

**Notice of Highway Design Public Hearing
Agnew North and South
April 28, 2004, 7:30 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads, along with the State Highway Commission, will hold a Highway Design Public Hearing regarding Project STPD-BR-79-2(108), known as "Agnew North and South," on April 28, 2004, 7:30 p.m. at American Legion Post 371, 430 West 2nd Street, Valparaiso, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF HIGHWAY DESIGN HEARING

Date: April 28, 2004
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: American Legion Post 371
430 West 2nd Street
Valparaiso, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads along with the State Highway Commission will hold a public hearing regarding reconstruction of about 8 ½ miles of Nebraska Highway 79 south of Valparaiso.

The proposed project in Saunders and Lancaster Counties involves grading, asphalt surfacing, bridges, culverts and lighting. The project is identified as STPD-BR-79-2(108), also known as **Agnew North and South**.

The project begins just north of the Raymond Spur and ends just north of the intersection with Nebraska Highway 66 at Valparaiso. It is part of an overall project to reconstruct Nebraska 79, from U.S. Highway 34 to Valparaiso.

The completed roadway will be a two-lane highway with 8-foot-wide surfaced shoulders. New bridges will be constructed over Wagon Tongue Creek and Oak Creek. Roadway lighting will be installed at the Agnew Road intersection.

During construction, through traffic will be detoured along North 14th Street. Access from North 14th Street to Nebraska 79 will be maintained via the Raymond Road, Lancaster County Road 21 to Agnew, and the Valparaiso-Ceresco Road. Temporary roadways around work zones will be used on the north end of the project.

Private property must be acquired for highway right-of-way throughout the length of the project. The crossing of Saunders County Road 28 over the Union Pacific Railroad Co. tracks may be closed and Road 28 realigned to intersect with County Road A.

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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.

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.

The public is invited to stop at the hearing site 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.

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 April 14, 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 1 Office, 302 Superior St., in Lincoln, and at the Roadway Design Division, NDOR Central Headquarters, 1500 Hwy 2, in Lincoln. Information also is available at www.dor.state.ne.us on the internet.

For further information about the proposed project, contact Gerald Bartek in Lincoln at (402) 479-4618.

**Notice of Highway Design Public Hearing
Jct. N-36 North
May 12, 2004, 7:30 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads, along with the State Highway Commission, will hold a Highway Design Public Hearing regarding Project STPD-133-3(102), known as "Jct. N-36 North," on May 12, 2004, 7:30 p.m. at the Blair City Hall, 218 S. 16th Street, Blair, Nebraska.

April 28, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Hearing May 12 for Hwy. 133 Improvements in Blair Area

The Nebraska Department of Roads and the State Highway Commission will hold a Public Hearing Wednesday, May 12, regarding a project to improve a segment of the Blair Highway. The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m., at the Blair City Hall, 218 S. 16th Street, in Blair.

The proposed project in Washington and Douglas counties would widen about 4.75 miles of Nebraska Highway 133 from a two-lane to a four-lane highway. The project begins south of Pawnee Road and ends just south of Washington County Road 36. It is the south segment of an overall project to reconstruct Nebraska 133, from Nebraska 36 to U.S. Highway 30 at Blair.

Construction will include grading, surfacing, drainage structures, roadway lighting, access frontage roads, intersection reconstruction and utilities. The northbound and southbound lanes of the new roadway will be separated by a depressed median.

The project will be constructed under traffic. Traffic will be routed on temporary roadways around work zones during some phases of construction.

Additional property must be acquired for highway right-of-way throughout the length of the project. Four homes will be directly impacted by the highway improvement and must be acquired. Acquisition of one other home may be required. Control of access to the new highway must be acquired.

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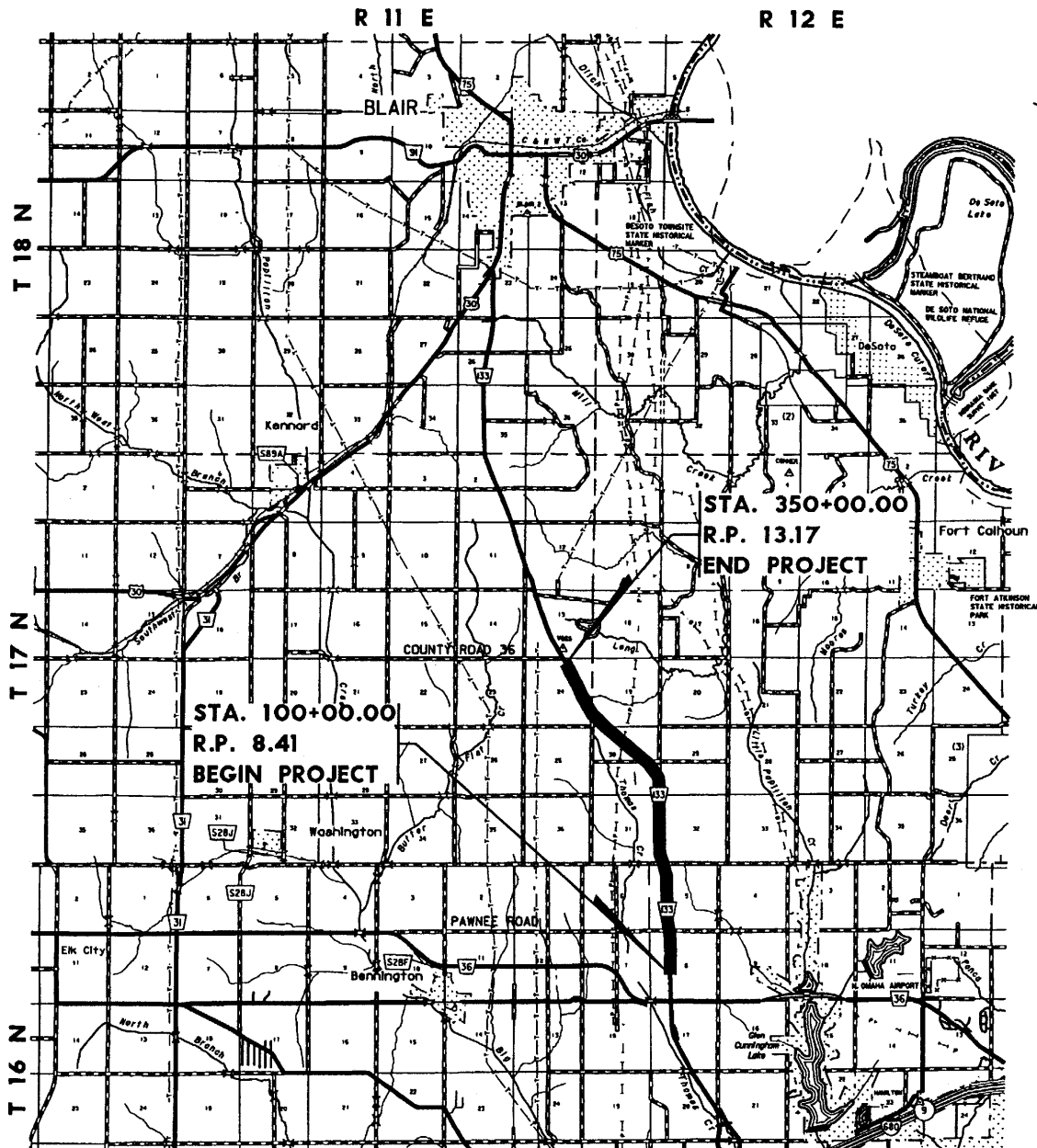
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For additional information contact:

