

July 1, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Information Open House July 18 for Hwy. 11 Improvements Near Burwell**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House on Monday, July 18, regarding plans to improve about four miles of Nebraska Highway 11 at Burwell and replace the North Loup River Bridge north of town. The open house will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the Jr.-Sr. High School Commons Room, 190 I Street, in Burwell.

The proposed projects are in Garfield County. 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 two 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 fairground structures.

Construction will impact wetland 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.

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 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St., in Ainsworth, and at the Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

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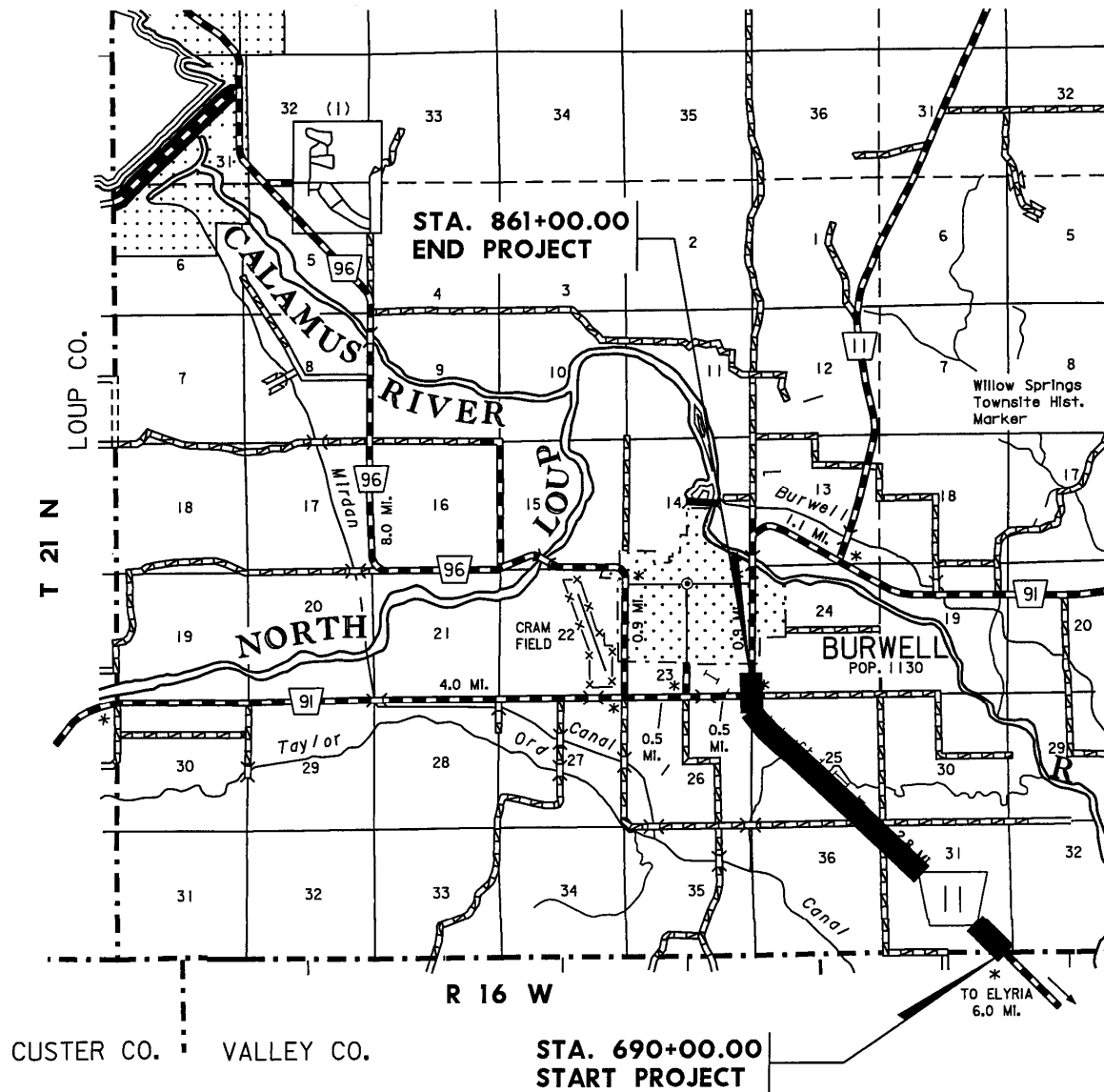
**For additional information contact:**

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

**Notice of Information Open House  
Pilger to Wisner, in Wisner  
July 28, 2005, 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

