

November 1, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work to Begin on I-80, Wyoming Line East

Weather permitting, construction work is scheduled to begin the week of November 11 on I-80 between Reference Post 0+00 and Reference Post 35+18, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Interstate Sealant & Concrete, Inc. of Waukesha, Wisconsin has the \$200,000 contract for the crack sealing project.

Traffic will be maintained throughout the project at a reduced speed with the use of lane closures. The work is anticipated to be completed in the winter of 2013.

The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Martin Gillen of Gering. Motorists are urged to use caution while driving through the work zone and to remember that fines are doubled in a work zone when workers are present.

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Contact:

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

RD-80-1(1043)

NR10-GS



November 4, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Monday, November 4, 2013 @ 9:00PM
until
Tuesday, November 5, 2013 @ 6:00AM

**Eastbound US-6 (West Dodge Road) Entrance Ramp to
Northbound & Southbound Interstate I-680
will be CLOSED.**

This closure is necessary for pavement joint repairs.

This work is being performed by NDOR Maintenance.

For additional information contact:

Dale Butler
District Operations Maintenance Manager

November 5, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House November 19 for US-6/34 Improvements in Holdrege

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House November 19, regarding improvements on US-6/34 in the City of Holdrege, Phelps County. The proposed projects are known as **Garfield St. East, in Holdrege** and **Jct. US-6/34 & US-183, E. & W., Holdrege**. The open house will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the NDOR Construction Office, 1013 W. 4th Street, in Holdrege.

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/ by clicking on the "Holdrege" link.

#NDOR#

Contact:

Kurt Vosburg, District 7 Engineer, Lincoln, (308) 345-8490

S-6-3(1026)
S-6-3(1027)

NR5-DZ

According to the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR), contractors will begin working Friday night, November 8, the day after the Ribbon Cutting event, to open the I-80 westbound lanes. Upon removal of concrete protection barriers over the next couple of weeks, all eastbound lanes will become available as finishing work wraps up.

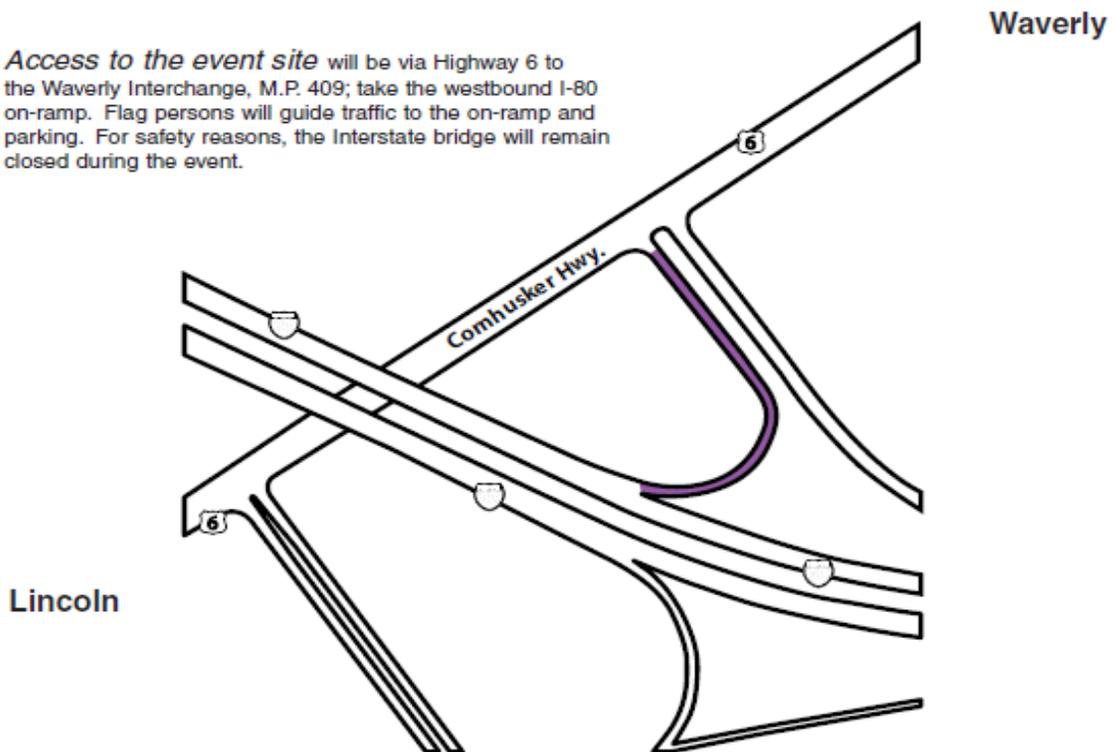
Ribbon Cutting Commemoration
I-80 Six-lane Project from Lincoln to Omaha
I-80/Waverly Interchange, M.P. 409, Westbound Bridge over Hwy. 6
November 7th, 2013
9:00 a.m.

