

March 1, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Wednesday, March 2, 2005 @ 10:00PM
Until
Thursday, March 3, 2005 @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

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

These closures are necessary for erecting bridge girders over Regency Parkway on West Dodge Road.

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

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

March 2, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Detour Begins March 9 on Highway 68 North and South of Ravenna

A detour, for through traffic, is scheduled to begin March 9 for work on the Highway 68 viaduct in Ravenna, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. Through traffic will be routed onto a marked detour 2 miles east of the Highway 68 and Highway 2 junction. The four-mile detour will bring traffic into Ravenna on the north side of the viaduct.

Christiansen Brothers, of Cherokee, Iowa, is the prime contractor for the \$4.5 million project. Work includes removal of the old railroad overpass, a new steel tied arch bridge, guardrail work, MSE walls at the abutments, concrete paving, new sidewalks, and seeding. New storm sewers and upgrading of the Ravenna water system will also be done.

The new steel tied arch bridge is the first of its design to be built in Nebraska and will replace the old overpass built in the mid-1930s.

Work is anticipated to be completed in December of this year. The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Kirk Weber of Grand Island.

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For additional information contact:

District Construction Engineer Keith Meyer, in Grand Island, at (402) 385-6265 or Kirk Weber, in Grand Island, at (402) 385-6888.

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March 3, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House March 17 for Hwy. 61 Improvements Near Merriman

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House on Thursday, March 17, regarding reconstruction of Nebraska Highway 61 south of Merriman and construction of a new bridge over the Niobrara River. The open house will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. MST, at the Senior Center, in Merriman.

The proposed projects in Cherry County will include grading, surfacing and drainage structures. The completed two-lane roadway will feature 12-foot-wide driving lanes and 4-foot-wide shoulders, of which two feet will be surfaced.

About 8½ miles of Nebraska 61 will be constructed on new alignment east of the existing alignment. A new Niobrara River bridge and roadway approaches will be built west of the existing bridge. The old bridge will be removed. Nebraska 61 through Merriman will be overlaid as part of the projects.

The projects allow for constructing a wider roadway without detouring traffic. Temporary roadways around work zones will be used in some areas during construction.

Private property must be acquired for highway right-of-way throughout the length of the projects. Property acquisition includes two cabins along the river.

Construction will impact wetland areas and mitigation will be required. Replacement wetlands for an estimated 2½ acres will be established on public right-of-way along the project or at a regional wetlands 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 8 Office, 736 East 4th Street, in Ainsworth, and at the Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln. Information also is available on the Internet at www.dor.state.ne.us.

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For additional information contact:

Lorraine Legg, Roadway Design Division in Lincoln, (402) 479-4446.

