

October 1, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Effective Immediately

**120th Street Entrance Ramp to
Eastbound West Dodge Road is now OPEN.**

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

www.westdodge.info

October 4, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work Begins Soon at Goehner I-80 Interchange

Work is scheduled to begin around October 12 at the I-80 Interchange at Goehner, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Herbst Construction Company, Inc. of Le Mars, Iowa, has the \$62,567 contract for rehabilitation of the L80G bridge over I-80. Work includes repairing abutments, joints, approaches, wing walls and deck work. Bridge traffic will be reduced to one lane with an 11 foot width restriction. A temporary traffic signal will be installed at the bridge site. Work on this project is anticipated to be completed in November.

The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Paul Dodson of Lincoln.

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For additional information contact:

Paul Dodson in Lincoln, (402) 471-0850, Ext. 1071, or Mike Sklenar in Lincoln, (402) 471-0850, Ext. 1069

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October 4, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Tuesday, October 5, 2004 @ 10:00PM
Until
Wednesday, October 6, 2004 @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

**Northbound Regency Parkway
will be Closed at West Dodge Road.**

This Closure is necessary for bridge deck removal at West Dodge Road and Regency Parkway.

Chas. Vrana & Son Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

October 4, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Tuesday, October 5, 2004 @ 11:00PM
Until
Wednesday, October 6, 2004 @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

**Southbound Interstate 680 Traffic Detoured at
Hwy N-133 Interchange
(Mile Post 6).**

**Southbound Interstate 680 at Fort Street will be Closed
(Mile Post 5).**

Marked Detour provided for Traffic.

Detour: Hwy N-133 (Blair High Road to 90th Street) South to Hwy N-64 (West Maple Road) West to I-680.

This Closure is necessary to remove Bridge Griders at West Maple Road over Interstate 680.

Chas Vrana Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

October 5, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Wednesday, October 6, 2004 @ 10:00PM
Until
Thursday, October 7, 2004 @ 6:00AM

&

Thursday, October 7, 2004 @ 10:00PM
Until
Friday, October 8, 2004 @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

**Northbound & Southbound 108th Street
will be Closed at West Dodge Road.**

These Closures are necessary for the partial removal of the West Dodge Road Bridge Deck over 108th Street.

Chas. Vrana & Son Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

**Notice of Information Open House
N-4 Corridor Study
October 26, 2004
5:00-7:00 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding Project S-4-6(112), known as "N-4 Corridor Study," on October 26, 2004, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express, 4005 N. 6th Street (Hwy. 77 and 6th Street), Beatrice, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Date: Oct. 26, 2004

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Place: Holiday Inn Express
4005 N. 6th St.
(Hwy 77 and 6th Street)
Beatrice, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting about improving Nebraska Highway 4 from Plymouth to Beatrice.

Personnel from the department will be available to visit one-on-one about the proposed project, identified as S-4-6(112) and known as the ***N-4 Corridor Study***.

The corridor study includes two alternatives for future relocation of a portion of Nebraska 4, so the two-lane highway no longer will go through the Homestead National Monument Park.

One alternative under consideration would move the highway ½ mile north of the monument. The other alternative proposes moving the highway 1 mile north. Upon construction of the new alignment, a portion of the old Highway 4 would be relinquished to Gage County.

Construction would include roadside grading from Plymouth to the junction with U.S. Highway 136 at

Beatrice, adding surfaced shoulders to that 12 mile stretch of Nebraska 4, and resurfacing the driving lanes.

Additional right-of-way property acquisition would be required throughout the length of the project in Jefferson and Gage Counties. Construction would impact wetlands areas and mitigation would be required.

The purpose of the information meeting is to receive public input for the study. Displays will be available for inspection, and NDOR personnel will receive comments and questions. No formal presentation is planned.

Where possible, the Department of Roads will provide an accessible meeting facility for disabled people. Appropriate provisions for people who are hearing and visually challenged will be made if the department is notified by Oct. 12, 2004. Notification should be submitted to: Public Hearings Officer, Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4759, voice telephone (402) 479-4871. TDD telephone is (402) 479-3834.

For further information regarding the proposed project, contact Steve McBeth, Planning and Project Development Division, at (402) 479-4417.

**Notice of Highway Design Hearing
Red Cloud South
November 9, 2004
7:30 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads, along with the State Highway Commission will hold a public hearing regarding Project STPD-STPB-281-1(112), known as "Red Cloud South," on November 9, 2004, 7:30 p.m. at the Community Building, 142 West 3rd Avenue, Red Cloud, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF HIGHWAY DESIGN HEARING

Date: November 9, 2004
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Multi-Purpose Room
Community Building
142 West 3rd Ave.
Red Cloud, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads along with the State Highway Commission will hold a public hearing regarding improvement of 6 miles of U.S. Highway 281 in Webster County.

The proposed project south of Red Cloud involves roadside grading, asphalt surfacing, bridges, culverts, and some curb and gutter, while proposed work in town includes resurfacing, roadway lighting, curb and gutter, storm sewer and sidewalk. The project is identified as STPD-STPB-281-1(112), also known as **Red Cloud South**.

The project begins just south of the Nebraska State Line and ends in Red Cloud just south of 3rd Avenue. U.S. 281 will be milled and resurfaced. The completed two-lane highway will feature 8-foot-wide surfaced shoulders.

A new bridge will be constructed over the Republican River on the existing highway alignment. The old bridge, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, will be moved just east of the existing alignment to carry traffic during construction of the new bridge.

Private property must be acquired for highway right-of-way throughout most of the project. Roadside widening will impact the Willa Cather Memorial Prairie, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The access road to the historic marker and lookout will be surfaced as part of the project.

Roadside widening will impact a portion of the Indian Creek State Wildlife Management Area. In Red Cloud, the one-block-long Webster Street must be closed for safety.

Realignment of two segments of Cedar Creek will be required. Construction will impact wetlands areas and mitigation will be required. The department intends to establish replacement wetlands for about 2.5 acres on

public right-of-way along the project or at the Mormon Island Bank Site along the Platte River in Hall County.

