

May 6, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

State Highway Commission Meeting Agenda Announced

The State Highway Commission will hold its regular meeting May 17 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 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 Highway 2, P.O. Box 94759
Highway Commission Conference Room 103
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509
402 479-4871



AGENDA: 8:30 A.M., Friday, May 17, 2013

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

The Commission will dine together the evening prior to the meeting at an area restaurant; for details contact the Secretary

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Minutes
 - Approval of March 22, 2013 Meeting Minutes
- Introductions/Announcements
- Old Business
- New Business
 - NDOR Policy on Projects to be Presented to the Commission
 - *Mike Owen, Planning & Project Engineer*
 - Hershey Viaduct—*Project Update; Access Control & Relinquishment Approval*
 - *Nathan Sorben, NDOR Roadway Design Unit Leader*
 - L62A & US-385 to Alliance—*Project Update; Concept Approval prior to signing the draft EA and prior to Public Hearing*
 - *Lou Lenzen, NDOR Roadway Design Asst. Engineer; Nathan Sorben, NDOR Roadway Design Unit Leader; Randy Eldorado, Planning & Project Development Special Projects*
 - Peru Spur Relinquishment
 - *Thomas Goodbarn, NDOR District 1 Engineer*
 - Nebraska Legislature Update
 - *Andrew Cunningham, NDOR Government Affairs and Marilyn Hayes, NDOR Controller*
- Public Input
- Chair's Comments
- Public Meetings Calendar
- Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting:

June 28, 2013, 8:30 A.M.

City Conference Center, 606 E. 4th St., Ainsworth, Nebraska

District 8 Program Hearing

May 7, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

US Highway 20 to Temporarily Close at Nebraska Spur 45A

Weather permitting, beginning the week of May 20, the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) will be temporarily closing US Highway 20 (US-20) at the Stream Bridge, just west of Nebraska Spur 45A (S-45A), south of Page, Nebraska for restoration work.

A. M. Cohron & Son, Inc., of Atlantic, Iowa, has the \$816,000 contract for bridge restoration work, which will consist of adding 50 feet of length to the bridge, constructing concrete approaches, reconstructing bridge rail and replacing guardrail. Work is anticipated to be completed in approximately 18 weeks.

While US-20 westbound traffic will still have access to Spur-45A into Page, all other US-20 traffic will be detoured onto US Highway 275 (US-275) via Nebraska Link 45B (L-45B). Motorists are advised to allow extra time in their travel plans for this redirection and to be alert for any road construction occurring along the detour.

The NDOR project manager for this project is Gene Colfack of O'Neill. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously through highway work zones.

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Contact:
Gene Colfack, (402) 336-2051

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May 8, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work to Begin on HWY 183, Comstock South

HWY 70/Hwy 183 Junction north to HWY S21C/Hwy 183 Junction

Construction work is scheduled to begin Monday, May 20th on Highway 183 from the junction of HWY 70 and Hwy 183 north to the junction of S21C, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR).

Paulsen Incorporated of Cozad, Nebraska was awarded the contract for the Asphalt Overlay and Bridge Repairs on HWY 183, reference post 98 to 109. Traffic will be reduced to one lane with traffic signals during periods of bridge work. The bridge work will start May 20th. A 10 foot width restriction will be in place and barrier wall will be installed at the bridge locations. Wide loads will be required to use alternate routes. The project is scheduled to be completed in the Fall of 2013.

Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously through work zones.

Contact:

Nebraska Department of Roads
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Project Manager
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Paulsen Inc.
Jim Jewell
1116 East Hwy 30
PO Box 17
Cozad, NE 69130
(308) 784-3333

Gary Thayer
District Engineer

May 9, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work to Begin on N-50 North of Pawnee City

Weather permitting, work is scheduled to begin May 13 on N-50 north of Pawnee City, Reference Post 13.66 to 16.39, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Constructors, Inc. of Lincoln, Nebraska has the \$969,217 contract to mill and resurface this 2.7 mile project. Traffic will be controlled by one-lane work zones and flaggers where necessary. The project is expected to be completed in June 2013.

The Department of Roads' project manager is Bill Cary of Tecumseh. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously through construction zones.

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Contact:

Bill Cary, Tecumseh Construction, (402) 335-4131

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May 10, 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 May 17, 2013, in the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters Building Auditorium at 1500 Highway 2 in Lincoln.

The agenda includes:

- Addition of projects to the Nance County and the Village of Taylor One- and Six-Year Road Improvement Plans.

The meeting is open to the public.

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Detailed agenda as of May 10, 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**

May 17, 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 April 19, 2013 Meeting

Status Report – 2012-2013 Standardized System of Annual Reports (*NDOR, 93 County and 529 Municipal reports received, 0 County and 1 Municipal reports are delinquent*).

