

September 1, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Reminder

Sarpy County

Tuesday, September 2, 2014 @ Noon  
for  
Approximately 3 Months

**Northbound Giles Road Entrance Ramp to  
Eastbound Interstate 80 will be CLOSED.**

See Attachment:

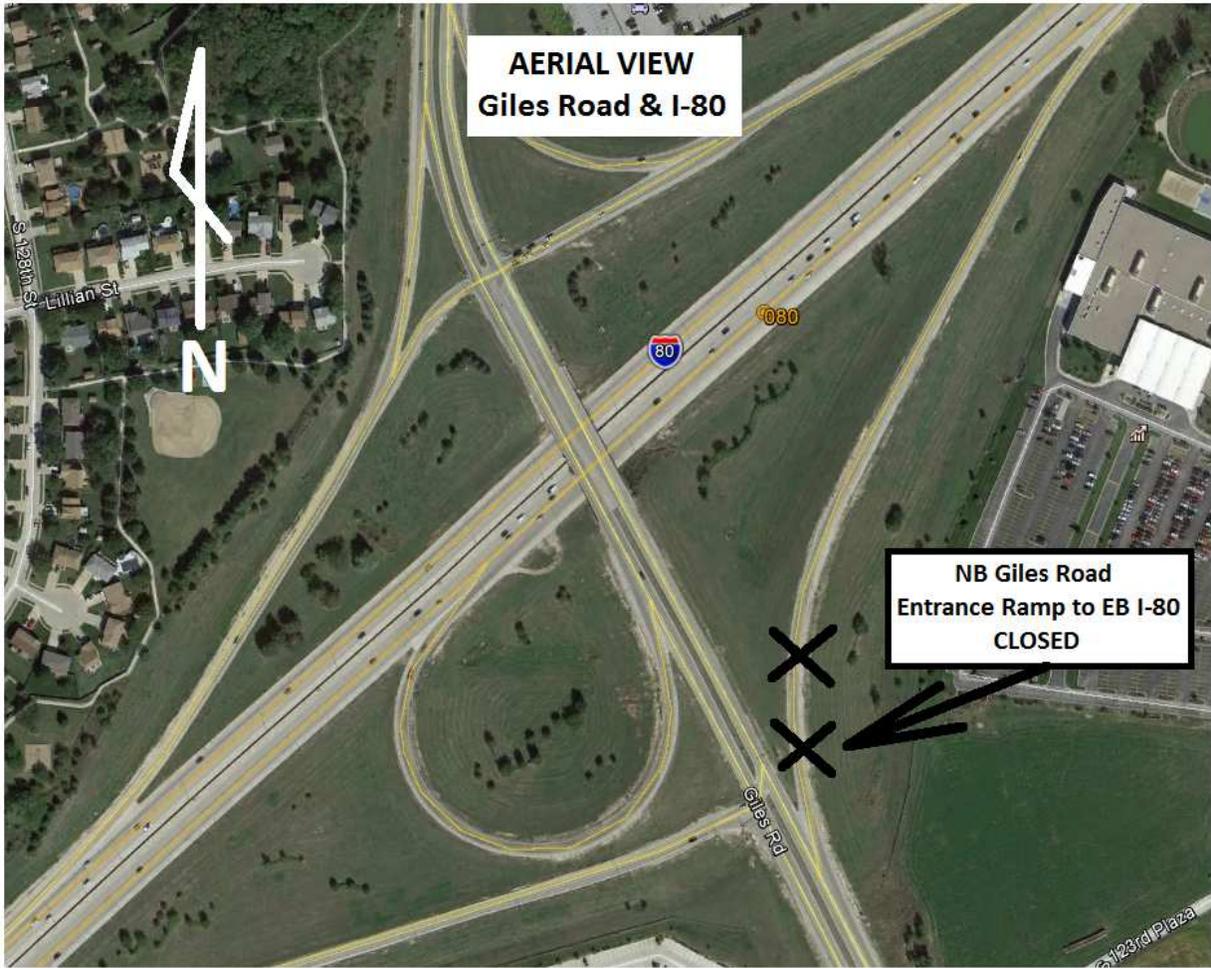
This ramp closure is necessary for eastbound I-80 construction.

Chas. Vrana & Son Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

**For additional information contact:**

Marvin Lech PE  
District Construction Engineer





September 1, 2014

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# Reminder

Douglas County

Monday, September 1, 2014 @ 11:00PM  
for  
28 Days

## Eastbound US-275/N-92 ("L" Street) & Interstate 80

**Eastbound "L" Street Entrance Loop to  
Northbound Interstate 680 will be CLOSED.**

**USE  
Eastbound "L" Street Entrance Ramp to  
Eastbound Interstate 80 to ACCESS  
Northbound Interstate 680.**

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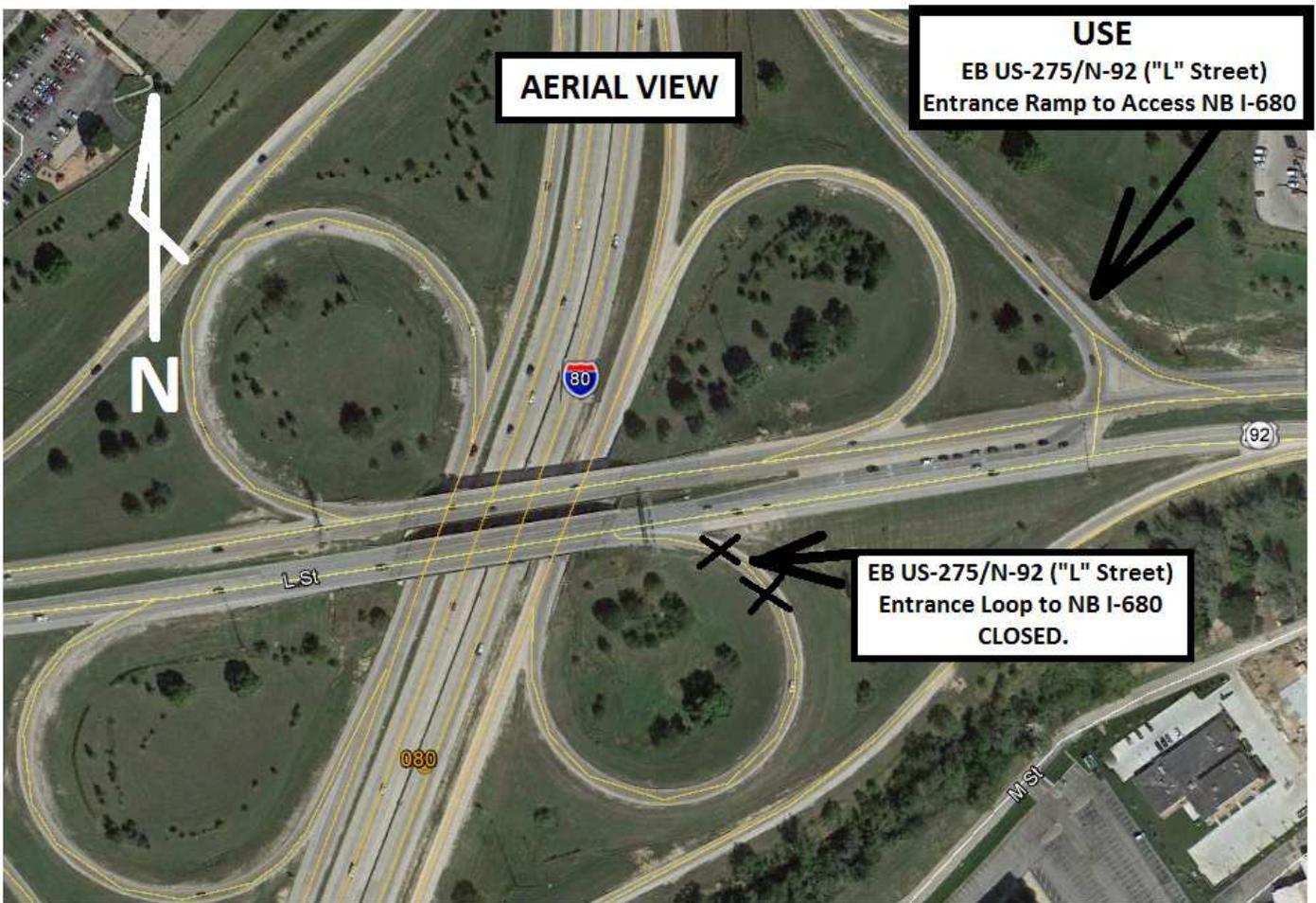
This loop closure is necessary for eastbound I-80 construction.

