

June 1, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Thursday, June 2, 2005 @ 10:00PM  
Until  
Friday, June 3, 2005 @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

**Southbound 114<sup>th</sup> Street  
North of West Dodge Road  
will be CLOSED.**

This Closure is necessary to place Bridge decking over 114<sup>th</sup> Street.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Karl Burns  
Public Relations 592-7623

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## Douglas County

Friday, June 3, 2005 @ Midnight  
Until  
Saturday, June 4, 2005 @ 6:00AM

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## Douglas County

Wednesday, June 1, 2005 @ 11:00PM

Until

Thursday, June 2, 2005 @ 6:00AM

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Until

Friday, June 3, 2005 @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

**Southbound Interstate 680 from West Maple Road to  
West Dodge Road will be Closed.**

Marked Detour provided for Traffic.

These Closures are necessary to install permanent pavement markings.

Chas Vrana Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

**For additional information contact:**

Marvin Lech PE  
District Construction Engineer

June 2, 2005

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Information Open House June 16 for Highway 79 Improvements Near Valparaiso**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a Pre-Appraisal Information Open House on Thursday, June 16, about reconstructing Nebraska Highway 79 south of Valparaiso. The open house will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the American Legion, Post 371, 430 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, in Valparaiso.

The projects to reconstruct about 13 miles of Nebraska Highway 79 in Lancaster and Saunders Counties begin about one mile north of the intersection with U.S. Highway 34 and end just north of the intersection with Nebraska Highway 66 in Valparaiso.

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

During construction, through traffic will be detoured along North 14<sup>th</sup> 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 wetland areas and mitigation will be required. The department intends to establish replacement wetlands for about three acres on public right-of-way along the project. More than 2,000 feet of stream channel must be realigned during construction.

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 1 Office, 302 Superior Street, in Lincoln, and at the NDOR Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

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**For additional information contact:**

Gerald Bartek, Roadway Design Division in Lincoln, (402) 479-4618.

