

May 2, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work Begins on Hwy 67 Dunbar to Brock

Work is scheduled to begin this week on Highway 67 from Dunbar to Talmage, and on Highway 67 from the intersection of Highway 105 and 67 into Brock, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

The work consists of pavement patching, milling of the old surface, and placing of new asphalt surfacing. This work will be done under traffic with flaggers and pilot vehicles. The asphalt mix that will be used is a blend of asphaltic oil and crumb rubber made from old tires.

Dobson Brothers Construction Co., of Lincoln, Nebraska has the \$987,126.00 contract for these projects. Work is anticipated to be completed by mid-summer. The Department of Roads' project manager is Don Hitzeman of the Tecumseh office.

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For additional information contact:

Don Hitzeman in Tecumseh (402) 335-4131.

Projects: PEP-67-2(1003) and PEP-67-2(1004)

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May 3, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House May 17 for Highway 89 Improvements Near Orleans

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a Pre-Appraisal Information Open House on Tuesday, May 17, regarding a proposed project to reconstruct a segment of Nebraska Highway 89 west of Orleans and to resurface part of the highway in town. The open house will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the Village Office, 111 West Maple Street, in Orleans.

The two-lane project in Harlan County begins at the county road intersection about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile west of the Republican River and ends just west of the railroad crossing at the edge of Orleans.

Five bridges and a twin box culvert will be constructed on new alignment just north of the current highway alignment. The new roadway will have asphalt surfacing and six-foot-wide shoulders, two feet of which will be surfaced next to the driving lanes. The old roadway will be removed after traffic is shifted to the new lanes.

Most of the project will be constructed under traffic. A temporary detour for through traffic will be used during latter phases of construction. The detour will route traffic on U.S. Highway 136 and Nebraska Highway 46.

About $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of Nebraska 89 in Orleans, from Elm Street to North Street, will be resurfaced as part of the project. The work will be done under traffic.

Additional property must be acquired for highway construction, mostly from the Nebraska Kansas Colorado Railnet.

Construction will impact wetlands areas and mitigation will be required for an estimated 1-2 acres. The department intends to establish replacement wetlands on public right-of-way along or near the project.

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 7 Headquarters, 619 Auditorium Drive, in McCook, and at the NDOR 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:

Ed Palandri, Roadway Design Division in Lincoln, (402) 479-4601.

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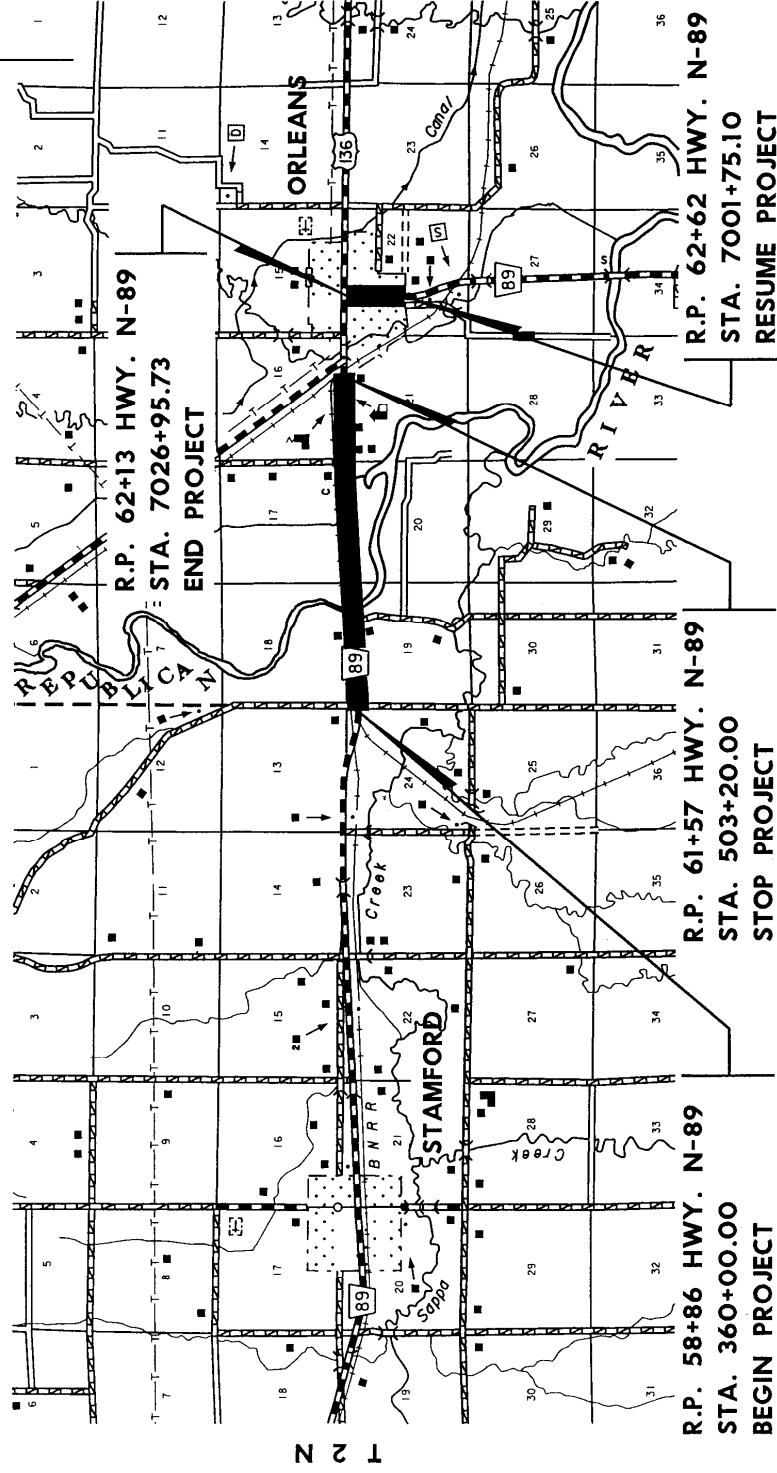
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May 3, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

I-80 Lane Closures on Oak Creek Bridge Thursday Night

A right lane closure will be needed for I-80 westbound traffic over Oak Creek, north of Lincoln, to install concrete girders, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. West span girders will be placed on Thursday night, May 5, weather permitting.

Temporary lane closure will take place between 9:00 p.m. Thursday and 6:00 a.m. Friday.

Also, a right lane closure will be needed for I-80 eastbound traffic over Oak Creek, north of Lincoln, to run the profilograph over the bridge deck, to measure its smoothness. The lane closure will be changed from right lane to left lane at approximately 10:30 p.m. and will remain until approximately 11:00 p.m. The eastbound lane closure will then be removed.

Temporary lane closure will take place between 9:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Thursday night.

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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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Notice of Information Open House
Minatare South Viaduct Study
May 25, 2005
5:00-7:00 p.m.

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding Project STPD-L79E(109), known as "Minatare South Viaduct Study," on May 25, 2005, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Minatare Lounge (Old Legion Club), 711 Main Street, Minatare, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Date: May 25, 2005
Time: 5 – 7 p.m.
Place: Minatare Lounge
(Old Legion Club)
711 Main St.
Minatare, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding possible location of a highway viaduct at Minatare.

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

The proposed viaduct would carry traffic on Nebraska Link 79E over the BNSF Railway tracks just west of Minatare. The project is identified as STPD-L79E(109), **Minatare South Viaduct Study**.

A new at-grade intersection of Link 79E with U.S. Highway 26 would be constructed on the south side of U.S. 26. Some adjoining roads and intersections with Link 79E would be realigned as part of the project.

Three at-grade crossings of the BNSF tracks would be closed upon completion of highway viaduct con-

struction. Closures involve the existing Link 79E crossing, the County Road P crossing about ½ mile east of Link 79E, and the County Road P crossing about ½ mile west.

Purchase of additional land as highway right-of-way would be required for viaduct construction. Control of access to the roadway near the viaduct may be required. Construction may impact wetlands areas and mitigation may be required.

Where possible, the Department of Roads will provide an accessible meeting facility for disabled people. Appropriate provisions for people who are hearing and visually challenged will be made if the department is notified by May 11, 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.

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.

**Notice of Information Open House
Scottsbluff Northwest Viaduct Study
May 26, 2005
5:00-7:00 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding Project NH-71-3(121), known as "Scottsbluff Northwest Viaduct Study," on May 26, 2005, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express, 1821 Frontage Road (on U.S. Hwy. 26), Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

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Place: Holiday Inn Express
1821 Frontage Road
(on U.S. Hwy. 26)
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding possible location of a highway viaduct near the northwestern edge of Scottsbluff.

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

The proposed viaduct would carry traffic on Nebraska Highway 71 over the BNSF Railway tracks and over U.S. Highway 26. The project is identified as NH-71-3(121), **Scottsbluff Northwest Viaduct Study**.

A new at-grade intersection of Nebraska 71 with U.S. 26 would be constructed on the north side of U.S. 26. Some adjoining roads and intersections with Nebraska 71 would be realigned as part of the project.

Two at-grade crossings of the BNSF tracks would be closed upon

completion of highway viaduct construction. Closures involve the Nebraska 71 crossing at 27th Street and the County Road K crossing just south of 27th Street.

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May 4, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work to Begin May 16 on Highway 5 and Deshler Spur

Work is scheduled to begin May 16 on Highway 5 between Highway 4 and Deshler, and on the Deshler Spur, S85E, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Werner Construction Company of Hastings has the \$3,118,895 contract for grading, a culvert, bridge work, and surfacing.

Traffic will be maintained with the use of flaggers, a pilot car, and a shoofly detour. There will be a graveled shoofly detour around a bridge site approximately one mile south of the junction of Highways 4 and 5. The shoofly will carry two-way traffic with a speed limit of 35 mph. The shoofly will be in effect until possibly late August. There will also be a detour on local streets and Highway 136, at the north edge of Deshler, for the construction of a box culvert on the Deshler Spur.

Work is anticipated to be completed in October. The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Lyle Kohmetscher of Hastings.

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For additional information contact:

Lyle Kohmetscher in Hastings, (402) 469-9186 or (402) 462-1996.
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MOVING the metro THRU THE MILLENNIUM

A special construction update for the metro Omaha area
Nebraska Department of Roads Spring/Summer 2005

Omaha's Looking Up!

West Dodge Elevated Expressway Bridges (2005 Construction)

Construction in 2005 will concentrate on completion of the westbound expressway bridge piers. Pier construction and girder installation will continue and paving of the bridge deck on the westbound structure will begin this year.

Work on bridge footings and piers began on the eastbound expressway bridge between 114th Street and 120th Street this spring.