Chas. Vrana & Son Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

**For additional information contact:**

Marvin Lech PE  
District Construction Engineer





September 2, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Work to Begin on N-71, Gering – Scottsbluff

Weather permitting, work is scheduled to begin the week of September 8 on N-71 from Reference Post 56+10 to Reference Post 61+13, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Iowa Erosion Control, Inc. of Victor, Iowa, has the \$200,000 contract for replacing expansion joints at five bridge locations.

Traffic will be maintained throughout the project using lane closures and reduced speeds. Construction is anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2014.

The Department of Roads' project manager is Martin Gillen of Gering. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously through highway construction zones and to remember that fines are doubled in a work zone when workers are present.

#NDOR#

**Contact:**

Martin Gillen, (308) 436-6587, Ext. 5730

NR12-GJ



September 3, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Work to Begin on I-80, Bushnell to Kimball

Weather permitting, work is scheduled to begin the week of September 8 on I-80 from Bushnell to the west Kimball interchange, on the westbound lanes only, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Werner Construction, Inc. of Hastings, Nebraska, has the \$2,099,199 contract for concrete repair, milling and resurfacing. The highway improvement project will involve the repair of concrete pavement, removal and replacement of asphalt and installation of new rumble strips on both shoulders.

Traffic will be maintained throughout the project using lane closures reduced to 12 feet wide. Construction is anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2014.

The Department of Roads' project manager is Jim Johnson of Gering. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously through highway construction zones and to remember that fines are doubled in a work zone when workers are present.

#NDOR#

**Contact:**

Jim Johnson, (308) 436-6587

NR12-GK



September 4, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Work to Begin on N-2, Lincoln to Nebraska City

Work is scheduled to begin the week of September 8, on N-2 between Lincoln and Nebraska City, Reference Post 465.47 to 503.43, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Ten Point Construction Company, of Denison, Iowa, has the \$533,450 contract to repair the concrete. Traffic on this 38-mile project will be controlled by one lane work zones. The project is anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2014.

The Department of Roads' project manager is Bill Jasa of Tecumseh. Motorists are urged to use caution when driving through construction zones.

#NDOR#

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Bill Jasa, (402) 335-4131

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NR12-GL



September 5, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Temporary Ramp Closure on US-6 (West “O” Street) to Southbound US-77

US-6 (West “O” Street) to the southbound US-77 ramp will be temporarily closed beginning September 7 for construction activities on southbound US-77, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Traffic will be detoured and directed to NW 48<sup>th</sup> Street, onto eastbound I-80. From eastbound I-80, traffic will be able to utilize the southbound US-77 exit (Exit 397). It is anticipated the ramp will be closed through the end of September 2014, depending on the weather.

The Department of Roads’ project manager is Jesse De Los Santos. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously through work zones.

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**Contact:**  
Jesse De Los Santos, (402) 471-0850

NR12-GM



September 5, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **I-80 Video Cameras to be Installed in York and Grand Island Areas**

Weather permitting, Ensley Electrical Services of Grand Island, Nebraska, and the Nebraska Department of Road are announcing the start of a video camera installation project along I-80 near York and Grand Island beginning September 29.

The \$104,623.00 project is anticipated to be completed in November. The purpose of the project is to add three new cameras to the current system. The new cameras will be placed up-stream from existing Dynamic Message System Boards located east and west of the York interchange and west of the Grand Island interchange.

The cameras will help monitor traffic flow, help to accurately identify hazardous road conditions and reduce the amount of time needed to maintain Dynamic Message System Boards. The new cameras will integrate with the NDOR Operations Center and can be accessible through the online Nebraska 511 website. <http://www.511.nebraska.gov/>

Minor shoulder closures will be present throughout the duration of the project near the new camera sites.

The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Jason Rotter of Grand Island. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously through construction zones.

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Contact:  
Jason Rotter, (308) 385-6888, Ext. 132 or (308) 380-0949

NR12-GN



September 5, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas/Washington Counties

Tuesday, September 9, 2014  
for  
Approximately 3 weeks.

## **N-133 & Dutch Hall Road**

**Dutch Hall Road will be CLOSED West of N-133.**

This road closure is necessary for the construction of N-133.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

**For additional information contact:**

Marvin Lech PE  
District Construction Engineer

September 8, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Douglas County

Thursday, September 11, 2014 @ 11:00PM  
Until  
Friday, September 12, 2014 @ 6:00AM

### **“L” Street / Stockyards Bridge**

**Eastbound & Westbound US-275/N-92 (“L” Street)  
will be CLOSED between  
Dahlman Avenue & US-75 (Kennedy Freeway).**

This closure is necessary for the installation of street lighting.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

**For additional information contact:**

Marvin Lech PE  
District Construction Engineer



September 9, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington County

Thursday, September 11, 2014  
for  
Approximately 3 Weeks

## **N-133 & County Road P38**

**County Road P38 will be CLOSED East of N-133.**

**County Road P38 Traffic will be directed to County Road 37 to  
Access N-133 adjacent County Road P38A.**

***See Attachment.***

See Attachment.

