

August 1, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Lane Restrictions on I-80 at Arbor Road in Lincoln Area

East and westbound traffic on Interstate 80 at Arbor Road, just east of the 27th Street interchange north of Lincoln, will be reduced to one lane from August 1 through August 5, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. The lane restrictions will be from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

The lane restrictions will allow the contractor to deliver and drive pilings for the new Arbor Road Bridge over Interstate 80. The contractor for this work is Cohron & Sons, Inc. of Atlantic, Iowa. The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Babrak Niazi of Lincoln.

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For additional information contact:

Project Manager Babrak Niazi in Lincoln, (402) 471-10850, ext. 1064, or Mike Sklenar at (402) 471-8050, ext. 1069.

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August 2, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Tuesday, August 2, 2005 @ 11:00PM
Until
Wednesday, August 3, 2005 @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

**Northbound & Southbound 114th Street will be CLOSED
North of West Dodge Road.**

This Closure is necessary to place Concrete for the Westbound Bridge Deck over 114th Street.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Karl Burns
Public Relations 592-7623

www.westdodge.info

August 5, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Temporary Lane Restriction on West Bypass in Lincoln

Traffic on the West Bypass, Highway 77, will be reduced to one lane from Capitol Parkway West to West O Street, beginning Tuesday, August 9, weather permitting, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. The lane width will also be reduced to 11 feet. Motorists using northbound U.S. 77 are urged to watch for construction signs through the work area and to consider using alternate routes. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously through construction zones.

The lane restriction is to allow for bridge reconstruction work. Dobson Brothers Construction Company, of Lincoln, is the contractor for this improvement project. Estimated completion for the new interchange is December 2006.

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For additional information contact:

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

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August 9, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work to Begin on Highway 4 East of Daykin

Work is scheduled to begin August 22 on Highway 4 east of Daykin, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Werner Construction, Inc. of Hastings has the \$1,325,716 contract for milling, lime slurry stabilization, widening and asphalt overlay. Traffic will be maintained with the use of signs, flaggers, and pilot cars in the construction zones. Work is anticipated to be completed in October of this year.

Motorists are urged to use caution driving in construction zones. The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Dennis Endorf of the Fairbury Construction Office.

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For additional information contact:

Dennis Endorf in Fairbury, (402) 729-3489

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August 9, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Temporary Lane Closures on I-80 at Arbor Road

There will be temporary lane closures until August 12 for east and westbound traffic on Interstate 80 at Arbor Road, east of the 27th Street Interchange north of Lincoln, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. The lane closures will be from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. every day except Friday when the lane closures will end at 1 p.m.

The contractor, A.M. Cohron and Son, Inc. of Atlantic, Iowa, will be driving piles for bridge piers.

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For additional information contact:

Babrak Niazi in Lincoln, 402-471-0850 ext. 1064, or Mike Sklenar in Lincoln, 402-471-0850 ext. 1069.

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Website: www.dor.state.ne.us

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

August 11, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Road and Street Examiners to Meet

The Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents will meet at 10:00 a.m., August 19, 2005 in Room 129, Department of Roads, Materials & Research Bldg., 1400 Highway 2, Lincoln.

The principal agenda items are:

- ◆ Approval of candidates for the October 7, 2005 Examination
- ◆ Final preparations for the September 7-9 Applicants' Workshop and the October 7, 2005 Examination

The meeting is open to the public.

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Agenda as of August 11, 2005 enclosed.

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

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Agenda

for the Meeting of

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY AND CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENTS

August 19, 2005, 10:00 a.m.

Nebraska Department of Roads
Central Headquarters, Materials and Research Building, Room 129
1400 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska

Call to Order – Chairperson

Roll Call – Staff

Changes to Published Agenda – Staff

Minutes of May 6, 2005, Meeting

Professional Engineer application for a City Street Superintendent license, Class B: *(None)*

Professional Engineer application for a County Highway Superintendent license, Class B:
(None)

Professional Engineer application for County Highway Superintendent license, Class B and
City Street Superintendent license, Class B: *(None)*

Second Licenses issued administratively since May 6, 2005: *(1)*

- Mr. Randall Smith, Minden, NE, S-1345 Class B City

Class B licenses upgraded to Class A administratively since May 6, 2005: *(None)*

Review of *(4)* new applicants and *(0)* re-applicants for the October 7, 2005, County Highway
Superintendent and City Street Superintendent examination. *(Reminder postcards were sent
August 2, 2005 to persons who had received application packets.)*

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

- New plan reading materials *(Deferred)*

Annual billing for Class B license renewal *(October 7, 2005, mailing to licensees)*

- Separate mailings: • Holders of Class B only • Holders of Class B & Class A
- Approve Renewal Notice *(Deferred)*
- Approve 2006 Class B Renewal Form *(Deferred)*