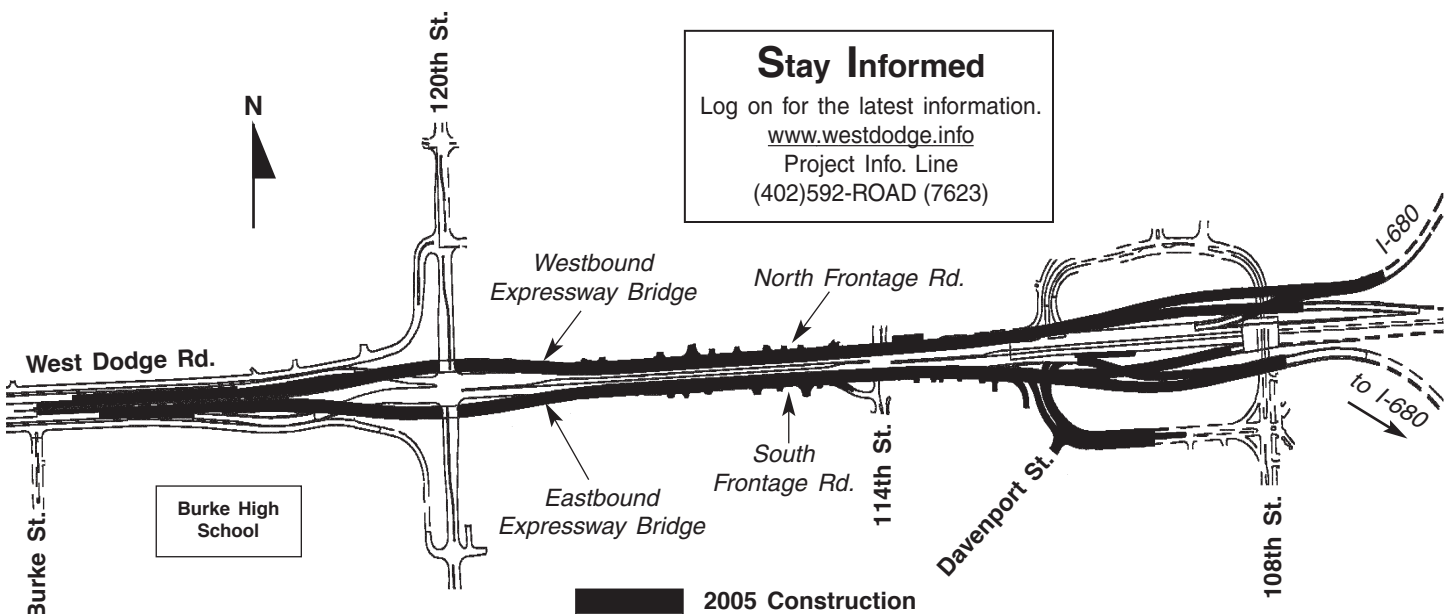
Complete directional closures of West Dodge Road will occur to erect the bridge girders during late evening and early morning hours. The existing number of lanes along West Dodge Road will be maintained during peak hours. Traffic will be maintained at 120th Street interchange, 114th Street intersection, and Old Mill area.

Construction will impact traffic along the north frontage road between 114th Street and 120th Street and along the south frontage road between 117th Street to Davenport Street. This work will require closing the north frontage road in four separate segments during construction.



Westbound Expressway Bridge taking shape.

Access will be maintained from one direction to all properties along the north frontage road during the segment closures. Traffic to all properties along the south frontage road between 117th Street and 114th Street and between 114th Street and Davenport Street will be maintained from at least one direction.



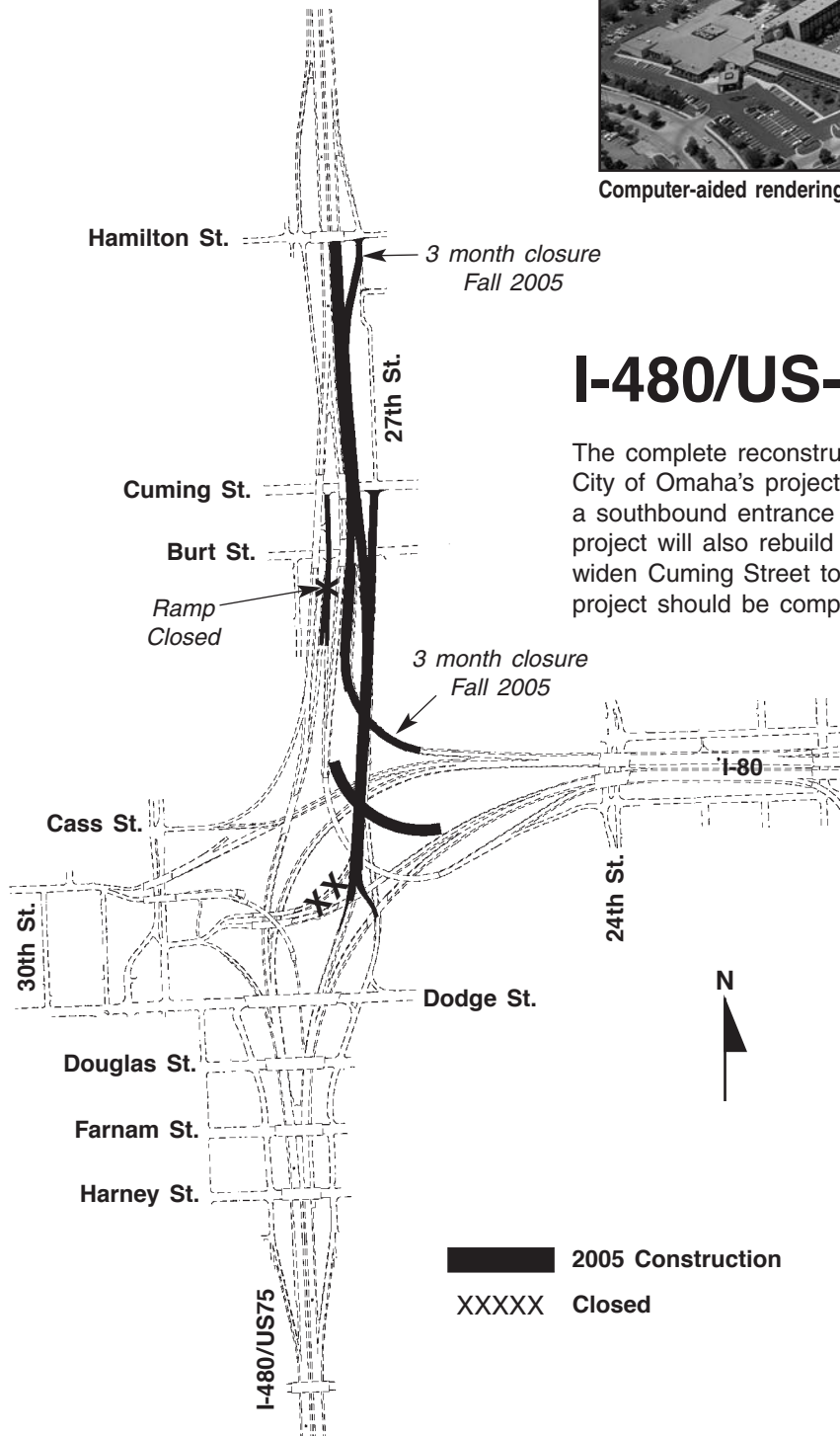
I-680/West Dodge Road Interchange

The I-680 and West Dodge Road interchange has been an ongoing reconstruction project since 2002.

The remaining work will be concentrated in the Westroads/Regency area, where work on the westbound West Dodge Road bridge over Regency Parkway will be completed this summer. This work will complete the reconstruction of the interchange.



Computer-aided rendering of West Dodge Road and I-680 Interchange looking west.



I-480/US-75 Interchange

The complete reconstruction of this interchange began last fall with the City of Omaha's project to build a new bridge over Burt Street providing a southbound entrance ramp to I-480 from Cumming Street. The City project will also rebuild the 30th and Cumming Streets intersection and widen Cumming Street to provide for two-way traffic operation. This City project should be completed by the end of 2005.

This summer, the Department of Roads, will begin work on the northbound lanes and bridges of US-75 from just north of Dodge Street and ending at Hamilton Street. A minimum of one lane will be maintained on US-75 during the construction.

This construction will require permanent closure of the entrance ramp from 30th Street to northbound I-480 in the summer of 2005. Also, the westbound I-480 ramp to northbound US-75 and the northbound US-75 exit ramp to Hamilton Street will be closed for three months in the fall of 2005.

This interchange reconstruction will require three and one-half years to complete and is scheduled to be finished by the end of 2008. This work includes 14 new bridges and removal of 7 existing bridges.

Modification of I-680/West Maple Interchange

Expanding I-680 from West Maple Road to Fort Street

(Final Year of Two-Year Project)

I-680 between West Maple Road interchange and the south end of the Fort Street interchange is being expanded to three lanes in each direction with an auxiliary lane connecting the ramps. A 28-foot-wide median with a raised concrete barrier will be constructed. The reconstruction of the I-680/West Maple interchange includes the addition of entrance loops to I-680 in the northwest and southeast quadrants and building three lanes in each direction on West Maple Road from 102nd Street to west of 108th Street.

Construction this year includes the removal and reconstruction of the southbound lanes from Fort Street to West Maple Road. The southbound lanes will be shifted to the newly constructed northbound lanes, traffic will be separated by a temporary concrete barrier.

Work at the West Maple Road interchange will include the completion of the north portion or westbound lanes of the West Maple bridge over I-80. The new entrance loop in the northwest quadrant and entrance ramp in the southwest quadrant will be completed this year.

Two lanes of traffic in each direction will be maintained on West Maple Road and I-680 during peak hours. Entrance and exit ramp/loop movements at the I-680/West Maple Road interchange will be maintained. There will be lane restrictions on 108th Street north and south of West Maple Road through June 2005.

Project completion is scheduled for fall 2005.

