

**Notice of Information Open House
Waverly Viaduct and 6-Lane
September 27, 2005
4:00-6:00 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting about a project to reconstruct the Interstate 80 mainline viaducts spanning U.S. Highway 6 and the BNSF Railway corridor at the Waverly Interchange. The meeting for Project EACNH-80-9(715)), known as "Waverly Viaduct and 6-Lane," will be held on September 27, 2005, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Community Room, 14130 Lancashire Street, Waverly, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Date: Sept. 27, 2005
Time: 4 - 6 p.m.
Place: Community Room
14130 Lancashire St.
Waverly, Nebraska

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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, EACNH-80-9(715) known as **Waverly Viaduct and 6-Lane**, will construct two new bridges compatible with the future widening of I-80 to three lanes in each direction. The project schedule has been accelerated because of the condition of the existing viaduct decks.

The new bridge for eastbound interstate traffic will be constructed just south of the existing structure. The bridge for westbound traffic will be constructed concurrently with the eastbound bridge but in two phases, requiring closure of the interstate on-ramp for westbound traffic.

The eastbound lanes and westbound lanes of I-80 traffic will be maintained throughout construction. Off-ramps for eastbound and westbound traffic will be maintained. The on-ramp for eastbound traffic will be unaffected.

The on-ramp for westbound traffic must be closed for about 12 months beginning in the fall of 2006. Interstate access for westbound traffic on U.S. 6 will be provided at the 56th Street Interchange.

Private property must be acquired for interstate right-of-way to accommodate project construction on the west side of U.S. 6.

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. 13, 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 Roadway Design Division, NDOR Central Headquarters, 1500 Hwy 2, in Lincoln.

For further information regarding the proposed project, contact Brian Johnson in Lincoln at (402) 479-3990.

September 2, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Tuesday, September 6, 2005 @ 9:00AM until Tuesday, September 6, 2005 @ 3:00PM
&
Wednesday, September 7, 2005 @ 9:00AM until Wednesday, September 7, 2005 @ 3:00PM

Weather Permitting

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

This Ramp Closure is necessary to work on the concrete protection barrier.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Karl Burns
Public Relations 592-7623

www.westdodge.info

September 6, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Wednesday, September 7, 2005 @ 11:00PM until Thursday, September 8, 2005 @ 6:00AM
&
Thursday, September 8, 2005 @ 11:00PM until Friday, September 9, 2005 @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

Burt Street will be Closed between 28th Street & 25th Street.

These closures are necessary for the partial removal of US-75 Bridge over Burt Street.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

September 8, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Friday, September 9, 2005 @ 12:01AM until Friday, September 9, 2005 @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

**There will be Short Duration Lane Closures,
Ramp Closures & Rolling Road Blocks on
Interstate 80 Eastbound & Westbound
between 60th Street and 84th Street.**

These closures are necessary for electrical work across I-80 at 72nd Street.

The L.E. Myers Co. is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

The L.E. Myers Co.
Dick Jones
641-753-6679

September 8, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House Sept. 22 for Hwy. 71 Improvements Near Kimball

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House on Thursday, September 22, regarding a project to construct an expressway on new alignment around the east side of Kimball. The open house will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., MDT at the Events Center, 613 East 3rd Street, in Kimball.

The proposed project involves relocating Nebraska Highway 71 outside of town. The project begins at the East Kimball Interchange at Interstate 80 and ends about three 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.

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 by September 8 at the District 5 Office, 514 Main Street, in Bridgeport. Plans also are available at the Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

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For additional information contact:

