

September 1, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Public Hearing Sept. 15 for Hwy. 11 Improvements in Wood River Area**

The Nebraska Department of Roads and the State Highway Commission will hold a Public Hearing Wednesday, September 15, regarding relocation of Nebraska Highway 11 and construction of a highway viaduct at Wood River. The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m., at the Elementary School Gymnasium, 1003 Lilly Street, in 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.

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 140<sup>th</sup> 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.

Interested persons are invited to stop at the hearing location from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., before the hearing, for informal discussions with Department of Roads personnel on any aspect of the project.

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

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

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

September 1, 2004

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# UPDATED

Douglas County

Wednesday, September 1, 2004

**The New Eastbound West Dodge Rd. Ramp  
to  
Northbound Interstate 680 ~~will~~ IS NOW OPEN.**

The Existing Eastbound West Dodge Road Loop to Northbound I-680 will  
CLOSE Wednesday, September 1, 2004 @ **9:00AM 7:00PM.**

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

**For additional information contact:**

Marvin Lech PE  
District Construction Engineer



September 2, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Work to Begin September 7 on the I-80 Beaver Crossing Interchange**

Work is scheduled to begin September 7 on the I-80 Interchange at Beaver Crossing according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Work on the project includes work on the bridge deck, the bridge abutments, joint repair, and the approaches. Herbst Construction, Inc., of Le Mars, Iowa, has the \$87,514 contract for this project.

Traffic will be reduced to one lane across the bridge with an 11' width limit. A temporary traffic signal will be installed at this site. Work is anticipated to be completed by late October.

The Department of Roads' Manager for this project is Paul Dodson in Lincoln.

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**For additional information contact:**

Paul Dodson in Lincoln, 402-471-0850, ext. 1071

I-80-8(141)

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September 8, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Work To Begin September 13 on Highway 6 in Hastings

Work is scheduled to begin September 13 at the intersection of Highway 6 and Blaine Avenue in Hastings, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Werner Construction Co. of Hastings has the \$358,255 contract for right turn lanes, lighting, milling, and surfacing. Traffic on Highway 6 will be maintained with flaggers. Blaine Avenue will be closed to through traffic.

Motorists are asked to watch for construction equipment entering and leaving the work zone. Work is anticipated to be completed in October. The Department of Roads' manager assigned to this project is Robert Ruxton of Hastings.

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**For additional information contact:**  
Robert Ruxton in Hastings, (402) 462-1996

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September 9, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Work Begins on US-26/N-92 West of Oshkosh

Construction work is scheduled to begin September 15, on Highways 26 and 92 on the west side of Oshkosh, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. Ames Construction, Inc., of Burnsville, Minnesota, is the prime contractor for the 5.8 million dollar project.

Work includes grading, culverts, asphalt pavement, lighting, bridge, MSE wall, seeding and guardrail on the 1 1/2 mile project. The design for this project incorporates new alignment necessary to build the viaduct that will be just east of the current railroad crossing.

Temporary roads will be constructed first to maintain traffic during construction of this project. Grading, bridge and culvert work will continue through the winter, as weather permits, with surfacing work and seeding scheduled for completion in 2005.

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. The Department of Roads' Manager for this project is Russ Frickey of Bridgeport.

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**For additional information contact:**

Russ Frickey in Bridgeport, 308-262-1929 ext. 201

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September 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 September 17, 2004, in the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Building Headquarters Auditorium at 1500 Highway 2 in Lincoln.

The agenda includes:

- ◆ Addition of projects to the Cass, Cedar, Custer, Gage, Saunders, Sherman, Wayne, and York Counties and the City of Beatrice One- and Six-Year Road and Street Improvement Plans.
- ◆ Informal hearings: 9:30 a.m. Custer County's request for a Relaxation of Standards for the placement of an auto gate and a wire gate on a Minimum Maintenance Road; 9:40 a.m. for the Village of Prosser's request for a Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for street width; 9:50 a.m. for Nemaha County's request for a Relaxation of Standards for construction of a Low Water Crossing on a Minimum Maintenance Road.
- ◆ Consideration of initiating forfeiture of Highway Allocation Funds for the City of Osmond.
- ◆ Arrangements for the board's Outstate Meeting in Gering on October 15, 2004.