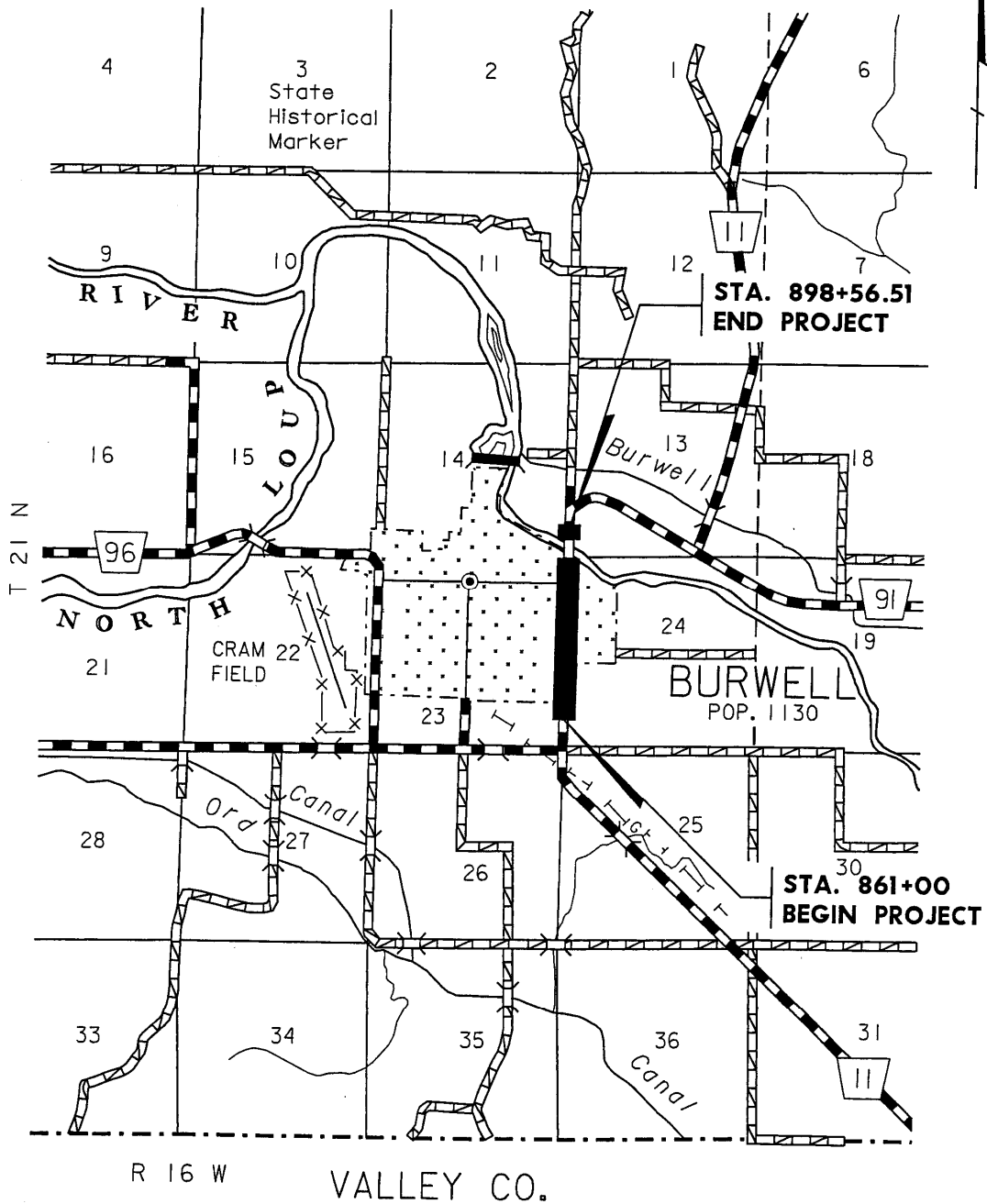
The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding a new alternative for location of the U.S. Highway 275 expressway at Wisner. The meeting for Project STPD-275-6(1022), known as "Pilger to Wisner" will be held July 28, 2005, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the City Auditorium, 1001 Avenue D, Wisner, Nebraska.

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GARFIELD COUNTY**



# NORTH LOUP BRIDGE, BURWELL 11-3(111)

C.N. 80630 BOOK 4929  
GARFIELD COUNTY



## NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

**Date:** July 28, 2005  
**Time:** 5 – 7 p.m.  
**Place:** City Auditorium  
1001 Avenue D  
Wisner, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding a new alternative for location of the U.S. Highway 275 expressway at Wisner.