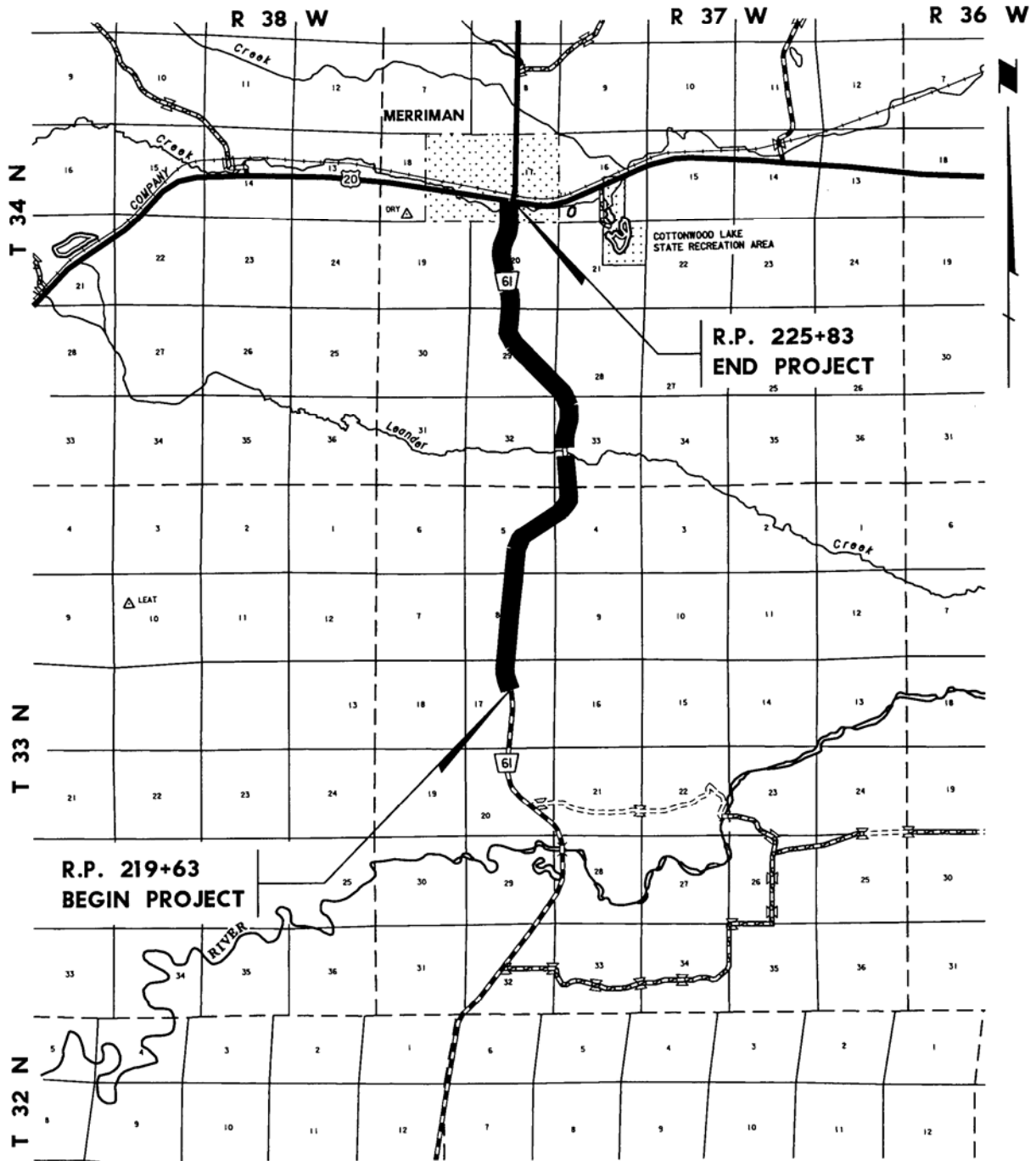
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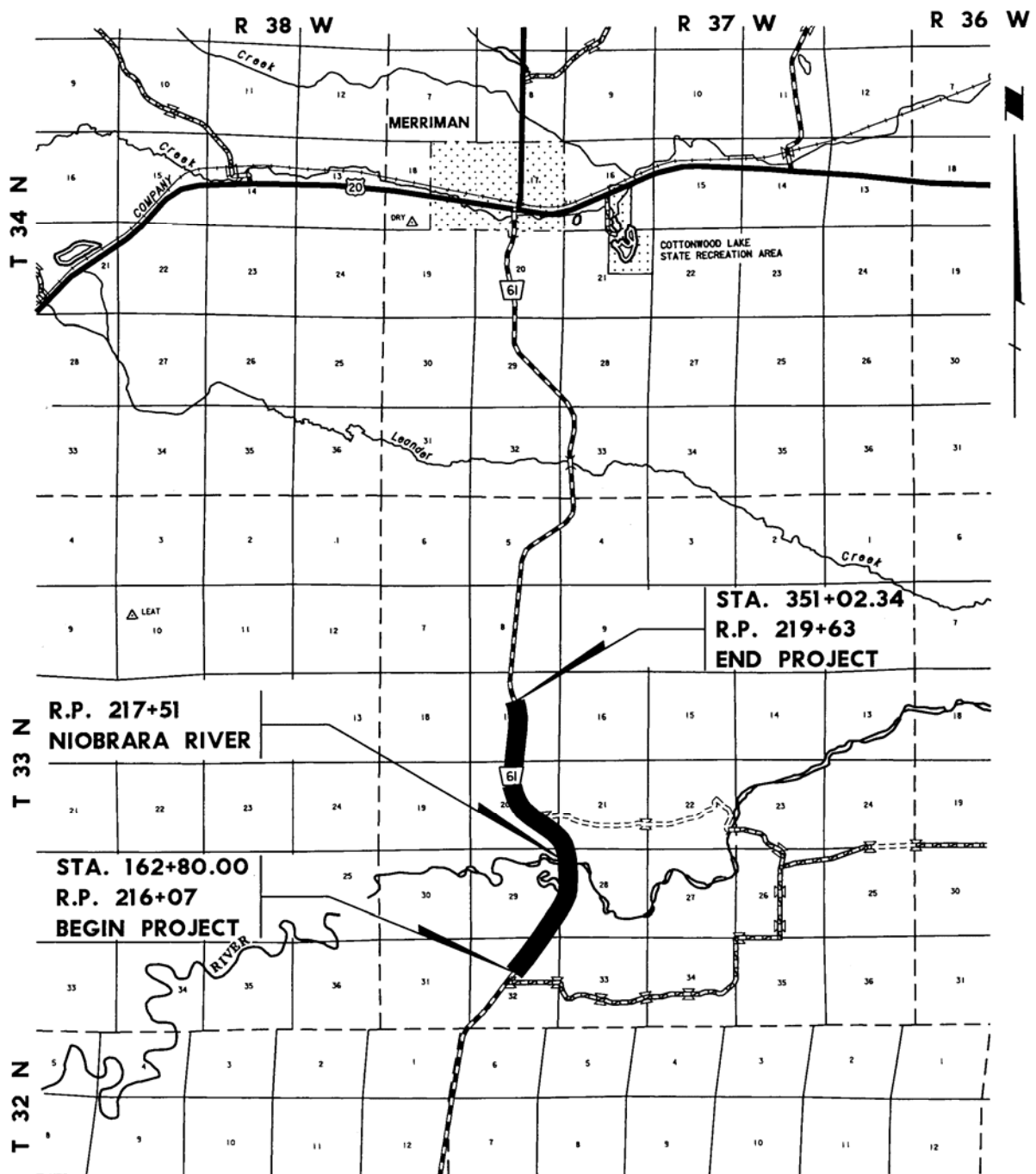
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CHERRY COUNTY



MERRIMAN SOUTH BRIDGE 61-4(111)

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CHERRY COUNTY



**Notice of Information Open House
Lake McConaughy North and Arthur South
March 31, 2005
4:00-6:00 p.m. MST**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting about the initial planning stages of reconstructing Nebraska Highway 61 between Arthur and Lake McConaughy. The meeting for Project STPD-61-2(112), known as "Lake McConaughy North" and Project STPD-61-2(108), known as "Arthur South," will be held on March 31, 2005, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. MST at the Visitors Center, 1/2 mile south of Kingsley Dam, Ogallala, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Date: March 31, 2005
Time: 4 – 6 p.m. (MST)
Place: Lake McConaughy
Visitors Center
(1/2 mile south of
Kingsley Dam)
Ogallala, Nebraska

Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public meeting to present information about the initial planning stages of reconstructing Nebraska Highway 61 into a wider and safer highway between Arthur and Lake McConaughy.

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

The proposed highway improvement is at the preliminary development stage. The terrain between Lake McConaughy and Arthur must be surveyed before developing an alignment for the highway.

The concept involves two projects and about 25 miles of highway, beginning just north of the Nebraska Highway 92 south junction in Keith County and ending at Arthur in Arthur County.