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

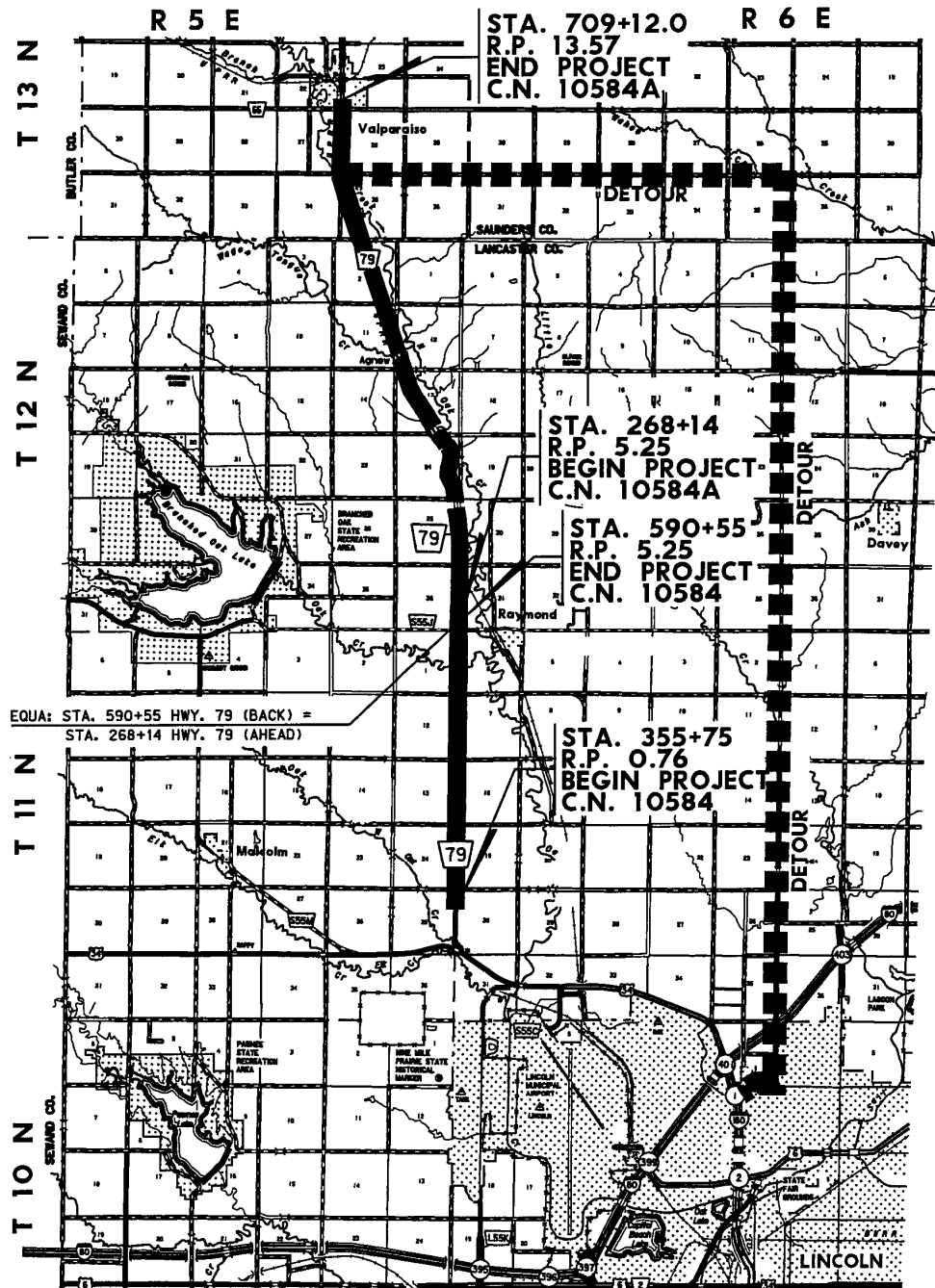
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**LANCASTER COUNTY**

**C.N. 10584A**  
**LANCASTER/SAUNDERS COUNTY**



June 3, 2005

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Public Relations 592-7623

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June 3, 2005

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**Reminder**

**Roads Department Invites Citizens to Open House Hearing on South Beltway**

The Nebraska Department of Roads wishes to remind Lincoln area citizens of the Tuesday (June 7) official public hearing for the middle and west segments of the Lincoln South Beltway project. The meeting is scheduled from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Scott Middle School, multipurpose room, at 2200 Pine Lake Road in Lincoln. The public is being asked to use the doors at the north entrance.

Any official statements will be accepted during this meeting and ten days following. The official public hearing will follow an Open House format. For additional information on this project check NDOR's website at [nebraskatransportation.org](http://nebraskatransportation.org). See *Highway Projects* at the top of the home page; got to "Planned Projects...upcoming Hearings and Meetings" and click on Lincoln South Beltway.

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June 6, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Douglas County

Monday, June 6, 2005 @ 11:00PM  
Until  
Tuesday, June 7, 2005 @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

**Southbound Interstate 680 from West Maple Road to  
West Dodge Road will be Closed.**

Marked Detour provided for Traffic.

This Closure is necessary to install permanent pavement markings.

Chas Vrana Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

**For additional information contact:**

Marvin Lech PE  
District Construction Engineer



June 6, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Temporary Closure on I-80 between Gretna and Greenwood

Both I-80 westbound lanes will be closed from 10:00 p.m. June 10 to 6:00 a.m. June 11 at the Gretna Interchange for the setting of steel girders for the 250<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge over I-80, weather permitting, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. Westbound I-80 traffic will be detoured to US Highway 6, west on Highway 6 to the Greenwood Interchange, and then back to I-80. Detour signs will be in place throughout the detour. Motorists are encouraged to watch for these signs and to follow the marked detour.