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 in Stanton and Cuming counties, identified as STPD-275-6(1022) and known as **Pilger to Wisner**, involves constructing about 10 miles of four-lane expressway from east of Pilger to east of Wisner.

An earlier study, done 14 years ago, concluded the expressway should be built around the south side of Wisner. The current study intends to address changes since that time and include additional environmental reviews. A preferred alternative will be displayed. Public input is being sought.

Private property must be acquired for highway right-of-way throughout the length of the project. Acquisition of some residences and commercial structures at Wisner may be required, depending on the location of the new roadway. The department's Relocation Assistance program will be available.

Construction will impact wetlands areas and mitigation will be required. Replacement wetlands will be established along the project or at a regional wetlands mitigation 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 July 14, 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 Planning and Project Development Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

For further information regarding the proposed project, contact Jim Wilkinson in Location Studies at (402) 479-4421.

July 7, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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

Left lane closure for I-80 westbound traffic will be needed today, July 6, from 9:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. Thursday morning, weather permitting, over Cornhusker Highway 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.

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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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July 7, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Eastbound I-80 Lane Closure on Cornhusker Bridge Thursday Night**

Left lane closure for I-80 eastbound traffic will be needed Thursday, July 7, starting at 9:00 p.m.

This lane closure will be changed from left lane to right lane at approximately 11:00 p.m. and will remain as long as needed or until 6:00 a.m. Friday morning, weather permitting. These lane closures are on I-80 over Cornhusker Highway north of Lincoln according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

This closure is to relocate eastbound traffic to original alignment and place concrete barriers in the median for construction of a concrete median rail.

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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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Website: [www.dor.state.ne.us](http://www.dor.state.ne.us)

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

July 7, 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 July 15, 2005, in the Ramada Limited South, Goldenrod Room, 1511 Center Park Road, in Lincoln.

The agenda includes:

- ◆ Addition of projects to the Colfax, Kearney, Phelps, Saunders and Wayne Counties One- and Six-Year Road and Street Improvement Plans.

The meeting is open to the public.

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Detailed agenda as of July 7, 2005, below

**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, 9:00 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) – regrading, 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

**Notice of Information Open House**  
**Jct. N-31 to I-680, Omaha,**  
**August 2, 2005**  
**4:30-7:30 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding a study about widening a 14-mile segment of Nebraska Highway 36 in Douglas County. The meeting for Project STPD-36-7(113), known as "Jct. N-31 to I-680, Omaha" will be held August 2, 2005, 4:30-7:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall, 322 N. Molly Street, Bennington, Nebraska.

## NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

**Date:** Aug. 2, 2005  
**Time:** 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Fellowship Hall  
St. John's Lutheran  
322 N. Molly St.  
Bennington, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding a study about widening a 14 mile segment of Nebraska Highway 36 in Douglas County.

Personnel from the department will be available to visit one-on-one about the corridor study. 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-36-7(113) and known as **Jct. N-31 to I-680, Omaha**, begins at the intersection with Nebraska Highway 31 and ends at Interstate 680.

The completed highway would be a four-lane divided roadway with

surfaced shoulders.

Acquisition of private property for highway right-of-way would be required throughout the length of the highway corridor. Property acquisition may include homes and other structures.

Construction would impact wetlands areas and mitigation would be required. Potential sites for wetlands mitigation will be identified as part of the project study.

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 19, 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 Steve McBeth in Lincoln at (402) 479-4417.

July 8, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Work Begins on Highway 81/92 in Osceola

Work is scheduled to begin soon on the Highway 81/92 Bridge in Osceola, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Wilke Contracting Corp. of Kearney has the \$673,583 contract for the construction of a new bridge. Traffic will be reduced to one lane at the bridge site with a 12' width limit.

Temporary traffic signals will control traffic at this location. Work is anticipated to be completed in November of this year. Motorists are asked to exercise caution driving through work zones.

The Department manager for this project is Jerry Grooms of York.

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**For additional information contact:**  
Jerry Grooms in York, (402) 362-5934

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July 11, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Temporary Relocation of Junction US Highway 77 West Bypass and Capitol Parkway**

The junction of US Highway 77 West Bypass and Capitol Parkway is tentatively scheduled to be relocated sometime between July 13 and 20, weather permitting, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

The temporary location is approximately one-quarter mile south of the existing intersection. The relocation is required to facilitate the construction of the new interchange. Motorists will encounter reduced speed limits, lane closures and delays in order for work crews to install traffic control devices and lane striping. Motorists are urged to drive with extra caution through work zones.

Dobson Brothers Construction Co., of Lincoln, has the \$10.1 million contract for this work. The estimated completion date for the new interchange is December 2006. The Roads' Department manager for this project is Bob Traudt, of Lincoln.