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JCT. N-36 NORTH 133-3(102)

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DOUGLAS/WASHINGTON COUNTIES



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April 2, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work Begins on US-30, Sidney - Lodgepole

Construction work is scheduled to begin April 5 on Highway 30 between Sidney and Lodgepole, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Werner Construction Co., Inc. of Hastings has the 3.3 million dollar project for grading, milling, culverts, guardrail and asphalt surfacing work on the 16-mile project.

Traffic will be maintained through the project at a reduced speed. The work is expected to take approximately 5-6 months to complete.

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

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For additional information contact:

Russ Frickey, Bridgeport, (308) 262-1929, Ext. 201

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April 2, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

National Work-Zone Safety Awareness Week April 4-10

April 4-10 is National Work-Zone Safety Awareness Week, an effort to heighten public awareness of work-zone safety, for the driver as well as the highway worker. Nebraska Governor Mike Johanns signed a proclamation designating the week as Nebraska Highway Work-Zone Safety Awareness Week.

The Nebraska Department of Roads and their transportation partners, the United States Department of Transportation/Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Nebraska State Patrol, and the Associated General Contractors of Nebraska are dedicated to enhancing work-zone safety for both the worker and the traveling public. They believe that increased worker training and enhanced awareness on the part of motorists and highway workers will lead to a reduction of fatalities and injuries for both.

On average there is a work zone for every 50 miles traveled on U.S. roads. More than 1,000 people were killed and more than 40,000 injured nationwide in construction work zones in 2002. Eleven of those deaths were in Nebraska.

The key reason for most work-zone crashes continues to be drivers' failure to pay attention, according to law enforcement officers' reports. Drivers often contribute to construction-zone accidents by speeding, running off the road or crossing into the wrong lane.

More motorists are injured in work-zone crashes than highway workers. Therefore, drivers need to stay alert when driving near highway construction sites any time of day. Drivers should observe lower speed limits, heed posted warning signs and be alert for variations of the roadway in work zones. Drivers and their passengers are urged to wear seat belts at all times. Motorists are also reminded to avoid distractions while driving, including the use of cell phones.

Roads Department and contractors' employees are at risk when working near moving traffic. The Roads Department wants to ensure the safety of its employees, contractors' personnel and motorists with public awareness of the need for extra caution when navigating highway work zones.

It is important to remember that highway work zones are much more than a temporary inconvenience. Work zones are essential to building safer, smoother, improved roads that may ultimately save lives. **Remember: when you're in the driver's seat, you make the difference. Drive safely in work zones.**

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For additional information, visit the NDOR website at www.nebraskatransportation.org.



National

WORK ZONE

Awareness Week

April 4-10, 2004

Safety Tips to Live By

1. Stay alert.
Dedicate your full attention to the roadway.
2. Pay close attention.
Signs and work zone flaggers save lives.
3. Turn on your headlights.
Workers and other motorists must see you.
4. Don't tailgate.
5. Don't speed.
Note the posted speed limits in and around the work zone.
6. Keep up with the traffic flow.
7. Don't change lanes in the work zone.
8. Minimize distractions.
Avoid changing radio stations and using mobile phones while driving in the work zone.
9. Expect the unexpected.
Keep an eye out for workers and their equipment.
10. Be patient.
Remember the work zone crew members are working to improve your future ride.

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American Traffic Safety Services Association
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April 5, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work Resumes on I-80 Locust Street Interchange and South

Construction on the I-80 Locust Street Interchange project (interstate reference post 314) will resume on April 19, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Construction on the Grand Island South project South Locust Street, south of U.S. Highway 34 resumed March 31. **South Locust Street will be closed today to “through” traffic, through June 7th.** The closure is required for widening, new concrete pavement, and asphalt resurfacing. South Locust Street will be closed from 1/2 mile south of U.S. Highway 34 to Schultz Road, 3/4 mile south of I-80.