Update on Suspension of Highway Allocation funds to the following Municipality for failure to submit the 2012 – 2013 Standardized System of Annual reports in accordance with Neb.Rev.Stat. Sec. 39-2120 and 39-2121.

Winslow

Consideration of lifting suspension (*none as of May 10, 2013*).

Status Report – 2013 One- and Six-Year Road and Street Plan submittals (*88 County and 530 Municipal plans received, 0 County and 0 Municipal plans are delinquent*).

2012 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road and Street Plan Revisions (*None*) (*Number of projects in parentheses*).

2013 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road and Street Plan Revisions (*2*) (*Number of projects in parentheses*).

- A. Nance County (*1*) – Add Project No. C-63(199), replace bridge with a culvert on an Other Arterial road.
- B. Village of Taylor (*4*) – Add Project Nos. M-581(25), M-581(26), M-581(27) and M-581(28), grading and asphalt surfacing on Local streets.

Proposal to Develop 3R Standards and Bridge Rehabilitation Standards for County Roads and Municipal Streets – Roger Figard

Other Business:

- Update on electronic filing of reports.
- Report on State and Federal Legislative Issues, including LB623.
- Discussion of Date/Location for Annual Outstate Meeting.

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Correspondence and General Information:

- Relaxation of Standards request received for the Village of Naponee One-Year Plan revision (*tabled at the previous meeting*). Possible agenda item for the next meeting.
- Letter from NDOR on Project No. RD-30-5(1044) in Columbus.
- Signed NBCS Form 7 for Project No. M-519(1-13), received from the Village of Roca April 22, 2013.
- Miscellaneous correspondence.

Comments from the Audience

Acknowledgement of Visitors

Next meeting: June 21, 2013, 9:00 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters Building Auditorium, Room 139, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Adjournment

May 10, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New Highway and Street Superintendents Licensed

Lincoln -- Three people successfully completed the April 5, 2013, examination and are now licensed by the Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents.

Licensed as County Highway Superintendent are William Bivin of Lincoln and John Maul of Kearney.

Licensed as both County Highway Superintendent and City Street Superintendent is John Wietzke of Valentine.

Bivin is a Program Coordinator for the University of Nebraska Local Transportation Assistance Program; Maul is the Assistant Buffalo County Highway Superintendent; and Wietzke is a Bridge Inspector/Testing Tech/Autocad Tech for Niobrara Valley Consultants.

The next examination will be held October 4, 2013, with an application deadline of August 12, 2013. Applications can be obtained by contacting the Board of Examiners, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509, (402) 479-4436, and by consulting the website listed below.

Also recently licensed were:

David Lathrop, P.E., of Lincoln, and Austin Rowser, P.E., of Omaha, both licensed as a City Street Superintendent. Registered Professional Engineers (P.E.) are licensed by equivalency.

Lathrop is the Water/Wastewater Superintendent for the City of Seward, and Rowser is the Assistant Street Maintenance Engineer for the City of Omaha.

Superintendents are qualified to administer city and county street and road programs, including:

- ◆ preparing one- and six-year improvement plans,
- ◆ assisting in preparing annual budgets and financial reports,
- ◆ supervising the annual program for roadway design, construction and maintenance, and
- ◆ coordinating plans with adjacent counties and cities and with the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Additional information about the licensing program is available at the Nebraska Department of Roads, Boards – Liaison Services Section website,

<http://transportation.nebraska.gov/gov-aff/gov-aff-main.html>.

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Contact:

LeMoyne Schulz (402) 479-4436

May 10, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Grant Money Available for Transporting Elderly and Persons with Disabilities

Funds are now available to private nonprofit organizations for transportation needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities for whom mass transportation services are unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR). **Only private nonprofit organizations incorporated within the state are eligible to apply for this funding assistance. Public agencies, governmental bodies, and private individuals are not eligible for this program.**

The Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 program is a Federal Capital Grant program that requires a local match and is managed by the NDOR and designed to provide assistance for purchase of vehicles and related equipment for transportation needs of elderly and disabled persons.

The NDOR is distributing information about this program to private nonprofit organizations such as nursing homes and hospitals, as well as coordinating agencies such as area agencies on aging. **Requests for application forms must be received by 4:30 pm on Friday, May 24, 2013.**

For further information and to request application forms, contact Wayne Masek at (402) 479-4369 or Kari Ruse at (402) 479-4694, Rail and Public Transportation Division, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4759.