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**For additional information contact:**

District Construction Engineer Mike Sklenar in Lincoln, 402-471-0850 ex 1069, or Bob Traudt in Lincoln, 402-471-0850 ex 1119.

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July 11, 2005

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Western Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials  
Meet July 10-13 in Omaha**

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) is hosting the annual meeting of the Western Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (WASHTO) July 10-13 at the Qwest Convention Center and the Hilton Omaha Hotel. The theme for this year's meeting is "Moving America!"

This is the first time the conference has been held in Nebraska, the newest of the 18 WASHTO member states. More than 500 state delegates and industry partners are expected to attend.

Conference delegates will be welcomed during the opening session, Monday morning, by Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman, Omaha Mayor Mike Fahey and NDOR Director John Craig. WASHTO President Tom Norton, Colorado, and American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) President Jack Lettiere, Jr., New Jersey, also will address the audience during the opening session.

The 84<sup>th</sup> annual WASHTO meeting offers those committed to improving the safety and mobility of the nation's transportation system the opportunity to build valuable relationships with peers, understand leading trends, learn solutions to current challenges and take proven solutions home to their organizations.

In addition to a variety of informative sessions, two keynote speakers will provide remarks during the conference. Ken Stinson, Chairman of the Board and Director of Peter Kiewit Sons', Inc. will provide the keynote address for Monday's opening session. Robert Turner, Senior Vice President, Corporate Relations of Union Pacific Corporation will speak at the awards luncheon on Wednesday.

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

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**For additional information contact:**

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

July 14, 2005

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Information Open House July 28 for Highway 275 Improvements Near Wisner**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House on Thursday, July 28, regarding a new alternative for location of the U.S. Highway 275 expressway at Wisner. The open house will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the City Auditorium, 1001 Avenue D, in Wisner.

The proposed project in Stanton and Cuming Counties involves constructing about ten miles of four-lane expressway from east of Pilger to east of Wisner.

An earlier study, done 14 years ago, concluded the expressway should be built around the south side of Wisner. The current study intends to address changes since that time and include additional environmental reviews. A preferred alternative will be displayed. Public input is being sought.

Private property must be acquired for highway right-of-way throughout the length of the project. Acquisition of some residences and commercial structures at Wisner may be required depending on the location of the new roadway. The department's Relocation Assistance Program will be available.

Construction will impact wetland areas and mitigation will be required. Replacement wetlands will be established along the project or at a regional wetlands mitigation 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.

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**For additional information contact:**

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

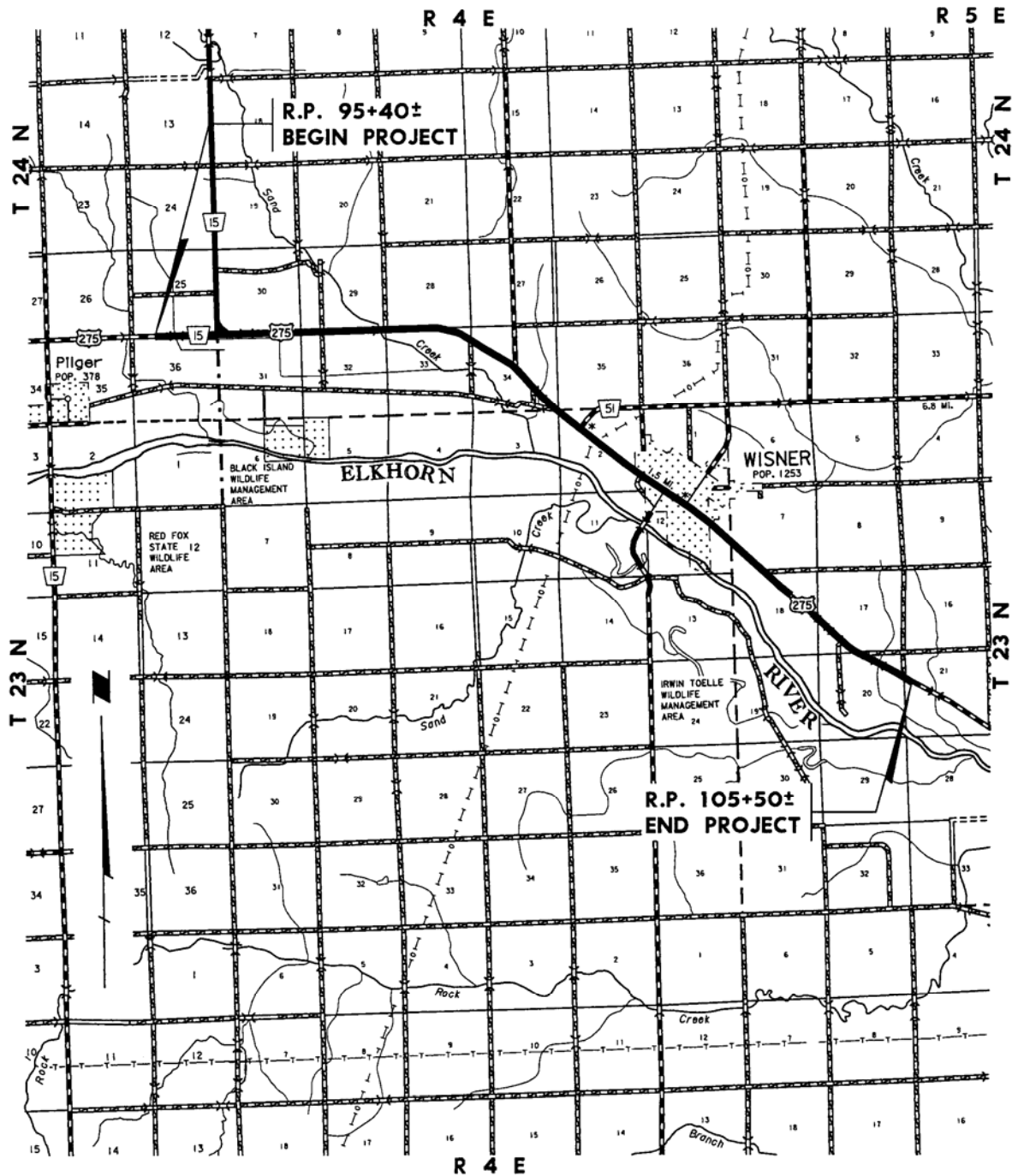
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# PILGER-WISNER CORRIDOR STUDY S-275-6(1022)