Construction work remaining on the projects includes grading, pavement construction, drainage structures, lighting, permanent signs, pavement marking, and permanent seeding.

The interchange project is anticipated to be completed in July.

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For additional information contact:

Kirk D. Weber, Nebraska Department of Roads in Grand Island (308) 385-6888, ext. 212.

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April 6, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Tuesday, April 6, 2004 @ 10:00PM
Until
Wednesday, April 7, 2004 @ 6:00AM

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Wednesday, April 7, 2004 @ 10:00PM
Until
Thursday, April 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

April 7, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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It's "Great Nebraska Trash-Off" Time

The 14th Annual "Great Nebraska Trash-Off" is being held April 17-24, 2004. This yearly event, sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Roads, involves over 5,000 volunteers who participate in the Adopt-A-Highway litter pickup program. These dedicated volunteers faithfully pick up unsightly litter that has been discarded along their adopted section of highway.

The Department of Roads is expecting a record number of volunteers for this year's Trash-Off, and thanks to them, over 2,000 miles of highway roadsides should again be clean and litter-free. While this designated week is a great time for groups to conduct their clean-up activities, the Department of Roads welcomes citizen and group litter pickup efforts anytime during the year.

Also, an important reminder is that it is against the law to deposit materials or rubbish on roads or ditches in Nebraska. Penalties include fines and/or imprisonment.

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For additional information contact: Denise Wallman, Adopt-A-Highway Program Manager, at (402) 479-4843, in Lincoln.

April 8, 2004

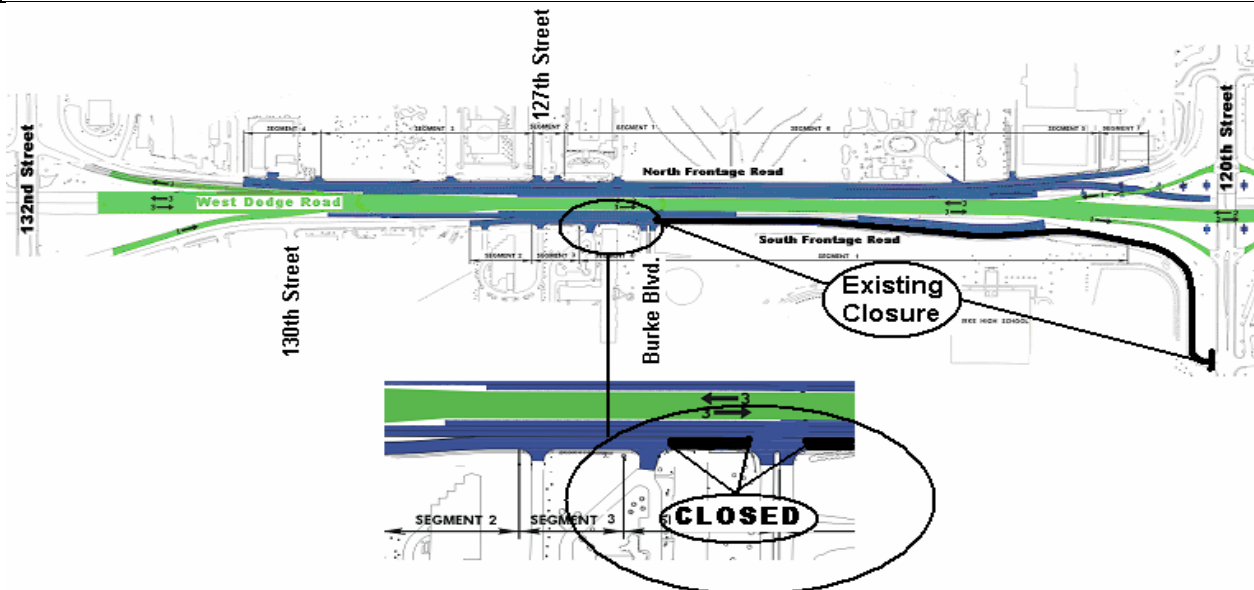
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Douglas County

Friday, April 9, 2004 @ 2:00PM until 3:30PM

(West Dodge South Frontage Road)

The South Frontage Road will be Closed both directions between 126th Street and Burke Boulevard.



This Closure is necessary for the construction of a retaining wall in front of Whitehall Condominiums.

Note: Businesses & Residents South of West Dodge Road & west of 126th Street will access the South Frontage Road from 132nd Street.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

www.westdodge.info

April 9, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

State Highway Commission Monthly Agenda Announced

The State Highway Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting April 16, 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 Director's Conference Room.

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

Friday, April 16, 2004

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



8:30 a.m. – Educational Briefing & Discussion - Director's Conference Room
10:00 a.m. – Monthly Meeting Reconvenes – Room 103

Call to Order: Chair, Ronald W. Books, District 6

Roll Call:

Approval: March, 2004 Meeting Minutes

Introductions/Correspondence/Announcements:

Agenda Presentation: The Incident Management Process, Les O'Donnell, District 6 Engineer
Questions/Comments

Public Input:

St. Paul Delegation in re: Highway 281 Concerns: Senator McDonald, Dan Nielsen, Mayor; Gerald Solko, City Council; Laurie Shultis, Brad Jacobs, and Ron Vonderohe, Economic Development
Questions/Comments

Public Meeting Schedule:

April 28, 2004 (*Acklie*)

“Agnew North & South”

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

Public Hearing, 7:30 p.m.

American Legion Post 371, Valparaiso

May 12, 2004 (*Reiser*)

“Blair South”

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

Public Hearing, 7:30 p.m.

