

January 6, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work to Begin on US-281 South of Red Cloud

Weather permitting, construction work is scheduled to begin the week of January 5 on US-281, from the Kansas/Nebraska state line to the intersection of US-281 and 1st Avenue in Red Cloud, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Van Kirk Sand & Gravel, Inc., of Sutton, Nebraska, will do culvert work prior to the bridge repair and asphalt overlay work, which are scheduled to begin in April. Werner Construction LLC, of Hastings, Nebraska, has the \$3.3 million contract for the entire project.

Traffic will be maintained with lane closures at the bridge that will be controlled with signing or temporary traffic control signs. There will be a 10-foot width restriction for driving lanes on the bridge during the project. Work is anticipated to continue for the next several months leading up to the April 20 starting date of the project.

The NDOR project manager is Kevin Kohmetscher of Hastings. Motorists are urged to drive cautiously through highway work zones.

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Contact:

Kevin Kohmetscher, (402) 462-1996

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January 7, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Cameron Craig New District 5 Construction Engineer for State Roads

Cameron Craig has been named the new District 5 Construction Engineer in Gering for the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR). District 5 includes Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sioux and Sheridan counties. Craig, a licensed professional engineer, succeeds Doug Hoevet, who was recently named the District 5 Engineer after Craig Lind's retirement.

Craig has worked at NDOR for 12 years, his first two years as a work study student in the Planning and Project Development Division in Lincoln. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from UNL in 2005, he moved to District 6 in North Platte, where he has worked for the past 10 years, first as an Engineer I doing construction inspections and surveying, then for two years as an Engineer III and for the past year as the Assistant Construction Engineer.

Craig graduated from high school in Ogallala, where he was born and raised. He and his wife, Jayna Schaaf, enjoy traveling and hiking in their spare time.

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For additional information, contact the District Office in Gering, (308) 436-6587.

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January 9, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Roads Standards Board to Meet

The Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards will meet at 9:00 a.m. on January 16, in the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters Building Auditorium at 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

The agenda includes:

- Informal hearing on a Relaxation of Standards Requests from the Nebraska Department of Roads

This meeting is open to the public

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Detailed agenda as of January 9, 2015, 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**

January 16, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

**Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters Building Auditorium, Room 139A
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 November 21, 2014 Meeting

Status Report - 2014-2015 Standardized System of Annual Reports (NDOR, 88 county and
408 municipal reports received, 5 county and 120 municipal reports are delinquent)

Initial Status Report – 2015 One- and Six-year Road and Street Plan submittals (*1 County and
2 Municipal plans received*)

2014 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road and Street Improvement Plan Revisions (*None*)
(*Number of projects in parentheses*).

9:10 a.m., Informal Hearing – NDOR request for a Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards
for a decrease in Bridges to Remain in Place Roadway Width on Major Arterial highways.
Consideration of request.

- A. Project No. HSIP-STP-STWD(109), CN 00860, Statewide –
District 1 & 2 Guardrail, Bridge No. S067 06587
- B. Project No. HSIP-STP-STWD(110), CN 00863, Statewide –
District 6 & 7 Guardrail, Bridge No. S018 02982
- C. Project No. HSIP-STP-STWD(111), CN 00864, Statewide –
District 3 & 4 Guardrail, Bridge Nos. S275 11475 & S281 11816

Update on HL-93 vs. HS-20 Bridge Design Loading – NDOR Bridge Division

Standards Revision – NDOR Roadway Design Division

3R Committee Final Report and Next Steps – Roger Figard

Annual election of Chairman and Vice-chairman, and appointment of Secretary

Other Business:

- Report on State and Federal Legislative issues
- Discussion/Adoption – 2015 Proposed Work Plan

Correspondence and General Information:

- Miscellaneous correspondence

Comments from the Audience

Next meeting: February 20, 2015, 9:00 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads' Central
Headquarters Building Auditorium, Room 139A, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska

Adjournment

January 12, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

State Highway Commission Meeting

The State Highway Commission will hold its regular meeting January 23 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 is available on the NDOR website at www.roads.nebraska.gov/news/meetings.htm or by calling (402) 479-4871. The State Highway Commission meetings are conducted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, as cited in the Nebraska Statutes.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, post your questions/comments on NDOR's MindMixer site at <http://neroads.mindmixer.com>, and the Commissioners will address them during the meeting. Answers will be posted the week following the meeting.

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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, January 23, 2015

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

Call to Order

Roll Call

Minutes

- Approval of December 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Introductions/Announcements

Old Business

- Election of 2015 Chair and Vice-Chair
Sarah Kugler, Highway Commission Secretary

New Business

- Encroachment Policy
Bob Frickel, Highway Right of Way Division
- Responsible Charge (RC) for Local Projects
Mick Syslo, Materials and Research
- 3D Modeling
Lorraine Legg, Roadway Design

Public Input

Remarks from the Chair

Public Meetings Calendar

Adjournment

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

March 27, 2015, 8:30 a.m.
City of McCook Municipal Center
505 West C St, McCook NE

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

January 13, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Temporary I-80 Ramp Closures and Restricted Traffic on NW 48th Street in Lincoln

Weather permitting, the off ramps from I-80 eastbound and westbound to NW 48th Street (Exit 395) will be temporarily closed for two nights, Tuesday, January 20 and Wednesday, January 21 from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. The closures are needed to set bridge girders.