Most of the highway project will be constructed under traffic. For about two weeks, through traffic will be detoured while the existing Republican River bridge is relocated for use as a temporary road. The detour will carry traffic via U.S. Highway 136, Nebraska Highway 78, Kansas Highway 128 and U.S. Highway 36.

The public hearing is being held to provide information about design features of the project. All people are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions.

The public is invited to stop at the hearing location from 3 - 5 p.m. for an informal discussion of any aspect of the project.

Personnel from the Department of Roads will be available to visit one-on-one regarding the proposed improvements.

Written statements and exhibits may be presented at the hearing, and they will be accepted as part of the public record for 10 days after the hearing.

Where possible, the Department of Roads will provide an accessible meeting facility for disabled people. Appropriate provisions for people who are hearing and visually challenged will be made if the department is notified by Oct. 19, 2004. Notification should be submitted to: Public Hearings Officer, Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4759, voice telephone (402) 479-4871. TDD telephone is (402) 479-3834.

Preliminary plans are available for public inspection at the NDOR District 4 Office on U.S. 281 just south of Red Cloud, and at the Roadway Design Division, NDOR Central Headquarters, 1500 Hwy 2, in Lincoln. Information is also available at www.dor.state.ne.us on the internet.

For further information regarding the proposed project, contact Mick Syslo in Lincoln at (402) 479-3741.

October 7, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Nebraskans Urged to “Put the Brakes” on Traffic Fatalities

October 10 is the fourth annual “Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day.” The Nebraska Department of Roads joins national safety organizations as they draw attention to the nation’s high rate of traffic fatalities, about 42,000 per year, or 116 fatalities each day – one fatality every 13 minutes. The day is intended to heighten awareness about what can be done to stop fatalities by focusing attention on individual behaviors, with the goal of achieving one day of zero traffic fatalities across the nation.

Fewer people were killed or injured on U.S. highways last year – 42,643 – down 362 from the previous year. The decline was attributed to an increase in seat belt use and a decrease in accidents involving drunken drivers.

In Nebraska, 293 people died on the roads last year, 4.6 percent fewer than the 307 fatalities reported in 2002. One crash occurred every 11 minutes, 60 persons were injured each day and one person was killed every 30 hours. The economic loss for the state totaled \$1,868,979,100.

Last year on October 10, no fatalities were reported on Nebraska’s highways, and there were 15 days in October with no fatalities. October 2003 had 36 traffic fatalities, compared to 31 deaths in October of 2002.

According to Randy Peters, NDOR Traffic Engineer, “Even one highway fatality is too many. We want to use this day to draw attention to the seriousness of this issue and to remind drivers that several simple steps can make a big difference. Wear your seat belt and don’t exceed speed limits. Also, don’t drive while impaired and don’t get into the car with an impaired driver. Discuss this issue with your teenagers.”

Peters noted that there have been many technological advances in developing safer vehicles and in making the roadway environment as safe as possible. But the main focus is still the choices each of us makes when using the roadways – as drivers, pedestrians, motorcycle and bicycle operators and passengers.

Following the theme of “drive as if your life depends on it” people are also asked to drive courteously and defensively, to know the rules of the road for the planned mode of transportation and to obey all signs and signals. For additional information, visit the Department of Roads’ website, www.nebraskatransportation.org or www.brakesonfatalities.org.

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October 8, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Roads Standards Board to Meet

The Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards, chaired by Gene Acklie of Scottsbluff, will meet at 9:00 a.m. on October 15, 2004, in the Gering City Council Chamber, 1025 "P" Street in Gering.

The agenda includes:

- ◆ Addition of projects to the Adams, Cass, Cedar, Cheyenne, Franklin, Nance, Phelps and Wayne Counties and the City of Blair One- and Six-Year Road and Street Improvement Plans.
- ◆ State-Aid Bridge Fund applications from Cuming, Holt, Nance, Pawnee and Platte Counties.
- ◆ Informal hearing at 9:30 a.m. for Clay County's request for Relaxation of Standards for construction of a Low Water Crossing on a Local road.

The board holds one of its meetings annually away from Lincoln in order to better appreciate regional characteristics and perspectives. Created in 1969, the board oversees annual construction planning and operations reporting for state and local highways, roads and streets. The board also establishes minimum design, construction and maintenance standards for functional classifications of public roadways, as part of a policy for providing for the efficient management, operation and control of an integrated system of state and local highways, roads, and streets.

The eleven members are appointed by the Governor.

The meeting is open to the public.

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Detailed agenda as of October 8, 2004 enclosed

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
October 15, 2004, 9:00 a.m.
Gering City Council Chamber
1025 "P" Street, Gering, Nebraska**

Call to Order – Chairman

Roll Call – Secretary

Community Welcome – Scotts Bluff County Board Chairman Mark Masterton

Changes to Published Agenda – Secretary

Minutes of the September 17, 2004, meeting

Final Status Report – 2003-2004 Standardized System of Annual Reports (*NDOR, 93 County and 531 Municipal reports received*)

- Update on the suspension of Highway Allocation Funds to the following Municipality for failure to submit the 2003-2004 Standardized System of Annual Reports in accordance with Neb.Rev.Stat. Sec. 39-2120 and 39-2121
Osmond (report received 9/29/04, thus averting forfeiture on 10/2/04; suspension began with the April allocation distribution and continued through the September distribution)
- Consideration of lifting of suspension and cancellation of notice of forfeiture for the City of Osmond

Status Report – 2004-2005 Standardized System of Annual Reports (*51 County and 4 Municipal reports received*)

2004 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road, and Street Plan Revisions (*number of projects in parentheses*)

- A. Village of Prosser (1) – grading and aggregate surfacing of a new street. (*carried over – see below*)
- B. York County (1) – replace a bridge with a bridge. (*carried over*)
- C. City of Blair (2) – concrete surfacing with curb and gutter on an existing gravel street, and a storm sewer on an existing paved street.
- D. Cedar County (1) – grading and aggregate surfacing of an existing road.
- E. Cass County (1) – grading and aggregate surfacing of an existing dirt road.
- F. Phelps County (3) – replace bridges with box culverts.
- G. Cheyenne County (1) – replace a bridge with a bridge.
- H. Adams County (1) – replace a bridge with a bridge.
- I. Nance County (1) – replace bridges with box culverts.
- J. Franklin County (1) – grading and aggregate surfacing of an existing road.
- K. Wayne County (2) – replace a bridge and a culvert with culverts

State Aid Bridge Fund Applications (6) – Cuming, Holt, Nance, Pawnee and Platte Counties; Application Withdrawal (2) – Sherman and Stanton Counties; Project Number Change (1) Lancaster County.