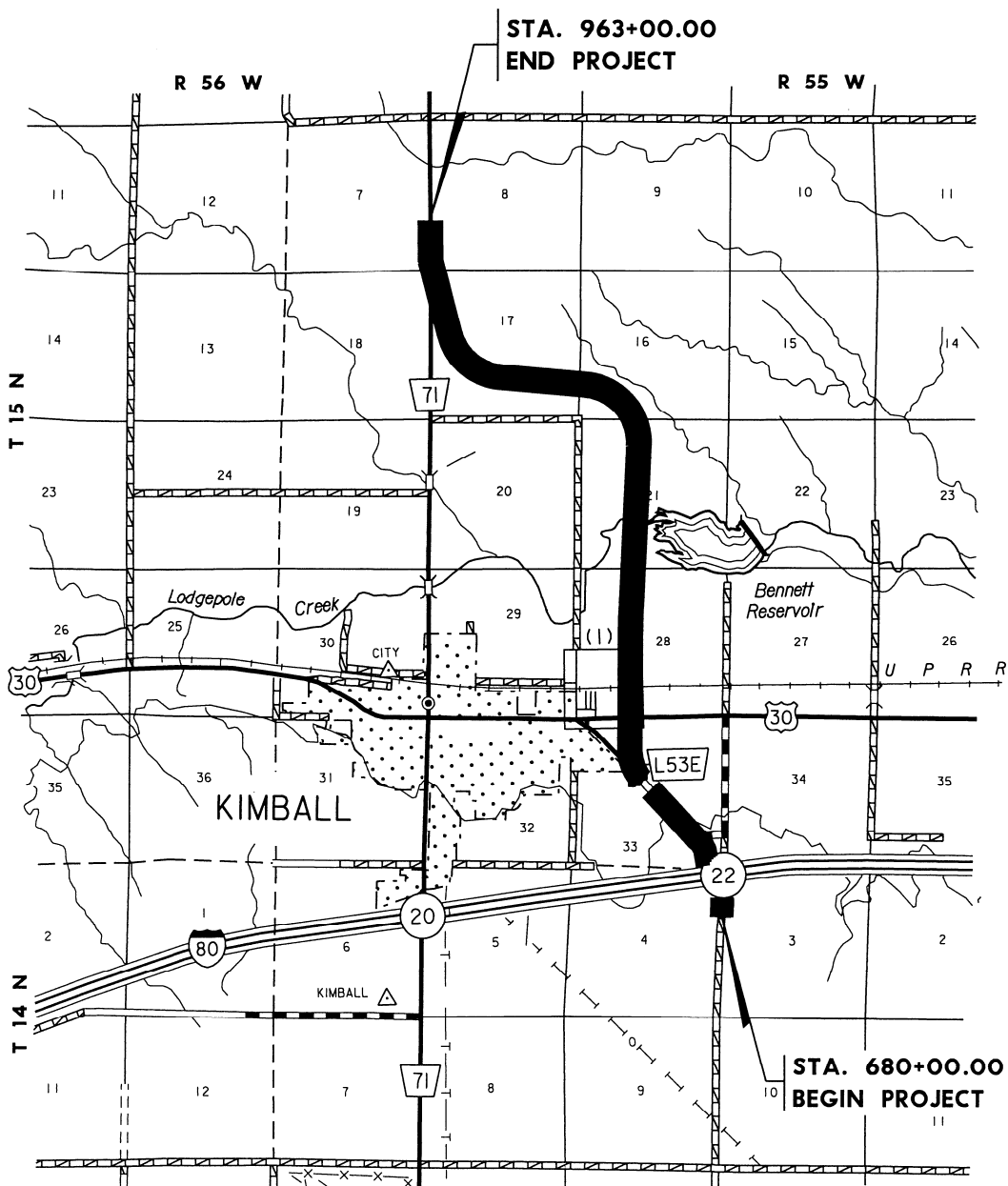
Craig Lind, District 5 Engineer in Bridgeport, (308) 262-1920.

F-71-2(1005)

NR723

I-80 TO NORTH OF KIMBALL F-71-2(1005)

C.N. 50816
KIMBALL COUNTY



September 12, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

US 30 Advisory Panel to Meet in Working Session

The US 30 Advisory Panel will meet in a working session Wednesday, September 21, at 9:00 a.m. at the Lower Platte North Natural Resources District in Wahoo. At this working session, the Panel will focus on the community input received from two mailings done this summer.

Two mailings were sent to over 2,000 households, businesses and organizations to help identify and prioritize issues important to various segments of the population in Dodge County. The Panel will evaluate responses and begin discussing how to measure these issues that the respondents have identified as the most important. These issues and their measurements will be used by the Panel to help assess alternate alignments for the proposed US 30 expressway through Dodge County.

Following this meeting, information will be gathered to measure the most important issues. The Panel will reconvene later in the fall to evaluate the results.