Both eastbound lanes of I-80 will be closed from 10:00 p.m. June 15 to 6:00 a.m. June 16 at the Greenwood Interchange for the setting of girders for the 250<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge, weather permitting. Eastbound traffic will be detoured to Highway 6 at Greenwood, east on Highway 6 to the Gretna Interchange, and then back to Interstate 80.

The Contractor for this work is Hawkins Construction Co. of Omaha. The Roads Department's 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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June 6, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**US 30 Advisory Panel to Meet in Working Session**

The US 30 Advisory Panel will meet in a working session Tuesday, June 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the Lower Platte North Natural Resources District in Wahoo. The Panel will make recommendations to the Nebraska Department of Roads about the location for the proposed four-lane improvement in the project corridor between Schuyler and Fremont.

The working session is not intended as a public meeting, although the public is welcome to observe the Panel's deliberations.

At this working session, the Panel will begin identifying issues that they feel are important in the project corridor. Following this working session, two mailings will be distributed to others in the project corridor to identify additional issues and to help determine which issues are most important.

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. The Panel's recommendations will be included in a report that will be available to the public.

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**For additional information contact:**

Greg R. Michaud  
U.S. 30 Advisory Panel Facilitator  
Johnson, Depp & Quisenberry Consulting Engineers  
Springfield, Illinois  
(800) 542-8380

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June 7, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Westbound I-80 Lane Closure on Oak Creek Bridge Wednesday Night**

Right lane closure for I-80 westbound traffic, and a left lane closure for I-80 eastbound traffic will be needed, Wednesday, June 8, from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m., Thursday morning, weather permitting, over Oak Creek, north of Lincoln, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

This closure is to relocate westbound traffic to original alignment and place concrete barriers in the median, for construction of a concrete median rail. Lane closures will be switched, for I-80 westbound traffic, during striping and concrete barrier placement.

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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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June 7, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Information Open House June 21 for I-80 and Kennedy Freeway Work In Omaha**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House on Tuesday, June 21, about widening a segment of eastbound Interstate 80 and southbound Kennedy Freeway in Omaha to improve traffic flow. The open house will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., at Sokol South Omaha, 2021 U Street, in Omaha.

The proposed project will be constructed within existing limits of state right-of-way. Construction will be completed under traffic.

I-80 from west of 42<sup>nd</sup> 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 42<sup>nd</sup> 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 42<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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.

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**For additional information contact:**

Terry Gibson, Roadway Design Division in Lincoln, (402) 479-4601.

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# EXPAND I-80 EB & KENNEDY SB 80-9(892)

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DOUGLAS COUNTY

R.P. 451+03 (I-80)  
BEGIN PROJECT  
NH 80-9(892)



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R.P. 85+97 (US-75)  
END PROJECT  
NH 80-9(892)

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June 10, 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 June 17, 2005, in the Ramada Limited South, Goldenrod Room, 1511 Center Park Road, in Lincoln.

The agenda includes:

- ◆ Addition of projects to the Dodge, Franklin, Madison and Platte Counties and the City Village of Nelson One- and Six-Year Road and Street Improvement Plans.
- ◆ State-Aid Bridge Fund applications from Cuming, Fillmore and Franklin Counties.
- ◆ Informal hearings:
  - 9:30 a.m. – Cherry County and Keya Paha County joint request for Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards on a Scenic Recreation Local Road.
  - 10:15 a.m. – Madison County request for Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards on a Local Road.
  - 10:30 a.m. – Dodge County request for Relaxation of Standards for construction on a Minimum Maintenance Road.

The meeting is open to the public.

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Detailed agenda as of June 10, 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

June 17, 2005, 10:00 a.m.