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Contact:
Wayne Masek, (402) 479-4369

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Norfolk, NE 68702-1707
Phone (402)370-3470 FAX (402)370-3473

May 17, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Permanent Striping to be Completed

Monday May 20th 2013 crews will be installing permanent pavement markings on the Norfolk South project along 13th Street from Pasewalk to Sherwood road. This work will require lane closures and should be completed within a week, weather permitting. Motorists are urged to use caution traveling through these and all construction zones.

Visit the 511 webpage at 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:
Toni Vogel
Project Manager
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May 17, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Traffic Switch for Norfolk's Round-About project

Tuesday May 21, 2013, weather permitting, a traffic switch will take place for the Round-About project located at the intersection of Nebraska Highway 35 and Victory Road. East bound traffic along Norfolk Ave. will be routed over to the west bound lanes near the flood control bridge on Norfolk Ave. and west bound traffic will be reduced to one lane. Motorists are urged to use caution traveling through these and all construction zones.

Visit the 511 webpage at 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
Project Manager
(402)370-3474

May 17, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work to Begin on Nebraska Link 40C, Alda Link Road

Weather permitting, work is scheduled to begin the week of May 20 on Nebraska Link 40C (L-40C), Alda Link Road, between I-80 and US-30, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Vontz Paving, Inc. of Hastings, Nebraska, has the \$1.5 million contract. Work will include guardrail replacement, milling and asphalt resurfacing of the existing roadway from Reference Post 0+30 to 5+80.

Traffic will be maintained during construction with the use of flaggers and a pilot car. A 12-foot width restriction will be in effect. Expect possible delays. Work is expected to be completed in June 2013.

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

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Contact:
Bob Nordhues, Grand Island, (308) 385-6888, Ext. 104.

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May 20, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work to Begin on US-30 and N-19 Projects in Sidney Area

Weather permitting, construction work is scheduled to begin the week of May 28 on two projects in the Sidney area, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

The first project is on US-30, from Link 17-C to the west limits of Sidney. Work on the \$2.8 million project will include milling and widening of the roadway, median reconstruction and asphalt overlay.

The second project is on N-19, from the Colorado state line to US-30. Work on the \$3.4 million project will include milling and widening of the roadway, roadway base stabilization, median reconstruction and asphalt overlay.

Werner Construction, Inc., of Hastings, Nebraska is the prime contractor for both projects. Traffic will be maintained with lane closures, flaggers and pilot vehicles as needed. Work is anticipated to be completed by fall 2013.

The Department of Roads' manager for these projects is Maryanne Jacobs of Gering. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously through highway work zones.

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Contact:
Maryanne Jacobs, 308-436-6587

NR9-GH



May 21, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Railroad Crossing to Close for Temporary Work on Hwy. 50, North of Pawnee City

The Nebraska Department of Roads has just received word from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad that Nebraska Highway 50, north of Pawnee City, will be closing tomorrow, May 22 at 8:00 am and reopening May 23 at 4:00 pm for adjustment of a Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad crossing. The crossing has to be raised because of the highway construction project that is in progress in that area.

A temporary detour will be established. The detour will be from Jct. 8 & 50, west on Highway 8 to Jct. 8 & 99. Then, north on Highway 99 to Jct. 4 & 99, east on Highway 4 to Jct. 4 & 50.

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

NR9-GI



May 22, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

US-20 Not Closing Until After Memorial Holiday

According to the Nebraska Department of Roads' O'Neill Construction Office, US-20 will not close for construction work until after the Memorial Holiday.

Link 45B (L-45B), currently closed for bridge work in the area, will reopen on Thursday, May 23, for the Holiday traveling public over the Memorial Holiday Weekend. After the Memorial Holiday, US-20 will close at the Stream Bridge just west of Link 45A (L-45A), south of Page, for continued construction work.

The temporary closures will allow contractors to proceed with bridge reconstruction work throughout the summer. Motorists are reminded to follow the marked detour and drive cautiously near highway work zones.

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Contact:

Gene Colfack, (402) 336-2051

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May 23, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington County

Friday, May 24, 2013 @ 9:00AM
until
Late Fall 2013

N-133 & County Road P38A

County Road P38A will be CLOSED West of N-133.

This closure is necessary for grading construction along N-133.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

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May 31, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Sunday, June 2, 2013 @ 1:00AM
until
Sunday, June 2, 2013 @ 7:00AM

Interstate 680 Night Closures.

**Southbound I-680 Access to
West Center Road, "I", "L" & "Q" Streets
will be CLOSED.**

See Attachment.

This closure is necessary for the placement of permanent pavement markings.

Iowa Erosion Control Inc. is the contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

**Southbound I-680 Access to
West Center Road, "I", "L" & "Q" Streets
will be CLOSED.**