In addition to the ramp closures, NW 48th Street traffic in this area will be limited to one-way traffic and will be directed by flagging operations. Eastbound I-80 traffic wanting to exit at NW 48th Street should utilize Exit 396. Westbound I-80 traffic wanting to exit at NW 48th Street should utilize Exit 397.

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

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January 16, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Road and Street Examiners to Meet

The Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents will meet at 10:00 a.m., January 23, in Room 129, Department of Roads, Materials and Research Building, 1400 Highway 2, Lincoln.

The agenda includes:

- Approval of candidates for April 3, 2015, Class B License examination.
- Review of Class A License Applications.

This meeting is open to the public

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Agenda as of January 16, 2015

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

January 23, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

**Nebraska Department of Roads
Materials & Research Building, Room 129
1400 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska**

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 November 7, 2014, Meeting

Election (Biennial) of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and 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: *(1)*

- Daniel L. Sitorius, Elkhorn, Nebraska

Second Licenses issued administratively since November 7, 2014: *(1)*

- David Hottell, Kimball, Nebraska, S-1557 City Class A

Class B Licenses (second licenses) upgraded to Class A administratively since November 7,
2014: *(None)*

License Certificates Reissued since November 7, 2014: *(None)*

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.

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Proposed Changes to Operating Procedures *(None)*

Status Report for 2015 – 2017 Class A License Renewal:

- Request for reissuance as Class B
- PDH Audit
- Category 13 PDH
- Request for Extension to File: *(None)*
- Class A License Cancellations

Status Report for 2015 Class B License Renewal:

- Initial Class A License Applications
- Class B License Cancellations

Initial review of Class A license applications and conditional approval/disapproval of Class A license. *(Executive Session)*

- Employed experience
- Comparable experience

Statewide news release for licenses upgraded to Class A

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

Request for Verification of Professional Development Hours: *(None)*

Other Business

- Report on State and Federal Legislative Issues
- PDH Hours for Training Provided by NE LTAP and NHI courses

Correspondence and General Information

- Miscellaneous Correspondence

Comments from the Audience

Acknowledgement of Visitors

Next meeting: February 20, 2015, 10:00 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads, Central Headquarters Building, Room 103, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Adjournment

Note: The business meeting is open to the public. The review of applicants for the April 3, 2015, written examination and the review of Class A license applications are closed to attendance of the public.

January 22, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DECEMBER TRAFFIC FATALITY TOLL

12

During the month of December 2014, twelve persons were killed in traffic crashes on Nebraska roadways, according to data collected by the Nebraska Department of Roads.

- ◆ These 12 fatalities occurred in 12 crashes
- ◆ Eight of the 10 vehicle occupants killed were not using safety belts
- ◆ One fatality occurred on the Interstate, five happened on non-Interstate highways, and six took place on local roads
- ◆ Six of the fatalities occurred in rural locations
- ◆ Six of the fatalities occurred in urban locations
- ◆ Five of the fatalities were age 24 or younger
- ◆ Two of the fatalities were pedestrians

YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS

2014	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES
January – December	221	199

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS

YEAR	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES	% CHANGE v. 2014 (FATALITIES)
2013	211	190	+ 4.7
2012	212	190	+ 4.3
2011	181	164	+ 22.1
2010	190	166	+ 16.3
2010-2013 Avg.	199	178	+ 11.1

- ◆ There were 20 fatalities in December of 2013.
- ◆ 132 of the 190 vehicle occupants killed during 2014, or 69%, were not wearing safety belts.

This report includes information available through January 21, 2015, from the Highway Safety/Accident Record Section, Traffic Engineering Division, Nebraska Department of Roads. For additional information, contact Mary Jo Oie (402) 479-4512.



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January 22, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House February 5 for N-31 Improvements South of Gretna

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House February 5 regarding the proposed improvement of a portion of Nebraska Highway 31 (N-31) south of Gretna, in Sarpy County, known as **Schramm Park South**. The project would begin west of the junction of N-50 and N-31, and would extend northwest to approximately 0.18 miles southeast of the entrance to Schramm Park State Recreation Area. The open house will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Ak-Sar-Ben Aquarium, Schramm Park State Recreation Area, 21502 W. Hwy. 31, in Gretna.

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 "Schramm Park South" link.

