clarify which types of banners can be permitted on the highway right of way. The department expects to distribute the final clarification document to all communities by the end of November. Communities with non-compliant banners will receive specific notice to that effect. If requested, the department will provide guidance on modification options to bring the banners within compliance.

Encroachments in the right of way are regulated due to the potential for those objects to distract motorists and obscure regulatory signing or other traffic control devices.

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Contact person:

Mary Jo Hall, Communication Division Manager, (402) 479-4512

NR853

August 20, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

State Highway Commission Monthly Agenda Announced

The State Highway Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting August 27, 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

August 2004 Monthly Meetings

Nebraska Department of Roads • Central Complex • 1500 Hwy. 2 • Lincoln NE 68502



August 26	3:30 p.m.	Highway Commission & Economic Development Commission Joint Meeting, Rm 103
August 27	8:30 a.m.	Educational Briefing and Discussion (<i>Director's Conference Room</i>)
August 27	10:00 a.m.	Monthly Meeting Reconvenes, Rm 103

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

Roll Call:

Approval: July, 2004 Meeting Minutes

Introduction/Correspondence/Announcements

Old Business:

Agenda Presentation:

Nebraska's Intelligent Transportation System
Jim Schmailzl and NDOR Staff, Operation and Maintenance Division
Questions/Comments

Commission Approval:

Chuck McCann, District 4 Engineer
Requests Approval of the Relinquishment of Spur S10A, Kearney Youth Development Center, Kearney, Nebraska
Questions/Comments

Public Input

New Business

Executive Session

Tort Liability Update

Public Meeting Schedule

September 1, 2004 (*Kingsbury*)
"Columbus Viaduct"
Information Meeting – 4:00-6:00 p.m.
New World Inn, Columbus

September 2, 2004 (*Wanitschke*)
"Greeley South"
Information Meeting
Greeley Court House, Greeley

September 12-16, 2004
HEEP Conference
Cornhusker Hotel
Lincoln, NE

September 15, 2004 (*Wanitschke*)
"Wood River Viaduct Study"
Information Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Location Public Hearing – 7:30 p.m.
Wood River Elementary School, Wood River

Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting

Friday, September 24, 2004, 10:00 a.m.
NDOR Central Complex
Lincoln, Nebraska

Nebraska State Highway Commission

Educational Briefing & Discussion

Friday, August 27, 2004

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

Agenda

WASHTO 2004 Report - Commissioner Leafgreen

Discussion - 2005 Outstate Meeting in Conjunction with WASHTO 2005, Omaha

Prioritize Suggestion/Options from Joint Meeting
Highway Commission and Economic Development Commission

Update – Relinquishment of Spur S10A, District 4
Commissioner Wanitschke and Deputy Fredrickson

Decatur Bridge
Deputy Fredrickson

District Planning Meeting Schedule

Friday ...

October 22, 2004	1:00-3:00 p.m.	District 3
October 22, 2004	3:00-5:00 p.m.	District 8

Wednesday ...

November 17, 2004	2:00-4:00 p.m.	District 1
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Thursday ...

November 18, 2004	1:00-3:00 p.m.	District 6
November 18, 2004	3:00-5:00 p.m.	District 7

August 23, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work to Begin on Highway 281 North of Red Cloud

Work is tentatively scheduled to begin September 7 on Highway 281, beginning at Red Cloud and running north to and including the Cowles Spur, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Werner Construction Company of Hastings has the \$1,395,443 contract for milling, asphalt surfacing, bridge rail remodeling, shoulder construction and seeding. Traffic will be maintained with flaggers and a pilot car. There will be a 12' width limit.

Work is anticipated to be completed in November of this year. The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Steve Meyer of Hastings.

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For additional information contact:

Steve Meyer in Hastings, (402) 462-1996.

STPD-281-3(109)

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August 24, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Tuesday, August 24, 2004 @ 10:00PM
Until
Wednesday, August 25, 2004 @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

**Northbound & Southbound Regency Parkway
will be Closed at West Dodge Road.**

These Closures are necessary for the removal of bridge girders at West Dodge Road and Regency Parkway.

Chas. Vrana & Son Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

**Notice of Location Public Hearing
Wood River Viaduct
September 15, 2004
7:30 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads, along with the State Highway Commission will hold a public hearing regarding Project STPD-TMT-11-2(114), known as "Wood River Viaduct," on September 15, 2004, 7:30 p.m. at the Elementary School Gymnasium, 1003 Lilly Street, Wood River, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF LOCATION PUBLIC HEARING

Date: Sept. 15, 2004
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Elementary School
Gymnasium
1003 Lilly St.
Wood River, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads along with the State Highway Commission will hold a public hearing regarding relocation of Nebraska Highway 11 and construction of a highway viaduct at Wood River.

The proposed alternative would relocate Nebraska 11 around the south side of Wood River and over Union Pacific Railroad tracks and U.S. Highway 30 just west of town. The preferred route ties back into Nebraska 11 on the west side of town near Thirteenth Street.

Construction of a pedestrian bridge over UP tracks is proposed near the center of town. The project is identified as STPD-TMT-11-2(114), also known as **Wood River Viaduct**.

Two road crossings of UP tracks must be removed upon completion of the new viaduct. The proposed closings are the downtown crossing on East Street and the west crossing on 140th Street.

When the new roadway is open to traffic, some segments of Nebraska 11 must be relinquished to Wood River and to Hall County.