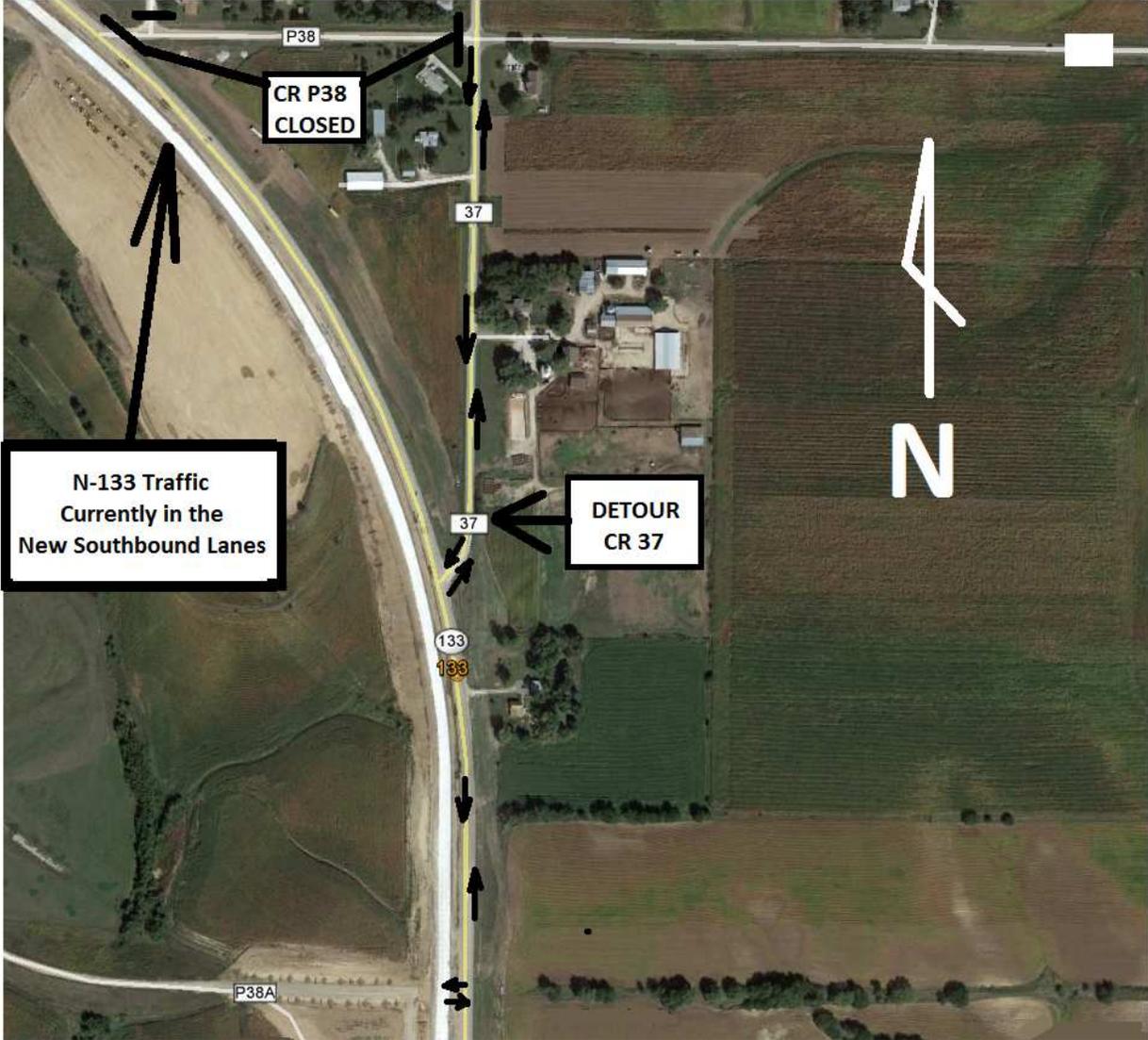
This closure is necessary to pave County Road P38 at N-133.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

**For additional information contact:**

Marvin Lech PE  
District Construction Engineer





September 9, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Work to Begin on US-75, North of Auburn

Work is scheduled to begin the week of September 15 on US-75 north of Auburn, Reference Post 28.34 to 29.37, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Herbst Construction, Inc., of Le Mars, Iowa, has the \$125,151 contract to repair concrete on abutments of slab bridges and to replace preformed expansion joints on the viaduct north of Auburn. Traffic on this project will be controlled by closing two lanes on the viaduct and operating two lanes head-to-head with a 10-foot width restriction. The project is anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2014.

The Department of Roads' project manager is Bill Jasa of Tecumseh. Motorists are urged to use caution when driving through construction zones.

#NDOR#

**Contact:**

Bill Jasa, Tecumseh, (402) 335-4131

NR7-DF



September 11, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Work to Begin on N-33 East of Crete

Weather permitting, work is scheduled to begin the week of September 15 on N-33, Saline/Lancaster County line to US-77, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Pavers Companies of Waverly, Nebraska, has the \$1,604,756 contract. Work will include milling, patching and asphalt overlay of shoulders. New rumble strips will also be constructed.

During construction, traffic will be maintained by use of signs, pilot cars and flaggers. The project is anticipated to be completed by November.

The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Dewaine Knutson of Lincoln. Motorists are urged to use caution when driving through construction zones.

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**Contact:**

Dewaine Knutson, Lincoln, (402) 471-0850 Ext. 1082

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September 12, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Temporary Ramp Closure on Southbound US-77 to Rosa Parks Way

Weather permitting, the off ramp connecting southbound US-77 to Rosa Parks Way will be temporarily closed, beginning Sunday, September 14, for construction activities, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Southbound traffic will be detoured to Van Dorn Street, then turn on to northbound US-77, back to Rosa Parks Way and exit US-77. The ramp will reopen by Friday, September 19.

The Department of Roads' project manager is Jesse De Los Santos. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously through construction work zones.

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**Contact:**

Jesse De Los Santos, Lincoln, (402) 471-0850

NR10-NC



September 12, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## US-75 Open to Traffic

According to the Nebraska Department of Roads, you may *now* drive from Union to Nebraska City on US-75 over two newly surfaced concrete lanes, new concrete shoulders, improved drainage, four newly repaired bridges, and new guardrail.

Cedar Valley Paving of Waterloo, Iowa, performed the work for the \$11,116,000 highway improvement project that began in March of this year. Lane markings were installed this week and opened to traffic early this morning. Grading, bridge sealing and permanent seeding work will continue after the roadway is open to traffic. The use of lane closures and pilot vehicles will be needed to complete these items. Delays at work zone flagging stations may occur. Completion of all work items will occur later this fall.

The newly paved US-75 opens just in time for the popular Applejack Festival, September 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, in historic Nebraska City, to kick off the apple harvest season.

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**Contact:**  
Curt Muetting, (402) 471-0850, Ext. 1075

NR4-ZO



September 15, 2014

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **State Highway Commission Meeting**

The State Highway Commission will hold its regular meeting September 26 at 8:30 a.m., in Room 103, at the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

The agenda for the meeting can be scanned and retrieved on the NDOR website at [www.transportation.nebraska.gov/news/meetings.htm](http://www.transportation.nebraska.gov/news/meetings.htm) or by calling (402) 479-4871. The State Highway Commission meetings are conducted in compliance with the Nebraska Statutes of the Open Meetings Act.

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## Nebraska State Highway Commission

Nebraska Department of Roads  
1500 Hwy 2, PO Box 94759  
Lincoln NE 68509

Highway Commission Conference Rm 103  
(402) 479-4871



## Agenda

8:30 a.m., Friday, September 26, 2014

NDOR Headquarters, Highway Commission Conference Room 103  
1500 Hwy 2, Lincoln, Nebraska

Call to Order

Roll Call

Minutes

- Approval of August 22, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Introductions/Announcements

Old Business

New Business

- Roundabout Design and Construction  
*John Thomas, Roadway Design*
- Statewide Operation Center and 511 Website  
*Sarah Tracy, Operations*
- Mind Mixer  
*Sarah Kugler and Tara Grell, Communication Division*

Public Input

Remarks from the Chair

Public Meetings Calendar

Adjournment

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

October 24, 2014, 8:30 a.m.

Frontier Harley-Davidson, the "Hog Pen" Room  
205 NW 40<sup>th</sup> St, Lincoln, Nebraska

Nebraska State Highway Commission meetings will be conducted with the statutes of the Open Meetings Act.

September, 15<sup>th</sup> 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **I-80 to be closed at Gothenburg overnight September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>**

I-80 Westbound will be closed between the hours of 11:00 PM and 6:00 AM September 29<sup>th</sup> into the morning of the 30<sup>th</sup>. Traffic will be routed off of I-80 at the Gothenburg I-80 Interchange off ramp, and back onto I-80 using the Gothenburg I-80 Interchange on ramp.

I-80 Eastbound will be closed between the hours of 11:00 PM and 6:00 AM September 30<sup>th</sup> into the morning of October 1st. Traffic will be routed off of I-80 at the Gothenburg I-80 off ramp, and back onto I-80 using the Gothenburg I-80 on ramp.

The closures are for setting of new girders on the I-80 Interchange bridge.

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September 15,2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Work to Begin on District 7 Districtwide Striping

A highway improvement project is scheduled to begin September 22nd on a Districtwide striping project.

This project, known as District 7 Districtwide Striping, involves removal of existing pavement markings and replacement with a grooved permanent pavement marking.