9:30 a.m. Informal Hearing – Clay County request for Relaxation of Standards for placement of a timber structure with a Low Water Crossing on a Local road, Project C-18(208). Consideration of request.

Village of Prosser request for a Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for a reduction in width on a Local street, Project M-506(7). Consideration of request and addition of the project to the One-Year Plan. (*carried over*)

Other Business:

- Schedule of meetings for 2005 and Tentative Schedule for 2006 (*for action at November Meeting*).

Correspondence and General Information:

- Update on LB 500 Implementation (*Class A Superintendent's License*) and adoption of Licensing Regulations by Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents
- Update on NDOR enforcement of Incentive Funds certification requirements
- Miscellaneous correspondence

Comments from the public

Acknowledgement of hosts/visitors

Next meeting November 19, 2004, 9:00 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads, Central Headquarters Building Auditorium, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska

Adjournment

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October 8, 2004

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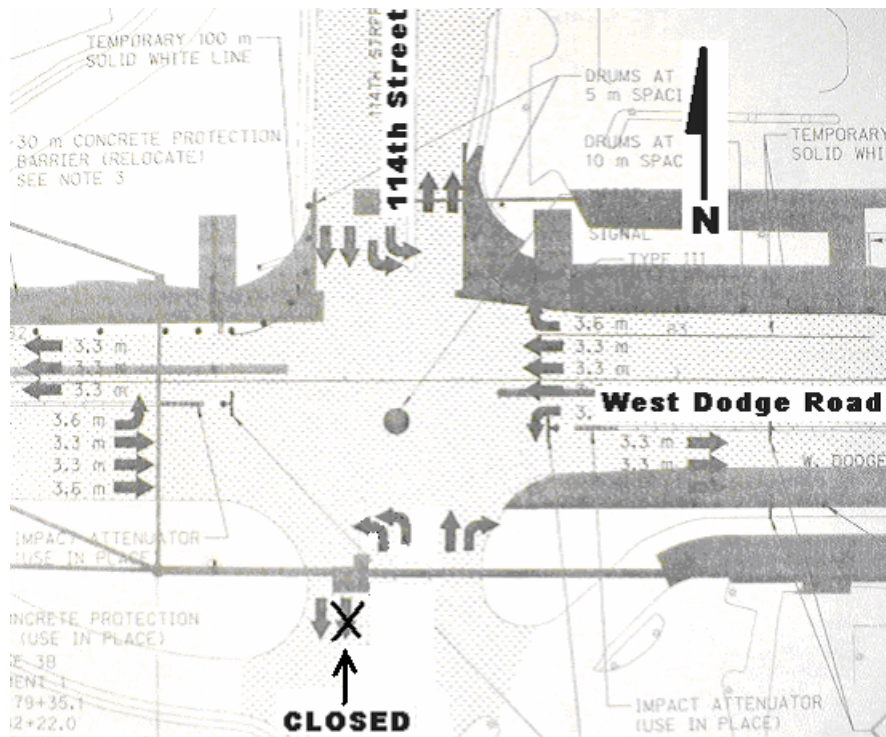
Douglas County

Thursday, October 14, 2004 @ 9:00AM

For
3 Weeks

Weather Permitting

Restricted Lane on Southbound 114th Street South of West Dodge Road.



This Lane Closure is necessary to construct an Inlet for a 54" Storm Sewer Pipe.
Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE District Construction Engineer www.westdodge.info

October 12, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Tuesday, October 12, 2004 @ 10:00PM
Until
Wednesday, October 13, 2004 @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

**Northbound & Southbound 108th Street
will be Closed at West Dodge Road.**

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Chas. Vrana & Son Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

October 13, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Meeting October 26 for Hwy 4 Improvements at Beatrice

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House meeting Tuesday, October 26, about improving Nebraska Highway 4 from Plymouth to Beatrice. The open house will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Express, 4005 N. 6th Street (Hwy. 77 and 6th Street), in Beatrice.

The corridor study includes two alternatives for future relocation of a portion of Nebraska 4, so the two-lane highway no longer will go through the Homestead National Monument Park.

One alternative under consideration would move the highway ½ mile north of the monument. The other alternative proposes moving the highway one mile north.

Upon construction of the new alignment, a portion of the old Highway 4 would be relinquished to Gage County.

Construction would include roadside grading from Plymouth to the junction with U.S. Highway 136 at Beatrice, adding surfaced shoulders to that 12-mile stretch of Nebraska 4, and resurfacing the driving lanes.

Additional right-of-way property acquisition would be required throughout the length of the project in Jefferson and Gage Counties. Construction would impact wetland areas and mitigation would be required.

The purpose of the information meeting is to receive public input for the study. Displays will be available for inspection, and NDOR personnel will receive comments and questions. No formal presentation is planned.

Interested citizens and community officials are encouraged to attend the public meeting.

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For additional information contact:

Steve McBeth, Project Development Division in Lincoln, (402) 479-4417.