I-680 Missouri River (Morman) Bridges

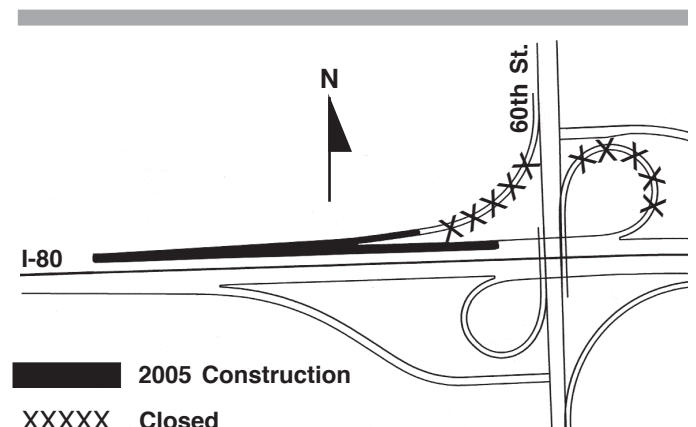
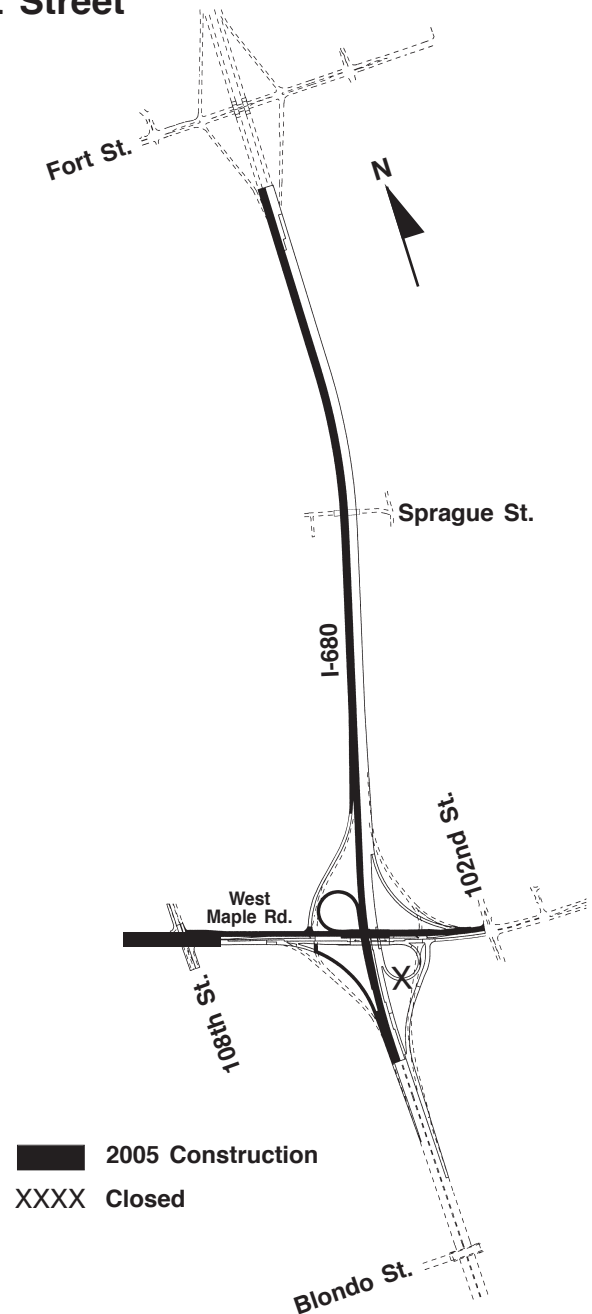
Improvements to these bridges include asphalt overlays to the bridge decks. The eastbound bridge will be closed to traffic during this construction with traffic head-to-head on the westbound bridge. The westbound bridge will be constructed under traffic with a lane closure for the westbound traffic. These improvements will be completed this year with work accomplished on one bridge at a time.

60th Street Entrance Ramp to Westbound I-80

A portion of the 60th Street southbound to I-80 westbound entrance ramp will be rebuilt with concrete pavement. This work replaces the asphalt surface which was built during initial construction to allow for anticipated settlement. The entrance ramp will be closed during this construction.

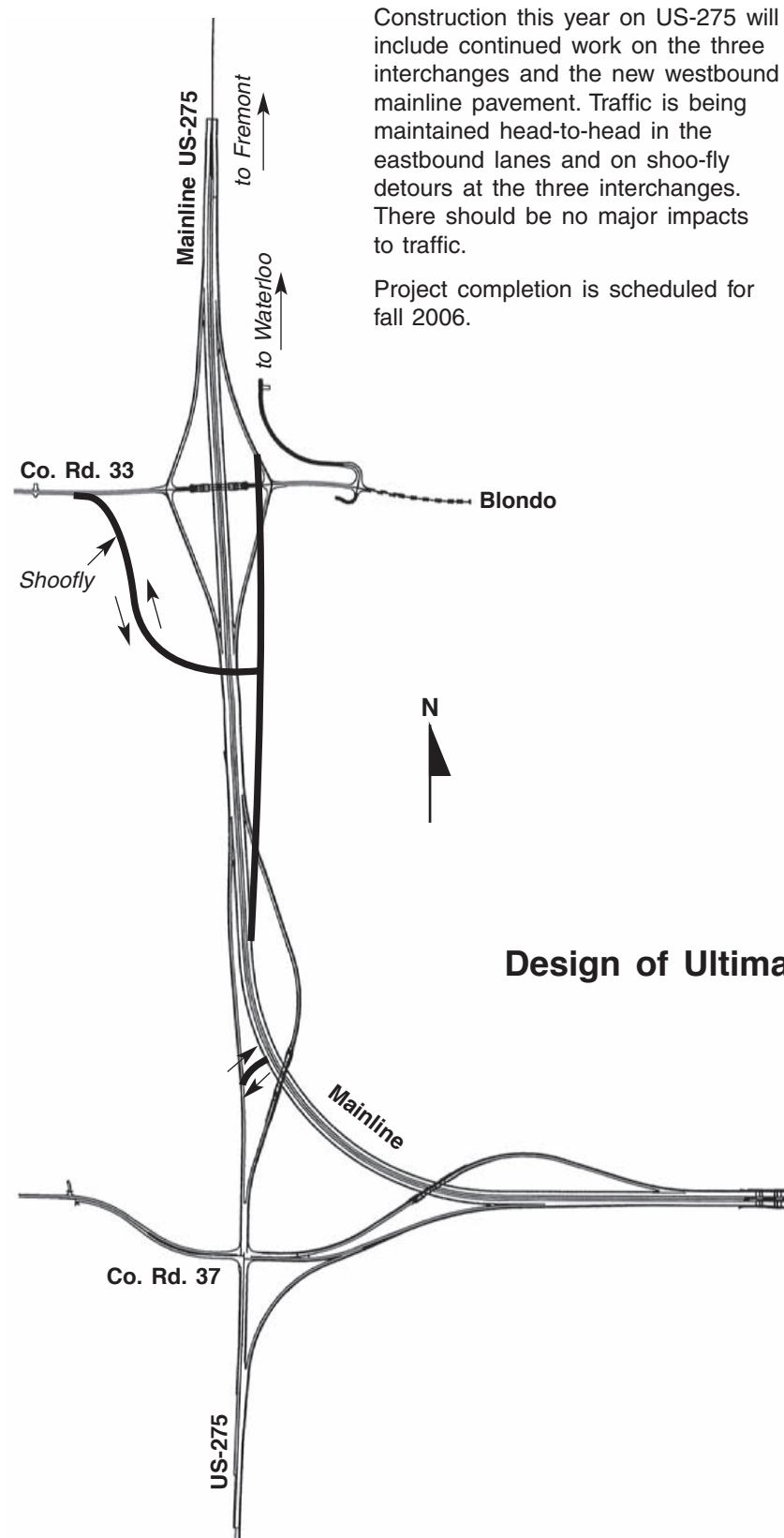
The outside lane (5th lane) and shoulder on I-80 will also be rebuilt because of this settlement from 60th Street bridge to Papillion Creek bridge. The northbound 60th Street to I-80 westbound loop will be closed for a portion of this work.

The project will start late this summer and be completed this fall.



Omaha to Fremont Expressway Continues on West Dodge Road

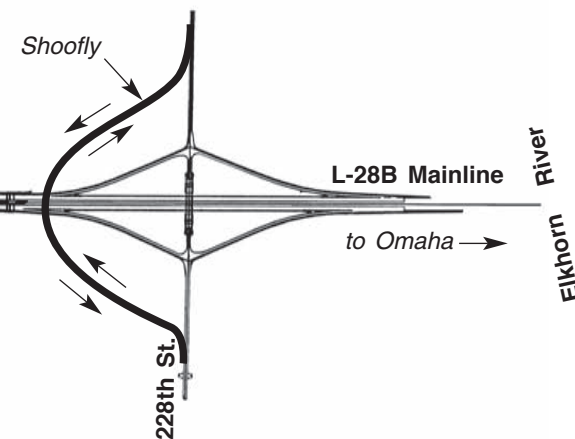
Reconstruction of US-275 and West Dodge Road Intersection includes Interchanges at Blondo Street and 228th Street.



Construction this year on US-275 will include continued work on the three interchanges and the new westbound mainline pavement. Traffic is being maintained head-to-head in the eastbound lanes and on shoo-fly detours at the three interchanges. There should be no major impacts to traffic.

Project completion is scheduled for fall 2006.

Design of Ultimate Construction



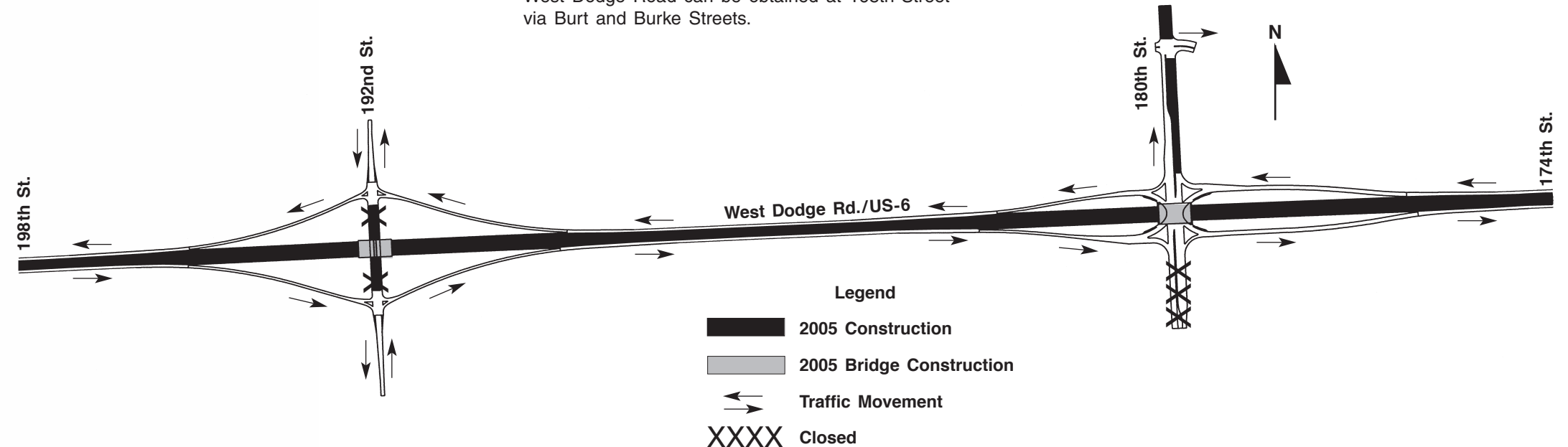
US-6 (West Dodge Road) from 174th to 198th Street Update

Reconstruction of West Dodge Road will include the construction of 192nd Street and 180th Street Interchanges.

Construction in 2005 will include the mainline paving of West Dodge Road, the West Dodge bridge over 192nd Street, and the 180th Street bridge over West Dodge Road. Work will continue on the 180th Street bridge thru spring and early summer of the 2006 construction season. Access from 180th Street to West Dodge Road can be obtained at 168th Street via Burt and Burke Streets.

Traffic is being maintained thru this portion of West Dodge Road using the entrance and exit ramps for the 192nd and 180th Street interchanges. Right turns from all directions at 192nd Street will be maintained.

The 192nd Street interchange work is anticipated to be completed in fall 2005. Full project completion is scheduled for fall 2006.



N-31 Widened from West Dodge Road/US-6 to Elkhorn

N-31 will be widened to two lanes in each direction with a surfaced median including left- and right-turn lanes. Head-to-head traffic will use the newly constructed southbound lanes during reconstruction of the northbound lanes. Anticipated completion of this project is August 2005.