Welcome & Introductions
NDOR Director-State Engineer Randy Peters

Remarks
Governor Dave Heineman
Omaha Mayor Jean Stothert
Lincoln City Council Chairman Carl Eskridge

Closing
Randy Peters

Access to the event site will be via Highway 6 to the Waverly Interchange, M.P. 409; take the westbound I-80 on-ramp. Flag persons will guide traffic to the on-ramp and parking. For safety reasons, the Interstate bridge will remain closed during the event.



I-80 SIX-LANE EXPANSION, N-370 – US-77

PROJECT DATA

- Project Length – M.P. 396+82 to M.P. 438+66 (41.84 miles)
- Project Built in Seven Segments

Segment 1

\$52,201,799

East of Ruff Road to just west of N370 Interchange
M.P. 429+93 to M.P. 438+66 (8.73 miles)
Hawkins Construction: 2003 to 2005

Segment 2

\$53,402,072

West of Mahoney Interchange to east of Ruff Road
M.P. 475+80 to M.P. 429+93 (4.13 miles)
Hawkins Construction: 2005 to 2008

Segment 3

\$59,810,968

West of Greenwood to west of Mahoney Interchange
M.P. 420+02 to M.P. 425+80 (5.78 miles)
Hawkins Construction: 2009 to 2011

Segment 4

\$76,007,072

East of Waverly to west of Greenwood Interchange
M.P. 410+45 to M.P. 420+02 (9.57 miles)
Ames Construction: 2010 to 2012

Segment 5

\$53,185,672

US-77 N (56th St) Interchange to east of Waverly Interchange
M.P. 406+59 to M.P. 410+45 (3.86 miles)
Hawkins Construction: 2011 to 2013

Segment 6

\$64,056,335

I-180 Interchange thru 27th St. Interchange to US-77 (56th St) Interchange
M.P. 400+93 to M.P. 406+59 (5.66 miles)
Dobson Construction: 2008 to 2010

Segment 7

\$41,474,049

West of US-77 S Interchange thru the Airport Interchange to west of the I-180 Interchange
M.P. 396+82 to M.P. 400+93 (4.11 miles)
Construction Dobson: 2005 to 2007

TOTAL 41.84 miles

TOTAL COST
\$400,137,967

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS' PROJECT PERSONNEL

Project Managers

District 1

Dewaine Knutson
Jim England
Rodger Preble
Abdul Sidiqi
Curt Mueting
Bob Traudt
Joseph Kuehn
Jesse De Los Santos
Ryan Hobelman
Bob Sanburn
Babrak Niazi
Dan Lange
Hugh Holak

District 2

Rick Fisher
Mike Fox
Aleksandra (Sasha) Tsvid

Years 2003 to 2013

District 1 Engineer

Rich Ruby and Thomas Goodbarn

District 1 Construction Engineer

Mike Sklenar, Mark Traynowicz, Curt Mueting

District 2 Engineer

John Jacobsen, Timothy Weander

District 2 Construction Engineer

Marv Lech

State Staff

Roadway Design Engineer
Eldon Poppe, Jim Knott

Project Design Engineer

Brian Johnson, Jeff Johnston, Mike Owen, Eric Dixon

Project Design

Dana Arndt, Erika Fjelstad, Bob Carnazzo, Paul Knieval, Dan Lange, Cindy Shockey, Christian Davenport, Tim Otto, Farhana Tabassum, Tim McCarthy, Niki Figard, Wayne Patras, Andrew Ross, Jeff Haase, Kevin Wray, Brandon Prauner, Liz Wunderlick, Brian Jelinek, Dennis Hatfield, Brandie Neemann, Mick Syslo