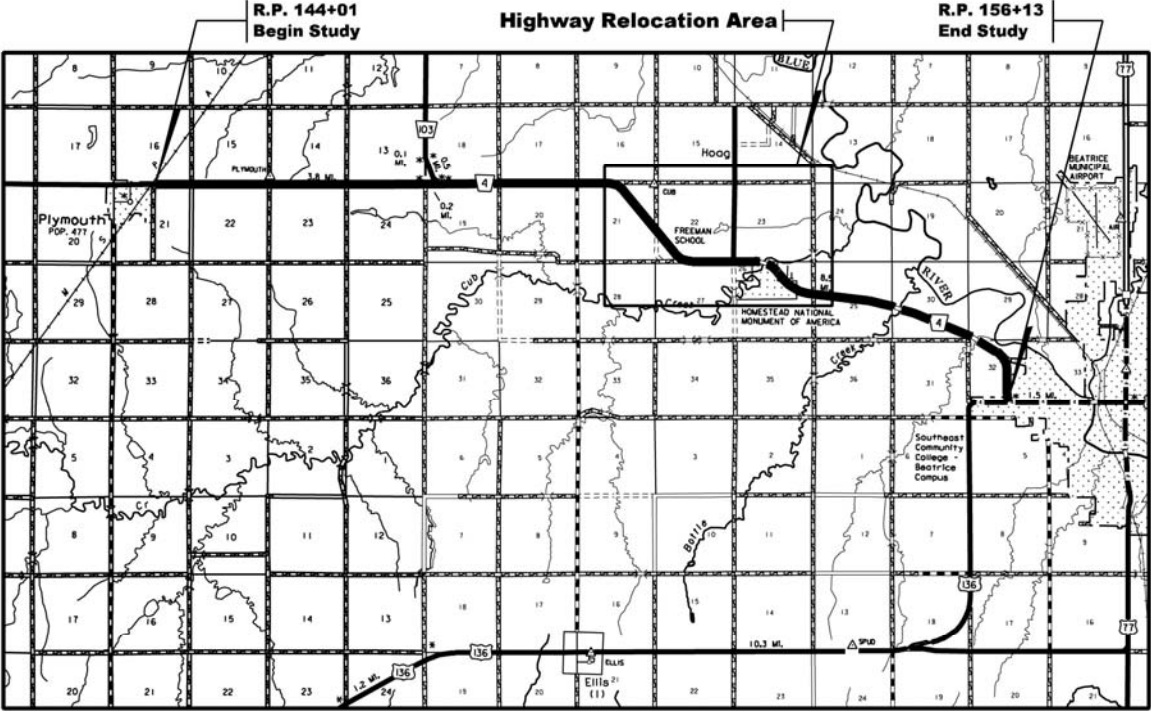
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N-4 CORRIDOR STUDY S-4-6(112)

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GAGE & JEFFERSON COUNTIES



October 13, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Traffic on Highway 26/92, at Oshkosh, to be Detoured

Asphalt paving of the temporary road (shoo-fly) and County Road 177/58A are scheduled to be paved this week, weather permitting, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. Once the asphalt paving is completed, traffic will be switched to the temporary road (shoo-fly) located on the west side of Highway 26/92, just south of the UPRR crossing. Travelers will have to utilize alternate routes to access Highway 26/92 until further notice. Please be advised that the speed limit will be reduced to 25 mph on the temporary road. The prime contractor on this project is Ames Construction of Burnsville, MN.

The Department of Roads urges all drivers to use caution when driving through the work zone and to be reminded that fines are doubled in a work zone.

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For additional information contact:

Russ Frickey, Highway Project Manager, Bridgeport, NE, (308) 262-1929, ext. 201.

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**Notice of Information Open House
Melbeta Viaduct Study
November 9, 2004
4:00-6:00 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding Project STPD-L79E(110), known as "Melbeta Viaduct Study," on November 9, 2004, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Old Legion Club, 711 Main Street, Minatare, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Date: Nov. 9, 2004
Time: 4 – 6 p.m.
Place: Old Legion Club
711 Main St.
Minatare, Nebraska

Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting about possible location of highway viaduct at Melbeta.

Personnel from the department will be available to visit one-on-one at the meeting. Displays will be available for public inspection, and NDOR staff will receive comments and questions. No formal presentation is planned.

The proposed viaducts would carry traffic on Nebraska Link 79E over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks at Melbeta.

A new at-grade intersection would be constructed with Nebraska Highway 92.

A number of alternatives are under consideration as potential viaduct locations. Not building a viaduct also is an alternative under consideration. The project is identified as STPD-

L79E (110) *Melbeta Viaduct Study*.

Purchase of additional land as highway right-of-way would be required for the project. Control of access to the roadway near the viaduct may be required. Construction may impact wetlands areas and mitigation may be required.

Where possible, the Department of Roads will provide an accessible meeting facility for disabled people. Appropriate provisions for people who are hearing and visually challenged will be made if the department is notified by Oct. 26, 2004. Notification should be submitted to: Kevin Dugan, Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4759, voice telephone (402) 479-4871. TDD telephone is (402) 479-3834.

Preliminary plans developed by the Nebraska Department of Roads are available for public review at the Planning and Project Development Division, 1400 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

For further information regarding the proposed project, contact Steve McBeth in Lincoln at (402) 479-4417.

Notice of Information Open House
Scottsbluff West Viaduct Study and Scottsbluff Northwest Viaduct Study
November 9, 2004
6:30-8:30 p.m.

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding Project STPD-L79G(111), known as "Scottsbluff West Viaduct Study," and Project NH-71-3(121), known as "Scottsbluff Northwest Viaduct Study," on November 9, 2004, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Hampton Inn, 301 West Hwy. 26, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Date: Nov. 9, 2004
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Place: Hampton Inn
301 West Hwy. 26
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding possible location of two highway viaducts west of Scottsbluff.

Personnel from the department will be available to visit one-on-one at the meeting. Displays will be available for public inspection, and NDOR staff will receive comments and questions. No formal presentation is planned.

One of the proposed viaducts would carry traffic on Nebraska Link 79G over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks about 1 mile west of Scottsbluff. The project is identified as STPD-L79G(111), also known as **Scottsbluff West Viaduct Study**.

The other proposed viaduct would carry traffic on Nebraska Highway 71 over the Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway tracks just south of U.S. Highway 26 on the northwestern edge of Scottsbluff. The project is identified as NH-71-3(121), also known as **Scottsbluff Northwest Viaduct Study**.

A number of alternatives are under consideration for both projects. Not building either viaduct also is an alternative under consideration.

Purchase of additional land as highway right-of-way would be required for construction of either project. Control of access to the roadway near the viaducts may be required. Construction may impact wetlands areas and mitigation may be required. An historic site is located in the study area of the viaduct proposed for Link 79G.