Hwy. N-31 thru Elkhorn to Hwy. N-64 (West Maple Road) Begins

Beginning this fall, Hwy. N-31 will be reconstructed thru Elkhorn to a five-lane urban facility, including the reconstruction of Hwy. N-31/N-64 intersection. The limits of construction along Hwy. N-31 will be from the Railroad Viaduct to one-half mile north of Hwy. N-64. The reconstruction along Hwy. N-64 will be from east of Western Street to west of Moylan Drive. Head-to-head traffic will be maintained during construction. Project completion is scheduled for fall 2006.

Hwy. N-50 Springfield North

Reconstruction of Hwy. N-50 from Springfield to Hwy. N-370 begins this season.

Hwy. N-50 will be completely reconstructed to a four-lane facility with median and left turn lanes. During the first year of this two-year construction project the southbound lanes will be paved. Traffic will be maintained head-to-head with crossover detours at both ends of the project.

The northbound lanes will be constructed during the second year of construction with traffic being maintained on the newly constructed southbound lanes. A bike path will be constructed alongside the northbound lanes for the entire length of the project.

Project completion is scheduled for fall 2006.

Hwy. N-92 Platte River Bridge

New bridges will be constructed over the Platte River north of the existing bridges on Hwy. N-92. Traffic will be maintained on the existing bridges during construction of the new bridges. When completed, traffic will be routed onto the new bridges, and the existing bridges removed.

There should be no major impacts to traffic during the construction of the bridges.

An asphalt overlay will also be constructed under traffic on N-92 from the bridges to the US-275 junction.

This project is scheduled to be completed in fall 2006.

Expansion of Rural I-80 to Six Lanes Continues

Ruff Road to N-370 (2005)

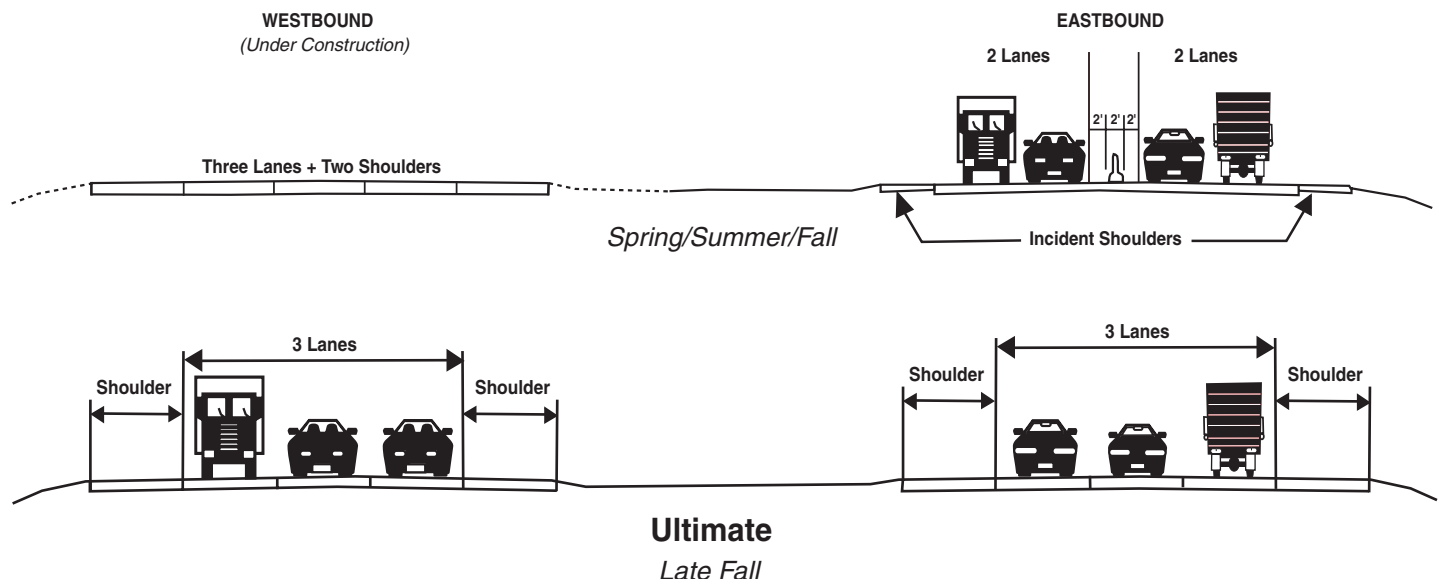
The third year of construction includes removal and the reconstruction of the existing westbound lanes from Hwy. N-370 to Ruff Road.

Starting this spring, the westbound traffic will be shifted to the newly completed eastbound lanes. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction separated by

temporary concrete barriers. Project completion is scheduled for fall 2005.

The Melia Hill Westbound I-80 Rest Area will be closed during the reconstruction of the westbound lanes. A beautiful new and expanded rest area will open in spring 2006.

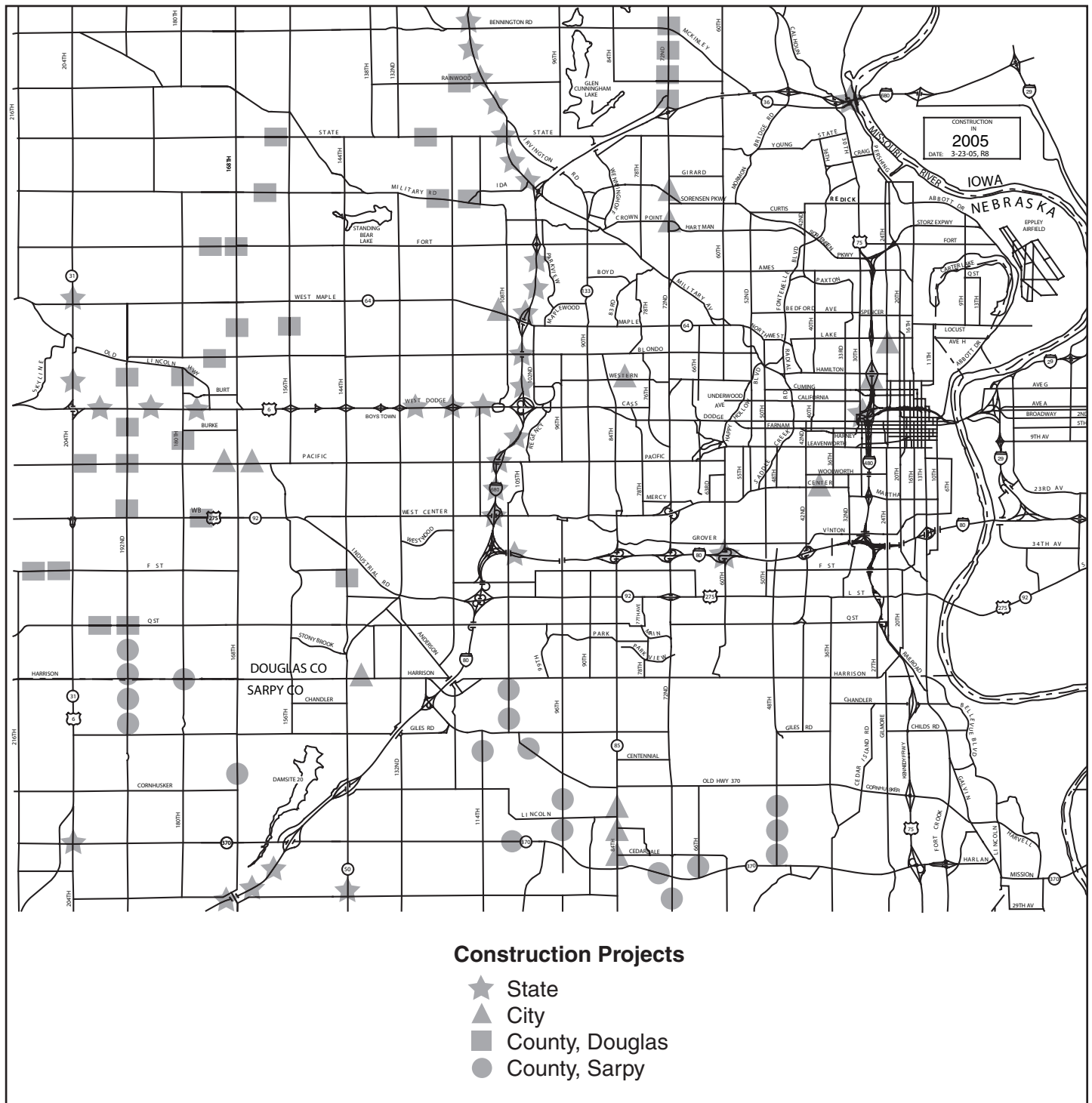
2005 Traffic Phasing Ruff Road to N-370



Omaha Metro Area Projects Identified by the Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Committee

The City, County, State, Local and State Law Enforcement, and Utilities meet quarterly to coordinate and mitigate road construction projects scheduled by the various jurisdictions.

This map reflects major projects scheduled through 2005.



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May 6, 2005

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Douglas County

Monday, May 9, 2005 @ 9:00AM
for approximately
6 Weeks

Weather Permitting

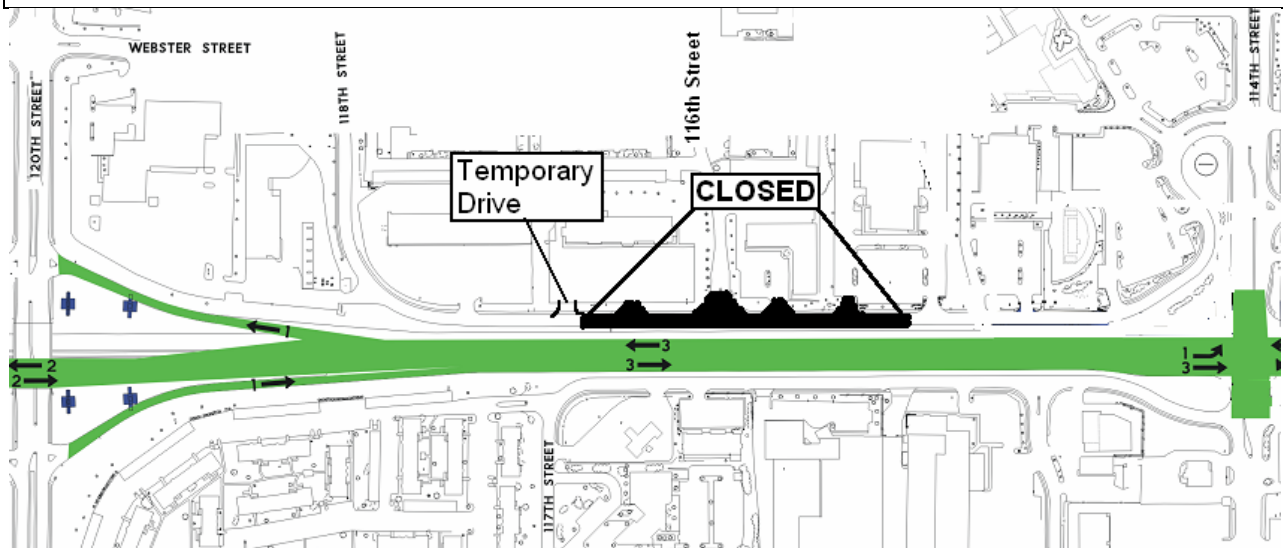
(West Dodge North Frontage Road)

**The North Frontage Road will be Closed both directions
at approximately 115th Street thru 117th Street.
116th Street will be CLOSED at the North Frontage Road.**

**Access to Properties west of the Closure will be from 120th Street.
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**Access to Properties east of the Closure will be from 114th Street.
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**Access to the Property just east of 116th Street
will be from north 116th Street.**



This Closure is necessary for the reconstruction of the North Frontage Road.

