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### Groundbreaking for US-30 Schuyler to Fremont Expressway

October 26, 2016 (Lincoln, Neb.) — A formal groundbreaking ceremony on October 25 marked the start of a two-phase, \$140 million construction project to expand the 26-mile stretch of highway between Schuyler and Fremont from a two-lane highway to a four-lane expressway, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

The ceremony, held where the current four-lane highway transitions to two lanes east of Schuyler, signified the culmination of almost 30 years of efforts by state and local officials to secure funds for the project, which will complete the Columbus to Fremont corridor, identified as part of the expressway system in the 1988 Nebraska Highway Needs Study Report. The expressway segment from Columbus to Schuyler has already been constructed.

Construction of the project is partially paid for by the Build Nebraska Act and will be completed in two phases: Schuyler to Rogers, and Rogers to Fremont. The contractor began work on the first phase of the project, Schuyler to Rogers, on October 3, the contract start date, with work on box culverts and grading continuing this fall. In 2017, they will build the new westbound lanes and in 2018 they will rebuild the eastbound lanes. The first phase is expected to be completed in late spring or early summer of 2019. Work on Rogers to Fremont will begin in the spring of 2018, with anticipated completion in the fall of 2020.

The ceremonial groundbreaking featured remarks from U.S. Senator Deb Fischer, U.S. Congressman Jeff Fortenberry, Lt. Governor Mike Foley and NDOR Director Kyle Schneweis.

Director Schneweis noted, "It is an honor to share this day with so many community leaders who have committed decades of service to transportation advancements in Nebraska. We wouldn't be here today without their support and the support of the communities."

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*Dignitaries, along with state and local officials, gathered on October 25 for the US-30 Schuyler to Fremont Expressway groundbreaking ceremony. The ceremony, held where the current four-lane highway transitions to two lanes east of Schuyler, marked the start of the expansion of US-30 to a four-lane divided expressway.*



*Nebraska Department of Roads Director, Kyle Schneweis speaks to the crowd gathered on October 25 for the US-30 Schuyler to Fremont Expressway groundbreaking ceremony. Construction of the project is partially paid for by the Build Nebraska Act and will be completed in two phases: Schuyler to Rogers, and Rogers to Fremont. The contractor began work on the first phase of the project, Schuyler to Rogers, on October 3.*

*Photos by Clint Mangen, NDOR*

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