One of the projects is identified as

STPD-61-2(112), known as **Lake McConaughy North**. The other is identified as STPD-61-2(108), known as **Arthur South**.

In order to build a new highway and to keep traffic moving during construction, much of the new roadway would be constructed on new alignment near the existing highway alignment. Acquisition of private property for public right-of-way would be required throughout the length of the project.

Wetlands areas will be avoided where possible. Impacts to wetlands will be mitigated along the project or at a regional wetlands banksite.

Where possible, the Department of Roads will provide an accessible meeting facility for disabled people. Appropriate provisions for people who are hearing and visually challenged will be made if the department is notified by March 17, 2005. 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 Jim Wilkinson, Planning and Project Development Division, in Lincoln at (402) 479-4421.

March 11, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Hugh Holak Appointed New NDOR District 7 Construction Engineer

Hugh Holak is the new District 7 Construction Engineer for the Nebraska Department of Roads. District 7 includes Chase, Dundy, Franklin, Frontier, Furnas, Gosper, Harlan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Kearney, Perkins, Phelps and Red Willow counties. Holak, a licensed professional engineer, succeeds Kurt Vosburg, who was recently named the new District 7 Engineer.

For 10 years, Holak has worked at the Roads Department in a variety of capacities, including serving as Project Manager in District 1 for the past three years. Born in Richland Center, Wisconsin, and raised on a small dairy farm in Hillsboro, Wisconsin, Holak graduated from Hillsboro High School, and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in 1992.

During college, Holak had an internship with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the summers of 1991 and 1992. Immediately after graduation, he worked two years for Mead & Hunt Inc., in Madison, Wisconsin, serving as a designer for Wisconsin DOT projects.

Holak began his career at NDOR in 1995, working as an Engineer I in the Railroad Liaison office. In 1996, he transferred to Roadway Design as an Engineer II, working on the design of several Interstate projects, including the 60th Street Interchange in Omaha and the Cornhusker Interchange on I-180. In 1999, he transferred to District 1, serving in several positions, before being promoted to Project Manager.

Holak said he enjoyed supervising construction projects, and his favorite accomplishment was the I-180 and Cornhusker Interchange in Lincoln. He added that it was a very beneficial experience to supervise the construction of his own design.

In discussing goals he wants to achieve, Holak noted, "Supervising an entire district will be a new challenge. District 7 is a less populated district, it's a good district, and I look forward to working with the staff here. I will also strive to keep the district on the leading edge for computer technology."

Holak New District 7 Construction Engineer

Holak, age 36, and his wife, Nancy, have been married five years. They have a daughter, Annalyn, who is four years old. In his spare time, Holak enjoys hiking, camping, scuba diving and home remodeling projects.

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For additional information, contact the District Office in McCook, (308) 345-8490.

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March 11, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work Begins on Highway 65 at Table Rock

Work is slated to begin March 14 on Highway 65, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. The project is located from the east junction of Highway 4 in Table Rock to the Highway 50 & 65 junction 4 miles west of Table Rock. Dobson Brothers Construction Company & Affiliates has the \$2,641,879 contract for culverts, grading, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, water line, concrete paving, asphalt paving, seeding and lighting.

Highway 65 will be closed to traffic on April 4, 2005 and traffic will be detoured via Highways 50 & 4 for the duration of the project which is anticipated to be completed in fall 2005. Some clearing and grubbing operations may begin on March 14, 2005 to facilitate moving utilities. These operations will be controlled by flaggers to allow for large tree removal inside the Village of Table Rock.

A public information meeting will be held on March 30, 2005 at 6 p.m. at the fire hall located in Table Rock. A Nebraska Department of Roads representative will be on hand to discuss the scheduling and progress of the project to allow for local access and discuss any concerns that may arise from the project's impact and traffic restrictions. Local access will be maintained for landowners and residents along the project throughout the duration of the project.

The Department of Roads Manager for this project is Mike Habegger from the Tecumseh office.

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For additional information contact:

Mike Habegger in Tecumseh at (402) 335-4131
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1500 Highway 2
Lincoln, NE 68502-5480
Communication Office: (402)479-4512

March 11, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Roads Standards Board to Meet

The Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards will meet at 9:00 a.m. on March 18, 2005, in the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Building Auditorium at 1500 Highway 2 in Lincoln.

The agenda includes:

- ◆ Addition of projects to the Gage, Harlan and Otoe Counties, the Cities of Blue Springs, Papillion, Sidney and Wayne and the Village of Orchard One- and Six-Year Road and Street Improvement Plans.
- ◆ Informal hearing (at 9:30 a.m. for Gage County's request for Relaxation of Standards for construction on a Minimum Maintenance road.
- ◆ Consideration of sanctions for failure to submit the 2004-2005 annual street program budget, expenditure and equipment report by certain municipalities.

The meeting is open to the public.

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Detailed agenda as of March 11, 2005, 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
March 18, 2005, 9:00 a.m.
Nebraska Department of Roads Central Headquarters Building Auditorium
1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska**

Call to Order – Chairman

Roll Call – Secretary

Changes to Published Agenda – Secretary

Minutes of the February 18, 2005, meeting

Status Report – 2004-2005 Standardized System of Annual Reports (*NDOR, 93 County and 519 Municipal reports received, 11 Municipal reports are delinquent*)

- Consideration of suspension of Highway Allocation funds to the following Municipalities for failure to submit the 2003-2004 Standardized System of Annual reports in accordance with Neb.Rev.Stat. Sec. 39-2120 and 39-2121

Cedar Bluffs

Grafton

Osmond

Waterbury

Dix

Lamar

Santee

Winnebago

Fremont

Magnet

Scribner

Status Report – 2005 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road, and Street Plan Submittals (*83 County and 491 Municipal plans received, 6 County and 40 Municipal plans are delinquent*)

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

- A. City of Sidney (1) – concrete surfacing with curb and gutter on a new street.
- B. City of Wayne (2) – concrete surfacing with curb and gutter on new streets.
- C. Village of Orchard (1) – armor coat surfacing on existing asphalt streets.
- D. City of Blue Springs (1) – asphalt surfacing with concrete curb and gutter on an existing street.
- E. Harlan County (1) – replace bridge with culvert.
- F. Otoe County (1) – grading and aggregate surfacing of an existing road.