Based on citizen input, the Panel will make recommendations to the Nebraska Department of Roads about the location, effects and mitigation of the proposed US 30 improvement. These recommendations will be included in a report that will be available to the public.

The working sessions are not intended as public meetings, although the public is welcome to observe the Panel's deliberations.

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

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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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September 12, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Tuesday, September 13, 2005 @ 8:00PM
Until
Wednesday, September 14, 2005 @ 6:00AM
Weather Permitting

(108th Avenue & West Dodge Road)

**Northbound 108th Avenue at West Dodge Road
will be Closed.**

This Closure is necessary for the placement of Bridge Girders at 108th Street & West Dodge Road.

For additional information contact:

Karl Burns
Public Relations
592-7623

www.westdodge.info

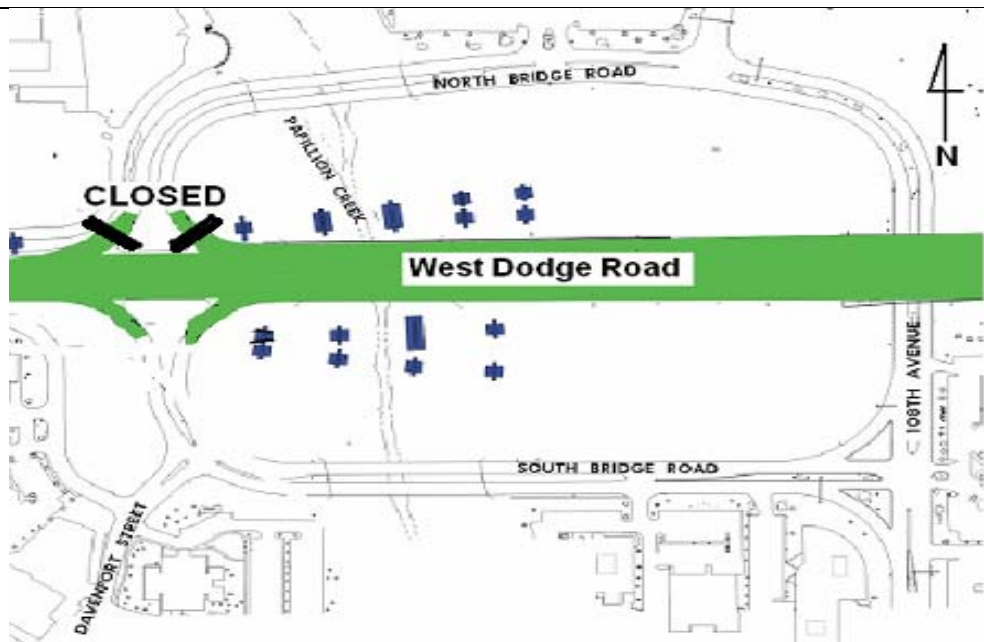
September 13, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Wednesday, September 14, 2005 @ 8:00PM
Until
Thursday, September 15, 2005 @ 6:00AM

**Westbound West Dodge Road Access to
North Bridge Road (Old Mill) will be CLOSED.
&
North Bridge Road (Old Mill) Access to
Westbound West Dodge Road will be CLOSED.**



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These Closures are necessary to construct the westbound Bridge Deck over the entrance and exit ramps at West Dodge Road and North Bridge Road.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

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Karl Burns Public Relations 592-7623