Implementation of County Highway and City Street Superintendents Act *(Final details)*

- Review progress on forms
- Approve 2006 Class A Application Form and Logs
- Professional Development Hours Personal Log and Criteria *(Deferred)*

Request for Pre-certification of Professional Development Hours: *(2)*

- Nebraska Association of County Engineers, Highway Superintendents and Surveyors *(2)*

Other Business

- County and Municipal Road and Street Program Management & Reporting
Requirements Workshops
- Report on State and Federal Legislative Issues

Correspondence and General Information

Acknowledgement of Visitors

Next Meeting: October 7, 2005, 8:45 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads, Central
Headquarters Building, Highway Commission Room 103, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska,
in conjunction with administration of the examination *(9:00 a.m., Auditorium)*.

Adjournment

August 15, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Tuesday, August 16, 2005 @ 8:00PM
Until
Wednesday, August 17, 2005 @ 2:00AM

Weather Permitting

Northbound US-75 Exit Ramp to Cuming Street will be CLOSED.

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

August 16, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Hearing August 30 for Plattsmouth Bridge Study

The Nebraska Department of Roads along with the State Highway Commission and Iowa Department of Transportation will hold a Public Hearing Tuesday, August 30, regarding the proposed location of a new bridge over the Missouri River and a new highway south of Plattsmouth. The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center, 625 Avenue A, in Plattsmouth.

The proposed project 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 wetland 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.

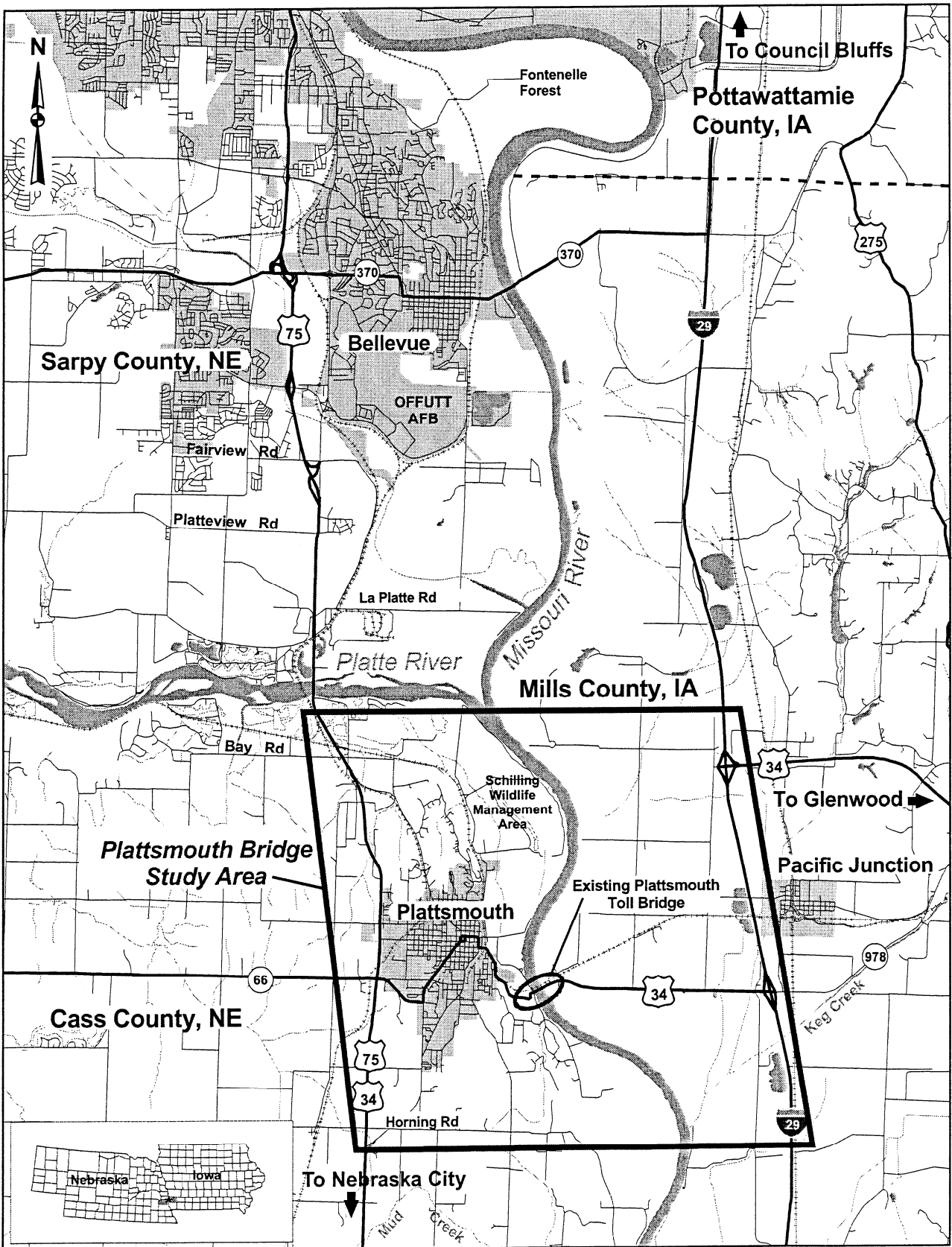
A Draft Environmental Impact Statement about the project was approved by the Federal Highway Administration on June 7, 2005. It is available for public review and comment at the Plattsmouth Public Library at 400 Avenue A, at the Glenwood Public Library at 109 North Vine St., or by contacting the Nebraska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