2005 One- and Six-Year Highway Road, and Street Plan Revisions (number of projects in parentheses)

- A. Gage County (1) – replace culvert with culvert.
- B. City of Papillion (1) - addition of concrete surfaced turn lanes to an existing concrete street.

State Aid Bridge Fund Applications (*none*)

9:30 a.m. Informal Hearing – Gage County request for Relaxation of Standards for replacement of a bridge with a culvert on a Minimum Maintenance Road, Project C-34(873). Consideration of request.

Other Business:

- Report on State and Federal Legislative Issues

Correspondence and General Information:

- Miscellaneous correspondence

Acknowledgement of visitors

Next meeting April 15, 2005, 9:00 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads, Central Headquarters Building Auditorium, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska

Adjournment

March 11, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Temporary Cornhusker Highway Closure Monday, March 14

Cornhusker Highway will be closed Monday night, March 14, in both directions from 9:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m., Tuesday, to allow for relocating of existing girders to construct new girder seats.

A marked detour will be provided for Cornhusker Highway. Traffic for eastbound Cornhusker would follow westbound I-80 to Exit 397 and return on I-80 eastbound.

Westbound Cornhusker will be detoured on eastbound I-80 to the I-180 interchange and return to Cornhusker Highway on westbound I-80.

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For additional information contact:

Dan Lange in Lincoln (402) 471-0850, Ext. 1115 or Mike Sklenar in Lincoln (402) 471-0850, Ext. 1069

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March 15, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Improvement Work Resumes on Highway 8 at Endicott

Construction work on State Highway 8, Endicott West, has resumed, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Construction work will include grading, shoulder construction and seeding.

During construction, traffic will be maintained on Highway 8 with the use of signs and flaggers. Werner Construction Company of Hastings, Nebraska was awarded the \$1,377,317.98 contract for this construction work. Most of the work on this project was completed last year. Current construction schedules have this improvement project being completed by this summer.

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For additional information contact:

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

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March 17, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House March 31 for Highway 61 Improvements Near Arthur

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House on Thursday, March 31, regarding initial planning stages of reconstructing Nebraska Highway 61 between Arthur and Lake McConaughy. The open house will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. MST, at the Lake McConaughy Visitors Center, in Ogallala.

The proposed highway improvement is at the preliminary development stage. The terrain between Lake McConaughy and Arthur must be surveyed before developing an alignment for the highway.

The concept involves two projects and about 25 miles of highway, beginning just north of the Nebraska Highway 92 south junction in Keith County and ending at Arthur in Arthur County.

In order to build a new highway and to keep traffic moving during construction, much of the new roadway would be constructed on new alignment near the existing highway alignment. Acquisition of private property for public right-of-way would be required throughout the length of the project.

Wetland areas will be avoided where possible. Impacts to wetlands will be mitigated along the project or at a regional wetlands 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 will be available for review at the NDOR Planning and Project Development Division, 1400 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

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For additional information contact:

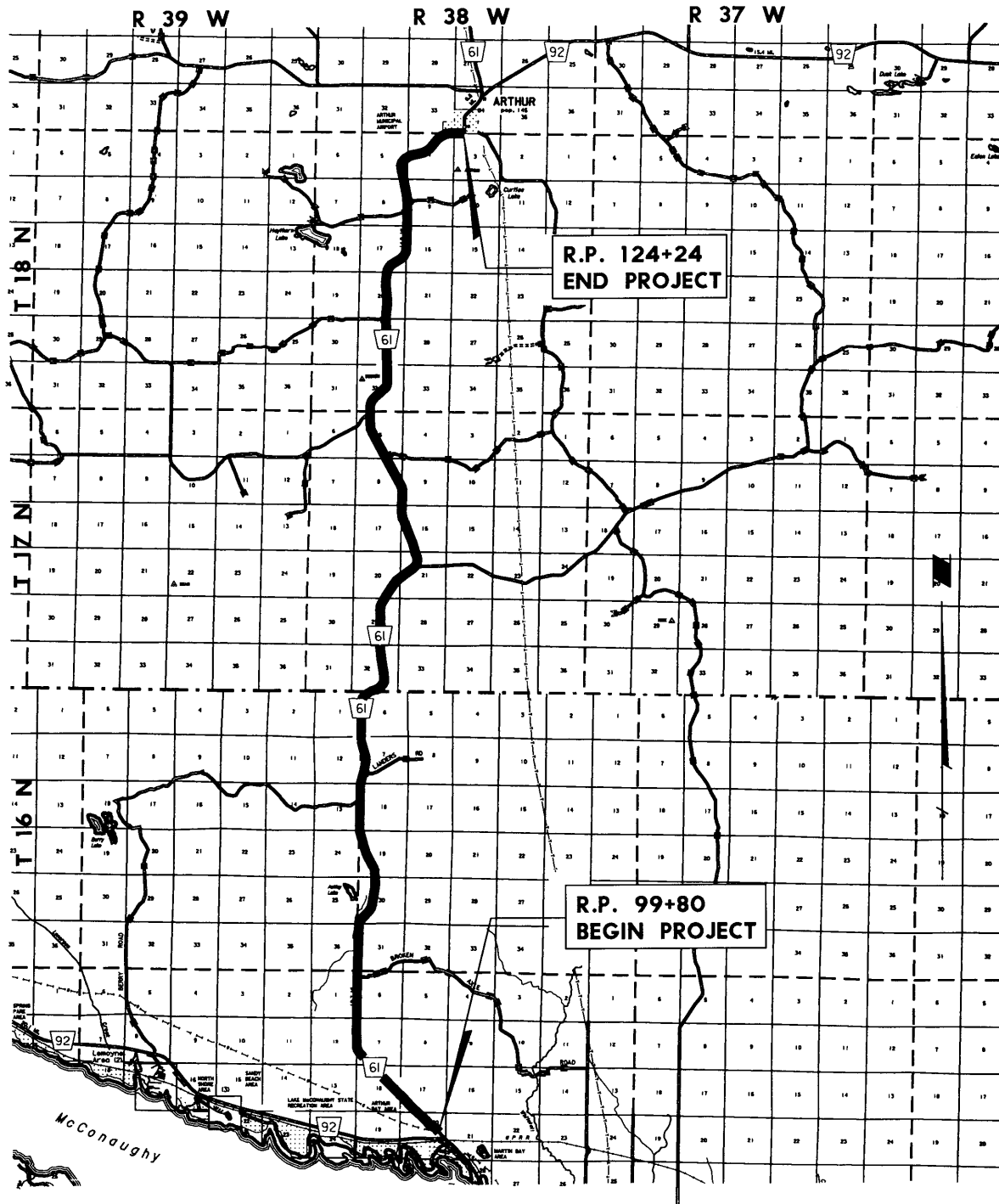
Jim Wilkinson, Planning and Project Development Division in Lincoln, (402) 479-4421.