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

Call to Order – Chairperson

Roll Call – Secretary

Changes to Published Agenda – Secretary

Minutes of May 20, 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 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 6/10/05*)

Status Report – 2005 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road, and Street Plan Submittals (*91 County and 531 Municipal plans received*)

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

- A. Dodge County (1) – replace bridge on Minimum Maintenance Road (*see relaxation of standards request below*)
- B. Madison County (1) – regrading, aggregate surfacing with drainage structures (*see relaxation of standards request below*)
- C. City of Nelson (1) – concrete surfacing
- D. Platte County (1) – emergency bridge replacement
- E. Franklin County (1) – regarding, aggregate surfacing and new culvert

State-Aid Bridge Fund Applications (4) – Cuming, Fillmore, and Franklin Counties

9:30 a.m. – Informal Hearing – Cherry County and Keya Paha County joint request for Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for paving an RL3 Design Standard Road; for a reduction in design speed from 30 mph to 25 mph and 28 mph respectively for two vertical curves; for a reduction in relative gradient for superelevation from 185:1 to 125:1, for two reverse curves; and for maximum grade from 10% to 12.5% at one location; on a Scenic Recreation Local Road (*Niobrara Scenic River Corridor Roads Project*). Consideration of request.

10:15 a.m. – Informal Hearing – Madison County request for Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for a reduction in design speed from 50 mph to 45 mph and for an increase in maximum grade from 7% to 8% on a Local Road (*Eisenhower Avenue*). Consideration of request and addition of the project to the One-Year Plan.

10:30 a.m. – Informal Hearing – Dodge County request for Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for replacement of a bridge on a Minimum Maintenance Road. Consideration of request and addition of the project to the One-Year Plan.

Other Business:

- Discussion of date/location for Annual Outstate Meeting
- Discussion of Regional Local Officials' Workshops
- Report on State and Federal legislative issues
- Review and update of SSAR including going to electronic submission

Correspondence and General Information:

- City of Lincoln – preliminary information for Relaxation request
- Correction to LNM incorporated municipalities count
- Miscellaneous correspondence

Acknowledgement of Visitors

Next Meeting: July 15, 2005, 9:00 a.m., Ramada Limited South, Goldenrod Room, 1511 Center Park Road, Lincoln, Nebraska

Adjournment

June 13, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Highway Banner Policy is Approved**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has approved Nebraska's new Banner Policy, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR). The Banner Policy is effective on July 1, 2005.

The League of Nebraska Municipalities along with the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry were asked by the Department of Roads to participate in drafting the new proposal. Each group identified and provided representatives who presented various points of view as stakeholders and reviewed drafts. Several meetings were held and mailings went out to all cities for review. The final Banner Policy has been provided to all Nebraska Communities.

The Department of Roads wishes to recognize and thank the following:

Lynn Rex, Executive Director, League of Nebraska Municipalities

Barry Kennedy, President, Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Jim Bauer, Beatrice City Administrator

Rod Wiederspan, Kearney City Engineer

Lowell Johnson, Wayne City Administrator

Ron Sedlacek, Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Megan Lucas, Bellevue Chamber of Commerce

Dan Mauk, Norfolk Chamber of Commerce

Rene Foster, Beatrice Main Street Program

Marshall Nelson, Pioneer Village

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Working with the stakeholders from the NDOR were Gary Britton, Assistant Right of Way Manager; Randy Needham, Right of Way Manager; Monty Fredrickson and John Jacobsen, Deputy Directors; and two representatives from the FHWA.

To review the Banner Policy requirements and procedures or to apply for a Banner Permit go to [www.dor.state.ne.us/roway/permits.htm](http://www.dor.state.ne.us/roway/permits.htm).

All existing banners that do not conform to the requirements noted in the policy need to be removed or modified to conform to the policy on or before September 1, 2005. The State's participation in the Federal-Aid Highway Program requires that NDOR assures the FHWA that all real property within the boundaries of a federally-aided highway is devoted exclusively to the purpose of that highway, and that the property is preserved free of all other public or private alternative uses.