Bridge Engineer

Lyman Freemon, Mark Traynowicz

Bridge Design

Mark Ahlman, Vince Koenig, Dan Sharp, Lynden Vander Veen, Max Antoine, Mark Fisher, Zoia Clark, Scott Milliken, Pat Haecker, Jesse Sire, Ben Ptacek, David Fritz, Dennis Vodicka, Dennis Boyd, Steve Sabra, Fouad Jaber

CONSULTANTS

Kirkham Michael, Tadros Associates, University of Nebraska (Dr. Atorod Azizinamini),
Wilson and Company, Schemmer and Associates

SUMMARY OF CONTRACTORS ON SIX-LANE EXPANSION OF I-80 FROM N-370 TO US-775

Hawkins Construction Co.

Dobson Bros. Construction Co.

Ames Construction

Capital Contractors, Inc.

Commercial Construction, Inc.

Cohron & Son, Inc.

Prairie Construction Co.

Judds Brothers Construction Co.

Electro Braid Fence Co.

JMN Construction, LLC

Midwest Fence Co-GR Systems, Inc.

Pavers Companies

≈ 136 Subcontractors worked on the expansion

November 7, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Thursday, November 7, 2013 @ 8:00PM
until
Friday, November 8, 2013 @ 2:00AM

**Eastbound US-6 (West Dodge Road) Entrance Ramp to
Northbound & Southbound Interstate I-680
will be CLOSED.**

This closure is necessary for pavement joint repairs.

This work is being performed by NDOR Maintenance.

For additional information contact:

Dale Butler
District Operations Maintenance Manager

November 8, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Safe Routes Nebraska – Available Infrastructure Funding

The Nebraska Department of Roads Safe Routes Nebraska Program is announcing the availability of funds for projects that encourage and better enable children in Nebraska to walk and bike safely to school.

Eligible governmental agencies or political subdivisions within the State of Nebraska may apply through by completing an Intent to Apply Draft Application form located at www.saferoutes.nebraska.gov. The deadline for the draft application is December 20, 2013. Intent to Apply Draft Applications can be mailed to Angela Barry, Safe Routes Nebraska State Coordinator at 700 Q Street, Lincoln, NE 68508; or emailed to abarry@sinclairhille.com.

Safe Routes funding is 100 percent funded by the federal government and requires no matching funds by local entities. The funds, benefiting elementary and middle school students, are for infrastructure projects including, sidewalk and street crossing improvements, traffic diversion and bicycle facilities.

For more information regarding the Safe Routes Nebraska Program, visit www.saferoutes.nebraska.gov, and click on the Funding link.

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Contact:

Angela Barry, Safe Routes Nebraska State Coordinator, 402-476-7331,
abarry@sinclairhille.com

November 8, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Roads Standards Board to Meet

The Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards will meet at 9:00 a.m. on November 15, in the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters Building Auditorium at 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

The agenda includes:

- Addition of projects to the Buffalo, Dakota, Saline, and Thurston Counties and the Cities of Peru and Waverly One- and Six-Year Road Improvement Plans.
- Informal hearings on Relaxation of Standards Requests from the City of Lincoln and NDOR.

This meeting is open to the public

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Detailed agenda as of November 8, 2013, below.

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

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

November 15, 2013, 9:00 a.m.

**Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters Building Auditorium, Room 139
1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska**

Call to Order – Chairperson

Roll Call – Secretary

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

Changes to Published Agenda – Secretary

Minutes of October 11, 2013 Meeting

Status Report - 2013-2014 Standardized System of Annual Reports *(NDOR, 79 County
and 10 Municipal reports received, 14 County and 0 Municipal reports are delinquent)*

2013 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road and Street Plan Revisions *(6) (Number of projects in
parentheses).*

- A. City of Waverly (1) – Add Project No. M-616(117), new subdivision, grading, concrete surfacing with curb & gutter on a Local street. *(Tabled at the August meeting.)*
- B. City of Peru (1) – Add Project No. M-487(67), asphalt overlay on a Local street. *(Tabled at the October meeting.)*
- C. Buffalo County (1) – Add Project No. C-10(935), grading, aggregate surfacing and drainage structures on a Local road.
- D. Dakota County (1) – Amend Project No. C-22(220), concrete surfacing on a Local road.
- E. Saline County (1) – Add Project No. C-76(729), replace bridge with culvert on a Local road.
- F. Thurston County (2) – Advance Project No. C-87(76), replace Bridge No. C008703425 with a bridge on a Local road; and Advance Project No. C-87(100), replace Bridge No. C008722915 with a culvert on a Local road.

9:30 a.m., Informal Hearing – NDOR request for a Relaxation of Minimum of Design Standards for a decrease in Number of Lanes (from 4 to 2), Project No. S-75-2(1059), C.N. 13216, Union South, on an Expressway, US-75, between Nebraska City and Union. Consideration of request.

9:40 a.m., Informal Hearing – City of Lincoln request for a Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for a decrease in Lane Width, Project 701773, Street Rehabilitation; Van Dorn Street from 33rd Street to 48th Street. Consideration of request.

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3R Standards Committee Report – Roger Figard

Other Business:

- Update on electronic filing of reports & plans
- Report on State and Federal Legislative issue
- Progress Review – 2013 Work Plan
- Discussion/Adoption at this meeting or in January – 2014 Proposed Work Plan
- Confirmation of decision not to meet in December
- Schedule of meetings for 2014 and Tentative Schedule for 2015

Correspondence and General Information:

- Corrected NBCS Form 10 received from Sherman County
- Miscellaneous correspondence

Comments from the Audience

Acknowledgement of Visitors

Next meeting: January 17, 2014, 9:00 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters Building Auditorium, Room 139, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Adjournment

November 13, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sarpy County

Thursday, November 14, 2013

US-6/N-31 Nebraska Crossing Drive & Melia Road Intersections.

Due to additional traffic on the State Highway System accessing the new Nebraska Crossing Outlets Mall, the Nebraska Department of Roads is modifying the Melia Road Intersection to improve safety, improve the operation of the highway system, reduce confusion, and reduce delay for traffic exiting the site. A 70% increase in average daily traffic volume is estimated on this segment of N-31 due the Mall traffic.