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ARTHUR COUNTY



March 18, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

State Highway Commission Monthly Agenda Announced

The State Highway Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting March 25, 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 Nebraska Department of Roads' 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

Friday, March 25, 2005

Nebraska State Highway Commission

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

8:30 a.m. Educational Briefing and Discussion – Director's Conference Room

10:00 a.m. Monthly Meeting Reconvenes, Rm 103

Call to Order: Chair, John F. Kingsbury, District 3

Roll Call

Approval: February 2005 Meeting Minutes

Introductions/Correspondence/Announcements

Old Business/New Business

State's Gravel Roads – Policy Approval

Questions/Comments/Commission Vote

Agenda Topic:

Nebraska's Rural Transit Needs, Jerry Wray, Manager,
NDOR's Rail and Public Transportation Division

Questions/Comments

Project Approvals:

"Melbeta Viaduct", Control No. 51249

Steve McBeth, Planning and Location Studies Engineer,
requests Location Approval

Questions/Comments/Commission Vote

"Scottsbluff West Viaduct", Control No. 51250

Steve McBeth, Planning and Location Studies Engineer,
requests Location Approval

Questions/Comments/Commission Vote

Public Meeting Schedule

March 31, 2005 (*Books*)

"Lake McConaughy North", Control No. 61389

Public Information Meeting, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Lake McConaughy Visitors' Center

April 14, 2005 (*Reiser*)

"Fremont Beltway", Control No. 21936

Public Information Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Fremont City Auditorium, Fremont, Nebraska

Public Input

Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting

Friday, April 22, 2005, 10:00 a.m.

NDOR Central Complex, Lincoln, Nebraska



District 1



District 2



District 3



District 4



District 5



District 6



District 7



District 8

Revised

Agenda

Resolution/Approval of Policy in Re: State's Gravel Roads

Commission's Position/Policy in Re: State's Economic Development

Status – Senator Beutler's Allocation of Funds Questions

Commission Audit Review

Fremont Hwy. 77 Expressway Update

Discussion – Yankton Bridge Funding – Federal Earmarks/Cost Sharing

March 18, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work Will Close Highway 66 from Ashland to the SAC Museum

Construction work will close Highway 66 from the junction of Highways 6 and 66 at Ashland to the SAC Museum, beginning April 4, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Dobson Brothers Construction Co. of Lincoln has the \$4,732,948 contract for grading, culverts, seeding, guardrail, electrical work and surfacing. Work includes lighting at the junction of Highways 6 and 66, a resurfaced roadway and surfaced shoulders. Through traffic will be detoured to Highway 6 and Interstate 80 using the Greenwood Interchange, mile marker 420, or the Gretna Interchange, mile marker 432.

Access to Mahoney State Park and the SAC Museum will remain open to the public. The attractions can be accessed from I-80 at the Mahoney Interchange, mile marker 426, or on Highway 66 from the South Bend area.

Work on this highway improvement project is anticipated to be completed in August of this year. The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Abdul Sidiqi.

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For additional information contact:

District Construction Engineer Mike Sklenar in Lincoln, (402) 471-0850, ext. 1069, or Abdul Sidiqi in Lincoln, (402) 471-0850, ext. 1063.

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March 18, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Jerry Quinn Named Project Manager of the Year

Jerry Quinn, of Holdrege, was honored by the Nebraska Chapter Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) as Nebraska Department of Roads' Project Manager of the Year. Quinn received a traveling trophy and a plaque at the Project Manager's Conference in Kearney on March 10.

Quinn has worked at NDOR for 44 years and has been a project manager at the District 7 construction office in Holdrege since 1977. He has overseen many prominent projects, according to Kurt Vosburg, District 7 Engineer. Quinn supervised the reconstruction of U.S. Highway 183 through Holdrege, which won a quality paving award from the Nebraska Concrete Paving Association. He is currently overseeing a \$9 million project on U.S. Highway 135 between Alma and Republican City. This two-year project includes grading, culverts, asphalt pavement and replacement of four bridges near the Harlan County Reservoir.

Vosburg noted that Quinn's preconstruction preparation is very thorough and has several times resulted in substantial savings in time and money for the department and contractors.

According to Claude Oie, NDOR Construction Engineer, "Jerry is always prepared and knows all the details of the projects he manages. He is always thinking ahead and planning for what will be done next."