Blair City Hall, 218 S 16th St

Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting

Friday, May 21, 2004, 10:00 a.m.

Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Complex, Lincoln, NE

Nebraska State Highway Commission
Educational Briefing & Work Session
Friday, April 16, 2004
8:30 a.m., Director's Conference Room
NDOR Central Complex, Lincoln, NE

Agenda

Leasing NDOR Equipment to the Cities and Counties
Deputy John Jacobsen

Interstate 80 Rest Area Activities
Deputy Monty Fredrickson

Consider Eliminating the Reading of the Engineer's Statement
Commissioner Leafgreen

FHWA Highway Statistics 2002
(Manual – See Section IV, Finance, Page IV-1 and
Toll Road and Crossing Facilities, Pages IV-62 & 63
Bill Brownell, FHWA Division Administrator

Nebraska Funding Levels Percent Change Chart Explanation
Director Craig

Website: www.dor.state.ne.us

State Headquarters
1500 Highway 2
Lincoln, NE 68502-5480
Communication Office: (402)479-4512

April 9, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Roads Standards Board to Meet

The Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards will meet at 9:00 a.m. on April 16, 2004, in the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Building Auditorium at 1500 Highway 2 in Lincoln.

The agenda includes:

- ◆ Addition of projects to the Buffalo, Washington and Wayne Counties, the City of Crete and Village of Pickrell One- and Six-Year Road and Street Improvement Plans.
- ◆ Informal hearing (at 9:30 a.m.) on Nebraska Department of Roads' request for Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards on Project STPD-BH-136-3(109), US Highway 136, Republican City to Naponee.

The meeting is open to the public.

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Detailed agenda as of April 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
April 16, 2004, 9:00 a.m.
Nebraska Department of Roads Central Headquarters Building Auditorium
1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska

Call to Order – Chairman

Roll Call – Secretary

Changes to Published Agenda – Secretary

Minutes of the March 19, 2004, meeting

Status Report – 2003-2004 Standardized System of Annual Reports (*NDOR, 93 County and 530 Municipal reports received, 1 Municipal report is delinquent*)

- Update on the suspension of Highway Allocation Funds to the following Municipalities for failure to submit the 2002-2003 Standardized System of Annual Reports in accordance with Neb.Rev.Stat. Sec. 39-2120 and 39-2121

Burton (*Received 3/30/04, suspension averted*)

Osmond

Dix (*Received 3/30/04, suspension averted*)

Santee (*Received 3/25/04, suspension averted*)

Status Report – 2004 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road, and Street Plan Submittals (*90 County and 520 Municipal plans received, 11 Municipal plans are delinquent*)

2003 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road, and Street Plan Revisions (*number of projects in parentheses*):

- A. City of Superior (13) – armor coat surfacing on existing concrete, asphalt and bituminous streets, and asphalt surfacing of an existing alley. (*Carried over*)
- B. City of Weeping Water (4) – grading and asphalt surfacing of existing gravel streets. (*Carried over*)
- C. City of Atkinson (1) – grading and aggregate surfacing of a new subdivision street. (*Carried over*)
- D. City of Wilber (1) – grading, concrete surfacing with curb and gutter, and drainage structures on new subdivision streets. (*Carried over*)
- E. City of Dakota City (1) – open and grade a new street. (*Carried over*)
- F. City of Pierce (1) – concrete surfacing with curb and gutter, drainage structures and erosion control on a new subdivision street. (*Carried over*)
- G. City of Crete (1) – grading and concrete surfacing with curb and gutter, on a new street.
- H. Village of Pickrell (1) – grading and concrete shoulder on an existing asphalt street.

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

- A. Wayne County (1) – replace a concrete structure with a culvert.
- B. Buffalo County (1) – regrade and aggregate surface an existing road.
- C. Washington County (1) – replace a concrete box culvert with a concrete box culvert.

State Aid Bridge Fund Applications (*None*).

9:30 a.m. Informal Hearing – NDOR request for Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for a reduction in sag vertical curve design speed and an increase in maximum percent of grade on Project No. STPD-BH-136-3(109), Control No. 70591A, Republican City to Naponee, on a Major Arterial highway (U.S. Highway 136). Consideration of request.

Update regarding contested case hearing of Banner County's request for Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards on 35 Local roads (*nothing to report as of 04/8/04*)

Other Business:

- Update on LB 500 Implementation (*Class A Superintendent's License & Higher Incentive Payment*) by Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents and by NDOR
- Legislative Update

Correspondence and General Information:

- Miscellaneous correspondence

Acknowledgement of visitors

Next meeting May 21, 2004, 9:00 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads, Central Headquarters Building Auditorium, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska

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April 9, 2004

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April 13, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Campaign Signs Don't Belong on State's Right-of-Way

The Nebraska Department of Roads wishes to remind people it is against the law to place political campaign signs on state highway right-of-way. Multi-colored, multi-shaped signs usually appear along roadsides near election time and are promptly removed.

Maintenance crews of the Nebraska Department of Roads will remove any signs that are improperly placed within the state highway right-of-way. These signs will be stored for a brief period of time in State Roads Department maintenance yards across the state, where they can be reclaimed by the owners.

Those needing further information concerning the boundaries of right-of-way corridors, should contact their Nebraska Department of Roads' district office. NDOR district offices are located in Lincoln, Omaha, Norfolk, Grand Island, Bridgeport, North Platte, McCook and Ainsworth.