C.N. 32023

STANTON & CUMING COUNTIES





July 15, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Douglas County

Saturday, July 23, 2005 @ 9:00AM

**Westbound Interstate 480 Ramp to  
Northbound US-75 (North Freeway) will be CLOSED  
for approximately 3 months.**

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**Northbound US-75 (North Freeway) Exit Ramp to Hamilton Street  
will be CLOSED for approximately 3 months.**

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**30<sup>th</sup> Street Entrance Ramp to Northbound US-75 (North Freeway)  
will be CLOSED.**

These closures are necessary for the reconstruction of the I-480/US-75 Interchange.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

**For additional information contact:**

Marvin Lech PE  
District Construction Engineer

July 18, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Rulo Bridge To Be Closed For Deck Overlay

Motorists are reminded that the US Highway 159 Bridge over the Missouri River at Rulo will close August 1 for bridge deck resurfacing, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. The bridge will be closed to both pedestrian and vehicle traffic during resurfacing. The bridge will reopen on or about August 20.

Through traffic will be detoured from Rulo east on US-159 to US-73 at Falls City, north on 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.

The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Mike Habegger of Tecumseh. Cramer and Associates of Des Moines, Iowa have the \$230,138 contract for this work.

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**For additional information contact:**

Mike Habegger in Tecumseh, 402-335-4131.

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July 19, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Information Open House August 2 for Highway 36 Improvements Near Omaha**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House on Tuesday, August 2, regarding a study about widening a 14-mile segment of Nebraska Highway 36 in Douglas County. The open house will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 322 N. Molly Street, in Bennington.

The proposed project begins at the intersection with Nebraska Highway 31 and ends at Interstate 680. The completed highway would be a four-lane divided roadway with surfaced shoulders.

Acquisition of private property for highway right-of-way would be required throughout the length of the highway corridor. Property acquisition may include homes and other structures.

Construction would impact wetland areas and mitigation would be required. Potential sites for wetlands mitigation will be identified as part of the project study.