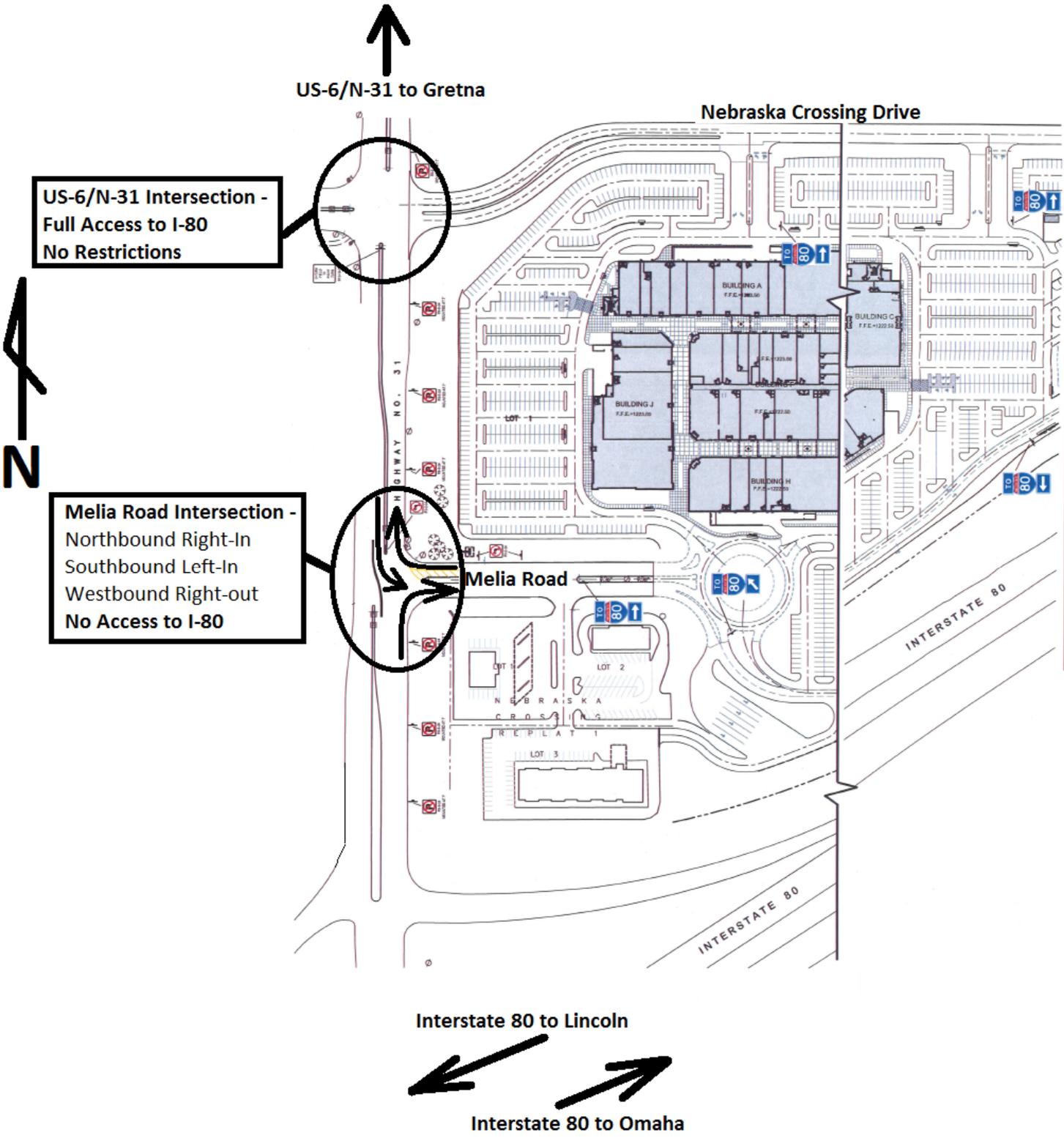
In order to accomplish this, the Melia Road Intersection is permanently being modified to a northbound right-in, right-out access and southbound left-in access. This modification is being accomplished by installation of a curb in the median on N-31 in the Intersection.

All exiting Mall traffic bound for the Interstate system should use and will be directed to the signalized Nebraska Crossing Drive Intersection. Signs will be installed on the Mall property to assist motorists back to the Interstate system.

See Attachment.

For additional information contact:

Timothy W. Weander PE
District Engineer



November 13, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas/Washington Counties

Wednesday, November 13, 2013

N-133 & Dutch Hall Road

Dutch Hall Road is now OPEN East of N-133.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

November 14, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

OCTOBER TRAFFIC FATALITY TOLL

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During the month of October 2013, eleven persons were killed in traffic crashes on Nebraska roadways, according to data collected by the Nebraska Department of Roads.

- ◆ These 11 fatalities occurred in 9 crashes
- ◆ Six of the 10 vehicle occupants killed were not using safety belts
- ◆ One fatality occurred on the interstate, five happened on non-interstate highways, and five took place on local roads
- ◆ Eight of the fatalities occurred in rural locations
- ◆ Five of the fatalities were age 24 or younger
- ◆ One of the fatalities was a pedestrian

YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS

2013	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES
January-October	176	159

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS

YEAR	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES	% CHANGE v. 2013 (FATALITIES)
2012	183	164	- 3.8
2011	150	139	+ 17.3
2010	157	141	+ 12.1
2009	183	168	- 3.8
2009-2012 Avg.	168	153	+ 9.3

- ◆ There were 17 fatalities in October of 2013.
- ◆ 125 of the 151 vehicle occupants killed during 2013 (82.8%) were not wearing safety belts.