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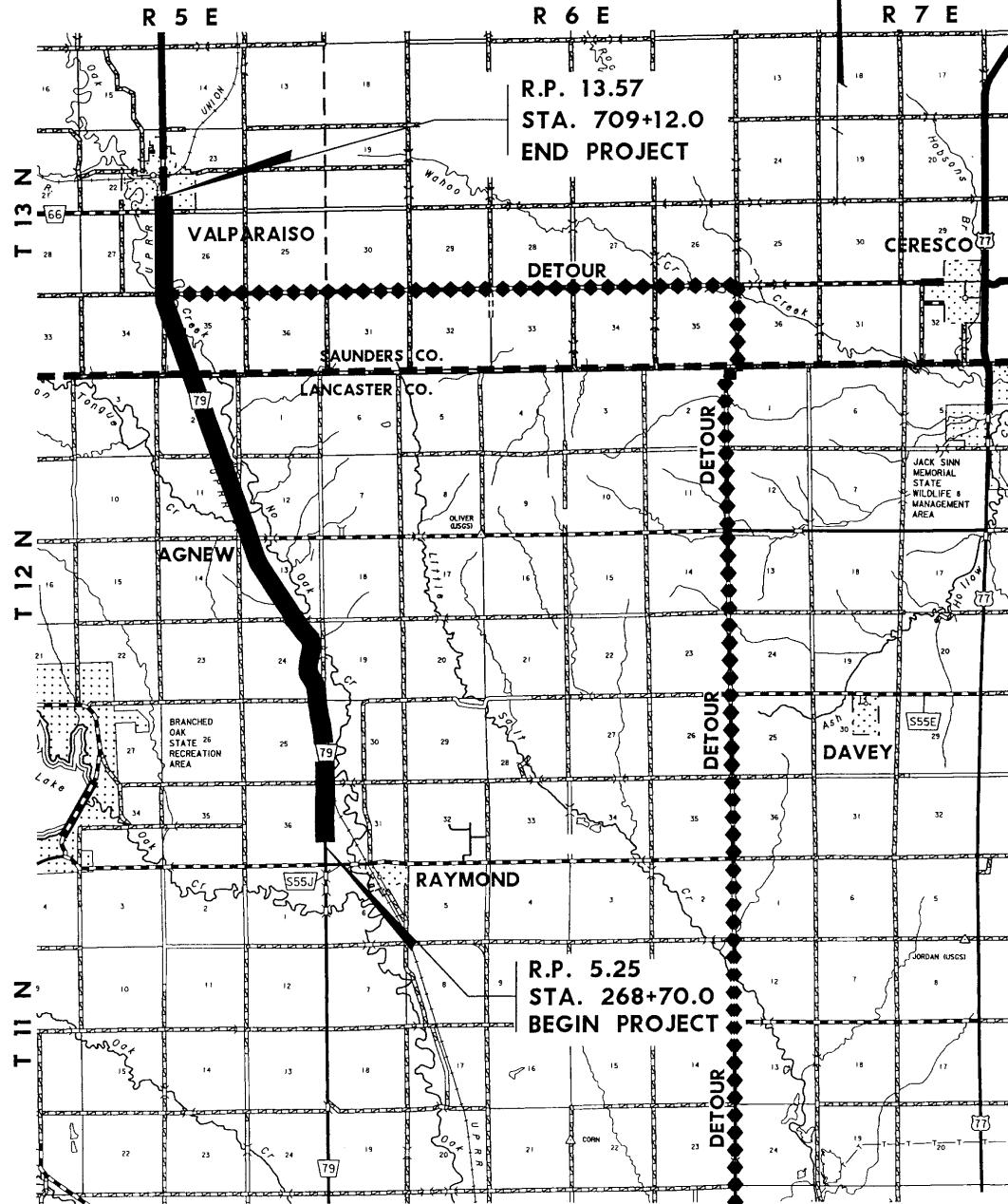
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Gerald Bartek, Roadway Design Division in Lincoln, (402) 479-4618.

AGNEW NORTH & SOUTH 79-2(108)

C.N. 10584a BOOK *
LANCASTER/SAUNDERS COUNTY



April 19, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Cornhusker Highway Under I-80 Closed Overnight

Cornhusker Highway will be closed under I-80 at the Airport Interchange from 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 21st until 6:00 a.m. Thursday, April 22nd, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. The road closure will allow for construction crews to remove sections of the I-80 bridge over Cornhusker Highway, weather permitting. The contractor for this work is Capital Contractors, Inc. of Lincoln.

Cornhusker Highway will remain open to the I-80 eastbound ramp. A marked detour will be provided that will route traffic on I-80 east to I-180 loops, then return on I-80 west. Traffic from NW 12th Street going east will be detoured west on I-80 to West "O" Street and return on I-80 east. Motorists from the City of Lincoln heading to the airport that night or early the next morning should use I-180 north to I-80 west to avoid delays.

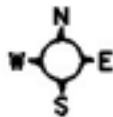
The closure will have marked detours. Motorists who use these routes are encouraged to watch for signing and follow the marked detours or plan alternate routes. A detour map for this closure is attached. General project info can be found on the Department of Roads' website, www.nebraskatransportation.org

For additional information contact:

Mike Sklenar at 471-0850 X1069 or Hugh Holak at 471-0850 X1061.