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:**

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

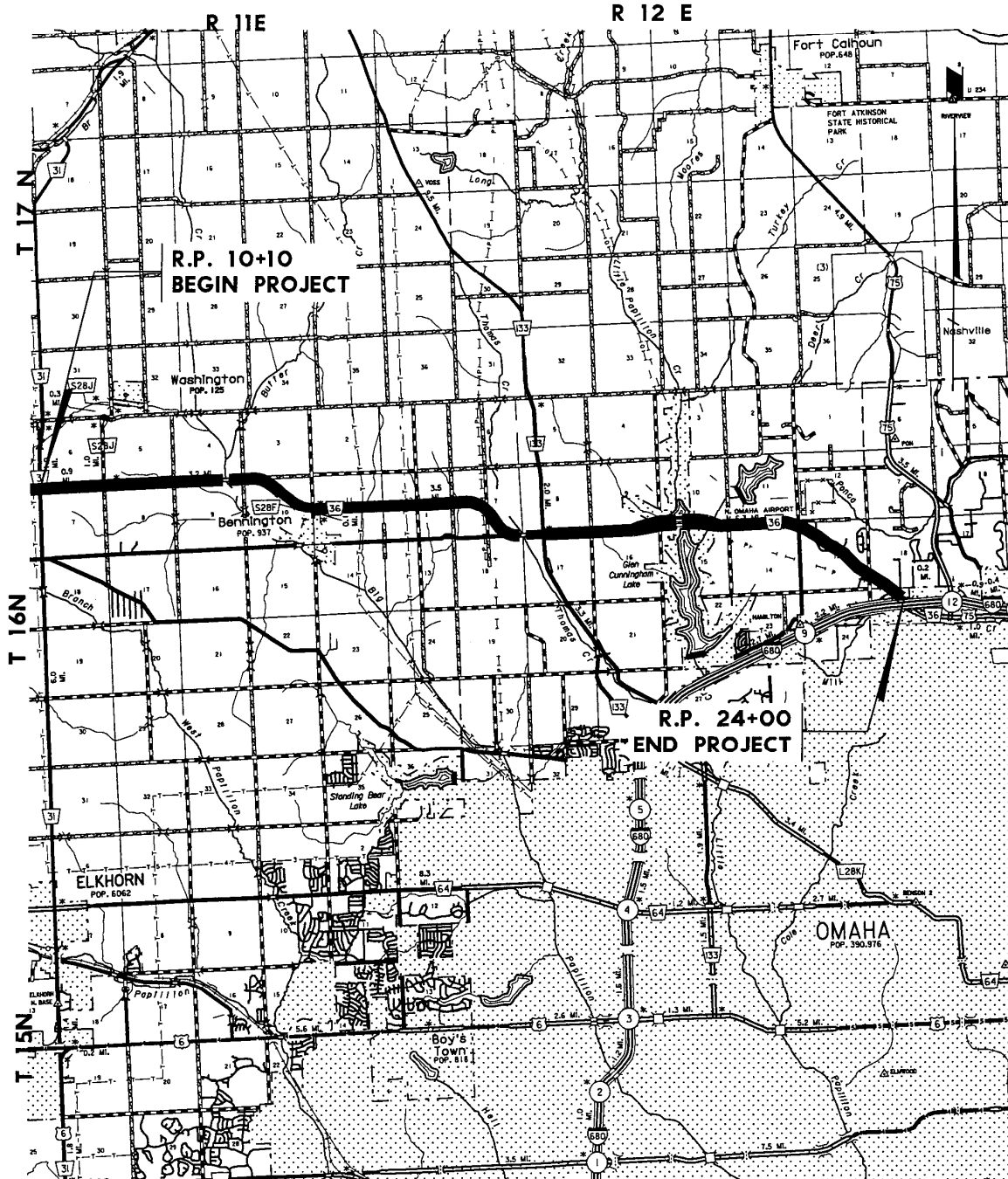
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# N-31 TO I-680 STPD-36-7(113)

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DOUGLAS COUNTY



July 19, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Douglas County

Thursday, July 21, 2005 @ Midnight  
Until  
Thursday, July 21, 2005 @ 5:00AM

Weather Permitting

**Northbound US-75 will be CLOSED  
between Harney Street & Cuming Street.**

This closure is necessary for the placement of Temporary Pavement Markings.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