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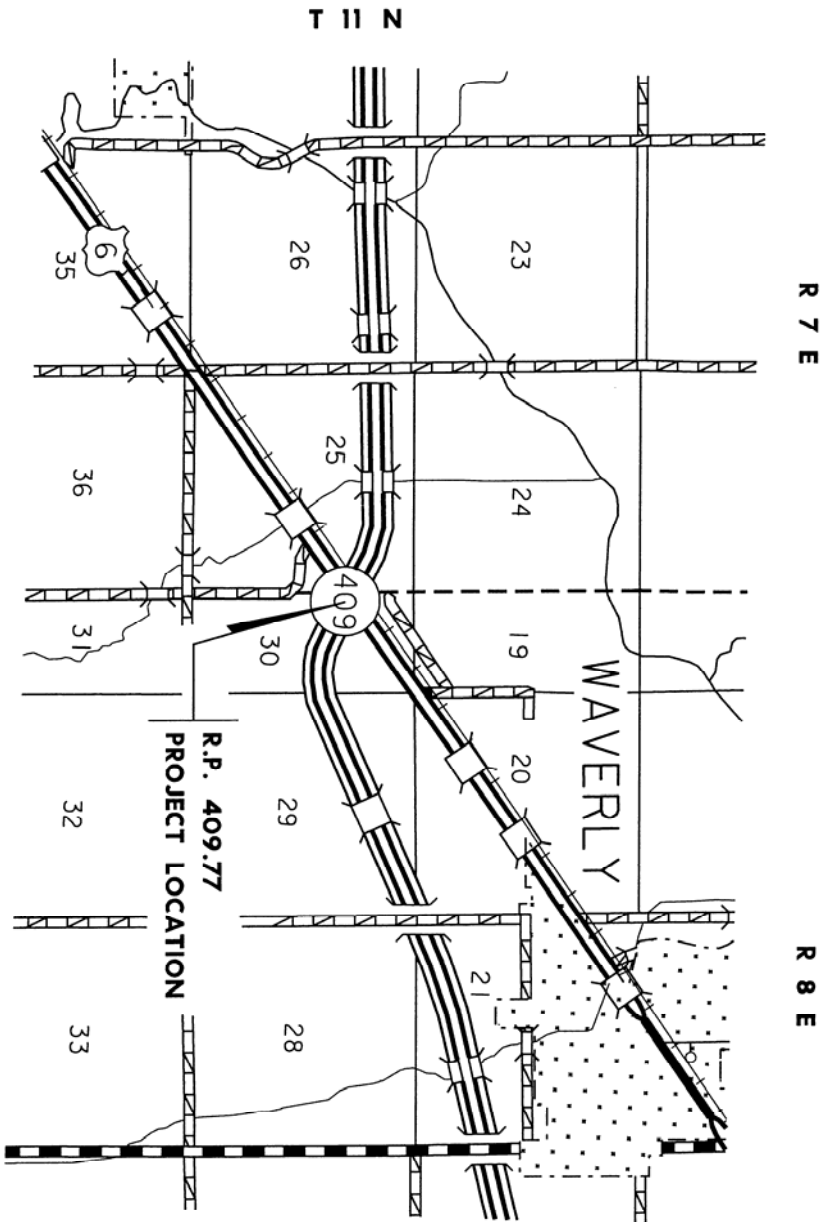
Brian Johnson, Roadway Design Division in Lincoln, (402) 479-3990.

EACNH-80-9(715)

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WAVERLY INTERCHANGE 80-9(715)

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LANCASTER COUNTY



September 14, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Rescheduled

Douglas County

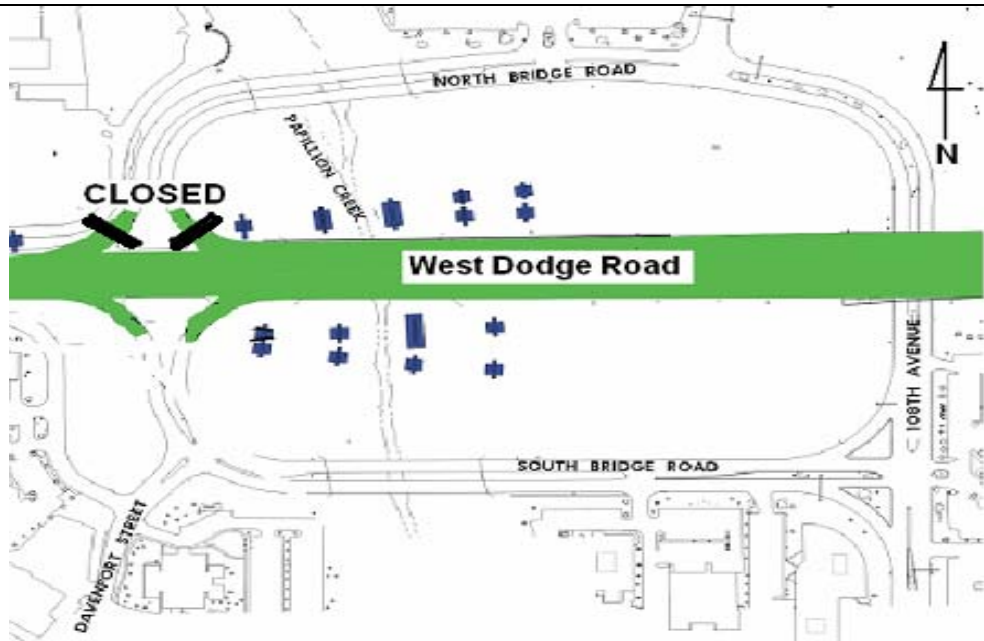
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Until**