About 37 acres of additional land must be purchased as highway right-of-way for the project. One residence, a number of grain bins and other structures also are directly impacted by the project and must be acquired.

Nebraska 11 will remain open to traffic throughout construction. Temporary

roadways around work zones will be used during some phases of construction. Construction may impact wetlands areas and mitigation may be required.

The public hearing is being held to provide information about location features of the proposed roadway. 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.

The public is invited to stop at the hearing location from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. for an informal discussion of any aspect of the project.

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

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 Sept. 1, 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 review at the NDOR 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.

August 25, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Workshops To Determine Nebraska Rural Transit Needs

The Nebraska Department of Roads and SRF Consulting Group, Inc. are completing a statewide study on rural transit needs. The Roads Department is requesting your input on future transit needs for rural Nebraska at an upcoming workshop to discuss the role of transit in rural communities and identify future transit needs and opportunities (see meeting details below).

The knowledge and experience you share in these workshops will help us develop a solid plan for the future and will be used to develop strategies for meeting identified needs. Your input will help shape the future of transit in rural Nebraska.

Please plan to attend and share your ideas as well as enjoy some refreshments.

Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. Workshops will be held from 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. with an hour lunch break from noon – 1 p.m. Lunch is on your own.

SCOTTSBLUFF

Monday, September 13
Gering Civic Center
1050 M Street
800-998-8921

MCCOOK

Wednesday, September 15
Best Western Chief Motel
Country Kitchen
612 West B Street
308-345-3700

VALENTINE

Tuesday, September 14
Holiday Inn Express
803 East Highway 20
402-376-3000

NORTH PLATTE

Thursday, September 16
Sandhills Convention Center
Quality Inn
2102 South Jeffers Street
308-532-9090

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GRAND ISLAND

Monday, September 27
Midtown Holiday Inn
2503 S. Locust Street
308-384-1330

FREMONT

Wednesday, September 29
Holiday Lodge Conference Center
1220 E. 23rd Street
800-743-7666

NORFOLK

Tuesday, September 28
Divot's Conference Center
4200 West Norfolk Avenue
402-371-4520

BEATRICE

Thursday, September 30
Holiday Inn Express
4005 N. 6th Street
402-228-7000

If you have any questions regarding this study, please feel free to contact:

Jerry Wray – Nebraska Department of Roads
(402) 479-4694
jwray@dor.state.ne.us

Kathryn O'Brien – SRF Consulting Group, Inc.
(763) 475-0010 Ext. 267
kobrien@srfconsulting.com

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NR851

August 26, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Thursday, August 26, 2004 @ 10:00PM
Until
Friday, August 27, 2004 @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

**Northbound & Southbound Regency Parkway
will be Closed at West Dodge Road.**

These Closures are necessary for bridge deck removal at
West Dodge Road and Regency Parkway.

Chas. Vrana & Son Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

August 30, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work Scheduled to Begin on I-80 Between Giltner and Aurora

Work is scheduled to begin September 7 on Interstate 80 between Giltner and Aurora, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Diamond Surface, Inc., of Maple Grove, Minnesota, has the \$591,751 contract for this project. Work on this project includes pavement repair, joint sealing, and plowable pavement markings. Traffic will be maintained with lane restrictions and reduced speed limits in work zones. All lanes will be open for travel on weekends and holidays.

Work is anticipated to be completed by November of this year. The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Lyle Kohmetscher of Hastings.

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"Information Briefing & Input Session, Sept 7, 2004, 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., NDOR
Central Headquarters Bldg. (Auditorium), 1500 Hwy 2, Lincoln.
Time-line, procedures, and draft forms for Implementating the new Class A County
Highway and City Street Superintendent's License and increased Incentive Funds to
local jurisdictions."

"Rules & Regulations Hearing, Sept. 30, 2004, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., NDOR Central Headquarters Bldg. (Auditorium), 1500 Hwy 2, Lincoln. Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents' Proposed New Regulation Title 425, Chapter 2, Licensing Regulations. New rule formalizing city street and county highway superintendent licensing procedures, and implementing Class A License created by LB 500 of 2003."

August 30, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

UNL Home Game Day Travel Update

Highway construction and maintenance crews have been busy across Nebraska this summer. Many projects have been started and already completed, while others are still ongoing. Motorists coming to Lincoln for the State Fair, Labor Day weekend, or for the Nebraska home football games should be aware of highway projects in two locations.

There is a widening project on Interstate 80 between Highway 370 and Ruff Road, west of Omaha. This stretch of I-80 will maintain two lanes of traffic in both directions. Motorists should watch for lower speed limits in this area. Work on this project will be proceeding through the football season.

Motorists may encounter short lane closures on Highway 81 between Madison and Columbus. It is anticipated this work will be completed in September.

Motorists are encouraged to drive carefully through any work zone that they encounter. Work zones may have reduced speed limits or closed lanes. Drivers may obtain short-term, route-specific road conditions and weather reports on any Nebraska highway by dialing 511 on their phone, or by visiting the Travel and Weather section of the Nebraska Department of Roads' website at nebraskatransportation.org.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Tuesday, August 31, 2004

In the Afternoon

The New Eastbound West Dodge Rd. Ramp to Northbound Interstate 680 will OPEN.

The Existing Eastbound West Dodge Road Loop to Northbound I-680 will CLOSE Wednesday, September 1, 2004 @ 9:00AM.

Chas. Vrana & Son Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

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