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

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For additional information contact:

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



Project Location and Study Area

Plattsmouth Bridge Study
Cass County, NE and Mills County, IA

August 16, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Temporary Lane Closures Tonight on I-80 at Scales

There will be temporary lane closures on I-80 westbound lanes, between mile marker 416.5 and mile marker 418, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. The lane closures will be from 9 p.m. tonight, August 16, to 6 a.m. tomorrow morning. Traffic will be maintained through this area. The lane closures are needed for maintenance on the weigh-in-motion scales at the weigh station on I-80, between Omaha and Lincoln. Motorists are asked to watch for directional signs, and to drive cautiously through this area.

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For additional information contact:

Project Manager Joseph Kuehn at (402) 471-0850, ext. 1020, or District Construction Engineer Mike Sklenar at (402) 471-0850, ext. 1069.

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August 19, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

State Highway Commission Monthly Agenda Announced

The State Highway Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting August 26, 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, August 26, 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 Business Meeting Reconvenes, Rm 103

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

Roll Call

Approval: June 2005 Meeting Minutes

Introductions/Correspondence/Announcements

- (1) Chip Nottingham – E-mail
- (2) Resolution
- (3) City of Kearney – Letter

Old Business/New Business

Agenda Topic: “Local Technical Assistance Program” – Dan Cady,
LTAP Program Director, University of Nebraska

- Comments/Questions

Project Approvals:

Lou Lenzen, Assistant Design Engineer

Requests Design and Access Control Approval

of the projects “Lincoln South Beltway – 27th to 84th Street” and

“Lincoln South Beltway – US-77 to 27th Street”

A public hearing was held June 7, 2005.

- Commission Comments/Questions/Vote

Mike Owen, NDOR Assistant Design Engineer

Request Design Approval

of the project “Elmwood North & South”

A public hearing was held April 28, 2005.

- Commission Comments/Questions/Vote

Public Input

Public Meeting Schedule

August 30, 2005 (Reiser)

Plattsmouth Bridge, C.N. 22041

6:30 p.m. Public Information Meeting

7:30 p.m. Location Public Hearing

Senior Center, Plattsmouth, NE

Adjournment

2005 District Transportation Meetings

September 1 – District 7 (McCook)

September 8 – District 6 (North Platte)

September 13 – District 3 (Norfolk)



District 1



District 2



District 3



District 4



District 5



District 6



District 7



District 8

Next Scheduled Meeting

Friday, September 23, 2005, 10:00 a.m.

Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Complex

Lincoln, NE 68509

Nebraska State Highway Commission
Educational Briefing & Discussion

Friday, August 26, 2005

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

Agenda

Transportation Costs of EPA Rules and Regulations

NDOR Staff

Continued Discussion – “Cherry Street Interchange to I-80 & Kearney Bypass”

NDOR Staff

Status of Construction Engineer's Position

NDOR Staff

“Lincoln South Beltway” Funding

NDOR Staff

Highway Amenities Encouraging Economic Development in Nebraska

NDOR Staff

AASHTO 2005 – Nashville, TN, September 16th – 20th

Delegate – Commissioner Wanitschke, Vice chair

August 22, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Bridge Work Continues on Arbor Road and I-80

Work continues on Arbor Road, over Interstate 80, east of the North 27th Street Interchange in Lincoln, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Lane closures will be in effect on I-80 at Arbor Road Tuesday, August 23, through Thursday, August 25, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Friday, August 26, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. A. M. Cohron & Son, Inc., of Atlantic, Iowa, has the \$2,093,379 contract for grading, culvert work, MSE walls and a new bridge over Interstate 80. I-80 traffic will be maintained through the project with periodic lane closures. Motorists are asked to watch for message boards and directional signs, and to drive cautiously through the area.

Work on this project is anticipated to be completed in December 2005. The Department of Roads manager for this project is Babrak Niazi.