The meeting is open to the public.

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Detailed agenda as of September 17, 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**  
**September 17, 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 July 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; currently in the 6<sup>th</sup> month of suspension*)
- Consideration of initiating forfeiture for the City of Osmond

Initial Status Report – 2004-2005 Standardized System of Annual Reports (*4 County reports received*).

Final Status Report – 2004 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road, and Street Plan Submittals (*NDOR, 93 County and 531 Municipal plans received*)

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

- A. City of Weeping Water (1) – grading and millings on an existing gravel street. (*carried over - letter received*)

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

- A. Otoe County (1) – repair and armor coat surfacing of an existing asphalt road. (*carried over - request withdrawn*)
- B. Village of Prosser (1) – grading and aggregate surfacing of a new street. (*carried over – see below*)
- C. Sherman County (1) – repair and asphalt surfacing of an existing asphalt road.
- D. Cass County (1) – replace a bridge with a box culvert.
- E. Cedar County (1) – grading and aggregate surfacing of an existing gravel road.
- F. City of Beatrice (2) – grading, concrete surfacing with curb and gutter, drainage structures and erosion control on new residential streets.
- G. Saunders County (1) – replace a bridge with a bridge.
- H. Custer County (1) – replace a bridge with a culvert.
- I. Wayne County (1) – replace a timber structure with a culvert.
- J. Gage County (1) – grading and aggregate surfacing of an existing gravel road.
- K. York County (1) – replace a bridge with a bridge.
- L. Phelps County (1) – replace culverts with culverts (*request withdrawn*).
- M. Nemaha County (1) – replace bridge with a low water crossing on a minimum maintenance road (*see below*)

State Aid Bridge Fund Applications (*none*).

9:30 a.m. Informal Hearing – Custer County request for Relaxation of Standards for placement of an auto gate and a wire gate on a Minimum Maintenance Road. Consideration of request.

9:40 a.m. Informal Hearing – Village of Prosser request for a Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for a reduction in width on a Local street, Project M-506(7). Consideration of request and addition of the project to the One-Year Plan.

9:50 a.m. Informal Hearing – Nemaha County request for Relaxation of Standards for replacement of a bridge with a Low Water Crossing on a Minimum Maintenance Road, Project C-64(232). Consideration of request and revision of the One-Year Plan project.

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
- Preparations for Outstate Meeting

Correspondence and General Information:

- Miscellaneous correspondence

Acknowledgement of visitors

Next meeting October 15, 2004, 9:00 a.m., City Council Chamber, Gering, Nebraska

Adjournment

September 13, 2004

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**International Highway Engineering Exchange Conference Sept. 13-16 in Lincoln**

The Nebraska Department of Roads is hosting the International Highway Engineering Exchange Program's (IHEEP) annual conference September 13-16 at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln. The theme of this year's conference is "Exploration and Discovery in Transportation Technology."

Guests will be welcomed to the conference by Lincoln Mayor Coleen Seng, Nebraska Governor Mike Johanns and NDOR Director John Craig. Jon Ogden, NDOR's Information Systems Manager, serves as the 2004 IHEEP President.

The annual international conference provides the opportunity to share knowledge and experiences in the transportation engineering technology field with colleagues from around the world. The use of computer technology in the engineering process is the primary focus.

More than sixty technical presentations are planned for the conference. Several key areas will be addressed, including engineering design, visualization, Intelligent Transportation Systems, Global Positioning Systems, Geographic Information Systems, new technology and highway operations.

The Highway Engineering Exchange Program is an international organization that promotes advances in transportation engineering through the exchange of knowledge and information technology. Annual meetings have been held each year since 1959.

Additional information about the IHEEP annual conference is available on the NDOR website, [www.nebraskatransportation.org](http://www.nebraskatransportation.org).

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September 13, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Monday, September 20, 2004 @ 9:00AM

For  
2 Weeks

Weather Permitting

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

This Ramp Closure is necessary to relocate the existing Ramp to accommodate Pier construction.