For additional information contact:

Karl Burns
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May 6, 2005

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Monday, May 9, 2005 @ 9:00AM
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4 Months

Weather Permitting

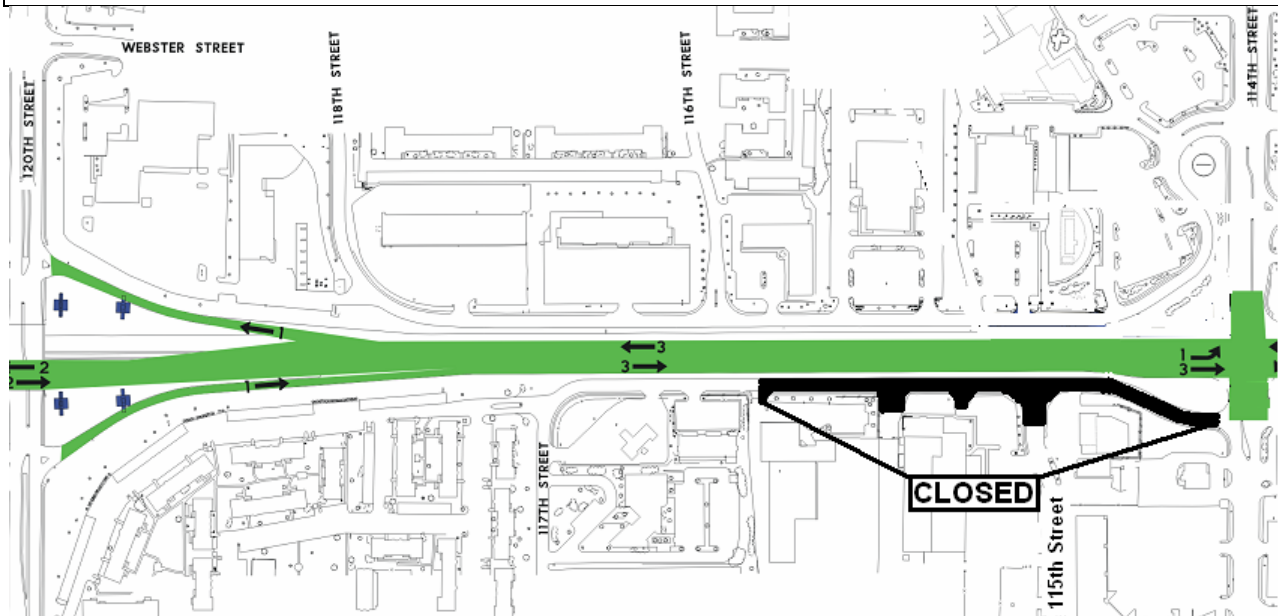
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**Access to Properties east of the Closure will be from 114th Street.
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**Access to the Properties east & west of 115th Street
will be from south 115th Street.**



This Closure is necessary for the reconstruction of the South Frontage Road.
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May 9, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New Highway and Street Superintendents Licensed

Lincoln -- Four persons successfully completed the April 1, 2005 examination and are now licensed by the Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents.

Licensed as City Street Superintendent is Mark Christiansen of York.

Licensed as County Highway Superintendents are Bruce Canning of Lewellen, Donald Newton of Walthill and Randall Smith of Minden.

Canning is an equipment operator for the Garden County Road Department; Christiansen is an engineering intern for the City of York; Newton is the Thurston County Road Superintendent; and Smith is a foreman for the Kearney County Road Department.

The next examination will be held October 7, 2005 with an application deadline of August 8, 2005. Applications can be obtained by contacting the Board of Examiners, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509, (402) 479-4607, and by consulting the website listed below.

Also recently licensed were:

Kent Cordes of Kearney, Douglas Holle of Lincoln, Ronald Nohr of Crofton and Jeffrey Peterson of Shelton, licensed as both County Highway Superintendent and City Street Superintendent. Registered Professional Engineers (P.E.) are licensed by equivalency. Cordes and Pederson are Civil Engineers for Miller & Associates in Kearney; Holle is a Civil Engineer for the Schemmer Associates in Lincoln; and Norh is President of EDM Associates in Crofton.

Superintendents are qualified to administer city and county street and road programs, including:

- ◆ preparing one- and six-year improvement plans,
- ◆ assisting in preparing annual budgets and financial reports,
- ◆ supervising the annual program for roadway design, construction and maintenance, and
- ◆ coordinating plans with adjacent counties and cities and with the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Additional information about the licensing program is available at the Nebraska Department of Roads, Government Affairs Division website, www.nebraskatransportation.org/localiaison/index.htm.

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For additional information contact:

LeMoyne Schulz (402) 479-4436
LS/NR764

May 9, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Monday, May 9, 2005 @ 11:00PM
Until
Tuesday, May 10, 2005 @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

**Northbound Interstate 680 at West Maple Road
will be Closed.**

Marked Detour provided for Traffic.

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

This Closure is necessary for the placement of Bridge Girders at West Maple Road.

Chas Vrana Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

May 9, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

U.S. 30 Advisory Panel to Meet in Working Session

The U.S. 30 Advisory Panel will meet in a working session Tuesday, May 17, at 9:30 a.m. at the Lower Platte North Natural Resources District office, in Wahoo.

"This Advisory Panel will help identify issues important to the various segments of the population in Dodge County," said Greg Michaud, Facilitator for the Panel. "The Panel will solicit input from households, businesses, and other organizations located in the project area this summer to help identify issues that should be considered when trying to determine the location for an improved U.S. 30. The Panel will use these issues to assess alternate alignments for the proposed U.S. 30 expressway between Schuyler and Fremont."

Based on citizen input, the Panel will make recommendations to the Nebraska Department of Roads about the location, effects, and mitigation of the proposed four-lane improvement. These recommendations will be included in a report that will be available to the public.

The Panel includes representatives from agriculture, business, community affairs, diking and drainage districts, and local government.

The Panel is expected to conduct working sessions throughout the summer and fall before making its recommendations. The working sessions are not intended as public meetings, although the public is welcome to observe the Panel's deliberations.

Greg Michaud was selected by a committee of public and private stakeholders to provide facilitation services, and is under contract with the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, an independent federal agency.

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For additional information contact:

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May 11, 2005

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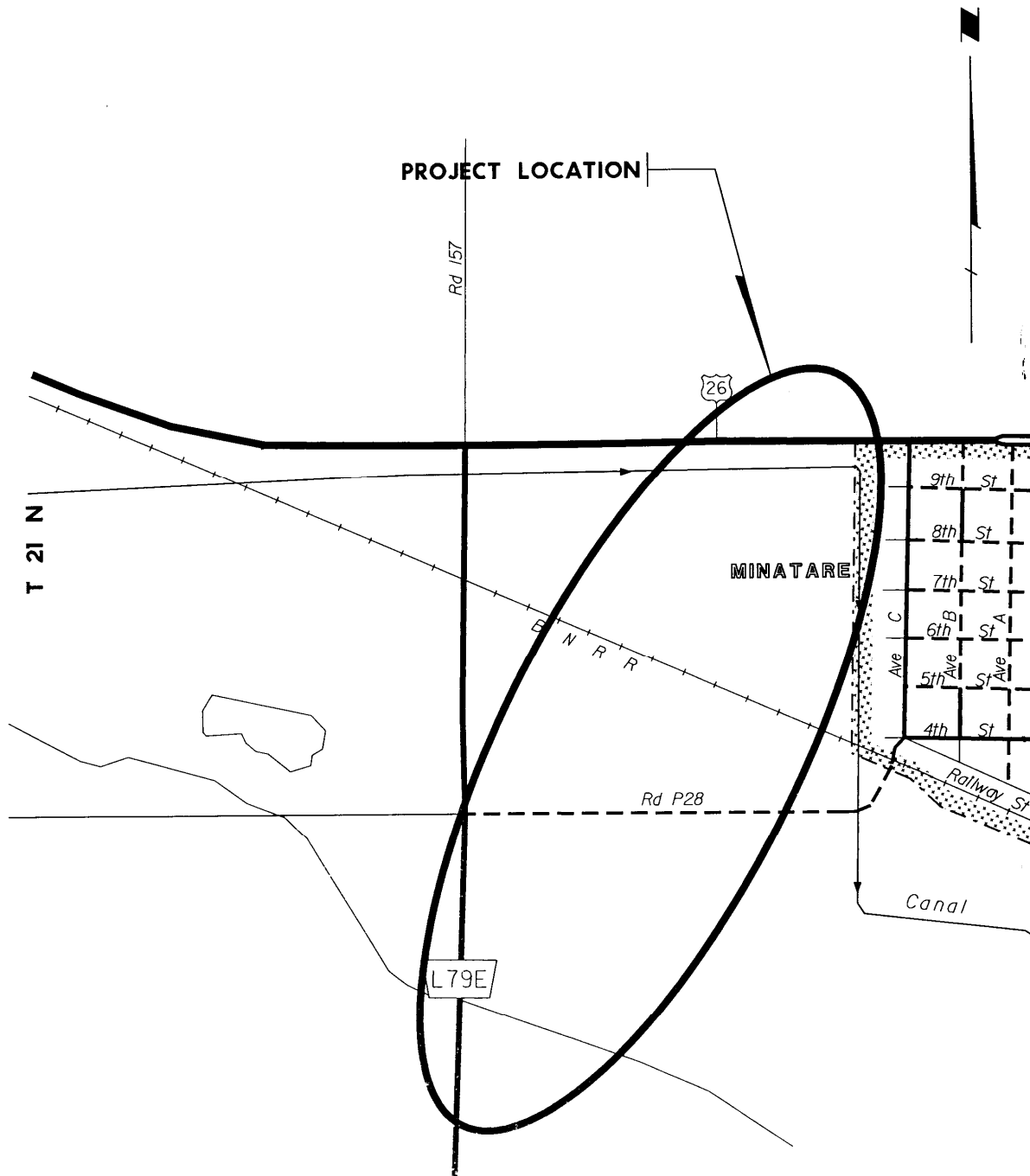
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May 11, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House May 26 for Highway Viaduct Northwest of Scottsbluff

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House on Thursday, May 26, regarding possible location of a highway viaduct near the northwestern edge of Scottsbluff. The open house will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Express, 1821 Frontage Road (on U.S. Hwy. 26), in Scottsbluff.

The proposed viaduct would carry traffic on Nebraska Highway 71 over the BNSF Railway tracks and over U.S. Highway 26. A new at-grade intersection of Nebraska 71 with U.S. 26 would be constructed on the north side of U.S. 26. Some adjoining roads and intersections with Nebraska 71 would be realigned as part of the project.

Two at-grade crossings of the BNSF tracks would be closed upon completion of highway viaduct construction. Closures involve the Nebraska 71 crossing at 27th Street and the County Road K crossing just south of 27th Street.