Oie noted that while Quinn is very demanding, he is also very fair and consistent in his dealings with contractors. He said Quinn is always willing to share his ideas and help anyone that asks for help.

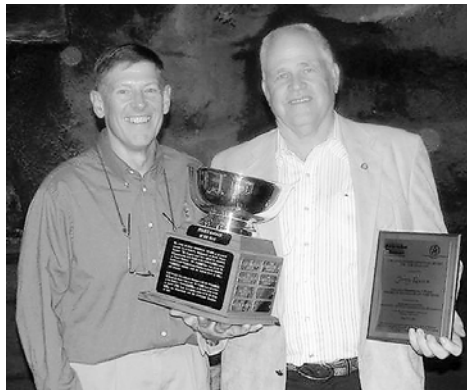
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Quinn Named Project Manager of the Year

Oie noted, "Jerry is very knowledgeable about our Site-Manager software and in fact has done a lot of testing of the computer programs used by all project managers. He is conscientious and proud of the work he does. His integrity is above reproach."

The award is presented annually by the AGC to a NDOR project manager who has upheld the standards of conducting business within the highway construction industry with the highest level of ethics and integrity. The trophy is called the Lyle Leader Memorial Award in tribute to Mr. Leader, who was a project manager at NDOR for 34 years. He was active in the District 3 Hartington office at the time of his death in August 1991 and was highly respected by his peers within the department and by the contractor members of AGC.

All contractor members submitted a nomination for this award and the nominees were voted upon by the members of the AGC. For the year 2005, Quinn received the high honor.



Jerry Quinn, right, receives the award for 2005 Project Manager of the Year from Curt Smith, Capitol Contractors, President, Nebraska Chapter AGC.

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For additional information contact the District Office in McCook, (308) 345-8490.

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March 21, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Thursday, March 24, 2005 @ 9:00AM
Until
May 2005

Weather Permitting

192nd Street will be CLOSED North of West Dodge Road.

This Closure is necessary for the construction of 192nd Street at West Dodge Road.

Chas Vrana Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

March 21, 2005

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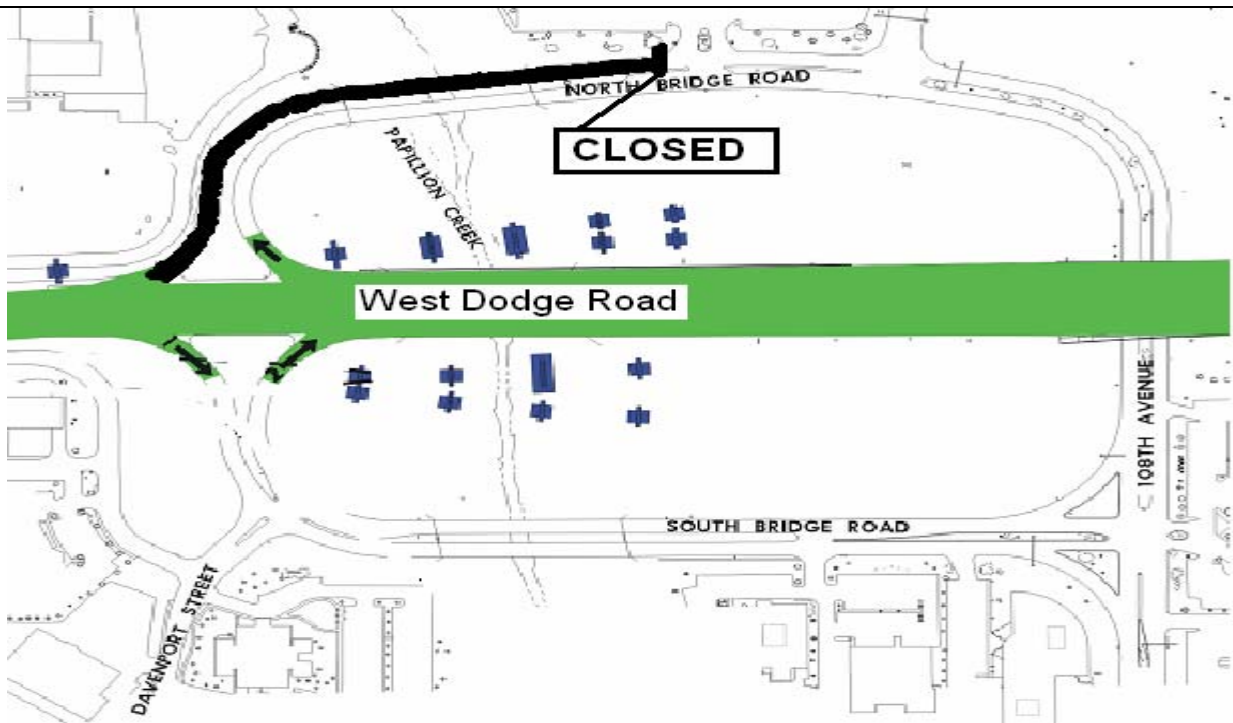
Tuesday, March 22, 2005 @ 9:00PM

Until

Wednesday, March 23, 2005 @ 6:00AM

North Bridge Road Access to Westbound West Dodge Road will be CLOSED.

Suggested access to Westbound West Dodge Road:
108th Street south to South Bridge Road - west to Davenport Street -
north on 114th Street to West Dodge Road or 108th Street north to
Blondo Street - west to 120th Street - south to West Dodge Road.



This Closure is necessary to erect bridge girders for the westbound structure.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Karl Burns

Public Relations 595-7623

www.westdodge.info



MARCH 24, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contacts: Linda Beacham or Andrea Bopp, The Schemmer Associates, (402) 488-2500

NOTICE OF TOWNHALL MEETING U.S. HIGHWAY 77 IMPROVEMENT

A public meeting on the future of U.S. Highway 77 is planned for 7 p.m., Thursday, April 14th at the Fremont City Auditorium, 925 N. Broad St., with a presentation at 7 p.m. The Nebraska Department of Roads in coordination with the State Highway Commission, City of Fremont, and engineering consultant, The Schemmer Associates, are holding the meeting.