The prime contractor is Streamline Markings, Inc. of Billings MT. and the contract amount is \$3,216,653.00. The project is expected to be completed in the spring of 2015.

Work will be accomplished under traffic-maintained conditions with the use of flagging stations and pilot cars.

The Nebraska Department of Roads Project Manager is Kent Kuhn of Holdrege. Motorists are urged to use caution when driving through construction zones and the Department of Roads sincerely appreciates the traveling public's patience during the construction of this project.

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**Contact:**

Kent Kuhn, Project Manager, at (308) 995-5397 or Brice Goebel, District Construction Engineer, at (308) 345-8490.

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September 15, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Norfolk Northeast Project Update

Weather permitting, Tuesday, September 16th, the intersection of Northeast Industrial Road and Highway N-35 will be re-opened to traffic. Nucor Road will temporarily be closed to through traffic to allow removal of temporary pavement. When pavement removal is complete, the Nucor Road Intersection will be re-opened.

Visit the 511 webpage at [www.511.nebraska.gov](http://www.511.nebraska.gov) or dial 511 or 800-906-9069 to get the most current updates on highway conditions.

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**Contact:**

Doug A.Lollman  
Highway Project Manager  
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September 16, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Cozad – Lexington Highway 30 and Darr Link L24A

Project No STP- 30-3(116)

Highway 30 is open to thru traffic from Cozad – Lexington.

The remaining work of Rumble Strip Placement, Seeding, Delineator Installation and Minor

Work will be done with traffic being controlled by Flaggers.

Speed limit will be reduced to 35 MPH thru the flagging zones.

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Gary Thayer  
District Engineer

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September 16, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Construction Work Scheduled on Highway N-12

Weather permitting, milling and asphalt overlay work will begin on September 24<sup>th</sup>, east and west of Fordyce. The project will begin on Highway N-12 at the Highway US-81/Highway N-12 Junction, extend to the Junction of N-12/N-57 and will also include the Fordyce Spur, S-14A, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. Approximate completion date for this 9.2 mile project is early November. Motorists are urged to use caution when traveling through this area.

Visit the 511 webpage at [www.511.nebraska.gov](http://www.511.nebraska.gov) or dial 511 or 800-906-9069 to get the most current updates on highway conditions.

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**Contact:**  
Keith Koertje  
Highway Project Manager  
(402) 254-6552



September 16, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Campaign Signs Don't Belong on Highway Right-of-Way

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) is reminding Nebraskans that it is against the law to erect political campaign signs, or any signs, on state highway right-of-way. Various sizes of signs often appear along roadsides around national and local election time.

NDOR maintenance crews will remove signs that are improperly placed within the state highway rights-of-way. These signs will be stored for a brief period of time in NDOR maintenance yards across the state, where they can be reclaimed by the owners.

This state right-of-way reminder applies to any errant plantings or harvesting operations, parked equipment or salvage items, commercial sales, private business stands, garage sale signs, and debris.

According to State of Nebraska statutes, no physical or functional encroachments upon right-of-way of State highway are permitted.

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September 17, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Temporary Ramp Closure on Rosa Parks Way to Northbound US-77

Weather permitting, the on-ramp from Rosa Parks Way to northbound US-77 will be temporarily closed, beginning Sunday, September 21, for construction activities, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Rosa Parks Way traffic wanting to go north on US-77 will be detoured using southbound US-77 to Van Dorn Street and back onto northbound US-77. The on-ramp should reopen Friday, September 26.

The Department of Roads' project manager is Jesse De Los Santos. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously through construction work zones.

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**Contact:**

Jesse De Los Santos, Lincoln, (402) 471-0850

NR12-GQ



September 17, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Information Open House Sept. 30 for N-92 Improvements West of Scottsbluff**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House September 30, regarding the proposed improvement of a portion of Nebraska Highway 92 (N-92) starting west of Scottsbluff, in Scotts Bluff County, known as **Scottsbluff West Viaduct**. The open house will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m. MDT at the Gering Civic Center, 1050 M St., in Gering.

Personnel from the Department of Roads will be available to answer questions, receive comments, and discuss any aspect of the proposed highway improvement project. Information regarding the project will be available after the meeting on the NDOR website at [www.transportation.nebraska.gov/projects/](http://www.transportation.nebraska.gov/projects/) by clicking on the "Scottsbluff West Viaduct" link.

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**Contact:**

Craig Lind, District 5 Engineer, Gering, (308) 436-6587

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September 17, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Public Hearing October 1 for US-385 Improvements in Alliance Area**

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) will hold a public hearing in an open house format October 1, regarding the proposed improvement of a portion of U.S. Highway 385 (US-385), from the junction of Nebraska Link 62A (L-62A) to the city of Alliance, in Morrill and Box Butte counties. The hearing for the proposed project, known as **Jct. L0-62A/US-385 to Alliance**, will be held from 5:00-7:00 p.m. MDT, with an open house from 5:00-6:30 p.m. MDT, and a public forum from 6:30-7:00 p.m. MDT, at Newberry's, 402 Box Butte Ave., In Alliance.

Personnel from the Department of Roads will be available to answer questions, receive comments, and discuss any aspect of the proposed highway improvement project. Information regarding the project will be available after the hearing on the NDOR website at [www.transportation.nebraska.gov/projects/](http://www.transportation.nebraska.gov/projects/) by clicking on the "Heartland Expressway" link.

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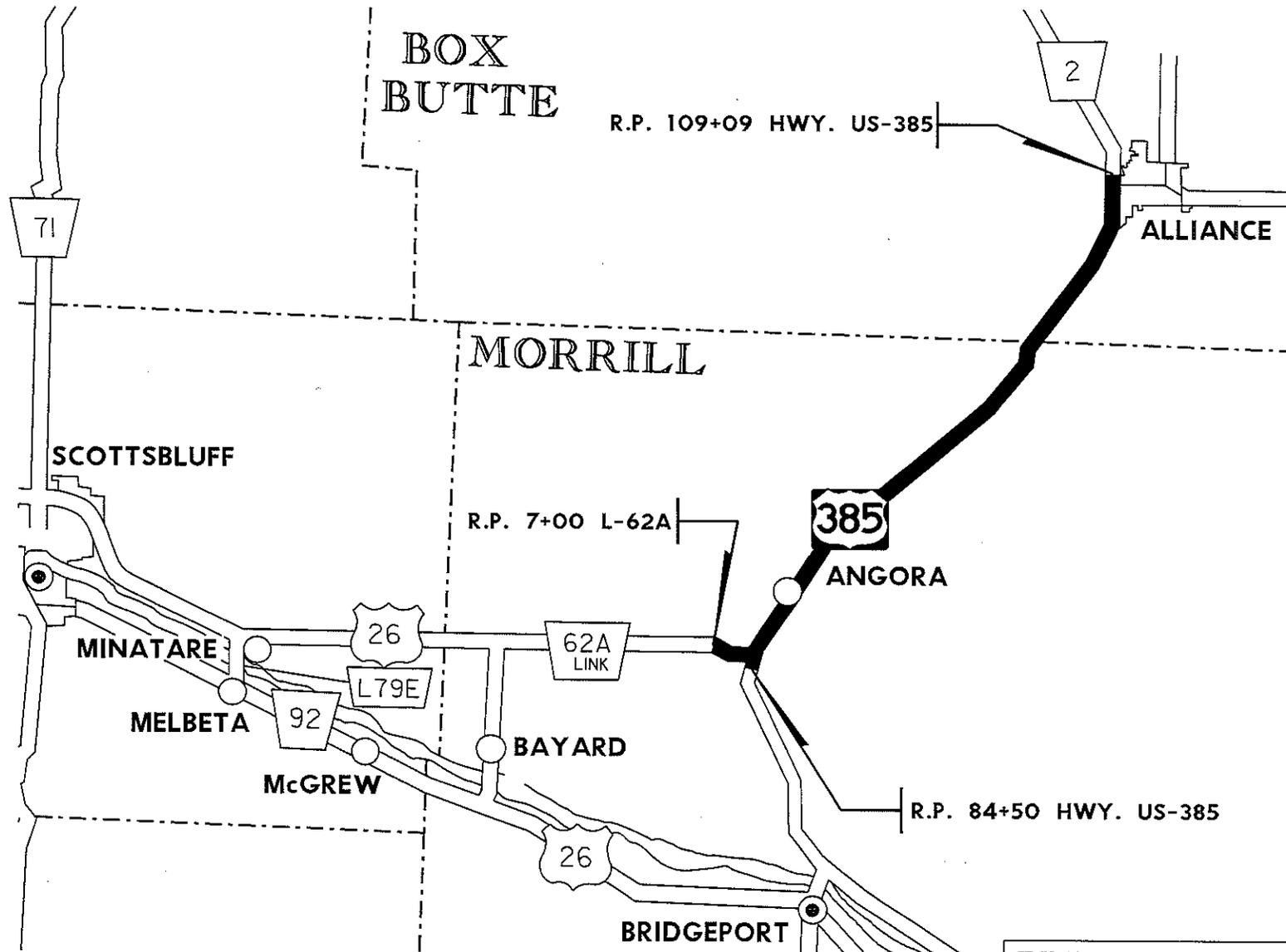
**Contact:**  
Craig Lind, District 5 Engineer, Gering, (308) 436-6587

