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## Dynamic Message Sign Installation on I-80 near Aurora

Weather permitting, Watts Electric Company of Waverly, Nebraska, and the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) are announcing the start of a Dynamic Message Sign (DMS) and tower installation project along I-80 near Aurora, Nebraska.

Initial construction activities on the \$417,511 project began on July 25, with anticipated completion this fall. The purpose of the project is to add two new overhead signs to the current messaging system. One sign will be located along I-80 approximately 1.5 miles west of N-14 for eastbound traffic, and the other will be located approximately 1.5 miles east of N-14 for westbound traffic. Lane closures will be present while installing and removing traffic control devices and minor shoulder closures will be present throughout the duration of the project near the new DMS sites.

Traffic will be closed on I-80 one direction at a time in the area during overnight hours for the placement of the DMS's over I-80. A detour will be in place on US-34 during this closure. Information will be provided in the future with a specific date, detour information and other details once the contractor is ready for this operation.

The signs will help notify motorists of current traffic conditions, road work, and will be part of the State Patrol's Amber Alert system. The new signs will integrate with and be controlled by the NDOR Statewide Operations Center (SOC).

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

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