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Cornhusker Highway Detour Map



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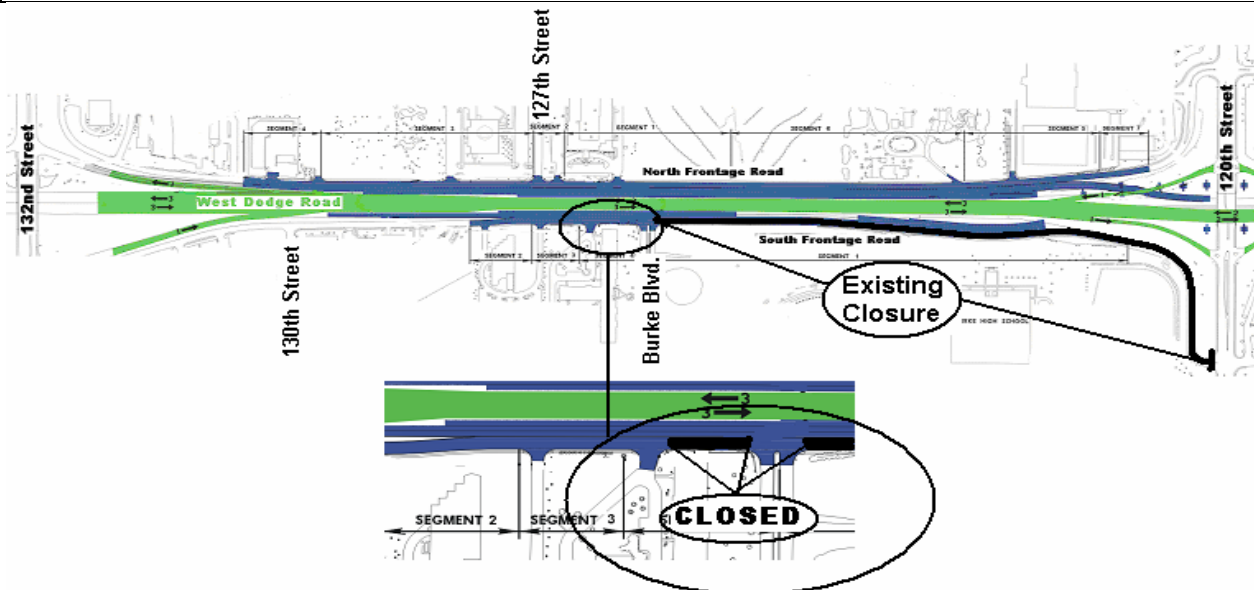
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Douglas County

Thursday, April 22, 2004, from Noon until 2 pm

(West Dodge South Frontage Road)

The South Frontage Road will be Closed both directions between 126th Street and Burke Boulevard.



This Closure is necessary for the construction of a retaining wall in front of Whitehall Condominiums.

Note: Businesses & Residents South of West Dodge Road & west of 126th Street will access the South Frontage Road from 132nd Street.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

www.westdodge.info

April 23, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work Scheduled to Begin on Highway 4

Construction work on Nebraska Highway 4, "Plymouth West," is set to begin on May 3, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. This construction work will include grading, culverts, bridge remodeling, and asphalt widening and overlay.

During construction, traffic will be maintained by the use of signs, flagmen, and pilot cars in the construction work zones and traffic will be rerouted on county roads for the bridge construction.

Werner Construction, Inc. of Hastings, Nebraska was awarded the \$2,195,877 contract for this construction work. This project is expected to be completed by October of this year. Highway Project Manager for this project is Dennis J. Endorf of the Fairbury Construction Office.

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For additional information contact:

Dennis J. Endorf, Highway Project Manager, Fairbury, (402) 729-3489

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April 23, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

“Smart” Work Zones on I-80 in the Omaha Area

The Nebraska Department of Roads has installed and activated an automated work-zone system on a major construction project along I-80 in the Omaha area. Located just east of the Platte River to Nebraska Highway 370, the system utilizes state-of-the-art technology aimed at improving work-zone safety and efficiency.

The system is designed to collect real-time data in the I-80 six-lane reconstruction project work zone between Ruff Road and Highway 370. Electronic detectors are in place to measure the speed of traffic. The information from the detectors is sent to a central computer system and then relayed to changeable message signs (CMS), alerting motorists of delays and advising them to slow down or take alternate routes.

There are 21 CMS boards and nine detectors in place along the nine-mile project and as far west as the Waverly I-80 Interchange. By locating some CMS sites outside the work zone and near the detour route on U.S. Highway 6, if any slow-downs or stoppages of traffic are detected 20 miles down the road, motorists can be directed away from the problem area as soon as possible and onto the detour route.

In addition to the detectors and CMS signs, two mobile camera units are located along the project to provide real-time viewing on an Internet website. By clicking on one of the CMS boards on the website map and following the color-coded instructions on the key, the viewer may find the current range for the speed of traffic. The website address is www.nebraskal80construction.com. A link to the website is also located on the NDOR website, www.nebraskatransportation.org.

The automated work-zone system will be operational around-the-clock during the construction season. At the end of the season, it will be removed from the construction work zone. The system will be remobilized the following spring. Watts Electric of Lincoln, Nebraska, has the \$400,000 contract for this initial “smart” work-zone project.

The main goal of the “smart” work-zone technology is to reduce to zero the number of rear-end crashes within the construction work zone. In addition, motorists are provided a timesaving tool to plan their travel route, avoiding delays and potentially dangerous situations. The automated work-zone systems have proven successful in many other states, including a similar system currently operating in North Carolina.

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For additional information contact:

Wallace Heyen, Signing and Marking Engineer, (402) 479-4594; or Rick Fisher, Project Manager, Omaha, (402) 595-2534, ext. 272

April 27, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House May 11 for Hwy. 4 Improvements in Lawrence Area

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House on Tuesday, May 11, regarding a project to improve about 10 miles of Nebraska Highway 4 west of Lawrence and improve the junction of Nebraska 4 and U.S. Highway 281. The open house will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the American Legion Post, 121 N. Calvert Street, in Lawrence.

Construction will include grading, surfacing, drainage structures and lighting. The project begins at the junction of U.S. 281 and Nebraska 4. The curve of U.S. 281 will be reconstructed on new alignment west of the current alignment. A left-turn lane will be added for southbound traffic to turn east. State Link 91D will be eliminated.