Friday, September 16, 2005 @ 6:00AM

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September 14, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Nebraska Surface Transportation Program Plans Announced for Fiscal Year 2006 and Beyond

Nebraska Department of Roads' Director John Craig announced today the fiscal year 2006 Surface Transportation Program. The program reflects how the Department allocates the taxpayer's highway user dollars to provide the best statewide surface transportation system possible for all Nebraskans and the traveling public.

This year's program was published and released later than usual, awaiting passage of a federal transportation reauthorization bill by the U.S. Congress and approval by the President.

The 2006 Surface Transportation Program is published at \$653 million. The state highway program totals \$390 million and is funded from state and federal highway user fees. The local system program for city streets and county roads totals \$263 million and is funded by state, federal and local highway user revenues.

A total of 166 new projects are planned to be let to contract on the state highway system during fiscal year 2006 (July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006). Projects will range in size from small lighting, traffic signals, intersection modifications, landscaping, noise walls, millings, overlays and minor crack and joint sealing projects located throughout the state to large projects such as major 4-lane grading, structures and surfacing projects, 6-lane interstate expansion projects and continued progress on the expressway system.

Some of the larger projects include U.S. Highway 34 – Lincoln West, Gretna to "Q" Street in Douglas County on Highway US-6, Jackson East on Highway US-20, Elm Creek South on Highway US-183, Scottsbluff West on Nebraska Highway 92, Broken Bow South on Nebraska Highway 21, Holbrook East on Highway US-6 and Newport to O'Neill on Highway US-20.

The Nebraska Department of Roads reminds motorists to drive safely, obey the traffic laws and to wear seat belts. Fines are doubled for speeding in any marked construction work zones.

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The complete 2006 – 2011 Surface Transportation Program is available on the Department of Roads' website at www.dor.state.ne.us. If media wish to receive a hard copy, please contact the Communication Office at (402) 479-4512.

September 15, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Effective Immediately

**Highway US-275/N-92 Veterans Memorial Bridge over the
Missouri River is CLOSED to all Traffic.**

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

September 16, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

State Highway Commission Monthly Agenda Announced

The State Highway Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting September 23, 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, September 23, 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: August 2005 Meeting Minutes

Introductions/Correspondence/Announcements

- (1) Commission Reappointments – Director John Craig
- (2) District 6 Engineer Tribute

Old Business/New Business

AASHTO 2005 Delegate Report – Commissioner Donna Wanitschke

Agenda Topic: *"The DBE Contractor"* – Joe Delgado,
President, TCW Construction, Inc.

- Comments/Questions

Project Approval: Steve McBeth, Planning and Location Studies Engineer
Requests Location Approval of:
"Scottsbluff Northwest Viaduct"
Public Information Meeting – May 26, 2005.

- Comments/Questions/Commission Vote

Public Input

Public Meeting Schedule

September 27, 2005 (*Acklie*)
4-6 p.m. Public Information Meeting
"Waverly Viaduct & 6-Lane"
Waverly Community Room (City Hall)

September 29, 2005 (*Wanitschke*)
7 p.m. District 4 Transportation Meeting
Midtown Holiday Inn, Grand Island, NE

October 5, 2005 (*Acklie*)
7 p.m. District 1 Transportation Meeting
Memorial Library, Seward, NE

October 6, 2005 (*Reiser*)
7 p.m. District 2 Transportation Meeting
Regency Lodge, Omaha, NE

October 17, 2005 (*Leafgreen*)
7 p.m. District 5 Transportation Meeting
Gering Civic Center, Gering, NE