NR10-ND

# JUNCTION OF L62A/US-385 TO ALLIANCE 385-3(118)

C.N. 51432

BOX BUTTE/MORRILL COUNTIES



**PRELIMINARY PLAN**  
NOT FINAL - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

September 18, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **I-80 DMS Boards to be Installed in Cheyenne, Deuel and Kimball Counties**

Weather permitting, Mid-Plains Power, LLC of Grand Island, Nebraska, and the Nebraska Department of Roads are announcing the replacement of dynamic message boards (DMS) along I-80 in Cheyenne, Deuel and Kimball Counties beginning on September 22 until approximately October 17.

The \$102,443 project will involve closing portions of I-80 for short periods of time to allow for the removal and reinstallation of the new boards. Traffic will be temporarily detoured from I-80 to US-30 between 10:00 p.m. MDT and 6:00 a.m. MDT on the nights of these DMS board switches.

The detours will be from Lodgepole Interchange, Exit 76, to Chappell Interchange, Exit 85, for the eastbound lanes; Lodgepole Interchange, Exit 76, to Sidney East Interchange, Exit 59, for the westbound lanes; rural Cheyenne County Interchange, Exit 48, to Sidney West Interchange, Exit 55 for the eastbound lanes; and Bushnell Interchange, Exit 8, to Kimball East Interchange, Exit 22, for the eastbound lanes.

The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Jim Johnson of Gering. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously through construction zones, along detours and selected alternate routes.

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**Contact:**

Jim Johnson, Gering, (308) 436-6587

NR4-ZQ



September 18, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Traffic Flow Changes on Highway 35 in Norfolk

Traffic on the Norfolk Northeast project has been shifted onto the newly constructed southbound lanes. Woodland Park residents should be aware that Forest Drive will be closed for removal of existing roadway. Broadmore Drive, Woodland Drive and Meadow Lane will remain open to residents and businesses. Motorists exiting Woodland Park will gain access to southbound lanes on the temporary pavement located between Broadmore Drive and Meadow Lane.

Visit the 511 webpage at [www.511.nebraska.gov](http://www.511.nebraska.gov) or dial 511 or 800-906-9069 to get the most current updates on highway conditions.

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Project Manager  
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September 18, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## AUGUST TRAFFIC FATALITY TOLL

<h1>18</h1>
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During the month of August 2014, eighteen persons were killed in traffic crashes on Nebraska roadways, according to data collected by the Nebraska Department of Roads.

- ◆ These 18 fatalities occurred in 16 crashes
- ◆ Thirteen of the 16 vehicle occupants killed were not using safety belts
- ◆ No fatalities occurred on the Interstate, nine happened on non-Interstate highways, and nine took place on local roads
- ◆ Thirteen of the fatalities occurred in rural locations
- ◆ Eight of the fatalities were age 25 to 34
- ◆ Six of the fatal crashes were right angle collisions
- ◆ Two of the fatalities were motorcyclists

### YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS

2014	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES
January – August	146	128

### COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS

YEAR	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES	% CHANGE v. 2014 (FATALITIES)
2013	144	130	+ 1.4
2012	137	128	+ 6.6
2011	115	107	+ 27.0
2010	124	112	+ 17.7
2010-2013 Avg.	130	119	+ 12.3

- ◆ There were 18 fatalities in August of 2013.

This report includes information available through September 17, 2014, from the Highway Safety/Accident Record Section, Traffic Engineering Division, Nebraska Department of Roads. For additional information, contact Mary Jo Oie (402) 479-4512.

September 19, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Douglas County

Tuesday, September 23, 2014 @ 2:00AM thru 4:30AM  
&  
Wednesday, September 24, 2014, @ 2:00AM thru 4:30AM

**Westbound Interstate 80 will be CLOSED  
at the I-80/I-480/US-75 Interchange.**

**Southbound Interstate 480 Ramp to  
Westbound Interstate 80 will be CLOSED.**

**Northbound US-75 Ramp to  
Westbound Interstate 80 will be CLOSED.**

Marked Detour :

Westbound US-275 to Northbound 60<sup>th</sup> Street to Westbound I-80.

These scheduled closures are necessary to facilitate the installation of overhead sign structures.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

**For additional information contact:**

Marvin Lech PE  
District Construction Engineer



September 19, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **New Traffic Signals Being Used at N-61 & Pony Express Lane Intersection at Ogallala**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will implement new traffic signals on September 25, at the intersection of N-61 and Pony Express Lane, just south of the Ogallala Interchange on I-80 (Exit 126). The replacement signals will be installed over the eastbound left-turn lane. There will now be a flashing yellow arrow in place of the traditional green circular signal to indicate the need for left-turning vehicles to yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians.

Use of the flashing yellow arrow has been shown to have several safety benefits, including minimizing traffic delays and enhancing safety by reducing driver errors. Visit the Nebraska Department of Roads' website (<http://www.transportation.nebraska.gov/info/wonder.htm>) for additional information and instructional videos on the flashing yellow arrow traffic signals.

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Matt Neemann, (402) 479-4594

NR12-GR



September 19, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Roads' Standards Board Meeting Slated for North Platte

The Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards will meet at 9:00 a.m. on September 26, in the North Platte City Hall, City Council Chamber, 211 West Third Street, in North Platte.

The agenda includes:

- Addition of projects to the One- and Six-Year Road Improvement Plans for Frontier, Merrick, and Saline Counties.
- Informal hearings on Relaxation of Standards Requests from Dawson, Fillmore, Hitchcock, Richardson, and Seward Counties.
- Application for State-Aid Bridge Funds from Boone and Jefferson Counties.

Created in 1969, the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards oversees annual construction planning and operations reporting for state and local highways, roads, and streets. The Board establishes minimum design construction and maintenance standards for functional classifications of public roadways as part of Nebraska's commitment to provide management and operation of an integrated transportation system. The 11 members appointed by the Governor represent the public, counties, municipalities, and the Nebraska Department of Roads. In order to better appreciate regional characteristics and perspectives, each year, the Board holds one meeting outside of Lincoln.

The meeting is open to the public and will include an opportunity for comments from the audience.