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October 14, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sarpy County

Monday, October 18, 2004 @12:00 p.m.

**The Bellevue Toll Bridge on Highway N-370
over the Missouri River will be Open.**

For additional information contact:

The Bellevue Bridge Commission

October 15, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

State Highway Commission Monthly Agenda Announced

The State Highway Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting October 22, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 103, at the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska. This meeting is preceded by their educational briefing and discussion, held in the Nebraska Department of Roads' Auditorium.

The public is invited to attend. A copy of the meeting agenda can be obtained from the Executive Secretary for the Commission, Room 105, Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters, Lincoln, Nebraska by calling (402) 479-4530 or by checking the NDOR website at www.dor.state.ne.us.

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Agenda Below

Agenda

October 22, 2004 Monthly Meetings

Nebraska Department of Roads • Central Complex • 1500 Hwy. 2 • Lincoln NE 68502



8:30 a.m. Educational Briefing and Discussion – Director’s Conference Room)

10:00 a.m. Monthly Meeting Reconvenes, Rm 103

Call to Order: Vice-Chair, Richard S. Reiser, District 2

Roll Call:

Approval: September 2004 Meeting Minutes

Introduction/Correspondence/Announcements

Resolution Presentation

Old Business:

Agenda Topic:

NECTAR – Nebraska’s Enterprise Centerline Transportation Attribute Resource, Richard L. Genrich,
NDOR’s GIS Manager, Information Systems Division

Questions/Comments

NAMING A STATE HIGHWAY – 2004

Great Plains Indian Highway – Randall Ogier, Highway 25 Association

Questions/Comments

KENNETH S. WHERRY MEMORIAL HIGHWAY – John Wherry and Daniel Wherry

Questions/Comments

Commission Vote

Public Input

New Business

Public Meeting Schedule

October 26, 2004 (Acklie)

N-4 Corridor Study

Public Information Meeting, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn Express, Beatrice, NE

November 4, 2004 (Reiser)

“In Fremont”

Information Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Fremont City Auditorium

November 9, 2004 (Wanitschke)

“Red Cloud South”

Public Information Meeting, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Public Hearing, 7:30 p.m.

Red Cloud Community Center, Red Cloud, NE

2004 Surface Transportation Program Meetings

October 26, 2004 (*District 6*)

Hampton Inn, North Platte, 7:00 p.m.

October 27, 2004 (*District 7*)

Ella Missing Community Center,

Arapahoe, 7:00 p.m.

October 28, 2004 (*District 4*)

Library, St. Paul, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting

Friday, November 19, 2004, 10:00 a.m.

NDOR Central Complex, Lincoln, Nebraska

Nebraska State Highway Commission
Educational Briefing & Discussion

Friday, October 22, 2004

8:30 a.m., NDOR Director's Conference Room
NDOR Central Complex, Lincoln, NE

Agenda

2005 Commission Dates and Roster – Approval
(see attached)

2005 Commission Agenda Topics – 10:00 a.m. – Discussion
(see attached)

Relinquishment of State Spurs and Links
Deputy Fredrickson

“Naming a State Highway” Preview
Applicants: 1) Great Plains Indian Highway and 2) Kenneth S. Wherry Memorial Highway

District Planning Meeting Schedule NDOR Auditorium

Friday ...

October 22, 2004	1:00-3:00 p.m.	District 3
October 22, 2004	3:00-4:30 p.m.	District 8

Wednesday ...

November 17, 2004	2:00-4:00 p.m.	District 1
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Thursday ...

November 18, 2004	1:00-2:30 p.m.	District 6
November 18, 2004	2:30-4:00 p.m.	District 7

October 21, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New Highway Pavement Markings in Silver Creek

Nebraska Department of Roads maintenance crews will be re-striping the pavement markings along US-30 through the town of Silver Creek. The new striping through town will consist of a three lane section; one lane in each direction, and a common two-way left-turn lane in the center. There will also be new signing to accommodate the pavement markings.

The work will be done the week of October 25th and will only take one or two days, weather permitting. There will be flaggers present to direct traffic and drivers are encouraged to drive with extra caution while this work is being done.

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For additional information contact:

Tim McCoy at (402) 370-3470, District Maintenance Superintendent

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October 21, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Tuesday, October 26, 2004 @ 9:00AM
Until
Tuesday, November 30, 2004

**192nd Street
North and South of West Dodge Road will be closed.**

This closure is necessary for ramp construction and dirt work.

Chas. Vrana & Son Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

October 26, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The project begins just south of the Nebraska state line and ends in Red Cloud just south of 3rd Avenue. A new bridge will be constructed over the Republican River on the existing highway alignment. The old bridge, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, will be moved just east of the existing alignment to carry traffic during construction of the new bridge.

Private property must be acquired for highway right-of-way throughout most of the project. Roadside widening will impact the Willa Cather Memorial Prairie, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The access road to the historic marker and lookout will be surfaced as part of the project.

Roadside widening will impact a portion of the Indian Creek State Wildlife Management Area. In Red Cloud, the one-block-long Webster Street must be closed for safety.

Realignment of two segments of Cedar Creek will be required. Construction will impact wetland areas and mitigation will be required.

Most of the highway project will be constructed under traffic. For about two weeks, through traffic will be detoured while the existing Republican River Bridge is relocated for use as a temporary road.

Interested persons are invited to stop at the hearing location from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., before the hearing, for informal discussions with Department of Roads' personnel on any aspect of the project.