This report includes information available through November 13, 2013, from the Highway Safety/Accident Record Section, Traffic Engineering Division, Nebraska Department of Roads. For additional information, contact Mary Jo Oie (402) 479-4512.

November 14, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Iowa Department of Transportation and Nebraska Department of Roads Take Over Decatur Bridge

The Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) and the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) are working with the Burt County Bridge Commission to transfer jurisdiction and ownership of the Decatur-Onawa Toll Bridge connecting Nebraska 51 and Iowa 175 from the commission to the states.

Once the transfer is complete, the NDOR will maintain Nebraska 51 and be the lead state on issues related to the bridge including maintenance and snow removal. The Iowa DOT will have control of Iowa 175. The agreement paves the way for the removal of tolls from the bridge beginning November 30, 2013.

The agreement was approved November 12 by the Iowa Transportation Commission and a recommendation to proceed has been received from the Nebraska Highway Commission.

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Contact:

Mary Jo Oie, (402) 479-4512

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November 15, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Tuesday, November 19, 2013
until
Fall 2014

US-275/N-92 (“L” Street / Stockyards Bridge)

**Eastbound & Westbound US-275/N-92 (“L” Street)
Left Lane Closures between
Dahlman Avenue/30th Street & US-75 (Kennedy Freeway).**

**These Left Lane Closures are necessary to facilitate
the placement of Pavement Markings and Traffic Control Devices
for Eastbound Crossovers in preparation
for Head-to-Head Traffic in the Westbound Lanes.**

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**Westbound US-275/N-92 (“L” Street) Left Turn onto
30th Street will not be Allowed.**

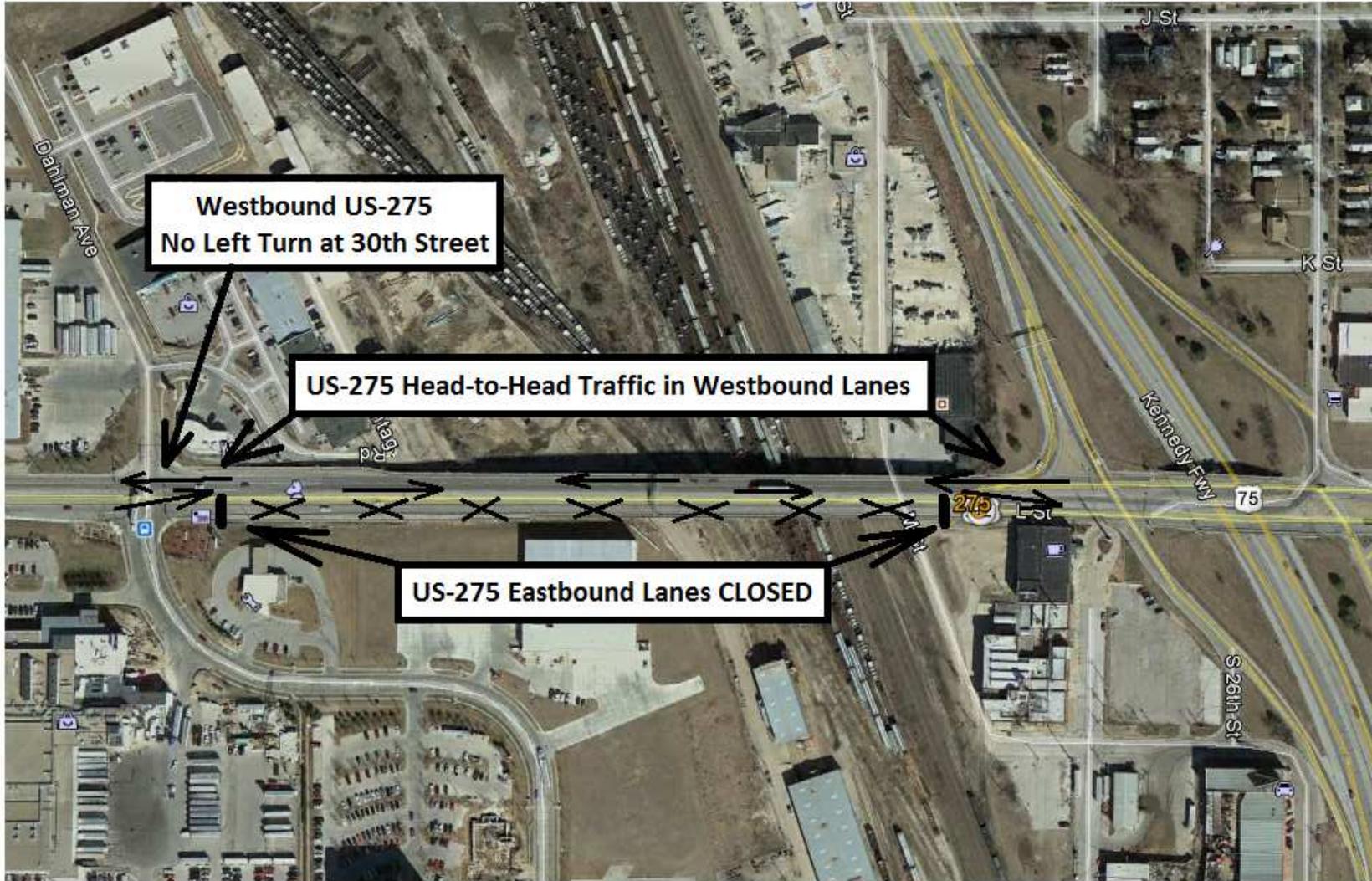
These lane closures & crossovers are necessary to facilitate deck replacement on the south half of the Stockyards Bridge between Dahlman Ave./30th Street and US-75.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