Purchase of additional land as highway right-of-way would be required for viaduct construction. Control of access to the roadway near the viaduct may be required. Construction may impact wetland areas and mitigation 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 Planning and Project Development Division, 1400 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:

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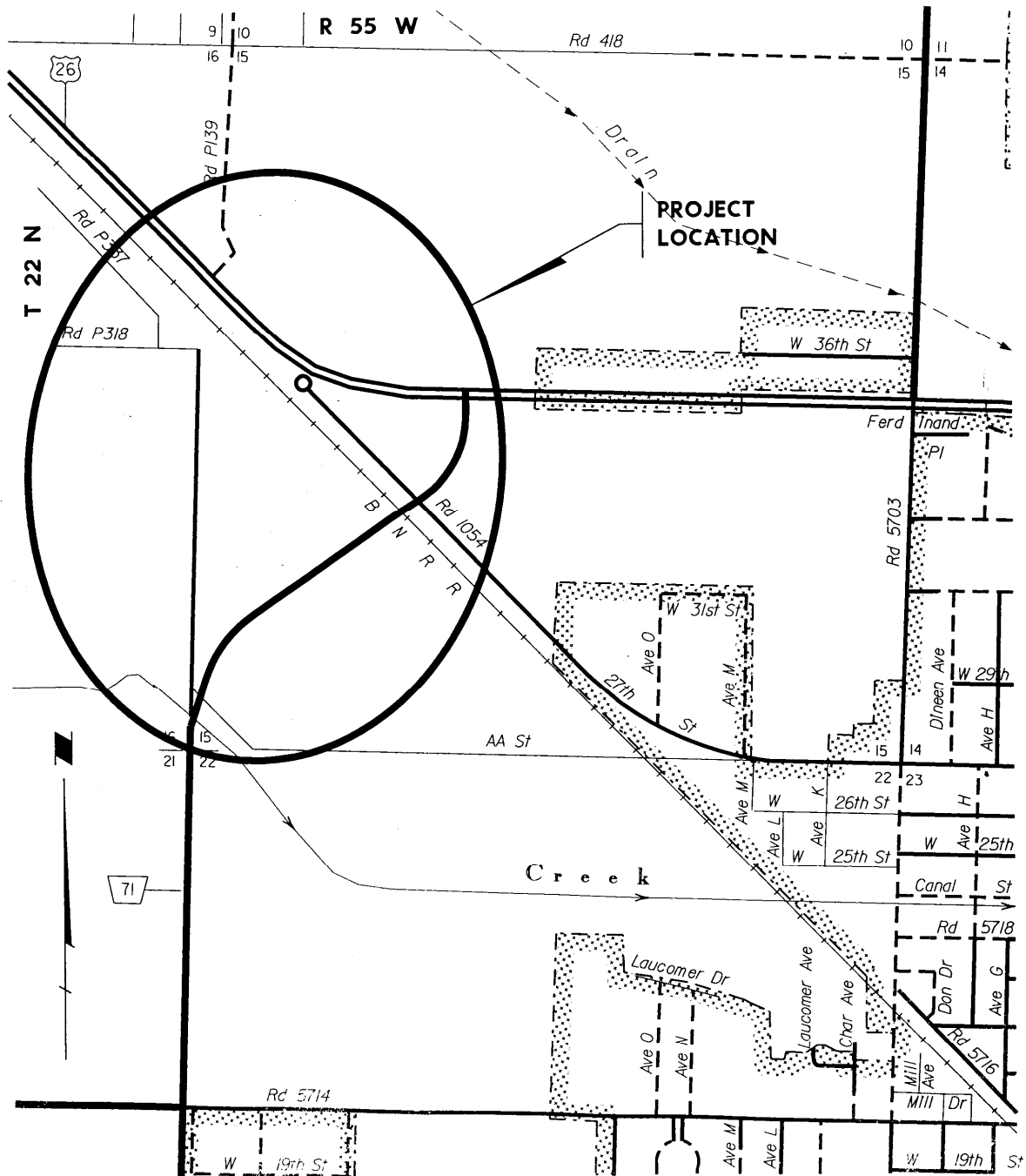
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SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY



Website: www.dor.state.ne.us

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

May 13, 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 May 20, Ramada Limited South, Goldenrod Room, 1511 Center Park Road, in Lincoln.

The agenda includes:

- ◆ Addition of projects to the Otoe County and the Cities of Auburn and Ord One- and Six-Year Road and Street Improvement Plans.
- ◆ Consideration of sanctions for failure to submit the 2005 One- and Six-Year Plan by certain municipalities.

The meeting is open to the public.

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Detailed agenda as of May 12, 2005 enclosed

For additional information contact:

LeMoyne D. Schulz (402) 479-4436.

LDS/NR760

Agenda

for the Meeting of

Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards

May 20, 2005, 9:00 a.m.

**Ramada Limited South, Goldenrod Room
1511 Center Park Road, Lincoln, Nebraska**

Call to Order – Chairman

Roll Call – Secretary

Changes to Published Agenda – Secretary

Minutes of the April 15, 2005, meeting

Status Report – 2004-2005 Standardized System of Annual Reports (*NDOR, 93 County and 528 Municipal reports received, 3 Municipal reports are delinquent*)

Update on of suspension of Highway Allocation funds to the following Municipalities for failure to submit the 2004-2005 Standardized System of Annual reports in accordance with Neb.Rev.Stat. Sec. 39-2120 and 39-2121 (*Suspension requested 4/4/05 and initiated with the 4/11/05 allocation distribution*)

Cedar Bluffs

Magnet

Osmond

Consideration of lifting of suspension (*none as of 5/12/05*)

Status Report – 2005 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road, and Street Plan Submittals (*90 County and 527 Municipal plans received, 4 Municipal plans are delinquent*)

Consideration of suspension of Highway Allocation Funds to the following Municipalities for failure to submit the 2005 One- and Six-Year Plan in accordance with Neb.Rev.Stat. Sec. 39-2117 and 39-2119

Fremont

Waterbury

Scribner

Winnebago

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

- A. City of Auburn (1) – concrete surfacing with curb and gutter.
- B. City of Ord (1) – concrete surfacing with curb and gutter.
- C. Otoe County (1) – concrete surfacing

State Aid Bridge Fund Applications (None)

Other Business:

- Report Work Plan Performance
- Discussion of Date/Location for Annual Outstate Meeting
- Discussion of Regional Local Officials' Workshops
- Report on State and Federal Legislative Issues

Correspondence and General Information:

- Reappointment Request Procedures (*4 members' terms expire 11/30/05*)
- Miscellaneous Correspondence

Acknowledgement of visitors

Next meeting June 17, 2005, 9:00 a.m., Ramada Limited South, Goldenrod Room, 1511 Center Park Road, Lincoln, Nebraska

Adjournment

May 13, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

State Highway Commission Monthly Agenda Announced

The State Highway Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting May 20, 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, May 20, 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: April 2005 Meeting Minutes

Introductions/Correspondence/Announcements

Old Business/New Business

Agenda Topics:

- 1) Long-Range Interstate Plan - Terry Gibson, Assistant Design Engineer
NDOR Roadway Design Division

Questions/Comments

- 2) Southeast Nebraska Regional ITS Architecture (SENEARCH)
Virendra Singh, Manager, Long-Term Planning – MPO
Lincoln Public Works & Utilities, Engineering Services

Questions/Comments

Project Approvals:

"Murray to Plattsmouth", C.N. 21209
Mike Owen, Roadway Design Engineer, requests Design Approval
of the Design Features of "Murray to Plattsmouth"
A public hearing was held January 19, 2005
Questions/Comments/Commission Vote

Public Meeting Schedule

June 7, 2005 (*Wanitschke*)
"In Aurora", C.N. 41857
Public Information Meeting – 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Bremer Center, Aurora, NE

June 7, 2005 (*Acklie*)
"Lincoln South Beltway", C.N. 12578
Public Open House – 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Scott Middle School, Lincoln, NE

Public Input

Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting

Friday, June 24, 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 -

Nebraska State Highway Commission

Educational Briefing/Discussion

Friday, May 20, 2005

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

Agenda

Highway Trust Fund Distributions to Nebraska Counties and Cities

Fremont Bypass Update

Highway Capacity/Level of Service

Encouraging Economic Development

NDOR's District Construction Engineers

WASHTO 2005 Boards & Commission Meeting Agenda

May 16, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Harvesting Hay from State Roadsides Illegal

The Department of Roads would like to remind everyone that harvesting hay on the state's highway rights-of-way is illegal, and is not allowed, unless it is specifically allowed by permit usually as a part of or declaration, by the Governor, of a drought relief program. In addition to being illegal, the presence of haying equipment on the roadside may be a safety concern for motorists and the people who are attempting to harvest hay on the roadside.

Harvesting hay on the roadsides also disturbs valuable wildlife habitat. The Department of Roads is asking for everyone's cooperation by refraining from harvesting hay on state right-of-way. The State Roads Department also asks anyone who witnesses hay harvesting activities on the State's right-of-way to report the activity by calling the nearest Department of Roads office. Violators will be subject to prosecution.

The phone number and city for the Roads Department's eight district offices are:

District 1, Lincoln	(402) 471-0850
District 2, Omaha	(402) 595-2534
District 3, Norfolk	(402) 370-3470
District 4, Grand Island	(308) 385-6265
District 5, Bridgeport	(308) 262-1920
District 6, North Platte	(308) 535-8031
District 7, McCook	(308) 345-8490
District 8, Ainsworth	(402) 387-2471

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**Notice of Information Open House
In Aurora
June 7, 2005
4:00-6:00 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding a project to reconstruct about 1/2 mile of Nebraska Highway 14 in Aurora. The meeting for Project STPD-14-2(118), known as "In Aurora," will be held on June 7, 2005, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Bremer Community Center, East Room, 1604 L Street, Aurora, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Date: June 7, 2005
Time: 4 – 6 p.m.
Place: Bremer Community Center
East Room
1604 L St.
Aurora, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding a project to reconstruct about ½ mile of Nebraska Highway 14 in Aurora.

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

The proposed project, identified as STPD-14-2(118) and known as *In Aurora*, includes improving the intersection of Nebraska 14 and U.S. Highway 34 to better accommodate trucks. The project begins at U.S. 34 and ends just south of H Street.

Construction will involve concrete surfacing, curb and gutter, and improving the existing storm sewer system.

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

Through traffic on Nebraska 14 will be detoured during construction. The proposed detour route follows A Street, 1st Street, and U.S. 34 in town.

Preliminary plans developed by the Nebraska Department of Roads are available for public inspection at the NDOR District 4 Office, 211 N. Tilden St., in Grand Island, and at the Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

Where possible, the Department of Roads will provide an accessible meeting facility for disabled people. Appropriate provisions for people who are hearing and visually challenged will be made if the department is notified by May 24, 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 Cooper Minto in the Roadway Design Division at (402) 479-3727.

May 16, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Revised

Work to Close Highway 33 from Highway 77 to the Sprague Spur

Construction work is scheduled to begin May 31 on Highway 33, from the Highway 77 Interchange to the Sprague Spur (S55B), according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

TCW Construction, Inc. of Lincoln has the \$86,509 contract for replacement of a box culvert. Highway 33 will be closed from Highway 77 to the Sprague Spur. Through traffic will be detoured via Highway 77, a county road, and the Sprague Spur (S55B) for the duration of the project.