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Detailed agenda as of September 19, 2014

**For additional information contact:**

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**Agenda  
for the Meeting of  
BOARD OF PUBLIC ROADS CLASSIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS**

**September 26, 2014, 9:00 a.m.**

**North Platte City Hall, City Council Chamber  
211 West Third Street, North Platte, Nebraska**

*Board members and staff will tour areas of interest in North Platte, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., September 25th, and dine at an area restaurant in the evening.*

Call to Order – Chairperson

Roll Call – Secretary

Community Welcome - Representatives of the City of North Platte and Lincoln County

Open Meetings Act, Agenda, Material provided by Board's Secretary and Sign-in Sheet – Chairperson

Changes to Published Agenda – Secretary

Minutes of July 18, 2014 Meeting

Final Status Report - 2013-2014 Standardized System of Annual Reports (*NDOR, 93 County and 530 Municipal reports received, 0 County and 0 Municipal reports are delinquent*)

Update on Suspension of Highway Allocation funds to the following Municipality for failure to submit the 2013 - 2014 Standardized System of Annual Reports in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 39-2120 and 39-2121.

- Elk Creek (rec. 8/6/14)

Consideration of lifting suspension (1)

- Elk Creek

Final Status Report – 2014 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road and Street Improvement Plan submittals (*NDOR, 93 County and 530 Municipal plans received, 0 County and 0 Municipal plans are delinquent*)

Update on the suspension of Highway Allocation Funds to the following Municipalities for failure to submit the 2014 One- and Six-Year Plans in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 39-2117 and 39-2119.

- Elk Creek (rec. 8/6/14)
- Winslow (rec. 8/15/14)

Consideration of lifting of suspension (2)

- Elk Creek
- Winslow

Initial Status Report - 2014-2015 Standardized System of Annual Reports (NDOR, 2 county and 0 municipal reports received, 0 county and 0 municipal reports are delinquent)

2014 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road and Street Improvement Plan Revisions (3) (*Number of projects in parentheses*).

- OVER -

- A. Merrick County (1) - Add Project C-61(236), replace Bridge No. C006105205 with a culvert on a Local Road.
- B. Saline County (1) - Add Project C-76(735), replace Bridge No C007602905 with culverts on a Local road.
- C. Frontier County (1) - Advance Project C-32(135W), grading, aggregate surfacing, drainage structures, ROW and fencing on an Other Arterial road.

State-Aid Bridge Fund Applications (2) - Boone and Jefferson Counties

Continuation option for Relaxation of Standards Staff Report.

**9:30 a.m., Informal Hearing** – Fillmore County request for a Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for a decrease in Bridge Design Loading, Federal Aid Project No. BRO-7030(32), C.N. 42435, Geneva West; County Project No. C-30(241); Bridge No. C003001705, on a Local road. Consideration of request.

**9:35 a.m., Informal Hearing** - Hitchcock County request for a Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for a decrease in Bridge Design Loading, Federal Aid Project No. BRO-2044(27), C.N. 70811, Trenton Southeast; County Project No C-44(73); Bridge No. C004404305, on a Local road. Consideration of request.

**9:40 a.m. Informal Hearing** - Richardson County request for a Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for a decrease in Bridge Design Loading, Federal Aid Project No. BRO-7074(24), C.N. 12885, Stella Southeast; County Project No C-74(2002 - 12); Bridge No. C007411015P, on a Local road. Consideration of request.

**9:45 a.m., Informal Hearing** - Richardson County request for a Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for a decrease in Bridge Design Loading, Federal Aid Project No. BRO-7074(23), C.N. 12666, Verdon Northwest; County Project No. C-74(2002 - 09); Bridge No. C007421610, on a Local road. Consideration of request.

**9:50 a.m., Informal Hearing** - Seward County request for a Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for a decrease in Bridge Design Loading, Federal Aid Project No. BRO-7080(27), C.N. 11781, Seward South; County Project No. C-80(452), on a Local road. Consideration of request.

**9:55 a.m. Informal Hearing** - Dawson County request for a Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for a decrease in Shoulder Width, Foreslope, Fixed Obstacle Clearance, and Bridge Design Loading, County Project No C-24(352), on an Other Arterial road. Consideration of request.

3R Standards Committee Report – Roger Figard

Other Business:

- Report on State and Federal Legislative issues

Correspondence and General Information:

- Miscellaneous correspondence

Comments from the Audience

Acknowledgement of Hosts and Visitors

Next meeting: October 17, 2014, 9:00 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads, Training Room 152, 5001 South 14th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Adjournment

September 22, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Reminder

Douglas County

Tuesday, September 23, 2014 @ 2:00AM thru 4:30AM  
&  
Wednesday, September 24, 2014, @ 2:00AM thru 4:30AM

**Westbound Interstate 80 will be CLOSED  
at the I-80/I-480/US-75 Interchange.**

**Southbound Interstate 480 Ramp to  
Westbound Interstate 80 will be CLOSED.**

**Northbound US-75 Ramp to  
Westbound Interstate 80 will be CLOSED.**

Marked Detour :

Westbound US-275 to Northbound 60<sup>th</sup> Street to Westbound I-80.

These scheduled closures are necessary to facilitate the installation of overhead sign structures.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

**For additional information contact:**

Marvin Lech PE  
District Construction Engineer



September 24, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Information Open House Oct. 8 for Improvements on US-30, Schuyler to Fremont**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House October 8 regarding proposed improvements on US-30 between Schuyler and Fremont, in Colfax and Dodge counties. Identified as **Schuyler to Rogers, Rogers to North Bend** and **North Bend to Fremont**, the proposed projects would expand the 26-mile stretch of highway between Schuyler and Fremont from a two-lane highway to a four-lane expressway. An open house for the proposed projects will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the North Bend City Auditorium, 741 Main St., in North Bend.

Personnel from the Department of Roads will be available to answer questions, receive comments, and discuss any aspect of the proposed highway improvement projects. Information regarding the projects will be available after the meeting on the NDOR website at [www.transportation.nebraska.gov/projects/](http://www.transportation.nebraska.gov/projects/) by clicking on the "Schuyler to Fremont – US-30" link.

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STP-30-6(1046)  
STP-30-6(1045)  
STP-30-6(1044)

Attachment Subject: Flyer (*Distributed to Public*)

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# U.S. Highway 30

## Schuyler to Fremont Expressway



S-30-6 (1046) CN 32033 - Schuyler to Rogers

S-30-6 (1045) CN 21558 - Rogers to North Bend

S-30-6 (1044) CN 20626 - North Bend to Fremont

# Please join us for an open house!

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) will hold a public information open house regarding proposed improvements on U.S. Highway 30 (US-30) between Schuyler and Fremont in Colfax and Dodge counties. The proposed project would expand the 26-mile stretch of highway between Schuyler and Fremont from a two-lane highway to a four-lane expressway.

**Wednesday, October 8, 2014, 4-6 p.m.**  
**North Bend City Auditorium**  
741 Main Street, North Bend, NE

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOR website at:

**[www.transportation.nebraska.gov/projects](http://www.transportation.nebraska.gov/projects)**

Click on the 'Schuyler to Fremont - US30' link

This public open house meeting is being held to provide information regarding the project and to receive the public's input. All interested persons are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions. Project information will be displayed and personnel from NDOR will be present to answer questions and receive comments.

NDOR will make every reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility for all persons. Appropriate provisions for the hearing and visually challenged or persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) will be made if the Department is notified by September 28, 2014. Notification should be submitted to: Sarah Kugler, Public Involvement Coordinator, Nebraska Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; [sarah.kugler@nebraska.gov](mailto:sarah.kugler@nebraska.gov); voice telephone (402) 479-4871, TDD telephone (402) 479-3834, Fax (402) 479-3989.