**US-275 ("L" Street) Stockyards Bridge Traffic Shift
Eastbound Lanes CLOSED
Westbound Lanes Head-to-Head Traffic**





NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
NEBRASKA STATE PATROL

www.statepatrol.nebraska.gov

Contact: Deb Collins 402-479-4985

November 25, 2013

NSP Promotes Safe Holiday Travel

(Lincoln, Neb.)- As the holiday travel season gets underway the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) is encouraging all motorists to “Be Here for the Holidays” by urging voluntary compliance with all traffic safety laws.

“Holiday driving often involves changing weather conditions and increased traffic,” said Colonel David Sankey, Superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol. By publicizing our enforcement efforts, we hope to help reduce the potential for serious injury and fatality crashes.”

A special traffic initiative “Be Here for the Holidays” includes the posting of times and locations of selected NSP traffic enforcement efforts across the state throughout the holiday season. It is the goal of the Field Services Division to hold at least one traffic safety enforcement operation somewhere in the state daily. A link to the [NSP Enforcement Activities](#) calendar is located under the state map on the homepage of the [NSP website](#) .

Colonel Sankey said, “Join the State Patrol family in helping to make this holiday season safe for your family, never drive impaired or distracted and always wear your seat belt.”

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Lincoln, NE 68509-4759
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November 21, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Maintenance Work on US-77 in Lincoln

Weather permitting, a contractor will be removing old sign bases November 25 on US-77, the westbound on-ramp to I-80, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

The westbound on-ramp will be closed from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The detour is US-6 (West "O" Street) to Northwest 48th Street to the I-80 westbound on-ramp using message boards. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously through highway work zones.

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Contact:

Roger Kalkwarf, 402-471-0850, Ext. 1041

NR10-GV



November 21, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House Dec. 5 for N-2, US-75 Improvements near Nebraska City

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House December 5, regarding a planned improvement of the east junction of N-2 and US-75, near Nebraska City, Otoe County. The open house will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Morton-James Public Library, Kimmel Gallery, 923 First Corso, in Nebraska City.

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/ by clicking on the "Nebraska City SE" link.