**For additional information contact:**

Marvin Lech PE  
District Construction Engineer

July 20, 2005

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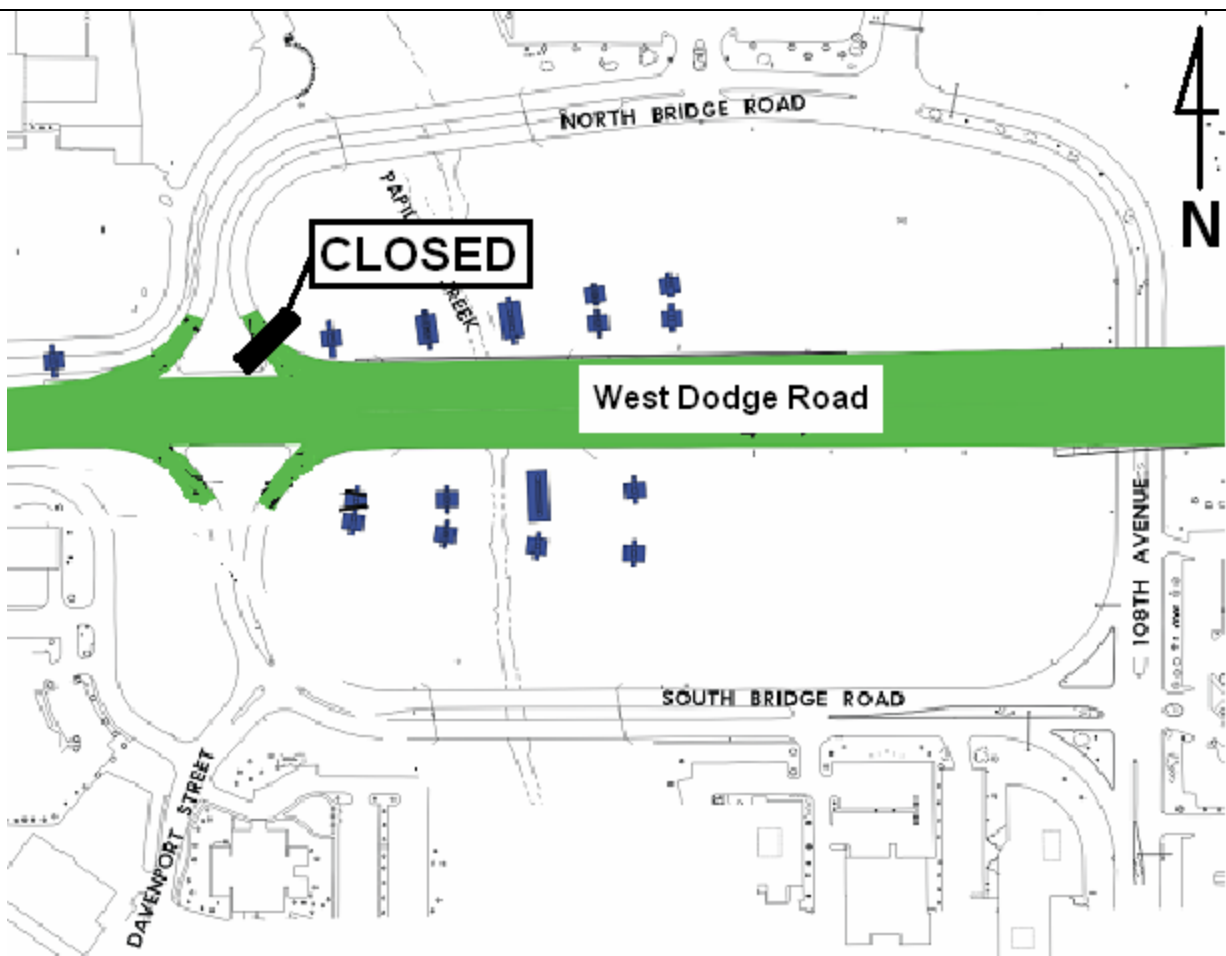
Douglas County

Thursday, July 21, 2005 @ 9:30PM

Until

Friday, July 22, 2005 @ 6:00AM

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



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

July 20, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Saturday, July 23, 2005 @ 8:00PM  
Until  
Sunday, July 24, 2005 @ 8:00PM

Weather Permitting

**30<sup>th</sup> Street Ramp to Southbound Interstate 480/US-75 will be Closed.**

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**30<sup>th</sup> Street Ramp to Eastbound Interstate 480 will be Closed.**

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**Southbound US-75 will be Closed at the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Exit Ramp.  
Southbound US-75 Traffic must exit onto 30<sup>th</sup> Street.**

These closures are necessary to mill and place an Asphalt Overlay on Southbound I-480/US-75.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

**For additional information contact:**

Marvin Lech PE  
District Construction Engineer

**Notice of Highway Location Hearing  
Plattsmouth Bridge  
August 30, 2005  
7:30 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads, along with the State Highway Commission and Iowa Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing about the proposed location of a new bridge over the Missouri River and a new highway south of Plattsmouth. The meeting for Project DPS-34-7(114), known as "Plattsmouth Bridge," will be held on August 30, 2005, 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center, 625 Avenue A, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.



# NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF HIGHWAY PUBLIC HEARING

**Date:** Aug. 30, 2005  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Community Center  
625 Avenue A  
Plattsmouth, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads along with the State Highway Commission and Iowa Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing about the proposed location of a new bridge over the Missouri River and a new highway south of Plattsmouth.