October 18, 2005 (*Fagerland*)
7 p.m. District 8 Transportation Meeting
Conference Center, Ainsworth, NE

Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting

Friday, September 30, 2005, 10:00 a.m.
Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Complex
Lincoln, NE 68509



District 1



District 2



District 3



District 4



District 5



District 6



District 7



District 8

Nebraska State Highway Commission

Educational Briefing & Discussion

Friday, September 23, 2005

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

Agenda

NDOR's Building Security Program

Tom Sands and Jim Schmailzl

The Philosophy of the Building & Maintenance of Nebraska's Rest Areas

Jim Knott, NDOR Design Engineer

Ideas and Discussion – "Possible" 2006 Legislation

Commission Budget 2006 (see budget handout)

Reminders:

District Planning Meetings

October 27th – 1:00 p.m. – District 6

October 27th – 3:00 p.m. – District 4

October 28th – 1:00 p.m. – District 8

October 28th – 3:00 p.m. – District 1

Pending Agenda Topics

SAFETEA-LU – Transportation Bill

Decatur Toll Bridge

Federal Demonstration Earmarks

Management Succession Planning

Expressway Funding Policy

September 16, 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 September 23, 2005, in the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Building Auditorium at 1500 Highway 2 in Lincoln.

The agenda includes:

- ◆ Addition of projects to the Buffalo, Gage, Nance, Otoe, Pierce, Saline, Sherman, Stanton, Washington and York Counties, the Cities of North Platte and Sidney and the Village of Prosser One- and Six-Year Road and Street Improvement Plans.
- ◆ State-Aid Bridge Fund applications from Cass, Colfax, Dawson, Hitchcock and Jefferson Counties.
- ◆ Informal hearings: 9:30 a.m. – on Dodge County request for Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards on a Local Road; 9:40 a.m. – Nebraska Department of Roads' request for Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards on Project IM-80-6(75), Wood River Interchange; 9:50 a.m. – Nebraska Department of Roads' request for Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards on U.S. Highway 34, "O Street" in Lincoln; 10:00 a.m. – York County request for Relaxation of Standards for Construction on a Minimum Maintenance Road; 10:10 a.m. – Village of Steele City request for Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards on an Other Arterial Street.
- ◆ Consideration of initiating forfeiture of Highway Allocation Funds for the Villages of Cedar Bluffs and Magnet and the City of Osmond, and suspension of funds for two Municipalities for failure to file complete reports.
- ◆ Arrangements for the board's Outstate Meeting in Valentine on October 21, 2005.

The meeting is open to the public.

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Detailed agenda as of September 15, 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

September 23, 2005, 9:00 a.m.

Nebraska Department of Roads Central Headquarters Building Auditorium
1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska

Call to Order – Chairperson

Roll Call – Secretary

Changes to Published Agenda – Secretary

Minutes of July 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 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; currently in the 6th month of suspension*)

Cedar Bluffs Magnet Osmond

Consideration of lifting suspension (*none as of 9/15/05*)

Consideration of initiating forfeiture

Consideration of suspension of Highway Allocation funds to the Village of Scribner for failure to file a complete report.

Initial Status Report – 2004 – 2005 Standardized System of Annual Reports (*9 County and 2 Municipal reports received*).

Status Report – 2005 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road, and Street Plan Submittals (*NDOR, 93 County and 531 Municipal plans received.*)

Consideration of suspension of Highway Allocation Funds to the Village of Platte Center for failure to file a complete One- and Six-Year Plan.

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

- A. York County (3) – replace culverts with culverts on Local roads and a culvert with a bridge on a Minimum Maintenance road (Relaxation of Standards required – see below)
- B. Buffalo County (2) – replace existing structures with culverts on Local roads
- C. Stanton County (2) – replace bridges with culverts on Local roads
- D. Pierce County (1) – asphalt overlay on a Other Arterial road
- E. Gage County (1) – replace culvert with culverts on a Local road
- F. Saline County (1) – replace bridge with a bridge on a Local road
- G. City of Sidney (1) – grading and asphalt surfacing on a Local street
- H. Sherman County (1) – grading, aggregate surfacing, culverts and fencing on a Local road
- I. Nance County (2) – replace timber structures with culverts on a Local road
- J. Otoe County (1) – replace bridge with a culvert on a Local road
- K. Otoe County (1) – replace bridge with a culvert on a Local road
- L. Washington County (1) – eliminate roadway hazards at two sites on a Local road
- M. City of North Platte (1) – add lighting along U.S. Highway 83 from Walker Road to State Farm Road
- N. Village of Prosser (6) – armor coat surfacing on Local streets