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Contact:

Tom Goodbarn, District 1 Engineer, Lincoln, (402) 471-0850

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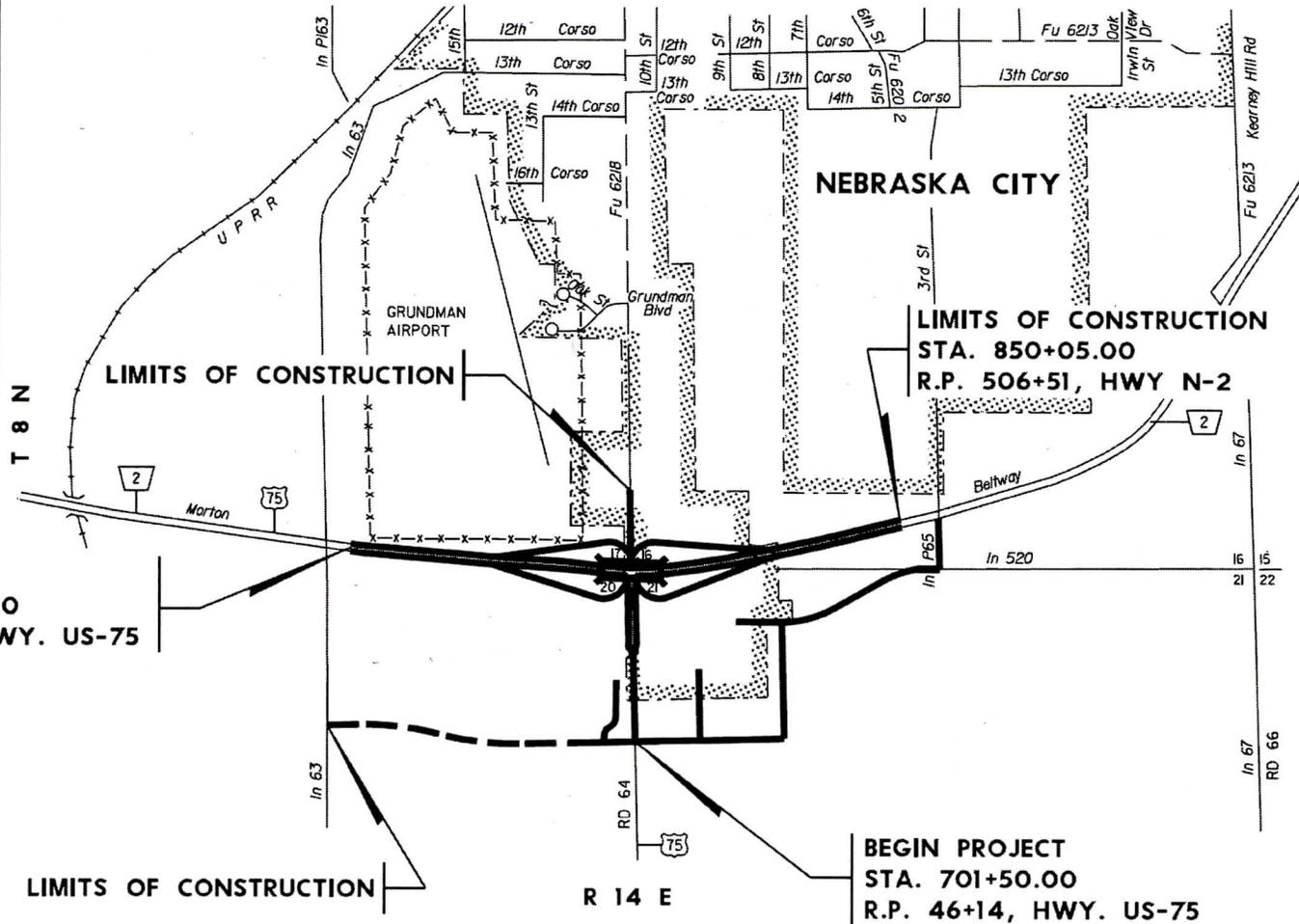
Send comments to:

NDOR Public Involvement
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 402-479-4871
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