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)

September 13, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Monday, September 13, 2004

Until

Summer 2006

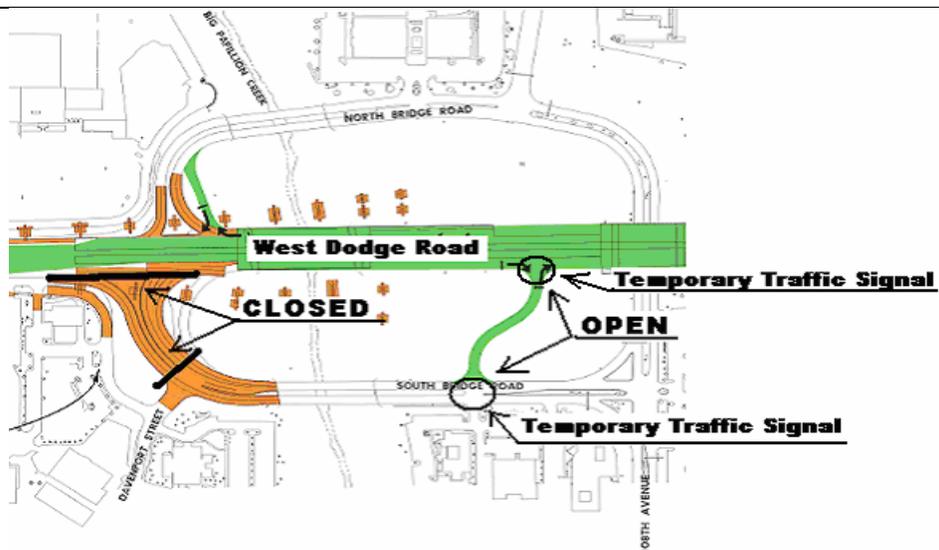
## (South Bridge Road)

**Access to South Bridge Road from Eastbound West Dodge Road  
will be relocated to the East 900'.**

**&**

**Access to Eastbound West Dodge Road from South Bridge Road  
will be relocated to the East 900'.**

**(Temporary Traffic Signals located at Approximately at  
109<sup>th</sup> Street & South Bridge Road  
and 109<sup>th</sup> Street & West Dodge Road).**



This Temporary Access Road is necessary to relocate the existing entrance and exit to Eastbound West Dodge Road from the South Bridge Road and reconstruct the South Bridge Road Bridge over the Papillion Creek.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact: Karl Burns [www.westdodge.info](http://www.westdodge.info)

September 14, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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

Cornhusker Highway will be temporarily closed under I-80 at the Airport Interchange from 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 15, until 6:00 a.m. Thursday, September 16, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

The road closure will allow for construction crews to remove sections of the old I-80 bridge over Cornhusker Highway, weather permitting. The contractor for this work is Capital Contractors, Inc. of Lincoln.

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

The closure will have marked detours. Motorists who use these routes are encouraged to watch for signing and follow the marked detours or plan alternate routes. A detour map for this night and updates for specific traffic changes on this project can be found on the Department of Roads' website [www.nebraskatransportation.org](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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September 15, 2004

**Revised**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Nebraska Highway 8 to Close

Nebraska Highway 8 between Fairbury and Endicott will be closed the week of September **27** to **October 1** for installation of a new crossroad culvert, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

There will be a marked detour using Highway 15 north to U.S. Highway 136, east on Highway 103, south on Highway 103 to Highway 8, then west on Highway 8 to Endicott.

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**For additional information contact:**

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

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September 14, 2004

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## **Temporary Closures on Interstate 80 set for September 20, 21 and 22**

Weather permitting, the eastbound lanes of I-80 will be closed to traffic, at the Greenwood Interchange continuing to Highway 6, from 11:00 p.m. Monday night, September 20 until 6:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 21. Eastbound I-80 will again be detoured at the Greenwood Interchange from 11:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 22 to 6:00 a.m. Thursday, September 23.

Westbound Interstate 80 will be detoured beginning at the Gretna Interchange to Highway 6, from 11:00 p.m., Tuesday night, September 21, until 6:00 a.m. Wednesday morning, September 22. Motorists are urged to watch for detour signs, and to follow the detour route.

The detour is needed for bridge deck removal and the steel girder removal at the 250<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge over Interstate 80 in Cass County. Hawkins Construction Co. of Omaha is the prime contractor for this project.