State-Aid Bridge Funds Status-Quarterly Report

State-Aid Bridge Fund Applications (7) – Cass, Colfax, Dawson, Hitchcock and Jefferson Counties

9:30 a.m. Informal Hearing – Dodge County request for Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for a reduction in vertical curve design speed on Project C-27(487), on a Local road, (Scribner Raceway Road). Consideration of request.

9:40 a.m. Informal Hearing – NDOR request for Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for a reduction in crest vertical curve design speed and an increase in maximum percent of grade on Project IM-80-6(76), Control No. 42071, Wood River Interchange, on a Major Arterial highway (Nebraska Highway 11 on the north leg and Spur 40-D on the south leg of the interchange). Consideration of request.

9:50 a.m. Informal Hearing – NDOR request for Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for reduction in lane width on the following projects on a Major Arterial highway (U.S. Highway 34). Consideration of request.

- Antelope Valley Project CM-55(142)/City of Lincoln Project 780109 North-South Roadway K to Q, "O" Street, 17th to 21st Street
- Antelope Valley Project STPC-34-6(135)/City of Lincoln Project 780104 "O" Street Bridge and Roadway, "O" Street, 21st to 23rd Street
- City of Lincoln Project 701780 "O" Street, 45th to 52nd Street

10:00 a.m. Informal Hearing – York County request for Relaxation of Standards for replacement of a culvert with a bridge on a Minimum Maintenance Road, Project FLTH1213. Consideration of request and addition to the project to the One-Year Plan.

10:10 a.m. Informal Hearing – Village of Steele City request for a Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for a reduction in degree of curve on Project M-560(04-01), on an Other Arterial Street. Consideration request.

Other Business:

- Review and Update of SSAR including going to electronic submission.
- Preparations for Annual Outstate Meeting (Valentine)
- Update on Fall Regional Local Officials' Workshops
- Report on State and Federal legislative issues
- Reappointment of Members Acklie, Doll, Lux and Yonkey (*terms expire November 30, 2005*). Members Bauer, Ruby, Schram, Tagge, Thieman, Vieregger and Wootton (*terms expire November 3, 2007*).

Correspondence and General Information:

- Miscellaneous correspondence

Acknowledgement of Visitors

Next Meeting: October 21, 2005, 9:00 a.m., Holiday Inn Express, 803 East Highway 20, Valentine, Nebraska

Adjournment

September 17, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Saturday, September 17, 2005

Highway 92\275 “South Omaha” Bridge is now open.

All repairs have been completed.

For additional information contact:

Dale Butler
District 2 Operations and Maintenance Manager

September 22, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Highway 66 at Ashland Opening to Traffic Friday

Highway 66 from the junction of US-6 and N-66/63 at Ashland, south to the I-80 Interchange, will reopen to all traffic beginning Friday, September 23.

The remaining work on this project will be performed under traffic, using flaggers, and a 12 foot width limit. Motorists are advised to be cautious around work zones for their safety and the safety of workers.

Placing the final layer of asphalt surfacing on the roadway and shoulders, along with the driveways and intersections, will be performed under traffic. Constructing earth shoulders, installing lighting units and conduits, installation of erosion control items, guardrail, pavement markings, and other minor work will also be completed under traffic.

Also, the Cass County Bridge over I-80 at 250th Street is open to traffic.

The Department of Roads' manager for these projects is Abdul Sidiqi.

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For additional information contact:

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

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September 23, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Sunday, September 25, 2005 @ 9:00AM
For
3 Weeks

Weather Permitting

**Southbound 60th Street Entrance Ramp to
Westbound Interstate 80 will be Closed.**

This closure is necessary for the reconstruction of the Entrance Ramp.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

September 26, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Tuesday, September 27, 2005 @ 11:00PM
Until
Wednesday, September 28, 2005 @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

Westbound Interstate 480 Exit Ramp to 30th Street will be Closed.