Preliminary plans developed by the Nebraska Department of Roads are available for public inspection at the District 4 Office on U.S. 281 just south of Red Cloud, and at the Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

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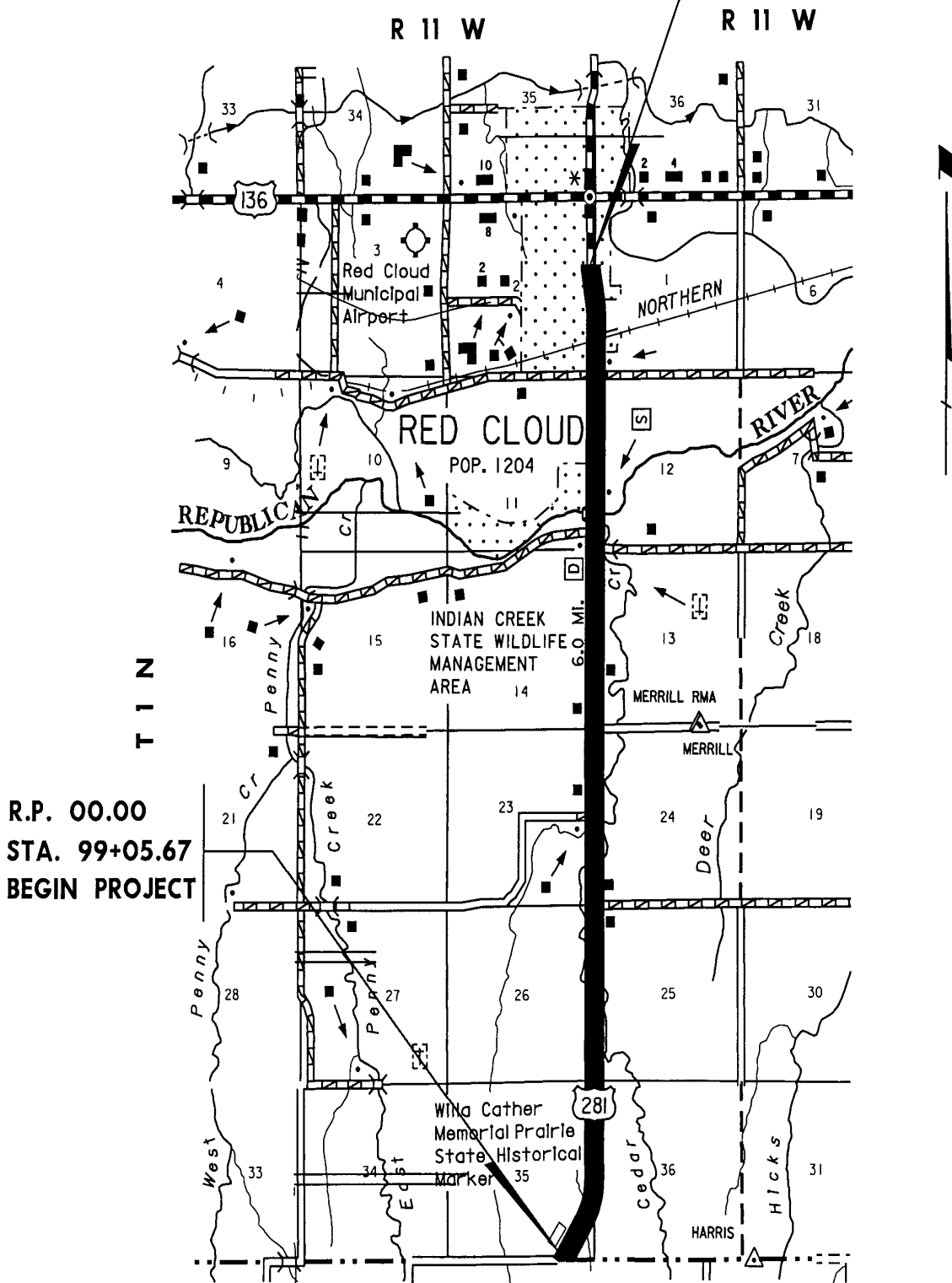
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Information Open House Nov. 9 for Proposed Viaduct at Melbeta

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House on Tuesday, November 9, about possible location of a highway viaduct at Melbeta. The open house will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the Old Legion Club, 711 Main Street, in Minatare.

The proposed viaduct would carry traffic on Nebraska Link 79E over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks at Melbeta. A new at-grade intersection would be constructed with Nebraska Highway 92.

A number of alternatives are under consideration as potential viaduct locations. Not building a viaduct also is an alternative under consideration.

Purchase of additional land as highway right-of-way would be required for the project. Control of access to the roadway near the viaduct may be required. Construction may impact wetland areas and mitigation may be required.

Personnel from the Department of Roads will be available to visit one-on-one about the project. Displays will be available for public inspection, and NDOR personnel will receive comments and questions. No formal presentation is planned.

Preliminary plans will be available for review at the NDOR Planning and Project Development Division, 1400 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

