

April 2, 2007

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

I-80 Closed For LES Power Line Installation

I-80 will be closed for about seven hours for two LES power line installations starting at 10 p.m., April 2, to 6 a.m., April 3, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. I-80 will be closed from Interchange 405 (Highway 77/56 Street in Lincoln) to Interchange 432 (Gretna). The detour will be on L55X (56th Street) to Highway 6 (Cornhusker Highway) to Highway 31.

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Contact:

Roger Kalkwarf, District Operations & Maintenance Manager
(402) 471-0850, ext. 1041

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It's "Great Nebraska Trash-Off" Time

The 17th annual "Great Nebraska Trash-Off" is being held April 14-28. In conjunction with this year's Trash-Off, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers throughout the state will join forces with other volunteers to clean up Nebraska roadsides.

During this year's Trash-Off, sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Roads, over 6,000 volunteers are expected to participate in this statewide marathon of picking up roadside litter. Through the Adopt-a-Highway program, over 1,300 organizations and groups donate their time and effort to adopt and pick up litter along 3,000 miles of Nebraska's roadsides.

While this designated event is a great time for groups to conduct their clean-up activities, the Department of Roads welcomes citizen and group litter pickup efforts anytime during the year. Also, an important reminder for Nebraska citizens is that it is against the law to discard or dispose of any type of litter on any public or private property. Penalties include fines and/or imprisonment.

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Contact:

Denise Wallman, Adopt-A-Highway Program State Coordinator, at (402) 479-4843, in Lincoln. Additional information may also be found at www.nebraskatransportation.org/operations/maintenance/adopt.htm.

April 3, 2007

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work is Scheduled to Start on Highway 281 North of Cowles

Work is scheduled to begin April 9 on Highway 281 at the Cowles Spur, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. The project begins at the Cowles Spur (S91B) and runs north to the West Junction of Highways 281 and 4.

Werner Construction, Inc. of Hastings has the \$2,743,631 contract for asphalt recycling, asphalt surfacing, shoulder work and seeding.

Traffic will be maintained with the aid of signing, flaggers and a pilot vehicle. Work is anticipated to be completed in October of this year.

The Department of Roads manager for this project is Lyle Kohmetscher of Hastings. Motorists are urged to drive cautiously through construction zones, and to watch for directional signs and flaggers.

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Contact:

Lyle Kohmetscher in Hastings, (402) 462-1969
STPD-281-1(113)

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**Notice of Information Open House
"In Kearney"
April 26, 2007
4:00-6:00 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding the proposed reconstruction of two segments of U.S. Highway 30 in Kearney. The meeting for Project STPD-30-4(148), known as "In Kearney," will be held on April 26, 2007, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the County Extension Building, 1400 East 34th Street, in Kearney.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Date: April 26, 2007

Time: 4 – 6 p.m.

Place: County Extension Bldg
1400 East 34th St.
Kearney, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting about the proposed reconstruction of two segments of U.S. Highway 30 in Kearney.

Personnel from the department will be available to visit one-on-one about the project. NDOR staff will receive comments and questions. No formal presentation is planned.

The proposed project, identified as STPD-30-4(148) and known as ***In Kearney***, involves reconstructing U.S. 30 from Avenue B to Avenue E and from Avenue I to Avenue L. The intersection at Avenue G also will be reconstructed.

The new roadway will be about 3 feet wider than existing on each side. It will match adjoining segments of U.S. 30 previously reconstructed. Improvements will include new concrete surfacing, raised median with left-turn lanes, curbs, storm sewer, sidewalks, and relocated roadway lighting.

Construction will involve removal of the existing highway pavement, median lighting and sidewalks. Signs and pole foundations within existing public right-of-way must be removed for construction. Power poles will be relocated within the project limits.

Construction will be completed in two phases without need for a complete traffic detour. Traffic on U.S. 30 will be shifted and reduced to one lane in either direction. Direct access to the highway through construction zones will be interrupted during some phases of the project.

Temporary easements for construction and utility work must be acquired from affected property owners. Permanent acquisition of private property for public right-of-way may be necessary within the project limits.

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 April 12, 2007. 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 will be available for public review at the NDOR District 4 Office, 211 North Tilden St., in Grand Island, and at the Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

For further information regarding the proposed project, contact Jim Miller, Roadway Design Division, in Lincoln at (402) 479-4442.