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**For additional information contact:**

Mike Sklenar at (402) 471-0850, ext. 1069 or Abdul Sidiqi at (402) 471-0850, ext. 1063.

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September 15, 2004

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**Advanced Notice**  
**Date Could Change**

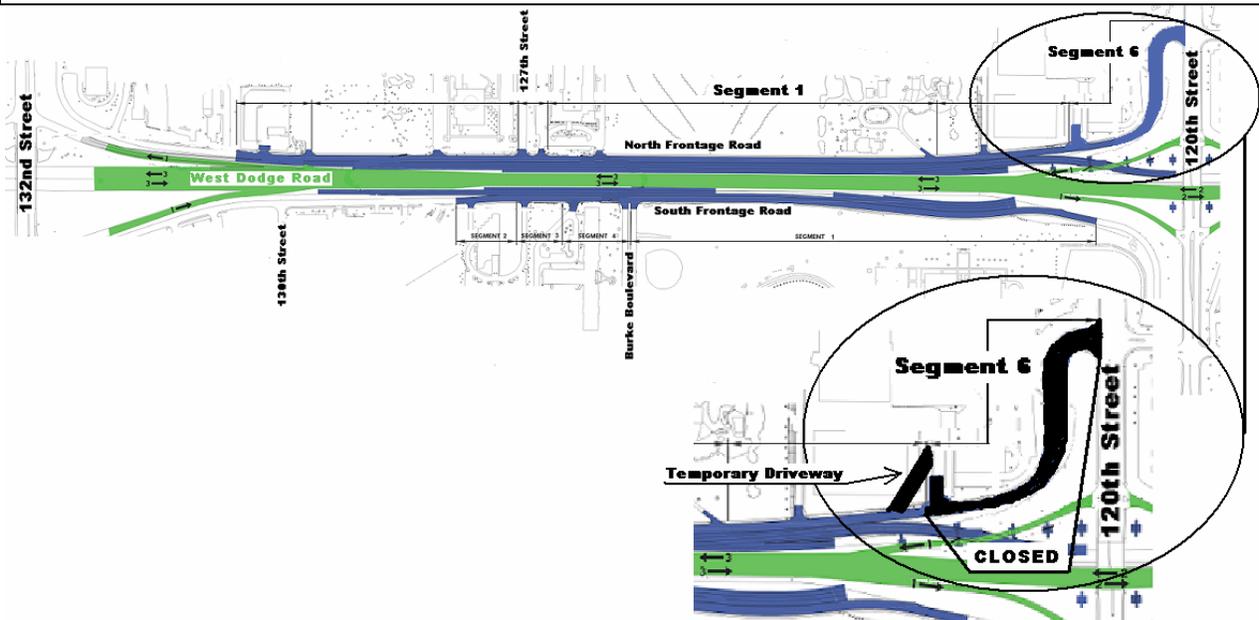
Douglas County

Monday, September 20, 2004 @ 7:00AM  
Until  
October 2004

(West Dodge North Frontage Road)

The North Frontage Road will be Closed both directions  
West of 120<sup>th</sup> Street to West of Menards Main Entrance.

Access to all properties along the North Frontage Road  
will be from 132<sup>nd</sup> Street.



This Closure is necessary to reconstruct a portion of the North Frontage Road.

**Note:** Access to all properties along the North Frontage Road will be from 132<sup>nd</sup> street.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