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Contact:

Tim Weander, District 2 Engineer, Omaha, (402) 595-2534

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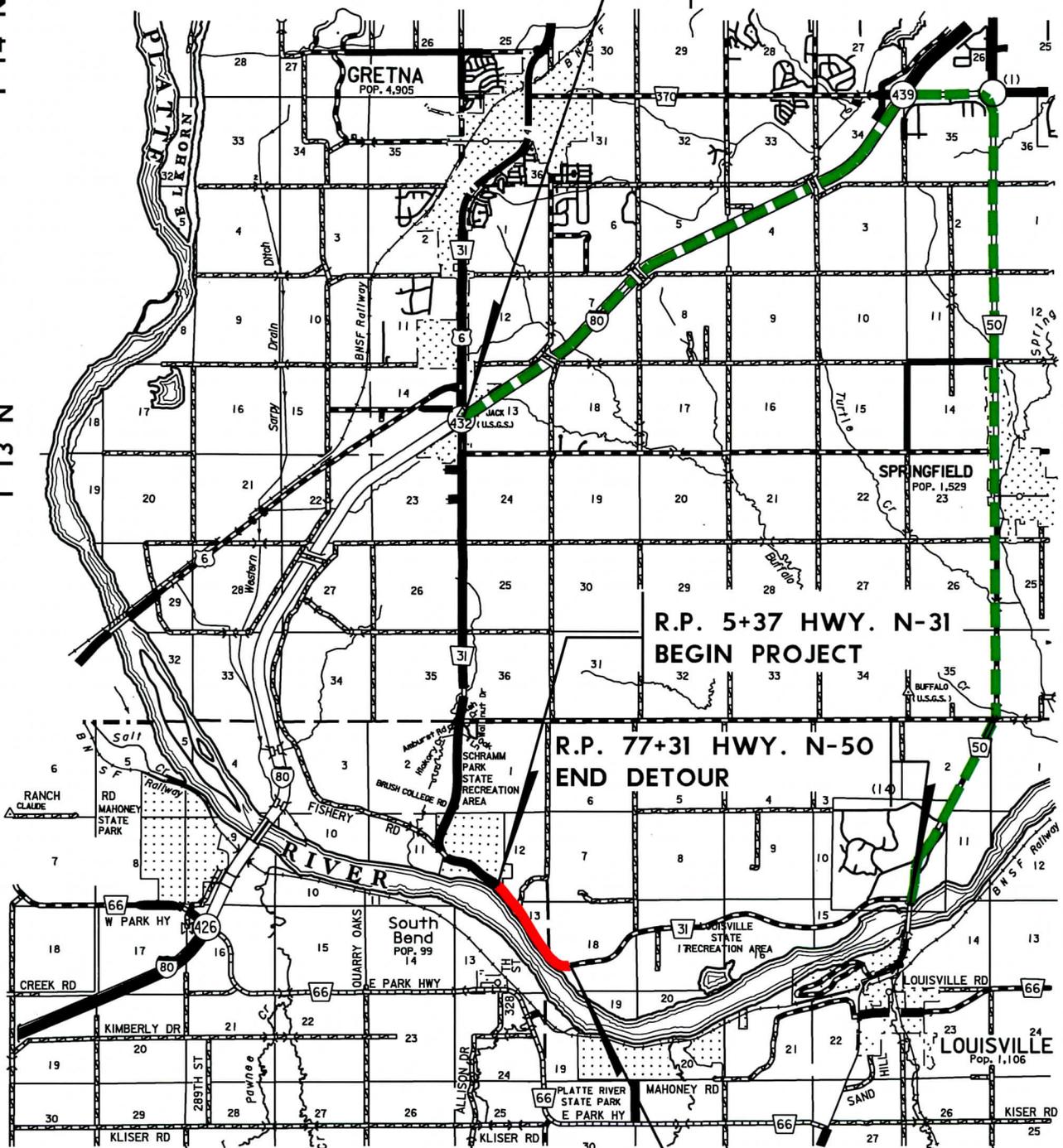
CASS/SARPY COUNTY

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R.P. 5+37 HWY. N-31
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R.P. 4+18 HWY. N-31
END PROJECT

January 28, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Thursday, January 29, 2015 @ 11:00PM
until
Friday, January 30, 2015 @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

**168th Street Entrance Ramp to
Eastbound US-6 (West Dodge Road) will be CLOSED.**

This ramp closure is necessary for the installation of an overhead structure.

Commonwealth Electric Company of the Midwest is the Contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer



January 29, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Rail Work Temporarily Closing Hampton Link Crossing and Reducing Lane on Henderson Spur

Weather permitting, two rail improvement projects are anticipated to take place from February 9 to February 20, requiring the temporary closure of the BNSF crossing on L-41D, the Hampton Link south of US-34 in Hamilton County, as well as a lane closure on the BNSF crossing on S-93A, the Henderson Spur south of US-34 in York County, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

The closure of the crossing on L-41D will allow SEMA Construction, the contractor for BNSF Railway, to perform crossing replacement and double-track construction. A local detour will be provided by the contractor and a 10-foot width restriction will be in effect for the duration of the closure.

The reduction to one-lane traffic on S-93A will allow the railroad's contractor to perform crossing replacement and double-track construction. A 10-foot width restriction will also be in effect for this crossing.

The project manager for this project is Drew Abbott, SEMA Construction, Centennial, Colorado. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously through highway construction zones.

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Contact:

Drew Abbott, SEMA Construction, Centennial, Colorado, (303) 627-2600

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