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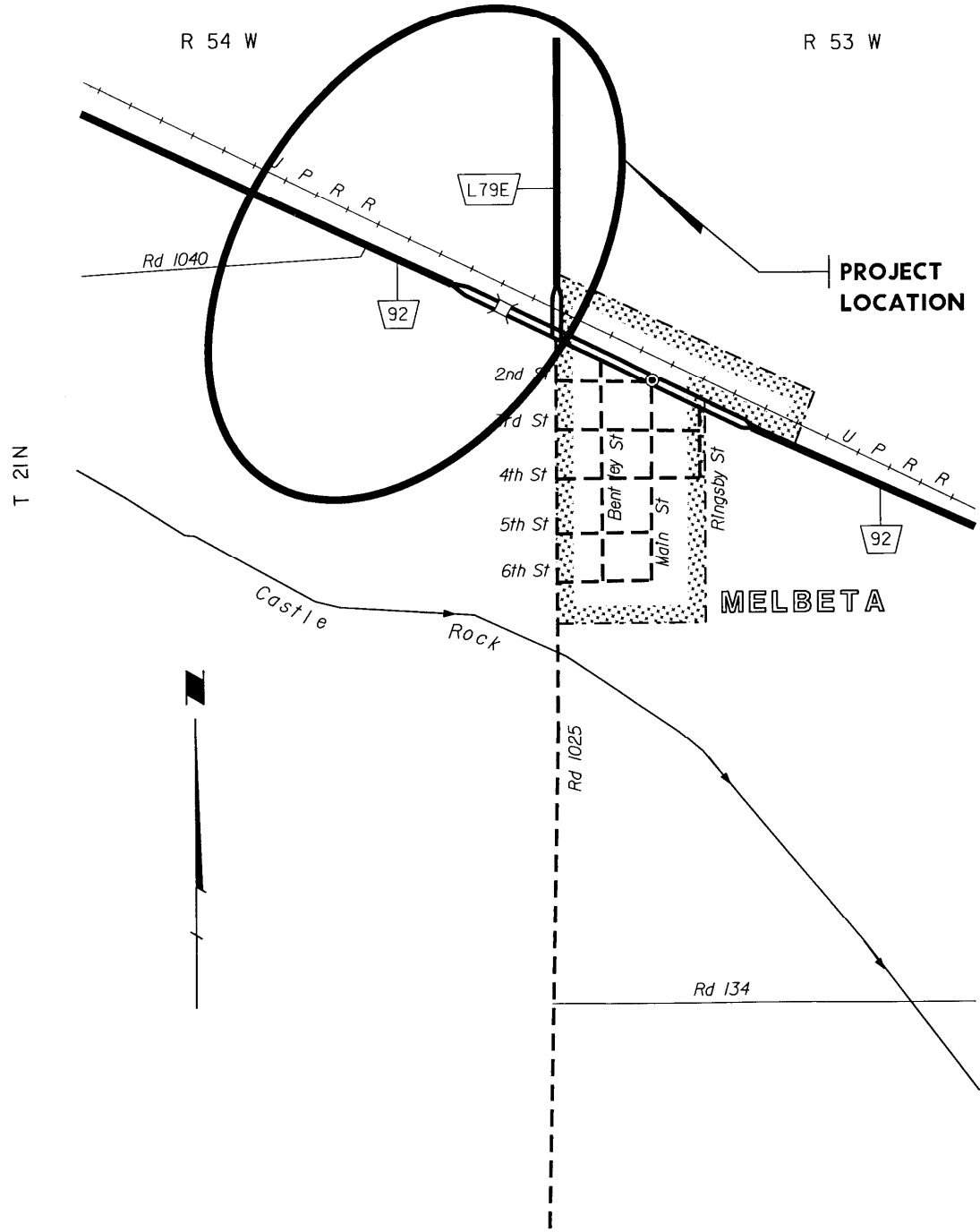
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Information Open House Nov. 9 for Highway Viaducts West of Scottsbluff

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House on Tuesday, November 9, about possible location of two highway viaducts west of Scottsbluff. The open house will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Hampton Inn, 301 West Highway 26, in Scottsbluff.

One of the proposed viaducts would carry traffic on Nebraska Link 79G over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks about one mile west of Scottsbluff. The other proposed viaduct would carry traffic on Nebraska Highway 71 over the Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway tracks just south of U.S. Highway 26 on the northwestern edge of Scottsbluff.

A number of alternatives are under consideration. Not building either viaduct also is an alternative under consideration.

Purchase of additional land as highway right-of-way would be required for construction of either project. Control of access to the roadway near the viaducts may be required. Construction may impact wetland areas and mitigation may be required. A historic site is located in the study area of the viaduct proposed for Link 79G.

Personnel from the Department of Roads will be available to visit one-on-one about the project. Displays will be available for public inspection, and NDOR personnel will receive comments and questions. No formal presentation is planned.