From the intersection east to Lawrence, the highway will be regraded and realigned at a number of locations. Roadside shoulders will be widened. County road intersections will be reconstructed. Lighting will be added at the junction with Nebraska Highway 78 and at the junction of U.S. 281.

Traffic on U.S. 281 will be routed on temporary roads around work zones during some phases of construction. Nebraska 4 will be closed to through traffic during construction, and that traffic will be detoured on Highways 281, 74 and 14. Additional property must be acquired for highway right-of-way throughout the project.

Construction will impact wetland areas and mitigation will be required. An estimated two acres of replacement wetlands will be established along the project or at a wetlands bank site.

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 developed by the Nebraska Department of Roads are available for public inspection at the District 4 Hastings Construction Office, located about six miles east of Hastings on the south side of U.S. Highway 6.

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For additional information contact:

Lonnie Huebert, Roadway Design Division in Lincoln, (402) 479-3934.

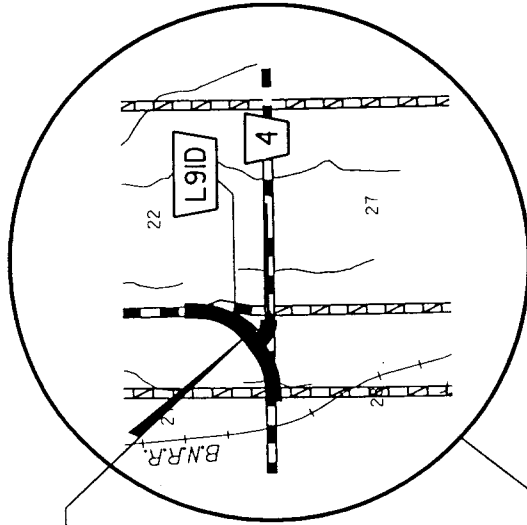
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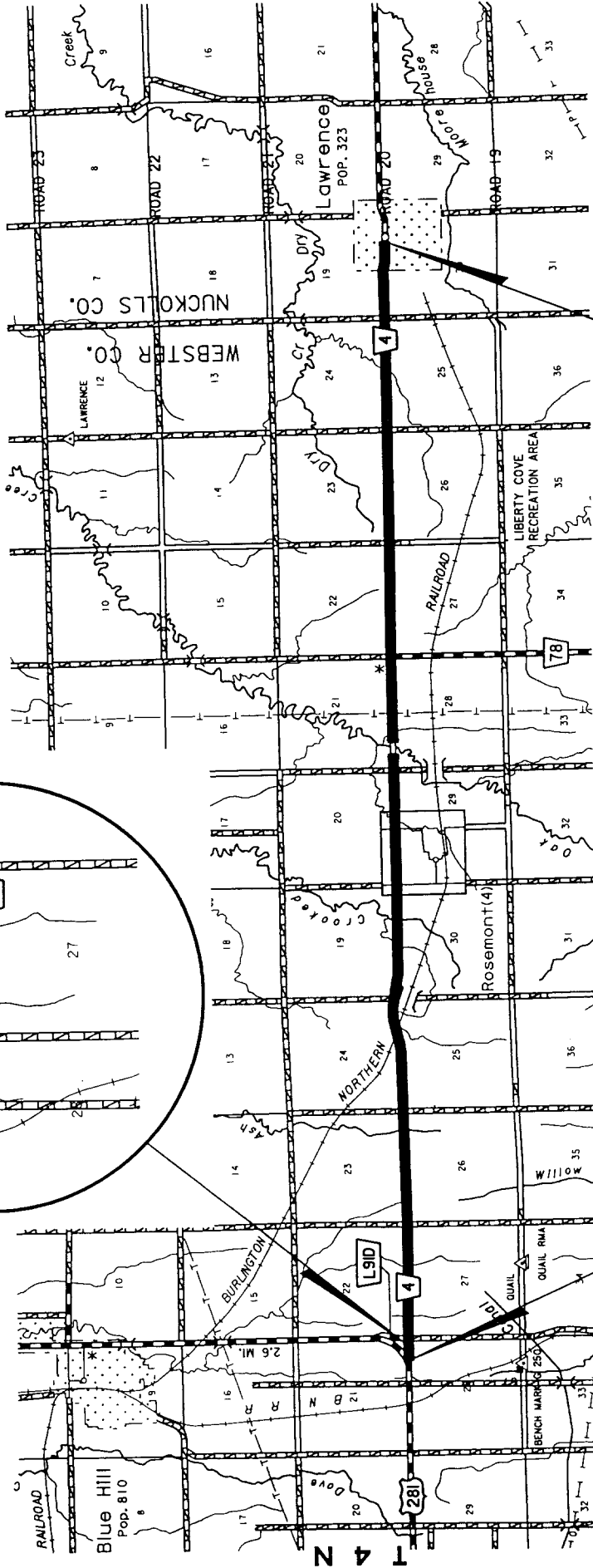
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NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Date: May 11, 2004
Time: 4 - 6 p.m.
Place: American Legion Post
121 N. Calvert St.
Lawrence, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding Project STPD-4-4(106), known as **Lawrence West**.

The project in Webster and Nuckolls counties will improve about 10 miles of Nebraska Highway 4 west of Lawrence and improve the junction of Nebraska 4 and U.S. Highway 281.

Construction will include grading, surfacing, drainage structures and lighting.

The project begins at the junction of U.S. 281 and Nebraska 4. The curve of U.S. 281 will be reconstructed on new alignment west of the current alignment. A left-turn lane will be added for south-bound traffic to turn east. State Link 91D will be eliminated.