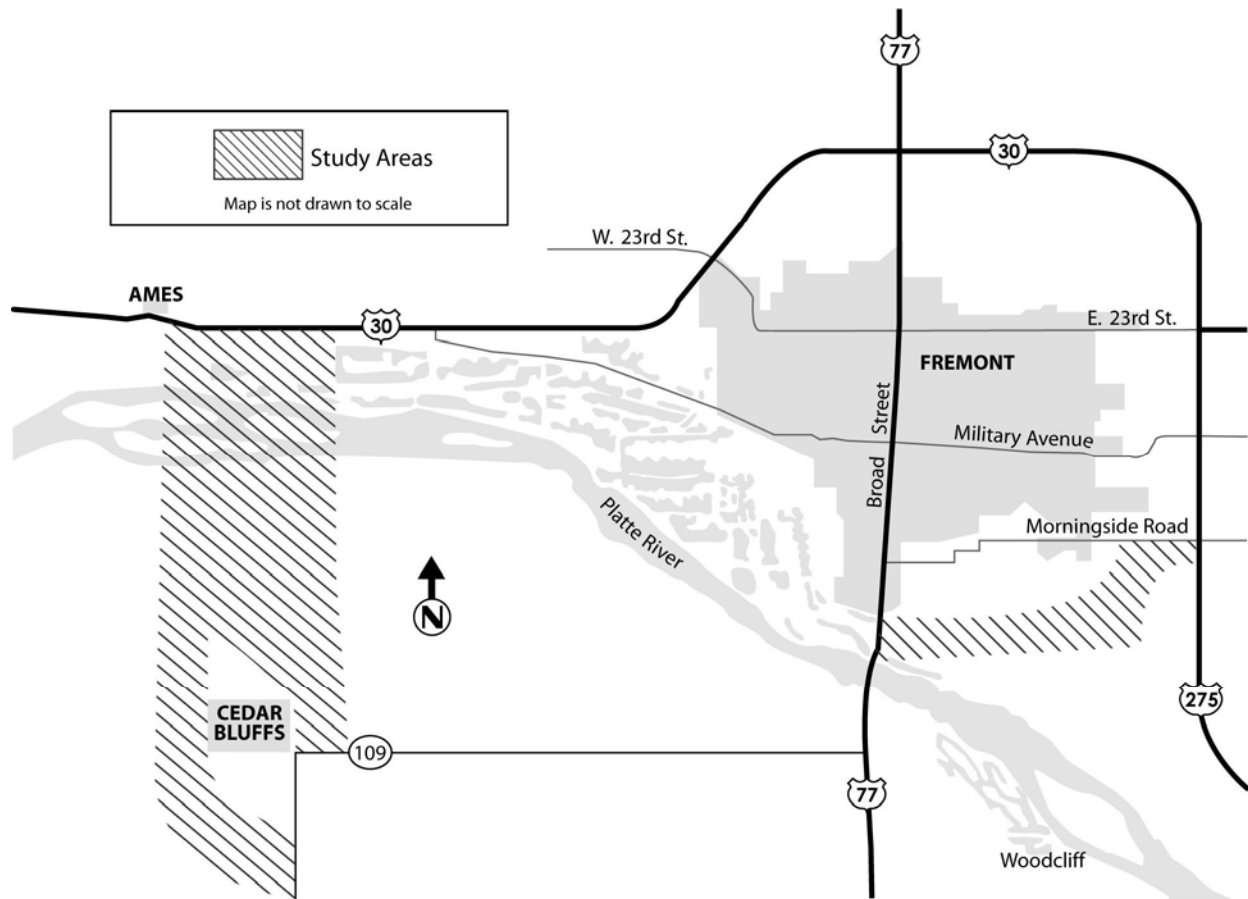
The presentation will cover the results of:

- The feasibility study on a possible U.S. 77 beltway to the southeast of Fremont beginning north of the Platte River.
- Further investigation of a western bypass concept following Nebraska Highway 109 north of Wahoo to connect with U.S. Highway 30 near Ames.

After the presentation, team members will listen to comments from the public. Comments will be recorded.

For more information, call the local project hot line at 753-US77 (753-8777) or the project office at (402) 488-2500, or E-mail the team at US77@schemmer.com.

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1500 Highway 2
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Communication Office: (402)479-4512

March 24, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Roads and Street Examiners to Meet

The Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents will meet at 8:45 a.m., April 1, 2005, in Room 103, Department of Roads' Central Headquarters Building, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln.

The principal agenda items are:

- ◆ Administration of the written examination for licensure.
- ◆ Licensing of one Professional Engineer.
- ◆ Review approval of Class A License Applications.

The meeting is open to the public.

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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

April 1, 2005, 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 February 25, 2005, Meeting

Professional Engineer application for a City Street Superintendent license: (1)

- Mr. Tory W. Kort, Grand Island, NE

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 February 25, 2005: (None)

Report on March 7-9, 2005 Pre-Licensing Workshop

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Written examination – Nebraska Department 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) re-applicants for the October 7, 2005, County Highway Superintendent and City Street superintendent examination

Preparation for October 7, 2005, Written Examination and September 7-9, 2005, Pre-Examination Workshop, including the following:

- New plan reading materials (Deferred)

Preparation of Thirty-Fifth Annual Report and review of distribution list (Deferred until mid-April with approval deferred until May meeting)

Review of Class A License Applications and approval/disapproval of Class A Licenses

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

- Re-written Licensing Rule and Regulation, 425 NAC 2, is now in effect
- Review progress on forms

Other Business

- Report on State and Federal Legislative Issues

Correspondence and General Information

Acknowledgement of Visitors

Next Meeting: May 6, 2005, 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 review of Class A License Applications is closed to attendance of the public. The oral interview and written examination are closed to attendance of the public.