The proposed project, identified as DPS-34-7(114) and known as **Plattsmouth Bridge**, involves the study of a new two-lane highway between U.S. Highway 75 in Nebraska and Interstate 29 in Iowa.

A number of alternative alignments have been studied during the past 10 years. The preferred alternative locates a new bridge over the Missouri River just downstream of the existing bridge. The disposition of the privately owned historic bridge is yet to be determined.

In Iowa, the new highway would connect to U.S. 34 in Mills County just east of the bridge. In Nebraska, a new highway would be constructed south of Plattsmouth and connect to U.S. 75 in Cass County. Some local roads would be realigned to intersect the new highway and provide access to Plattsmouth.

Private property must be acquired as highway right-of-way throughout the length of the project. Property acquisition may include 10 homes. Relocation assistance is available to any resident displaced by highway construction.

Construction will impact wetlands areas and mitigation will be required for an estimated 13.3 acres. The departments intend to establish replacement wetlands near the project

or at wetlands mitigation banksites.

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement about the project was approved by the Federal Highway Administration on June 7, 2005. It is available for public review and comment at the Plattsmouth Public Library at 400 Avenue A, at the Glenwood Public Library at 109 North Vine St., or by contacting the Nebraska Department of Roads or Iowa Department of Transportation. Copies of the document will be available at the public hearing.

The public hearing is being held to provide information about 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.

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

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

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Where possible, the Department of Roads will provide an accessible meeting facility for disabled people. Appropriate provisions for people who are hearing and visually challenged will be made if the department is notified by Aug. 16, 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.

For further information regarding the proposed project, contact Steve McBeth in Lincoln at (402) 479-4417 or John Selmer in Atlantic at 712-243-3355.

July 28, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Sunday, July 31, 2005 @ 3:00AM

Until

Sunday, July 31, 2005 @ 8:00PM

Weather Permitting

**30<sup>th</sup> Street Ramp to Southbound Interstate 480/US-75 will be Closed.**

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**30<sup>th</sup> Street Ramp to Eastbound Interstate 480 will be Closed.**

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**Southbound US-75 will be Closed at the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Exit Ramp.  
Southbound US-75 Traffic must exit onto 30<sup>th</sup> Street.**

These closures are necessary to mill and place an Asphalt Overlay on Southbound I-480/US-75.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

**For additional information contact:**

Marvin Lech PE  
District Construction Engineer

July 29, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Tuesday, August 2, 2005 thru Thursday, August 4, 2005  
Ramp Closures each Evening @ 8:00PM until the next Morning @ 6:00AM

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Sunday, August 7, 2005 thru Thursday, August 11, 2005  
Ramp Closures each Evening @ 8:00PM until the next Morning @ 6:00AM

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Sunday, August 14, 2005 thru Tuesday, August 16, 2005  
Ramp Closures each Evening @ 8:00PM until the next Morning @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

**Westbound Dodge Street Exit Ramp to Saddle Creek Road  
will be Closed.**

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**Eastbound Dodge Street Exit Ramp to Saddle Creek Road  
Will be Closed.**

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**Lane Closures on Saddle Creek Road at Dodge Street.**

These Closures are necessary for Bridge repair at Dodge Street & Saddle Creek Road.

NDOR is maintaining the traffic control for these closures.

**For additional information contact:**

Dale Butler  
District Maintenance Superintendent

July 29, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Research Activity – Roadway Sensor Testing on I-80**

The Mid-America Transportation Center (MATC) at University of Nebraska-Lincoln will be conducting tests of various non-intrusive traffic detection sensors on I-80 during the first two weeks of August.

The goal of the test is to identify the advantages and disadvantages of various non-intrusive detector technologies. The research project is a joint effort of the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Two Microwave Radar Detection Sensors will be setup on the east bound section of I-80 between the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Interchange and the 36<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. The MATC Mobile Data Collection Van, which is housed at the Peter Kiewit Institute in Omaha, will be set up on the 36<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge over I-80 eastbound lanes to capture traffic data during morning and afternoon peak hours from August 8 to August 12. The southbound lane of 36<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge will be closed during the peak-hour data collection period. The preliminary work will be conducted in the week of August 1 to 5. Data collection will start on August 8 and will end on August 19.

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**For additional information contact:**

Mid-America Transportation Center, Director, Dr. Larry Rilett, (402) 472-1992, or  
Nebraska Department of Roads, ITS Engineer, Steven Garbe, (402) 479-3862, or  
Nebraska Department of Roads, District 2 Highway Maintenance Superintendent, Gary Forman, (402) 595-2534 Ext. 312, or  
City of Omaha, Traffic Engineering Division, Bob Cole, (402) 444-4978

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