### Meeting Purpose

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Update the public on project progress.
- Present the preferred alternative route.
- Provide information on the next steps in the project development process.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Wed., Sept. 24, 2014, 8:10 a.m. CT

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## **Gov. Heineman Praises Nebraska's Highway System**

### ***Nebraska Ranks #2 in National Highway Report in Overall Performance and Cost-effectiveness***

(Lincoln, Neb.) Today, Gov. Dave Heineman highlighted the 21st Annual Highway Report by Reason Foundation that ranks Nebraska 2nd in the nation for overall highway performance and cost effectiveness. The report named Nebraska among the very best in the country based on pavement condition and cost effectiveness.

"I am proud of our highway system and of the support Nebraskans show their local and state agencies as they work to maintain and improve our roads," said Gov. Dave Heineman, about the favorable report.

Nebraska has ranked #2 in the overall rankings for two years in a row, and Nebraska has been in the top ten for several years. This year, only Wyoming ranked higher overall. In subcategories, Nebraska ranks 1st in the nation for rural interstate pavement condition, 9th in urban interstate pavement condition and 12th in urban interstate congestion.

"We are pleased to see this independent foundation validates our progress towards meeting our goals at the Department of Roads. We are performance based, focusing carefully on our precious fiscal, human and technical resources to provide the dependability, mobility and satisfactory pavement conditions that Nebraskans come to expect," said Department of Roads Director Randy Peters.

The study's lead author, David T. Hartgen, Ph.D., P.E., Emeritus Professor of Transportation Studies at University of North Carolina Charlotte has been comparing states' official performance data for the past 28 years.

"Each of the 50 states is required to send detailed information to Washington each year on the condition of pavements and bridges and congestion and so on, and also information on their

budgets,” Hartgen says. “We take that information and compare it head-to-head. I look at how and what states do with the budget, challenges and conditions they have to work with. We look at how states are doing on each measure and then how they’re doing overall.”

On spending, Nebraska ranks 5th in total disbursements per mile and 5th in administrative disbursements per mile. Nebraska’s highways rank 22nd in the fatality rate and 28th in the percentage of deficient bridges. Nebraska’s state-controlled highway mileage makes it the 28th largest system in the country.

To see more on the report, visit: <http://reason.org/studies/show/21st-annual-highway-report-states>.

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September 24, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

\*\*\*\*\***REVISED**\*\*\*\*\*

## **I-80 to be closed at Gothenburg overnight October 1st and 2nd**

I-80 Westbound will be closed between the hours of 11:00 PM and 6:00 AM October 1st into the morning of the 2nd. Traffic will be routed off of I-80 at the Gothenburg I-80 Interchange off ramp, and back onto I-80 using the Gothenburg I-80 Interchange on ramp.

I-80 Eastbound will be closed between the hours of 11:00 PM and 6:00 AM October 2nd into the morning of October 3rd. Traffic will be routed off of I-80 at the Gothenburg I-80 off ramp, and back onto I-80 using the Gothenburg I-80 on ramp.

The closures are for setting of new girders on the I-80 Interchange bridge.

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September 25, 2014

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Dodge County

Thursday, September 25, 2014  
until  
Mid October 2014

**US-275**  
**North of N-91 to South of Scribner.**

**Lane Closures between  
County Road C & Raceway Road.**

**Traffic will be maintained with Flaggers.**

**US-275 Reference Posts 126.25 to 132.95 (See Attachment)**

See Attachment:

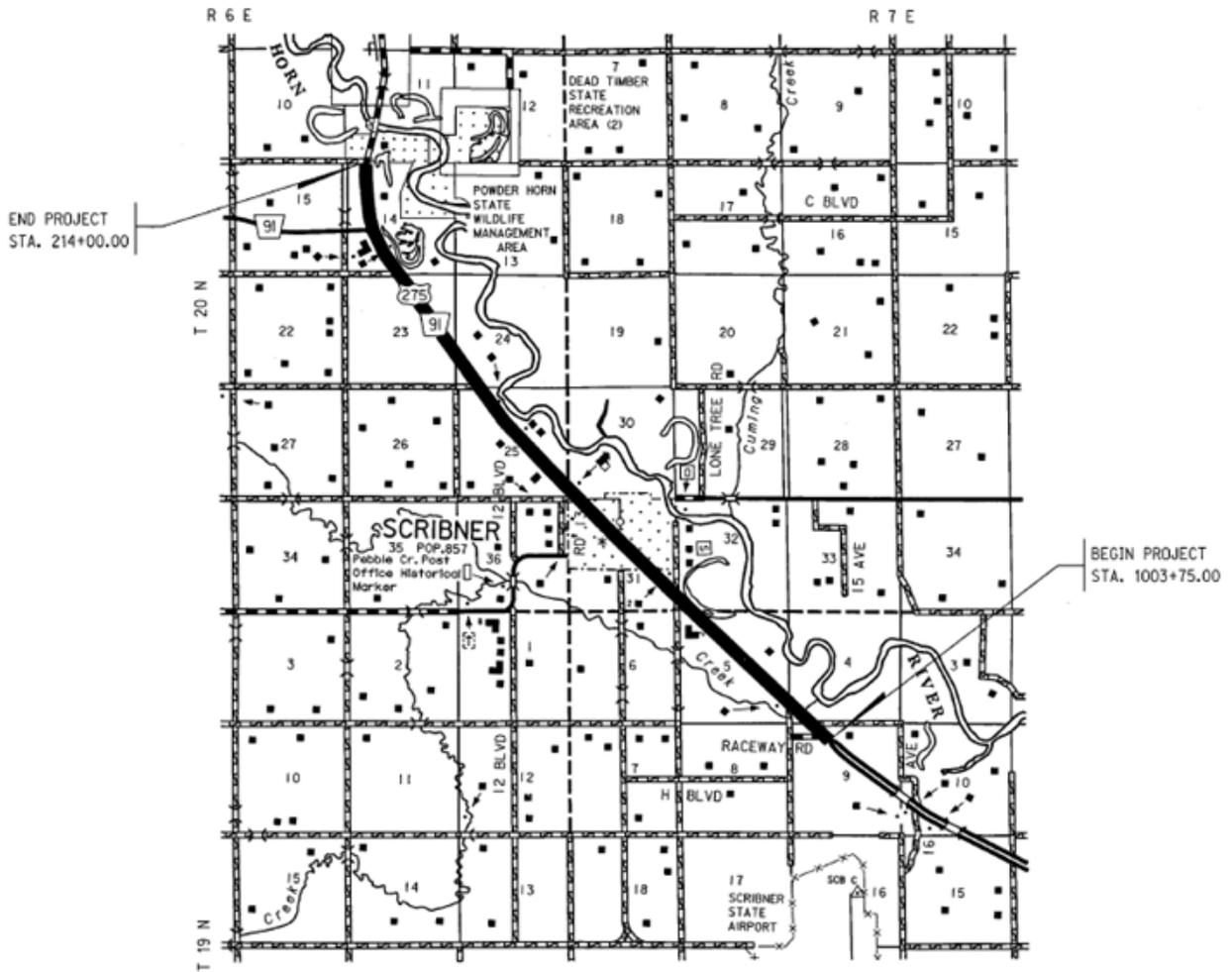
These lane closures are necessary shoulder work and rumble strips.

Western Engineering Company, Inc. is the Contractor on this project.

**For additional information contact:**

Marvin Lech PE  
District Construction Engineer





REFERENCE POST NO. 132+95 TO REFERENCE POST NO. 126+25 (US-275)



September 25, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Construction on I-80 to begin September 29, 2014

On September 29, 2014, Construction will begin on Interstate 80 from RP 198.0 to RP 216.0, .5 miles West of Brady to 5 Miles East of Gothenburg. This project includes earth shoulder construction and seeding operations. During construction, traffic will be reduced to one lane during daytime hours with speeds reduced to 65 mph. Work is expected to be complete early November 2014.