This closure is necessary for Bridge removal.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

Website: www.dor.state.ne.us

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

September 29, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Road and Street Examiners to Meet

The Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents will meet at 8:45 a.m., October 7, 2005 in Room 103, Department of Roads, Central Headquarters, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln.

The principal agenda item is:

- ◆ Administration of the written examination for licensure.

The meeting is open to the public.

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Agenda as of September 29, 2005 below.

For additional information contact:

LeMoyne D. Schulz (402) 479-4436.

LDS/NR717

Agenda

for the Meeting of

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY AND CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENTS

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)

Call to Order – Chairperson

Roll Call – Staff

Changes to Published Agenda – Staff

Minutes of August 19, 2005, Meeting

Resolution honoring the late Lary Kment

Election (Special) of Secretary

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 August 19, 2005: *(None)*

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

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

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Written examination – Nebraska Department of Roads' Auditorium
(Authorized personnel only)

9:15 a.m. – Oral interview of candidates for October 7, 2005 County Highway Superintendent
and City Street Superintendent examination, Room 103 *(Executive Session)*

Review of *(0)* new applicants and *(0)* re-applicants for the April 7, 2006, County Highway
Superintendent and City Street Superintendent examination.

Preparation for April 7, 2006, Written Examination and March 6-8, 2006, 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
- Approve 2006 Class B Renewal Form

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

- Review progress on forms
- Professional Development Hours Personal Log and Criteria (*Deferred*)

Request for Pre-certification of Professional Development Hours: (*None*)

November 4, 2005 meeting location change

Schedule of Meetings and Examinations for 2006 and Tentative Schedule for 2007

Other Business

- Update on Fall Regional Local Officials' Workshops
- Report on State and Federal Legislative Issues

Correspondence and General Information

Acknowledgement of Visitors

Next Meeting: November 4, 2005, 10:00 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads, Central Headquarters, Materials and Research Building, Room 129, 1400 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Adjournment

Note: The business meeting is open to attendance of the public. The oral interview and written examination are closed to attendance of the public.

October 6, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Nebraskans Urged to “Put the Brakes” on Traffic Fatalities

October 10 is the fifth annual “Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day.” The Nebraska Department of Roads joins national safety organizations as they draw attention to the nation’s high rate of traffic fatalities, about 42,000 per year, or 115 fatalities each day – one fatality every 13 minutes. The day is intended to heighten awareness about what can be done to stop fatalities by focusing attention on individual behaviors, with the goal of achieving one day of zero traffic fatalities across the nation.

Fewer people were killed or injured on U.S. highways last year – 42,636 – down 248 from the previous year. This is the second consecutive year in which traffic crash fatalities have declined after reaching a high of 43,005 in 2002. The decline was attributed to an increase in seat belt use and a decrease in accidents involving drunken drivers.

In Nebraska, 254 people died on the roads last year, 13.3 percent fewer than the 293 fatalities reported in 2003. One crash occurred every 14 minutes, 58 persons were injured each day and one person was killed every 34 hours. The economic loss for the state totaled \$2,565,308,600.

Last year on October 10, no fatalities were reported on Nebraska’s highways, and there were 14 days in October with no fatalities. October 2004 had 27 fatalities during the month, compared to 36 fatalities in October 2003, 31 deaths in October 2002 and 16 deaths in October 2001.

According to NDOR Director John Craig, “We want to draw attention to the seriousness of this public safety issue and to remind drivers that several simple steps can make a big difference. Wear your seat belt and don’t exceed speed limits. Also, don’t drive while impaired and don’t get into the car with an impaired driver. Discuss this issue with your teenagers.”

There have been many technological advances in developing safer vehicles and in making the roadway environment as safe as possible. But the main focus is still the choices each of us makes when using the roadways – as drivers, pedestrians, motorcycle and bicycle operators and passengers.

Following the theme of “drive as if your life depends on it” people are also asked to drive courteously and defensively, to know the rules of the road for the planned mode of transportation and to obey all signs and signals. For additional information, visit the Department of Roads’ website, www.nebraskatransportation.org or www.brakesonfatalities.org.