Exceptions are permitted when it has been determined that use of the property is in the public interest and will not impair the highway or interfere with the free and safe flow of traffic and the FHWA has concurred in the State's determination.

Banners, provided they conform to the new policy, are exceptions that have been determined to be in the public interest and determined to not impair the highway or interfere with the free and safe flow of traffic.

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**For additional information contact:**

Gary Britton, Assistant Right of Way Manager, (402)479-4761 in Lincoln

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June 13, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Work Scheduled to Begin June 20 on Highway 77 South of Lincoln**

Work is scheduled to begin June 20 on Highway 77 beginning at the junction with Highway 33 and running north for about six miles, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Constructors, Inc. of Lincoln, has the \$1,667,731 contract for this project. Work in the northbound lanes includes pavement patching, asphalt overlay, earth shoulder construction and guardrail work. Traffic in the northbound lane will be restricted to one lane in the work zones with a 12' width restriction. Limited traffic delay is anticipated. Work in the southbound lanes includes guardrail installation. Motorists are urged to drive carefully in construction zones.

Work is anticipated to be completed in October of this year. The Department of Roads' Manager for this project is Paul Dodson of Lincoln.

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**For additional information contact:**

District Construction Manager Mike Sklenar in Lincoln, (402) 471-0850 ext. 1069, or Paul Dodson in Lincoln, (402) 471-0850 ext. 1071

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June 13, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Douglas County

Monday, June 13, 2005 @ 11:00PM  
Until  
Tuesday, June 14, 2005 @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

**Eastbound West Dodge Road to Northbound Interstate 680  
will be Closed.**

Marked Detour provided for Traffic.

This Closure is 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

June 15, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Douglas County

Thursday, June 16, 2005 @ 10:00PM  
Until  
Friday, June 17, 2005 @ 1:00AM

Weather Permitting

**(108<sup>th</sup> Street & West Dodge Road)**

**Southbound 108<sup>th</sup> Street at West Dodge Road  
will be Closed.**

This Closure is necessary for Bridge Pier construction at 108<sup>th</sup> Street.

**For additional information contact:**

Karl Burns  
Public Relations  
592-7623

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

June 17, 2005

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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

The State Highway Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting June 24, 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](http://www.dor.state.ne.us).

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# Agenda

Revised

Friday, June 24, 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



District 1



District 2



District 3



District 4



District 5



District 6



District 7



District 8

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

**Roll Call**

**Approval:** May 2005 Meeting Minutes

**Introductions/Correspondence/Announcements**

**Old Business/New Business**

## Agenda Topics:

- (1) Unicameral Update 2005 and Proposed Study Resolutions – Senator Arnie Stuthman, District 22
- (2) “The Wireless City” – Lance Hedquist, City Administrator, South Sioux City, NE

**Comments/Questions**

**Public Input**

## Public Meeting Schedule

July 10-13, 2005 (*All Commissioners*)  
WASHTO 2005  
Omaha Hilton/Qwest Convention Center  
Omaha, NE

July 28, 2005 (*Kingsbury*)  
“Pilger to Wisner”, Control No. 32023  
Public Information Meeting, 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
City Auditorium, Wisner, NE

**Adjournment**

## Next Scheduled Meeting

July 10-13, 2005, 10:00 a.m.  
WASHTO 2005, Omaha, Nebraska  
Omaha Hilton/Qwest Convention Center

Nebraska State Highway Commission  
**Educational Briefing & Discussion**

**Friday, June 24, 2005**

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

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## ***Discussion Items***

***Nebraska's Highway Funding Formula and Key Impact Issues***  
*Commissioners, NDOR Staff*

***Highway 35 Expressway Corridor Briefing***  
*Chair John F. Kingsbury*

***Highway Amenities Encouraging Economic Development in Nebraska***  
*NDOR Deputies*

***2005 Salary Proposal for Commission's Executive Secretary***

***WASHTO 2005 Update and Breakout Session Discussion***  
*Chair John F. Kingsbury*

### **Reminders:**

AASHTO 2005, Nashville, TN  
September 15-20, 2005

District Planning Meetings  
October 27 and 28, 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.  
November 17 and 18, 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