**For additional information contact:**

Marvin Lech PE

District Construction Engineer

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September 17, 2004

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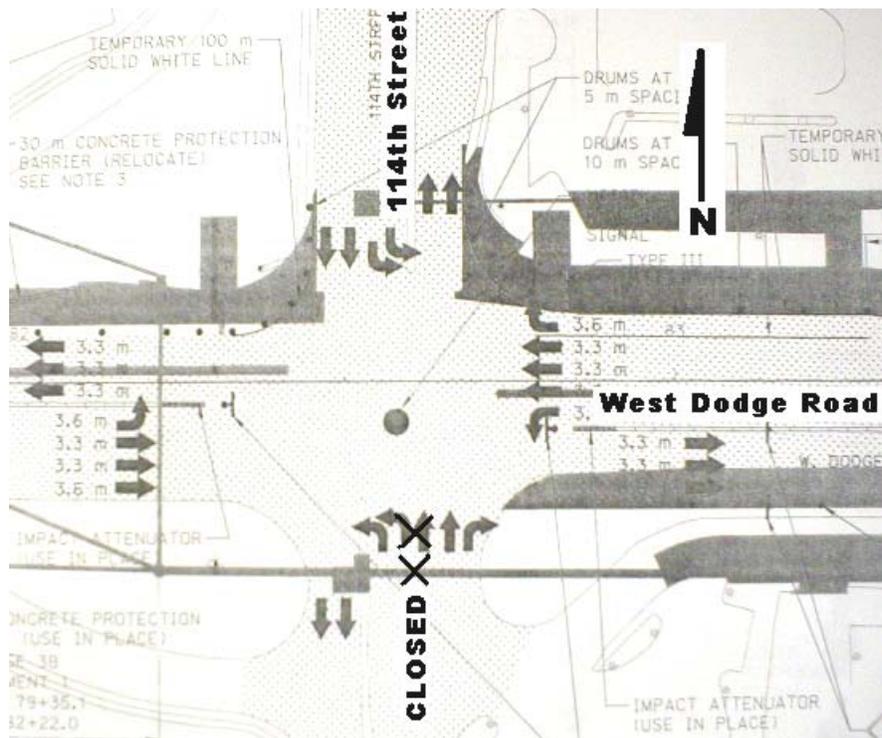
Douglas County

Tuesday, September 21, 2004 @ 9:00AM

For  
2 Weeks

Weather Permitting

## Restricted Lanes on Northbound 114<sup>th</sup> Street South of West Dodge Road.



These Lane Closures are necessary for M.U.D. to relocate an existing Gas Main.  
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)

September 24, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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

Cornhusker Highway, in Lincoln, will be temporarily closed under I-80 at the Airport Interchange from 9:00 p.m. Monday, September 27, until 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 28, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

The road closure will allow for construction crews to remove sections of the old I-80 bridge over Cornhusker Highway, weather permitting. The contractor for this work is Capital Contractors, Inc. of Lincoln.

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

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

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September 24, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Road and Street Examiners to Meet**

The Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents will meet at 8:45 a.m., October 1, 2004 in Room 103, Department of Roads, Central Headquarters Bldg., 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln.

The principal agenda item is:

- ◆ Administration of the written examination for licensure.

The meeting is open to the public.

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Agenda as of September 24, 2004 enclosed.

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

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# Agenda

for the Meeting of

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY AND CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENTS

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)

Call to Order – Chairperson

Roll Call – Staff

Changes to Published Agenda – Staff

Minutes of August 20, 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: *(None)*

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

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

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

9:15 a.m. – Oral interview of candidates for October 1, 2004 County Highway Superintendent and City Street Superintendent examination, Room 103 *(Executive Session)*

Review of (0) new applicants and (0) reapplicants for the April 1, 2005, County Highway Superintendent and City Street Superintendent examination.

Preparation for April 1, 2005, Written Examination and March 7-9, 2005, Pre-Examination Workshop, including the following:

- New plan reading materials *(Deferred)*

Annual billing for Class B license renewal *(October 11, 2004, mailing to licensees)*

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

- Preliminary assessment of September 30, 2004 Rules and Regulations Public Hearing
- Approve Class A Application Logs
- Approve Class B Renewal Form
- Approve Class B Application Form *(Deferred)*
- Status of and progress on revised Operating Procedures
- Status of Contested Cases Regulations, 425 NAC 1, Sec. 002

Schedule of Meetings and Examinations for 2005 and Tentative Schedule for 2006

Other Business

- Report on State and Federal Legislative Issues

Correspondence and General Information

Acknowledgement of visitors

Next Meeting: November 5, 2004, 10:00 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads, Central Headquarters Building, Highway Commission Room 103, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Adjournment