Motorists are urged to drive cautiously through highway work zones.

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September 26, 2014

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 3, in Room 110, Department of Roads, 5001 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln.

The agenda includes:

- Administration of the Written Examination for licensure.

This meeting is open to the public.

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Agenda, as of September 26, 2014

**Contact:**

LeMoyne Schulz, (402) 479-4436

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**Agenda  
for the Meeting of  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY  
AND CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENTS**

**October 3, 2014, 8:45 a.m.**

**Nebraska Department of Roads, Room 110  
5001 South 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska**

**In conjunction with Administration of the Examination (9:00 a.m., Room 151)**

Call to Order – Chairperson

Roll Call – Staff

Open Meetings Act, Agenda, Material provided by Board's Staff, Sign-in Sheet – Chairperson

Changes to Published Agenda – Staff

Minutes of August 22, 2014, 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 August 22, 2014: *(1)*

- Jonathan W. Mooberry, Wahoo, Nebraska, S-1551 B City

Class B Licenses (second licenses) upgraded to Class A administratively since August 22,  
2014: *(None)*

License Certificates Reissued since August 22, 2014: *(None)*

**9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** – Written examination – Nebraska Department of Roads, Room 151  
*(Authorized Personnel only)*

**9:05 a.m.** – Oral interview of candidates for October 3, 2014, County Highway Superintendent  
and City Street Superintendent examination, Room 110 *(Executive Session)*

Report on September 3-5, 2014, Pre-Licensing workshop

- Summary of Evaluation Forms
- Summary of Days 1, 2 and 3 Critique

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Review and approval/disapproval of (0) new applicants and (0) re-applicants for the April 3, 2015, County Highway Superintendent and City Street Superintendent examination (0 total) (Executive Session)

Preparation for April 3, 2015, Written Examination and March 2-4, 2015, Pre-Examination Workshop.

- Workshop Location, Fairfield Inn, Kearney

Billing for 2015 Class B and 2015-2017 Class A License renewal (October 3, 2014, mailing to licensees)

Request for Pre-certification of Professional Development Hours: (1)

- Highway Superintendents Winter Meeting

Request for Verification of Professional Development Hours: (1)

- Highway Superintendents Southeast District Meeting

Other Business

- Report on State and Federal Legislative Issues

Correspondence and General Information

- Schedule of meetings and examinations for 2015 and tentative schedule for 2016 (for action at November meeting)
- Miscellaneous Correspondence

Comments from the Audience

Acknowledgement of Visitors

Next meeting: November 7, 2014, 10:00 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads, Central Headquarters Building, Highway Commission Room 103, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Adjournment

**Note: The business meeting is open to the public. The oral interview of candidates, the written examination and the review of applicants for the April 3, 2015, written examination are closed to attendance of the public.**

September 26, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Crofton East Project Underway

Improvements to Highway N-12 have begun, according to the Department of Roads. The project begins at the west edge of Crofton and extends to the US-81 Junction. Work currently underway includes removal and replacement of some intersections as well as curb and gutter and wheelchair ramps. The second phase of the project will include removal and replacement of the driving surface. Traffic will be maintained using flaggers and pilot vehicles. Project completion will be sometime in late fall. Drivers are urged to use caution when traveling through this area.

Visit the 511 webpage at [www.511.nebraska.gov](http://www.511.nebraska.gov) or dial 511 or 800-906-9069 to get the most current updates on highway conditions.

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Project Manager  
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September 29, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Monday, September 29, 2014

## GOOD NEWS

### **Eastbound US-275/N-92 (“L” Street) & Interstate 80**

**Eastbound “L” Street Entrance Loop to  
Northbound Interstate 680 is now OPEN**

Chas. Vrana & Son Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

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September 30, 2014

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Douglas & Washington Counties

Wednesday, October 1, 2014  
until  
Mid October 2014

**US-75**  
**N-36 (McKinley Street) North for Approximately 4 Miles.**  
**Daytime Lane Closures.**

See Attachment:

These lane closures are necessary for milling and asphalt overlay.

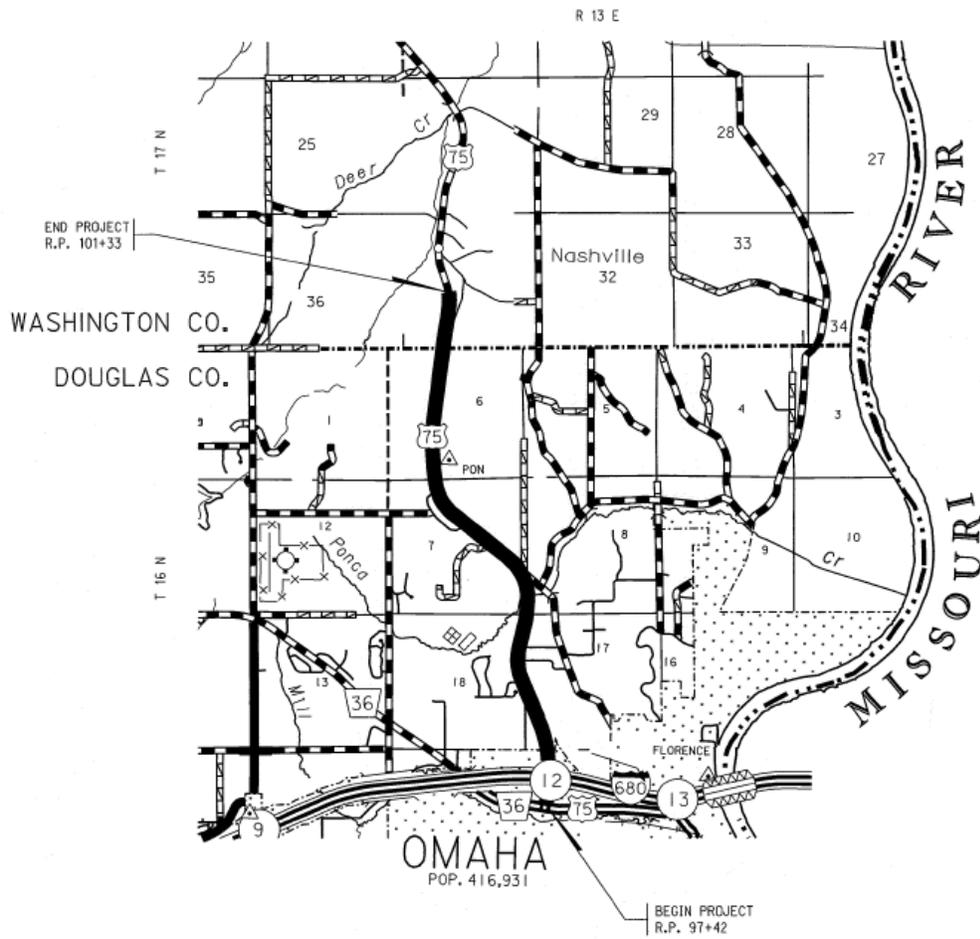
Western Engineering Company, Inc. is the Contractor on this project.

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# HWY. 75 JCT. N-36 NORTH DOUGLAS & WASHINGTON COUNTIES



September 30, 2014

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Washington County

Tuesday, September 30, 2014  
until  
Summer 2015

Weather Permitting

*(Work will be discontinued during the Winter Months)*

**US-75  
Fort Calhoun to Blair  
Daytime Lane Closures.**

**Traffic will be maintained with Flaggers & Pilot Vehicle.**

See Attachment:

These lane closures are necessary for pavement repair and asphalt overlay.

Western Engineering Company, Inc. is the Contractor on this project.

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# FORT CALHOUN – BLAIR

## WASHINGTON COUNTY