From the intersection east to Lawrence, the highway will be regraded and realigned at a number of locations. Road-side shoulders will be widened. County road intersections will be reconstructed.

Lighting will be added at the junction with Nebraska Highway 78 and at the junction of U.S. 281.

Traffic on U.S. 281 will be routed on temporary roads around work zones

during some phases of construction. Nebraska 4 will be closed to through traffic during construction, and that traffic will be detoured on Highways 281, 74 and 14.

Additional property must be acquired for highway right-of-way throughout the project.

Construction will impact wetlands areas and mitigation will be required. An estimated 2 acres of replacement wetlands will be established along the project or at a wetlands bank site.

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 April 27, 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.

Plans developed by the Nebraska Department of Roads will be available for public inspection at the District 4 Hastings Construction Office, located about 6 miles east of Hastings on the south side of U.S. Highway 6. Call (402) 462-1996 for an appointment.

For further information regarding the project, contact Lonnie Huebert, Roadway Design Division, in Lincoln at (402) 479-3934.

**Notice of Bridge Location Hearing
Rulo Bridge
May 27, 2004, 6:30 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads, along with the State Highway Commission will hold a Bridge Location Hearing regarding Project BR-159-7(105), known as "Rulo Bridge," on May 27, 2004, 6:30 p.m., at Camp Rulo River Club, riverside south of Hwy. 159, Rulo, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF BRIDGE LOCATION HEARING

Date: May 27, 2004
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Camp Rulo River Club
(Riverside south of Hwy 159)
Rulo, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads and the State Highway Commission will hold a public hearing regarding location of a new Missouri River bridge at Rulo.

Nebraska is the lead agency, in coordination with the Missouri Department of Transportation, for a study about replacing the existing historic bridge. The project is identified as BR-159-7(105) and is known as **Rulo Bridge**.

Two possible alignments for a new bridge remain under consideration. The preferred alignment for a new two-lane structure is about 600 feet south of the existing bridge. Bridge replacement will require roadway reconstruction in Rulo and on the Missouri side of the river.

The new bridge will be constructed while traffic is maintained on the existing bridge. Local detours in Rulo will be used during some phases of construction.

Acquisition of private property will be required to construct the project. Possible acquisitions include 5 residences, of which one is an historic residence, and one commercial property. The department's Relocation Assistance Program will be available.

Bridge replacement will impact wetlands areas, mostly on the Missouri side of the river. The department intends to establish replacement wetlands at a mitigation site.

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement regarding the project was approved by the Federal Highway Administration on Feb. 11, 2004. It is available for public review and comment in the Nebraska Department of

Roads Central Headquarters at 1500 Hwy 2 in Lincoln, the NDOR District 1 Office at 302 Superior St. in Lincoln, the Nebraska Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration at 100 Centennial Mall North in Lincoln, the Rulo Library at 1st and Stutzman Streets in Rulo, through Rulo Village Clerk Rachelle Keller at 402-245-2030, and in the Missouri Department of Transportation Office at 3602 No. Belt Hwy in St. Joseph, Mo. Copies of the document also will be available at the public hearing.

The public hearing is being held to provide information about potential location of the new bridge. All people are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions.

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.

The public is invited to stop at the hearing location from 4 - 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 about the proposed improvements.

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 May 13, 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 in Lincoln at (402) 479-4417.

Website: www.dor.state.ne.us

State Headquarters
1500 Highway 2
Lincoln, NE 68502-5480
Communication Office: (402)479-4512

April 29, 2004

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., May 7, 2004, in Room 103, Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln.

The principal agenda item is:

- ◆ Grading the April 2, 2004, written examination

The meeting is open to the public.

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Agenda as of April 28, 2004, enclosed.

For additional information contact:
LeMoyne D. Schulz (402) 479-4436

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Agenda
for the Meeting of
**BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY
AND CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENTS**
May 7, 2004, 10:00 a.m.
Nebraska Department of Roads
Central Headquarters Building Highway Commission Room 103
1500 Highway 2, Lincoln Nebraska

Call to Order – Chairperson

Roll Call – Staff

Changes to Published Agenda – Staff

Minutes of April 2, 2004, Meeting

Professional Engineer application for a City Street Superintendent license: *(None)*

Professional Engineer application for a County Highway Superintendent license: *(None)*

Professional Engineer application for a County Highway Superintendent and City Street Superintendent licenses: *(None)*

Second Licenses issued administratively since April 2, 2004: *(None)*

Grading of April 2, 2004 County Highway and City Street Superintendent Written Examination
(Executive Session)

Statewide news release for newly licensed County Highway and City Street Superintendents.

Consider statement of contracted services for preparation and grading examination

Review of *(0)* new applicants and *(0)* re-applicants for the October 1, 2004, County Highway Superintendent and City Street Superintendent examination.

Preparation for October 1, 2004, Written Examination and September 1-3, 2004, Pre-Examination Workshop, including the following:

- New plan reading materials *(Deferred)*

Implementation of LB 500, County Highway and City Street Superintendents Act

- Status of revised Operating Procedures (under the Regulations) *(Deferred)*
- Status of revised Class A Application Logs & Affidavits *(Deferred)*
- Approve Class B Application Form *(Deferred)*
- Approve procedure for finalizing re-written Licensing Regulations (425 NAC 2) and Procedural Regulations (425 NAC 1) and scheduling a Public Hearing

Other Business

- Legislative Update

Correspondence and General Information

Acknowledgement of visitors

Next Meeting: August 20, 2004, 10:00 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads, Central Headquarters Building, Highway Commission Room 103, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Adjournment

Note: The business meeting is open to attendance of the public. The grading of the April 2, 2004 written examination is closed to attendance of the public.