### **Pending Agenda Topics**

I-80 Kearney – Cherry Street  
Decatur Toll Bridge  
Federal Demonstration Earmarks  
Management Succession Planning  
Expressway Funding Policy

**Notice of Information Open House  
Burwell South and North Loup Bridge, in Burwell  
July 18, 2005, 4:00-6:00 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding plans to improve about 4 miles of Nebraska Highway 11 at Burwell and replace the North Loup River Bridge north of town. The meeting for Project EACSTPD-11-3(112), known as "Burwell South" and Project EACSTPD-11-3(111), known as "North Loup Bridge, In Burwell," will be held July 18, 2005, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Jr. -- Sr. High School, Commons Room, 190 I Street, Burwell, Nebraska.



## NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

**Date:** July 18, 2005  
**Time:** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Commons Room  
Jr. – Sr. High School  
190 I Street  
Burwell, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding plans to improve about 4 miles of Nebraska Highway 11 at Burwell and replace the North Loup River Bridge north of town.

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 projects in Garfield County are identified as EACSTPD-11-3(112), known as **Burwell South**, and EACSTPD-11-3(111), known as **North Loup Bridge, In Burwell**.

Improvements to Nebraska Highway 11 south of town include roadside grading, culverts, resurfacing and guardrail. The project begins 3 ½ miles south of Burwell. The completed two-lane road will feature 8-foot-wide shoulders, of which 2 feet will be surfaced next to the driving lane.

The in-town project begins where the south project ends. Proposed work involves reconstructing Nebraska 11 through town, including new curb and gutter and storm sewer. The historic bridge over the North Loup River will be replaced as part of the project.

Both projects will be constructed under traffic. Temporary roadways around work zones will be used

during some phases of construction. Traffic on the bridge will be reduced to one lane controlled by a traffic signal.

Additional property must be acquired for highway right-of-way to construct the projects. Highway widening will encroach on the Garfield County Frontier Fairgrounds, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, but will not impact fair-ground structures.

Construction will impact wetlands areas and mitigation will be required for an estimated 3/4 acre. The department intends to establish replacement wetlands at a site within the area watershed. The mitigation site has yet to be determined. The site also will provide wetlands mitigation for three other highway projects planned between North Loup and Burwell.

Where possible, the Department of Roads will provide an accessible meeting facility for disabled people. Appropriate provisions for people who are hearing and visually challenged will be made if the department is notified by July 5, 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 inspection at the Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln, and at the District 8 Office, 736 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St., in Ainsworth.

For further information regarding the proposed project, contact Lorraine Legg of the Roadway Design Division in Lincoln at (402) 479-4446.

June 28, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Missouri River Bridge at Rulo to be Closed for Deck Overlay**

Work is scheduled to begin August 1 on the Highway 159 Missouri River Bridge at Rulo, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads and Missouri Department of Transportation. The river bridge will be closed to all traffic, vehicle and pedestrian, for the duration of the project, which is expected to last 20 days.

Cramer & Associates of Des Moines, Iowa, have the \$230,138 contract for the 5" concrete deck overlay. The Nebraska Department of Roads will be working in conjunction with MoDOT to perform this deck rehabilitation project.

A detour has been designated for this project. This detour will begin on the Nebraska side at US-159 to US-73, US-73 to N-67, north on N-67 to US-136 at Brownville, east on US-136 to I-29 at Rock Port, Missouri, then south on I-29 to US-159.

Work is anticipated to be completed on or about August 20, and the bridge and roadway re-opened to normal traffic at that time. The Nebraska Department of Roads' Project Manager is Mike Habegger at the Tecumseh Construction Office.

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**For additional information contact:**

Mike Habegger in Tecumseh at (402) 335-4131

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