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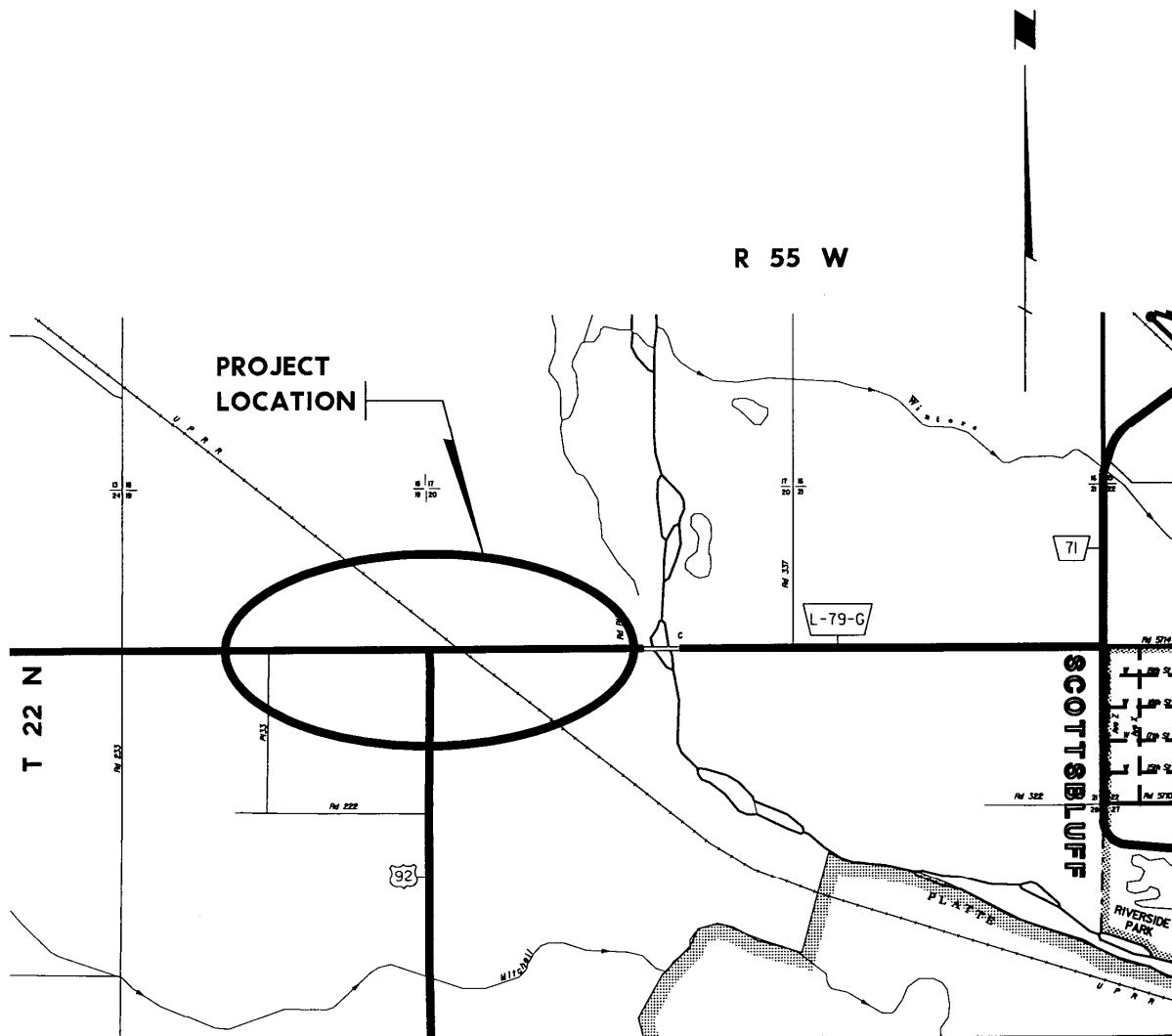
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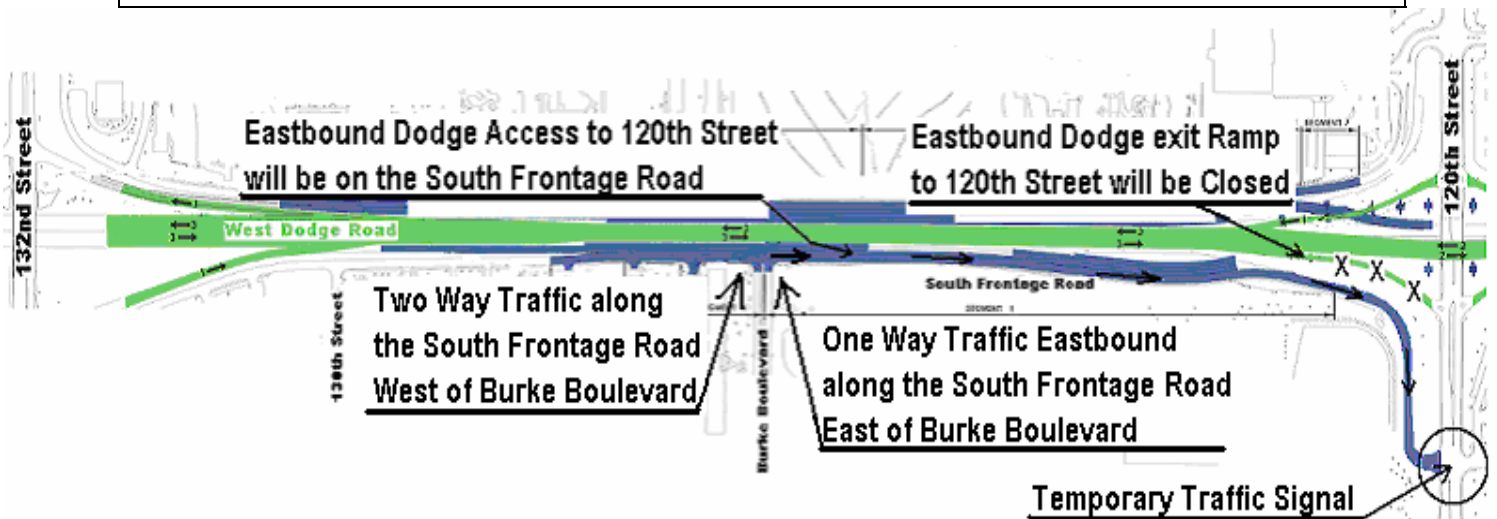
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This Ramp relocation is necessary to construct piers for the Eastbound Elevated Expressway Bridge.

Note: Access to 120th Street from Eastbound West Dodge Road will be on the South Frontage Road.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

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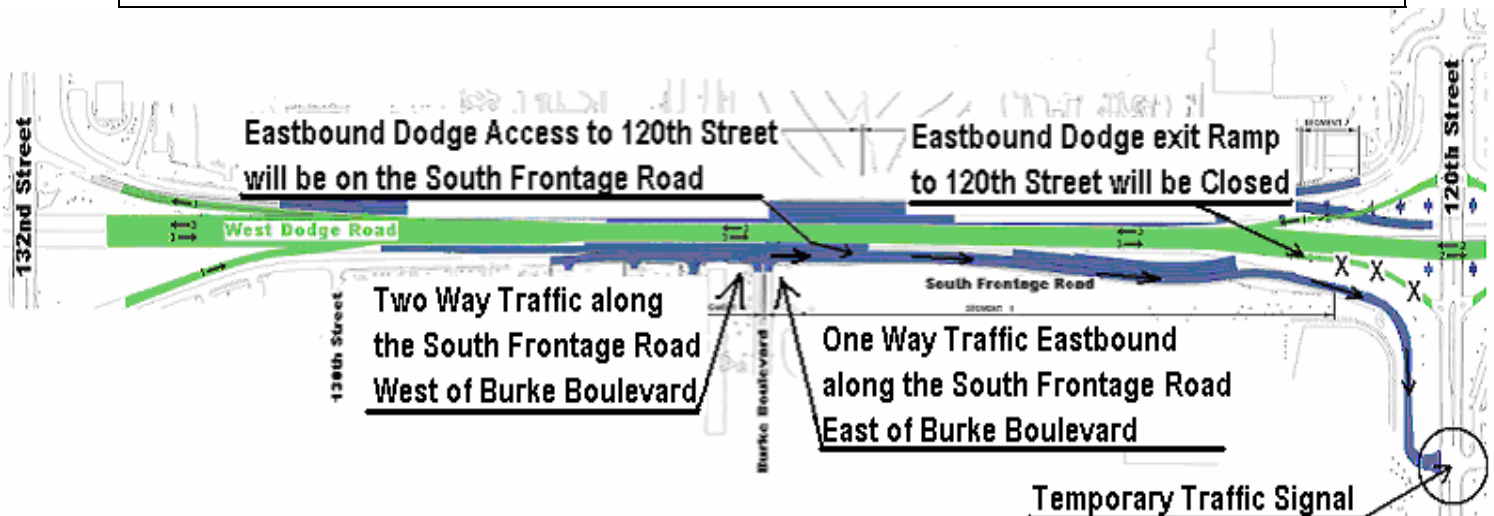
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