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For additional information contact:

Babrak Niazi at (402) 471-0850, ext. 1064, or Mike Sklenar at 471-0850, ext. 1069.
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August 24, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Widening of I-80 Between Mahoney Interchange and Ruff Road Begins

Work has begun to widen I-80 from west of the Mahoney State Park Interchange to just east of the Platte River (Ruff Road), according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

The work will include widening of I-80 from four to six lanes for about four miles. There will be a total of eight bridges replaced during this work. The bridges being replaced are the Burlington Northern Railroad bridges east of the Mahoney Interchange, the Platte River Bridges, the Sarpy Ditch Bridges and the bridges west of Ruff Road over the Interstate. *There will be some nightly lane closures* from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday to Saturday, and 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Sundays. The Mahoney Interchange will remain open at all times.

Hawkins Construction Company, of Omaha, has the \$45,189,782 contract for this project. The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Dewaine Knutson. Work is anticipated to be completed in April 2009. Motorists are reminded to watch for directional signs and message boards and to drive cautiously through all work zones.

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For additional information contact:

Dewaine L. Knutson at 402-471-0850 ext. 1082, or District Construction Engineer Mile Sklenar at 402-471-0850 ext. 1069.

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August 26, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Game Day Travel Updates

Nebraska highways are still undergoing their construction season improvements. But, motorists planning a Labor Day holiday trip, a jaunt to the State Fair, or to join the Husker faithful at home football games should find minimal difficulty in getting to their destination, according to Nebraska Department of Roads.

There are currently no detours or closures on any of Nebraska's major routes. There *are, however* several areas of highway work that motorists should be aware of. There is a lane restriction in the northbound lane of the Highway 77 west bypass, on the west side of Lincoln, between Capital Parkway West and West O, which may delay travel. There is work on Interstate 80 from Highway 370, just west of Omaha, to Ruff Road, just east of the Platte River. On Nebraska home game days, the westbound on-ramp from Highway 31 to I-80, exit 432 at Gretna, will be closed, as needed, to prevent back ups on I-80. Westbound Highway 31 traffic will be directed to take Highway 6.

There is work on Highway 77 from Winslow to south of Fremont. There is work on Highway 81 from north of Norfolk to Madison, and on Highway 281 from north of Greeley to St. Paul. There are also areas of work on Highway 30 from Cozad to Wood River. All of these areas are open to traffic, however motorists will encounter construction zone speed limits. Motorists are urged to be cautious when driving through any construction zone, whether workers are present or not.

Travelers may check on roadwork on Nebraska's highways by visiting the Travel and Weather section of NDOR's Web Page at www.nebraskatransportation.org. Highway conditions and a brief weather report can also be obtained by calling 511 on your home phone or cell phone.

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**Notice of Information Open House
I-80 to North of Kimball
September 22, 2005, 4:00-7:00 p.m. MDT**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting about a project to construct an expressway on new alignment around the east side of Kimball. The meeting for Project F-71-2(1005), known as "I-80 to North of Kimball," will be held on September 22, 2005, 4:00-6:00 p.m. MDT at the Events Center, 613 East 3rd Street, Kimball, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Date: Sept. 22, 2005
Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. MDT
Place: Events Center
613 East 3rd St.
Kimball, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting about a project to construct an expressway on new alignment around the east side of Kimball.

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

The proposed project, F-71-2(1005) known as ***I-80 to North of Kimball***, involves relocating Nebraska Highway 71 outside of town. The project begins at the East Kimball Interchange at Interstate 80 and ends about 3 miles north of Kimball. The completed roadway will be a four-lane divided highway with surfaced shoulders.

Construction will include grading, drainage structures, surfacing, intersection lighting, and bridges over U.S. Highway 30, the Union Pacific Railroad Co. tracks, and Lodgepole Creek.

Most of the work will be done without detouring traffic. The new segment of four-lane south of U.S. 30 will involve part of state Link 53E, and phased construction in that area may require detouring through traffic to the West I-80 Interchange and

Nebraska 71. Also, temporary roadways around work zones will be used during some phases of construction throughout the project.

Upon completion of the new roadway, segments of the existing two-lane Nebraska 71 in Kimball will be relinquished to the city and segments of the existing two-lane outside of town will be relinquished to Kimball County.

Acquisition of private property will be required in order to relocate the highway. Acquisition includes one residential property with a number of structures located just north of U.S. 30. Control of access to the new expressway also will be acquired from landowners.

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 Sept. 8, 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.

Preliminary plans developed by the Nebraska Department of Roads will be available for public inspection by Sept. 8 at the District 5 Office, 514 Main St., in Bridgeport. Plans also are available in the NDOR Roadway Design Division, 1500 Hwy 2, in Lincoln.

For further information regarding the proposed project, contact District Engineer Craig Lind in Bridgeport at (308) 262-1920.