**Notice of Highway Design Public Hearing
Elmwood North and South
April 28, 2005
7:30 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads, along with the State Highway Commission will hold a public hearing regarding reconstruction of Nebraska Highway 1 and widening of two bridges near Elmwood. The meeting for Project STPD-1-7(1006), known as "Elmwood North and South," will be held on April 28, 2005, 7:30 p.m. at the Fire Station, 601 N. 4th Street, Elmwood, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS

NOTICE OF HIGHWAY DESIGN HEARING

Date: April 28, 2005
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Fire Station
601 N. 4th St.
Elmwood, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads along with the State Highway Commission will hold a public hearing regarding reconstruction of Nebraska Highway 1 and widening of two bridges near Elmwood.

The proposed project in Cass County is identified as STPD-1-7(1006), also known as **Elmwood North and South**. It begins at the junction with U.S. Highway 34 and proceeds north for about 2 ½ miles.

The project involves grading, asphalt surfacing, drainage structures and lighting. The completed two-lane highway will have 8-foot-wide shoulders, 2 feet of which will be surfaced next to the driving lanes. New concrete surfacing, curb and gutter, storm sewer and sidewalks will be constructed in Elmwood.

Bridges proposed for widening as part of the project involve the bridge over the North Branch of Weeping Water Creek, located just north of Elmwood, and the bridge over Beaver Creek, located about 2 miles north of town.

During construction, through traffic will be detoured along U.S. 34 and Nebraska Highway 50. Temporary roadways around work zones may be used during some phases of construction.

Private property must be acquired for highway right-of-way throughout the length of the project.

Construction will impact wetlands areas and mitigation will be required for less than ½ acre. The department intends to establish replace-

ment wetlands either along the project or at one of the wetlands mitigation banksites located in Lancaster County.

The public hearing is being held to provide information about design features of the project. All people are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions.

Written statements and exhibits may be presented at the hearing, and they will be accepted as part of the public record for 10 days after the hearing.

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 April 14, 2005. 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.

The public is invited to stop at the hearing location from 3 - 5 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 regarding the proposed improvements.

Preliminary plans are available for public inspection at the NDOR District 1 Office, 302 Superior St., in Lincoln, and at the Roadway Design Division, NDOR Central Headquarters, 1500 Hwy 2, in Lincoln. Information also is available on the internet at www.dor.state.ne.us.

For further information regarding the proposed project, contact Gerald Bartek in Lincoln at (402) 479-4618.

March 28, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

I-80 Traffic Changes on Oak Creek Bridge Tuesday

I-80 eastbound traffic will be moved to the newly completed bridge, and westbound I-80 will be moved to the median on Tuesday, March 29, weather permitting. The traffic change will take place between 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, and 6:00 a.m., Wednesday. Work will allow for the construction of the westbound bridge. Lane closures will be needed. Motorists should watch for directional signs.

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For additional information contact:

Dan Lange in Lincoln (402) 471-0850, ext. 1115; or Mike Sklenar in Lincoln (402) 471-0850, ext. 1069.

NR786

March 28, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Safety Summit Focuses On ITS Innovations

A highway safety summit will bring transportation technology together with private and public agencies to identify key strategies in addressing highway safety concerns. This, the third highway safety summit, will be held March 29, at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) is advanced technology used to manage vehicles and roadways to help travelers get to their destinations timely and safely. The Departments of Motor Vehicles, Roads, and the Federal Highway Administration team up to bring highway safety to the forefront, along with innovative tools and strategies for safety advocates.

Governor Dave Heineman will kick off the day long summit. Featured presenters will include Chuck Jenkins of PB Farradyne, Supervisor for the KC Scout Traffic Operations Center of Kansas City, Missouri, and Kirk Luckscheiter of General Dynamics in Ypsilanti, Michigan. ITS technical displays, additional speakers and breakout work sessions will fill the day, along with discussions on major safety issues and how advanced technology can be integrated into transportation solutions.

The Nebraska Highway Safety/ITS Summit is in session from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is open to pre-registered participants only.

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For additional information contact:

Randy Peters, Traffic Engineer, Lincoln, (402) 479-4594.

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March 30, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

I-80 Lane Closures on Oak Creek Bridge Wednesday Night

Left lane closure will be needed for I-80 eastbound traffic to install a glare screen on top of median concrete barriers, north of Lincoln. Right lane closure will also be needed for I-80 westbound to complete installation of reflectors and vertical panels for the concrete barriers, on Wednesday, March 30, weather permitting.

The lane closures will take place between 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, and 6:00 a.m., Thursday.

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March 30, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Monday, April 4, 2005 @ 9:00AM
for

Approximately 2 weeks

Weather Permitting

**Access to Southbound Hwy N-133 from
Southbound Interstate 680 will be CLOSED.**

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**Access to Southbound Interstate 680 from
Northbound Hwy N-133 will be CLOSED.**

These Closures are necessary for the reconstruction of concrete pavement on Hwy N-133.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

March 30, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Friday, April 1, 2005 @ 9:00PM
until
Friday, April 1, 2005 @ 12:00PM

**Westbound West Dodge Road Exit Ramp
to 120th Street will be CLOSED.**

This Ramp Closure is necessary to form a Diaphragm on a Pier located along the Exit Ramp.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Karl Burns
Public Relations 592-7623

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March 31, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Douglas County

Friday, April 1, 2005 @ **8:00AM**
until
Friday, April 1, 2005 @ **11:00AM**

**Westbound West Dodge Road Exit Ramp
to 120th Street will be CLOSED.**

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