Work on this project is anticipated to be completed in July. The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Ryan Hobelman.

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For additional information contact:

District Construction Engineer Mike Sklenar in Lincoln, (402) 471-0850, ext. 1069, or Ryan Hobelman in Lincoln, (402) 471-0850, ext. 1134.

NR773

May 18, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work to Begin on Highway 136 West of Tecumseh

Construction work is expected to begin the week of May 23rd on U.S. Highway 136 starting at the west end of Tecumseh and continuing west for 5.5 miles, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. Preliminary work of clearing some trees from the right-of-way began last week.

The major construction work consists of culvert extensions, widening the fill slopes, milling the existing asphalt surface, widening of the driving surface to 28 feet and overlaying with new asphalt. The project will remain open during all phases of construction. There will be times that flaggers and pilot vehicles will be used to direct traffic through work areas.

Werner Construction Co., of Hastings, Nebraska has the \$1,676,877.00 contract for this project. Work is anticipated to be completed this fall. The Department of Roads' Project Manager is Don Hitzeman at the Tecumseh Office.

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For additional information contact:

Don Hitzeman in Tecumseh at (402) 335-4131

EACSTPD-136-7(118), Tecumseh West

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May 18, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Thursday, May 19, 2005 @ 8:00AM
until
Thursday, May 19, 2005 @ 11:00AM

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

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Thursday, May 19, 2005 @ 9:00AM
until
Thursday, May 19, 2005 @ Noon

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

These Ramp Closures are necessary to replace pavement markings on the Ramps.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Karl Burns
Public Relations 592-7623

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May 18, 2005

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Douglas County

Wednesday, May 18, 2005 @ 7:00PM

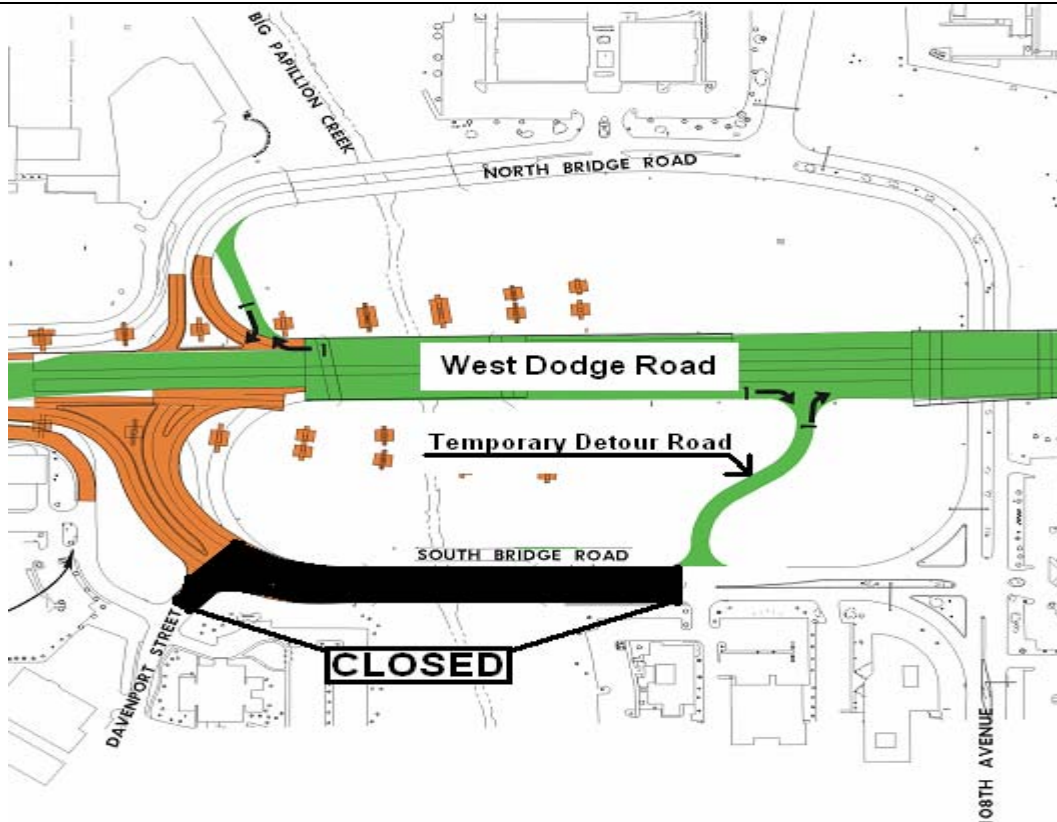
Until

Wednesday, May 18, 2005 @ Midnight

Weather Permitting

(South Bridge Road)

**South Bridge Road will be Closed both directions
from Davenport Street to the Temporary Detour Road
west of 108th Avenue.**



This Closure is necessary for the construction of the South Bridge Road Bridge Deck over the Papio Creek.

For additional information contact:

Karl Burns
Public Relations
592-7623

www.westdodge.info

**Notice of Public Open House
Lincoln South Beltway
June 7, 2005, 4:00-7:00 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will display information and receive comments and questions about details of two segments planned for construction of the Lincoln South Beltway in Lancaster County. The completed highway will connect U.S. 77 to Nebraska Highway 2 near 120th Street. The meeting will be held on June 7, 2005, 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Scott Middle School (use north doors), Multi-Purpose Room, 2200 Pine Lake Road, Lincoln, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Date: June 7, 2005

Time: 4 – 7 p.m.

Place: Scott Middle School
(use north doors)
Multi-Purpose Room
2200 Pine Lake Road
Lincoln, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will display information and receive comments and questions about details of two segments planned for construction of the Lincoln South Beltway.

The two segments are located between U.S. Highway 77 and 84th Street. A third segment, located between 84th Street and 120th Street, remains in preliminary engineering design. Location of the new highway corridor already has been approved.

The entire project, called **Lincoln South Beltway**, involves constructing a freeway on the south side of Lincoln in Lancaster County. The completed four-lane divided highway with limited access will connect U.S. 77 to Nebraska Highway 2 near 120th Street.

The beltway will feature freeway interchanges with no at-grade intersections. The two west segments will be constructed on land located between Saltillo Road and Bennet Road. Construction will include grading, bridges, drainage culverts, concrete surfacing and roadway lighting.

Interchanges will be constructed to connect the freeway with U.S. 77, Saltillo Road, 27th Street, 70th Street, and 84th Street. An underpass will be constructed to carry 25th Street under the freeway. A bridge will be constructed to carry traffic on 54th Street over the freeway.

Much of the project will be constructed without affecting travel on existing roads. Temporary roadways around work zones will be required during some phases of construction. Local road closures may be required at various times.

Acquisition of private property, including two residences and one business, will be required to construct the two west segments of the freeway. Temporary easements may be acquired to accommodate construction. Control of access to the freeway and near the interchange ramps must be acquired.

Construction of the beltway will impact existing wetlands and mitigation will be required. Replacement wetlands will be established on the project, possibly near the 27th Street or 84th Street interchanges.

Preliminary design estimates indicated mitigation would be required for impacts to 9 acres of wetlands located in the two west segments of the beltway. That figure is preliminary and subject to change.

An Environmental Impact Statement was developed for the beltway project. A Record of Decision authorizing preliminary design was signed by the Federal Highway Administration on Sept. 19, 2002. Copies of the EIS document may be obtained from the FHWA Nebraska Division Office, 100 Centennial Mall North, in Lincoln, and at the NDOR Central Headquarters, 1500 Hwy 2, in Lincoln.

Where possible, the Department of Roads will provide an accessible meeting facility for disabled people. Appropriate provisions for people who are hearing and visually challenged will be made if the department is notified by May 24, 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.

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 through the *Highway Projects* link on the NDOR internet homepage at www.dor.state.ne.us.

For further information regarding the project, contact Syed Ataulah in Lincoln at (402) 479-4777.

May 24, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Open House June 7 for Lincoln South Beltway

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a Public Open House on Tuesday, June 7, to display information and receive comments and questions about details of two segments planned for construction of the Lincoln South Beltway. The open house will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., at Scott Middle School (use north doors), Multi-Purpose Room, 2200 Pine Lake Road, in Lincoln.

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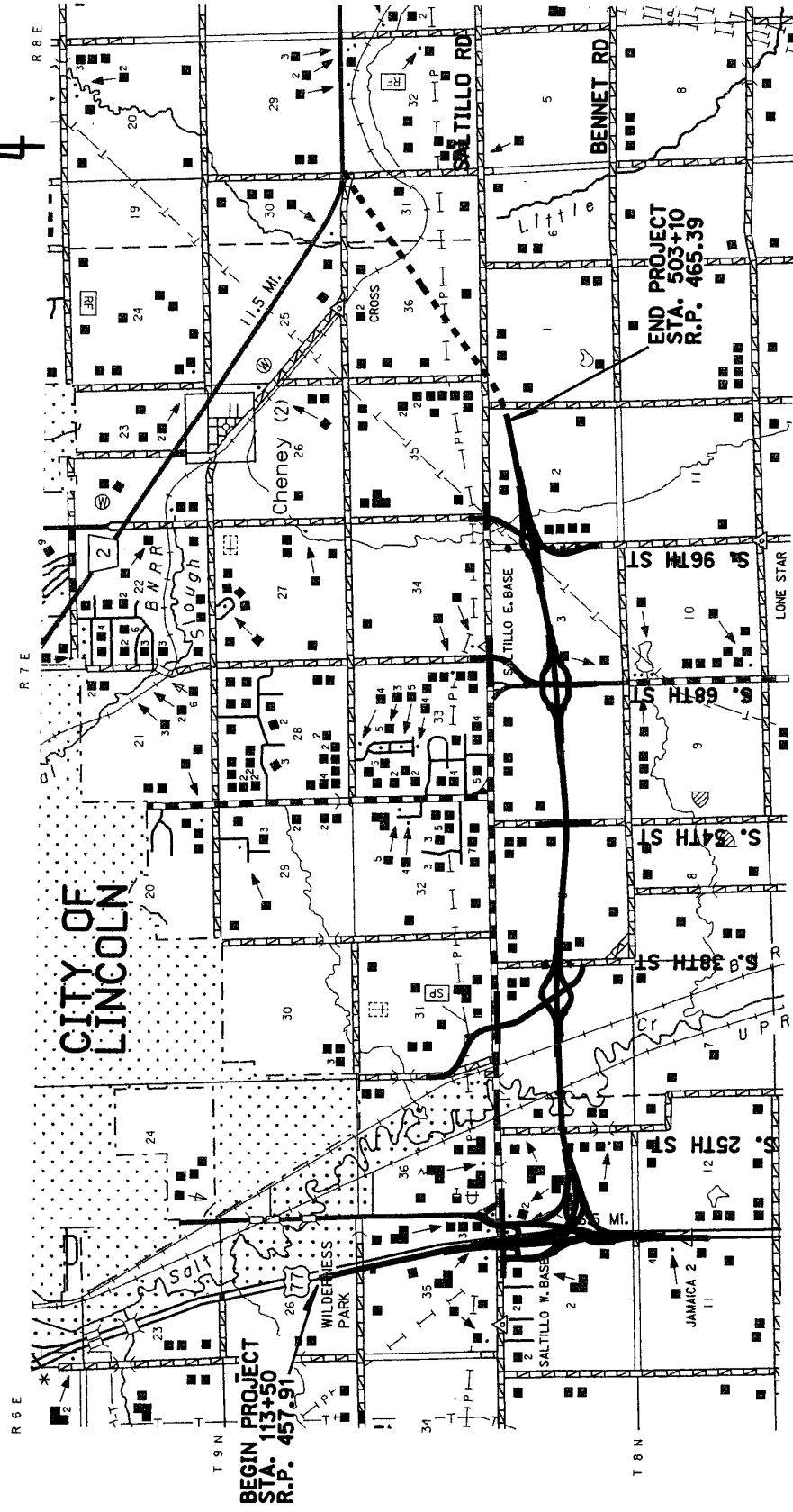
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LINCOLN SOUTH BELTWAY

DPU-2-6(119)
US-77 TO 27TH ST.
CN: 12578C

LANCASTER COUNTY

DPU-2-6(117)
27TH TO 84TH STREET
CN: 12578A



May 24, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House June 7 for Hwy. 14 Improvements In Aurora

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House on Tuesday, June 7, regarding a project to reconstruct about ½ mile of Nebraska Highway 14 in Aurora. The open house will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the Bremer Community Center, East Room, 1604 L Street, in Aurora.