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

September 27, 2004

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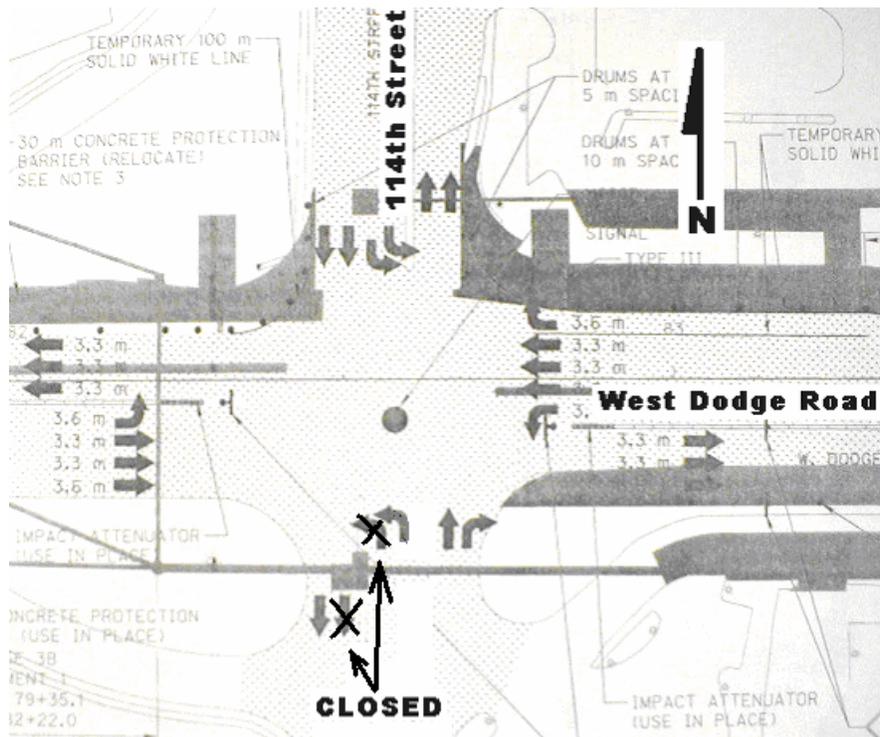
Douglas County

Tuesday, September 28, 2004 @ 9:00AM

For  
2 Weeks

Weather Permitting

## Restricted Lanes on Northbound & Southbound 114<sup>th</sup> Street South of West Dodge Road.



These Lane Closures are necessary for M.U.D. to relocate an existing Water Main.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

**For additional information contact:**

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September 27, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Douglas County

Tuesday, September 28, 2004 @ 11:00PM  
Until  
Wednesday, September 29, 2004 @ 6:00AM  
&  
Wednesday, September 29, 2004 @ 11:00PM  
Until  
Thursday, September 30, 2004 @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

**Northbound Interstate 680 at West Maple Road  
will be Closed  
(Mile Post 4).**

Detour: Hwy N-64 (West Maple Road) East to Hwy N-133 (90<sup>th</sup> Street) North to Interstate 680.

**Southbound Interstate 680 Traffic Detoured at  
Hwy N-133 Interchange  
(Mile Post 6).**

**Southbound Interstate 680 at Fort Street will be Closed  
(Mile Post 5).**

Detour: Hwy N-133 (Blair High Road to 90<sup>th</sup> Street) South to Hwy N-64 (West Maple Road) West to Interstate 680.

These Closures are necessary for bridge deck removals at West Maple Road.

Chas Vrana Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

**For additional information contact:**

Marvin Lech PE  
District Construction Engineer

September 30, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Douglas County

Thursday, September 30, 2004 @ 11:00PM  
Until  
Friday, October 1, 2004 @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

**Northbound Interstate 680 at West Maple Road  
will be Closed  
(Mile Post 4).**

Detour: Hwy N-64 (West Maple Road) East to Hwy N-133 (90<sup>th</sup> Street) North to Interstate 680.

**Southbound Interstate 680 Traffic Detoured at  
Hwy N-133 Interchange  
(Mile Post 6).**

**Southbound Interstate 680 at Fort Street will be Closed  
(Mile Post 5).**

Detour: Hwy N-133 (Blair High Road to 90<sup>th</sup> Street) South to Hwy N-64 (West Maple Road) West to Interstate 680.

These Closures are necessary for bridge deck removals at West Maple Road.

Chas Vrana Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

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