The proposed project includes improving the intersection of Nebraska 14 and U.S. Highway 34 to better accommodate trucks. The project begins at U.S. 34 and ends just south of H Street.

Construction will involve concrete surfacing, curb and gutter, and improving the existing storm sewer system. Additional property must be acquired for highway right-of-way throughout the length of the project.

Through traffic on Nebraska 14 will be detoured during construction. The proposed detour route follows A Street, 1st Street, and U.S. 34 in town.

Preliminary plans developed by the Nebraska Department of Roads are available for public inspection at the NDOR District 4 Office, 211 N. Tilden St., in Grand Island, and at the Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

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For additional information contact:

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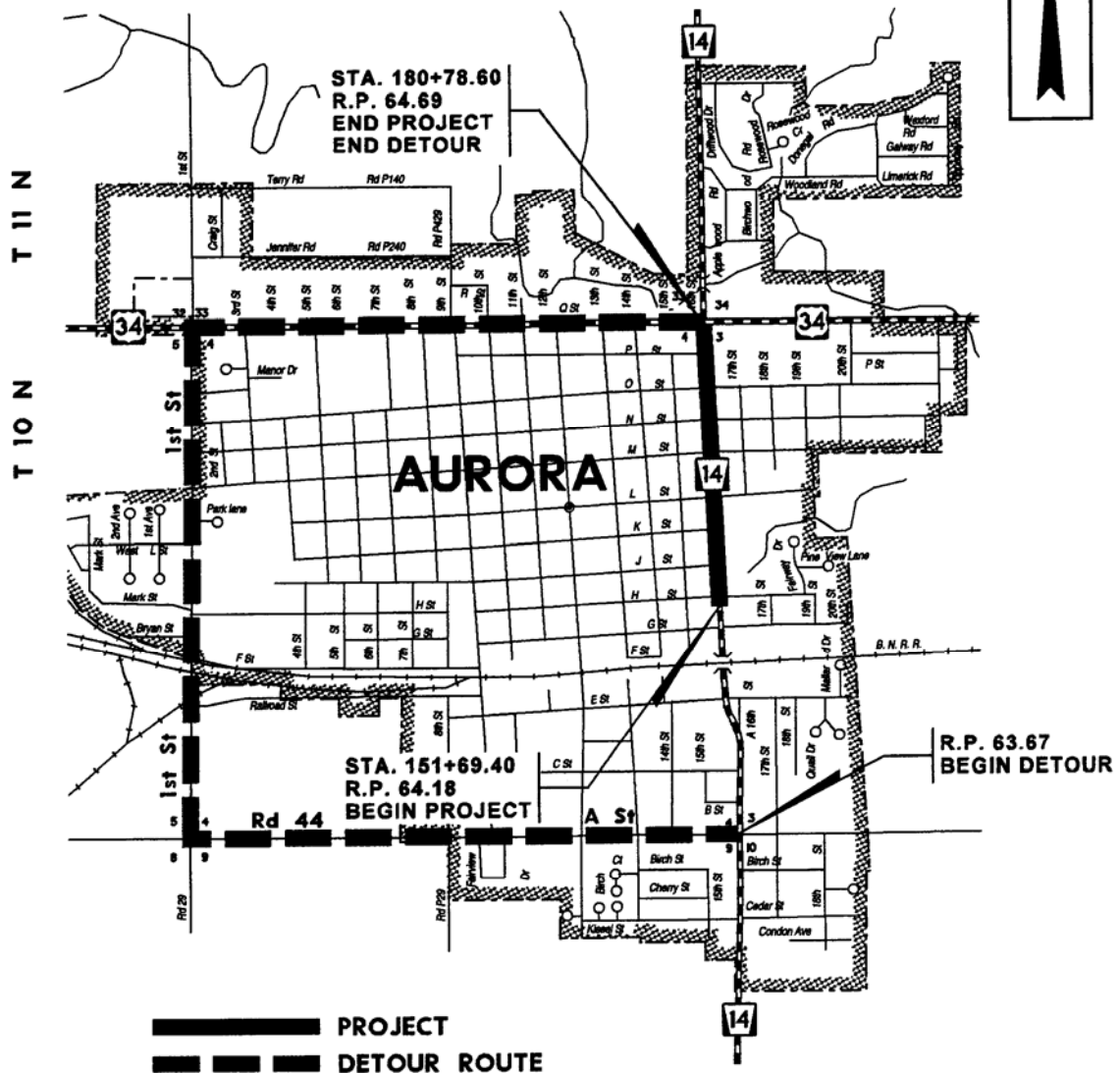
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HAMILTON COUNTY

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May 24, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Wednesday, May 25, 2005 @ 11:00PM
Until

Thursday, May 26, 2005 @ 6:00AM

&

Thursday, May 26, 2005 @ 11:00PM
Until

Friday, May 27, 2005 @ 6:00AM

**Northbound Interstate 680 at West Dodge Road
will be Closed.**

Marked Detour provided for Traffic.

These Closures are necessary for the installation of permanent pavement markings.

Chas Vrana Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

May 25, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Thursday, May 26, 2005 @ 9:00AM
until
Thursday, May 26, 2005 @ Noon

Weather Permitting

**120th Street Entrance Ramp to
Westbound West Dodge Road will be Closed.**

This Ramp Closure is necessary work on the North Frontage Road retaining wall.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Karl Burns
Public Relations 592-7623

www.westdodge.info



**Notice of Information Open House
Expand I-80 E.B. and Kennedy S.B.
June 21, 2005, 4:00-6:00 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting about widening a segment of eastbound Interstate 80 and southbound Kennedy Freeway in Omaha. The meeting for Project NH-80-9(892), known as "Expand I-80 E.B. and Kennedy S.B.," will be held on June 21, 2005, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Sokol South Omaha, 2021 U Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Date: June 21, 2005
Time: 4 – 6 p.m.
Place: Sokol South Omaha
2021 U St.
Omaha, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting about widening a segment of eastbound Interstate 80 and southbound Kennedy Freeway in Omaha to improve traffic flow.

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

The proposed project, identified as NH-80-9(892) and known as **Expand I-80 E.B. and Kennedy S.B.**, will be constructed within existing limits of state right-of-way. Construction will be completed under traffic.

I-80 from west of 42nd Street eastbound to the I-480 interchange will be widened one lane. Kennedy Freeway southbound from I-80 to Chandler Road will be widened one lane.

The 42nd Street Bridge on I-80 and the J Street Bridge on Kennedy Freeway will be widened.

On the bridge carrying traffic from I-80 eastbound to Kennedy Freeway southbound, the south two spans will be widened. This ramp-bridge will carry two lanes of traffic.

Access to F Street for traffic southbound on I-480 will be permanently blocked with concrete barriers. Access to F Street will be maintained for traffic exiting from I-80.

Automated gates for closing two on-ramps during peak driving times will be permanently installed to help alleviate traffic congestion. The ramp to eastbound I-80 from northbound 42nd Street will be closed to traffic daily during peak hours. The on-ramp from F Street to southbound Kennedy Freeway also will be closed daily during peak hours.

Where possible, the Department of Roads will provide an accessible meeting facility for disabled people. Appropriate provisions for people who are hearing and visually challenged will be made if the department is notified by June 7, 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 Terry Gibson in Lincoln at (402) 479-4601.

**Notice of Pre-Appraisal Meeting
Raymond South and Agnew North & South
June 16, 2005, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting about reconstructing Nebraska Highway 79 south of Valparaiso. The meeting for Project STPD-79-2(102) and Project STPD-79-2(108), known as "Raymond South" and "Agnew North & South," will be held on June 16, 2005, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the American Legion, Post 371, 430 West 2nd Street, Valparaiso, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF PRE-APPRAISAL MEETING

Date: June 16, 2005
Time: 4 - 6 p.m.
Place: American Legion
Post 371
430 West 2nd Street
Valparaiso, Nebr.

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting about reconstructing Nebraska Highway 79 south of Valparaiso.

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

The projects to reconstruct about 13 miles of Nebraska Highway 79 in Lancaster and Saunders Counties begin about 1 mile north of the intersection with U.S. Highway 34 and end just north of the intersection with Nebraska Highway 66 in Valparaiso. The projects are identified as STPD-79-2(102), **Raymond South**, and as STPD-79-2(108), **Agnew North & South**.

Construction will involve grading, bridges, culverts, new surfacing, resurfacing, and some roadway lighting. The completed roadway will be a two-lane highway with 8-foot-wide surfaced shoulders.

During construction, through traffic will be detoured along North 14th Street from Superior Street in Lincoln to the Valparaiso-Ceresco Road. Temporary roadways around work

zones will be used on the north end of the project.

Private property must be acquired for highway right-of-way throughout the length of the project. Control of access to the highway also will be acquired.

The crossing of Saunders County Road 28 over the Union Pacific Railroad Co. tracks will be closed and Road 28 realigned to intersect with County Road A.

Construction will impact wetlands areas and mitigation will be required. The department intends to establish replacement wetlands for about 3 acres on public right-of-way along the project. More than 2,000 feet of stream channel must be realigned during construction.

Where possible, the Department of Roads will provide an accessible meeting facility for disabled people. Appropriate provisions for people who are hearing and visually challenged will be made if the department is notified by June 2, 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.

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.

For further information regarding the proposed project, contact Gerald Bartek in Lincoln at (402) 479-4618 and Lorraine Legg in Lincoln at (402) 479-4446.

May 27, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Dodge County

Wednesday, June 1, 2005 @ 7:00AM
Until
Spring 2006

**Military Avenue at Highway US-275 (Fremont East Bypass)
will be Closed.**

This Closure is necessary for the construction of the additional two lanes on US-275.

Werner Construction Inc. is the Contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer