

April 1, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

National GIS Leaders To Meet in Lincoln

The Eighteenth Annual “Geospatial Information Systems for Transportation” workshops and symposium will be held at the Lincoln Cornhusker Hotel, April 3-6, hosted by the Nebraska Department of Roads.

This year’s GIS-T symposium will emphasize the migration of GIS and highlight the many uses of geospatial technologies relating to the transportation industry.

Guests will be welcomed to the symposium by Lincoln Mayor Coleen Seng, Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman and Nebraska Department of Roads’ Director John Craig.

A wide variety of presentations and state-of-the-art demonstrations in technology hall will be available for transportation professionals, industry executives and for public and private GIS professionals throughout the four days.

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For additional information contact:
Dick Genrich, GIS Mgr., (402) 479-4550.

April 4, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

National Work-Zone Safety Awareness Week April 3-9

April 3-9 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 Dave Heineman 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. This year's national focus is on enforcement.

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 2003. Nine 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.

The importance of law enforcement in monitoring highway work zones will be stressed with increased staff at the Nebraska State Patrol this year.

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.

April 4, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work on Hallam Spur to Begin April 18

Work is scheduled to begin April 18 on the Hallam Spur (S55H), according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Pavers, Inc. of Lincoln has the \$798,715 contract for milling, asphalt surfacing, and shoulder work. The project begins at the junction of Highway 77 and the Hallam Spur and runs 4 miles west to Hallam. There will be a 10' width limit in the work area. Work is anticipated to be completed in late May.

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

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For additional information contact:

District Construction Engineer Mike Sklenar in Lincoln, 471-0850, ext. 1069, or Paul Dodson in Lincoln, 471-0850, ext. 1071.
RD-S55H(1016)

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April 6, 2005

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 15, 2005, in the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Building Auditorium at 1500 Highway 2 in Lincoln.

The agenda includes:

- ◆ Addition of projects to the Gage, Fillmore and Wayne Counties of One- and Six-Year Road and Street Improvement Plans.
- ◆ State-Aid Bridge Fund applications from Dodge, Frontier and Wheeler Counties.
- ◆ Informal hearings:
 - 9:30 a.m. Buffalo County request for Relaxation of Standards for replacement of a wood structure with culverts on a Minimum Maintenance Road;
 - 9:40 a.m. Custer County request for Relaxation of Standards for placement of an auto gate on a Minimum Maintenance Road.

The meeting is open to the public.

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Detailed agenda as of April 6, 2005 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 15, 2005, 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 18, 2005, meeting

Status Report – 2004-2005 Standardized System of Annual Reports (*NDOR, 93 County and 527 Municipal reports received, 4 Municipal reports are delinquent*)

Update on of suspension of Highway Allocation funds to the following Municipalities for failure to submit the 2004-2005 Standardized System of Annual reports in accordance with Neb.Rev.Stat. Sec. 39-2120 and 39-2121 (*suspension requested 4/4/05*)

Cedar Bluffs Magnet Osmond

Consideration of lifting of suspension (*none as of 4/6/05*)

Status Report – 2005 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road, and Street Plan Submittals (*89 County and 513 Municipal plans received, 18 Municipal plans are delinquent*)

2005 One- and Six-Year Highway Road, and Street Plan Revisions (*number of projects in parentheses*)

- A. Gage County (1) – replace bridge with culverts.
- B. Fillmore County (1) – grading, aggregate surfacing and replace bridge.
- C. Wayne County (2) – replace a bridge and a timber structure with culverts.

State Aid Bridge Fund Applications (4) – Dodge, Frontier and Wheeler Counties

9:30 a.m. Informal Hearing – Buffalo County request for Relaxation of Standards for replacement of a wood structure with culverts on a Minimum Maintenance Road, Project C-10(840). Consideration of request.

9:40 a.m. Informal Hearing – Custer County request for Relaxation of Standards for placement of an auto gate on a Minimum Maintenance Road. Consideration of request.

Other Business:

- Report on State and Federal Legislative Issues

Correspondence and General Information:

- Miscellaneous correspondence

Acknowledgement of visitors

Next meeting May 20, 2005, 9:00 a.m., Ramada Limited South, Goldenrod Room, 1511 Center Park Road, Lincoln, Nebraska

Adjournment

April 8, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Road Superintendents Receive Advanced Licenses.

152 persons are the first recipients of the new Class A County Highway and City Street Superintendent's license. Created in 2003 by the Unicameral Legislature and administered through recently approved regulations, the Class A license recognizes experience. A Class A license is renewable every three years upon evidence of continuing education. The list of Class A licensees follows below.

Nebraska's unique system of voluntary licensure was enacted in 1969 as part of a comprehensive initiative to improve county, municipal and state highways, roads and streets. To qualify for the basic (Class B) Superintendent's license, an individual must pass a rigorous examination or hold a Registered Professional Engineer's license.

Applicants for a Class A license must hold a Class B license and must have either two years' experience as a county's or municipality's employed highway or street superintendent, or four years of comparable experience. Counties and municipalities with a Class A Superintendent qualify for double the annual Incentive Funds payment for having a licensed superintendent.

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There are 418 Nebraska licensed individuals (Class B or Class A) serving the majority of the state's 93 counties and 531 municipalities. 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.

Gering Senator Adrian Smith introduced the legislation creating the Class A license.

The roster of the members of the Board of Examiners also is provided.

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Attachments:

- Names/towns of Class A licensees
- Roster of the Board of Examiners

For additional information contact:

LeMoyne Schulz (402) 479-4436 or Andy Cunningham (402) 479-4569

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**Recipients of Class A County Highway or
City Street Superintendent License**

**Board of Examiners for County Highway and
City Street Superintendents
State of Nebraska
4/1/05**

Gene R. Acklie, Scottsbluff
Dennis L. Allen, Oshkosh
Kent H. Anderson, Paxton
Gregory J. Anderson, Juniata
Jean C. Andrews, Fremont
Wayne T. Bach, Franklin
John T. Baker, Scottsbluff
Kevin R. Barta, Niobrara
Timothy A. Baxter, Holdrege
Ronald Kirk Beguin, Rushville
Rex A. Behrends, Beatrice
Terry L. Birnbaum, Chadron
Philip Mark Bohl, Gering
Victor W. Campbell, Oshkosh
Mark E. Casey, Emerson
Richard C. Cayer, Alliance
Edgar Coatman, Fairbury
Gary P. Connot, O'Neill
Scott A. Cowles, Wahoo
Russell L. Daehling, Staplehurst
Kevin B. Daily, Elkhorn
Orville R. Davidson, York
Gerhard H. Dicenta, McCook
Phillip W. Dixon, Pleasanton
Stephen W. Dodd, Fremont
Michael D. Dolezal, Venango
Alan D. Doll, Blair
Richard J. Douglas, Hastings
Thomas D. Doyle, Omaha
Larry G. Duval, Holdrege
Michael E. Eberhardt, Aurora
Galen D. Engel, Beatrice
Dwight H. Englert, North Platte
Marlon G. Eskew, Imperial
Kara D. Essman, Chappell
Roger A. Figard, Lincoln
Bruce H. Filipi, Milligan
Robert D. Fleming, Nebraska City
Terry L. Frank, Humboldt
Sarah M. Fredrick, Ashton
Dale E. Frickey, Bridgeport
LeRoy G. Gerrard, York
Keith L. Gilmore, Columbus

Bruce L. Gilmore, Columbus
John G. Goldman, Bellevue
George H. Graham, Bellevue
Dennis C. Graham, Holdrege
Jimmie L. Graves, Central City
Bobby R. Hamilton, Orleans
William J. Hansel, Fairbury
James W. Hawks, North Platte
Richard E. Heinrichs, Hebron
Elmer W. Hessheimer, Geneva
Jerry L. Hitchcock, North Platte
Daniel J. Hostler, Grand Island
Chris P. Jacobsen, Broken Bow
Pat L. Jacobson, Cozad
Dennis E. Jeppson, Wahoo
Donald J. Jiracek, Verdigre
Scott M. Johnson, Grand Island
Stanley V. Johnson, Kearney
Richard C. Johnson, Norfolk
Troy M. Johnston, Wahoo
Barbara J. Keegan, Hemingford
Marlin G. Kliewer, Beatrice
Lary G. Kment, Hooper
James D. Koch, Norfolk
Anthony J. Krajewski, Paxton
Thomas L. Krueger, Hastings
Brian L. Langenberg, Bertrand
Marty J. Leming, Papillion
Maxon E. Leth, North Loup
Larry A. Lewis, Lincoln
Merlin E. Lindahl, Columbus
Frederick M. Liss, Columbus
Mark W. Mainelli, Lincoln
James K. McDonald, David City
Brian E. McDonald, Norfolk
Richard G. McKenney, Ord
Terry J. Mead, Norfolk
Leona C. Meier, West Point
Michael S. Mell, Ogallala
Larry R. Merz, Falls City
Rickey A. Meter, Gering
Jay T. Meyer, Scotia
Dawn R. Miller, Hastings

Christopher A. Miller, Kearney
Reed A. Miller, Kearney
Billy Joe Mitchell, Chappell
Elaine J. Mossman, Columbus
Donald M. Neary, Tekamah
Thomas L. Noel, Sidney
Calvin A. Nordmeyer, Seward
Carla J. O'Dell, Brady
Jeff R. Palik, Grand Island
Steven A. Parr, Wahoo
Kim D. Parsons, Holdrege
Cheryl K. Parsons, Fort Calhoun
Donald L. Pettigrew, Valentine
Robert J. Piontkowski, Loup City
Kevin L. Prior, Grand Island
Bruce G. Raddatz, Holdrege
Clay H. Radtke, Sidney
Scott D. Rathjen, York
Steven J. Rix, Clearwater
Don L. Robb, Superior
Richard L. Robinson, Lincoln
Kathryn M. Russell, Minden
Milo J. Rust, Chadron
Timothy W. Ryan, Keystone
James E. Ryschon, Kimball
Sidney A. Saunders, Wayne
M. C. Schaff, Scottsbluff
Allen R. Schoemaker, Omaha
Linda Siel, Guide Rock
Ronald G. Sklenar, Ravenna
Timothy L. Smith, Benkelman
Peggy L. Smith, Decatur
Lloyd C. Smith, Valentine

Michael J. Snyder, Edison
Joseph H. Soucie, Jr., Papillion
Richard E. Speck, Farnam
Glen P. Steffensmeier, Clarkson
Gary W. Story, Kearney
Darla J. Svoboda, Aurora
Brian R. Sweeney, Scottsbluff
Darold E. Tagge, Holdrege
C. Ardell Talkington, Red Cloud
Don R. Thomas, Lincoln
Donald E. Thompson, Sutherland
Jim J. Truksa, David City
Robert C. Tyler, Mitchell
Hugh D. Uglow, Kimball
Kathryn K. Uhl, Hartington
Henry T. Vieregger, Omaha
David L. Wacker, Hastings
Brett J. Wawers, Omaha
Keith G. Weber, Cook
Richard W. Weber, Bellevue
William L. Wehling, Beatrice
Thomas C. Werblow, North Platte
Jeffrey R. Wernsman, Sidney
Evan B. Wickersham, Nebraska City
Gilbert R. Wilcox, Holdrege
Randy M. Wilkins, Plattsmouth
Michael D. Winter, Gordon
Jeff Wolfe, Gering
Steve W. Wolford, Hastings
Greg A. Wolford, McCook
Gregory D. Wood, Lincoln
Ronald J. Woracek, Omaha
Jerry Blaine Yardley, Rushville

**STATE OF NEBRASKA
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY
AND CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENTS**

Member, Town	Responsibility	Term Expires	Representation
<u>County Representatives (4)</u>			
Kent H. Anderson, Paxton	Arthur & Dundy Counties Highway Supt.	10-27-06	Class 1 County
Thomas D. Doyle, Omaha	Douglas Co. Highway Supt. (Co. Engineer)	10-27-06	Class 7 County
Dale E. Frickey, Bridgeport	Morrill County Highway Supt.	10-27-07	Class 2 County
Lary G. Kment, Hooper	Dodge County Highway Supt.	10-27-07	Class 5 County
<u>Municipal Representatives (3)</u>			
Orville R. Davidson, York	Director of Public Works, York	10-27-06	First Class City; Congressional Dist. 3
Thomas F. McDonald, Omaha	former Street Maintenance Supt., Omaha	10-27-06	Metropolitan or Primary Class City; Congressional Dist. 2
Larry R. Merz, Falls City	Director of Public Works, Falls City	10-27-07	Village or 2 nd Class City; Congressional Dist. 1

The seven members are appointed by the Governor to four-year terms. All members must hold a current license as a county highway or city street superintendent prior to appointment. Of the four county representatives, no more than one member shall be appointed from each class of county. Of the three municipal representatives, no more than one shall be appointed from each congressional district, one of whom shall be a representative of a city of over 100,000 population (Omaha or Lincoln) one of whom shall be a representative of a city of 5,000 to 100,000 population (First Class City), and one of whom shall be a representative of a municipality having less than 5,000 population (Second Class City or Village). (39-2304 Neb.Rev.Stat.)

COUNTY CLASSIFICATIONS (23-1114.01 NEB.REV.STAT.)

- Class 1 Less than 3,000 Population (21 counties)
- Class 2 3,000 to 8,999 Population (37 counties)
- Class 3 9,000 to 13,999 Population (15 counties)
- Class 4 14,000 to 19,999 Population (5 counties)
- Class 5 20,000 to 59,999 Population (12 counties)
- Class 6 60,000 to 199,999 Population (Sarpy County)
- Class 7 Over 200,000 Population (Lancaster and Douglas Counties)

**Notice of Pre-Appraisal Meeting
Ord to Burwell
May 3, 2005
4:00-6:00 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting about plans to improve Nebraska Highway 11 from Ord to the Garfield County line. The meeting for Project STPD-11-3(108), known as "Ord to Burwell," will be held on May 3, 2005, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Veterans Club Ballroom, 246 S. 15th, Ord, Nebraska.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF PRE-APPRAISAL MEETING

Date: May 3, 2005
Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Place: Veterans Club Ballroom
246 S. 15
Ord, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting about plans to improve Nebraska Highway 11 from Ord to the Garfield County line.

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

The proposed project in Valley County, identified as STPD-11-3(108) and known as **Ord to Burwell**, will widen almost 12 ¼ miles of Nebraska 11 with 2 foot surfaced shoulders. Improvements include grading, surfacing, drainage and irrigation structures, realigning some intersecting roads, and roadway lighting at some intersections.

In Ord, Nebraska Highway 70 will be widened to add a right-turn lane for westbound traffic turning north onto Nebraska 11. The new lane will begin just west of 25th Street and end just west of the junction with Nebraska 11.

Also in Ord, Nebraska 11 will be widened at the intersection with Dane Creek Drive. Left-turn lanes will be added to serve northbound and southbound traffic turning from Nebraska 11. Additional roadway lighting is under consideration.

In Elyria, the location of the highway will be shifted towards the northeast to facilitate realigning some intersecting roads. No street closure is planned in Elyria. Additional roadway lighting is under consideration within the corporate limits of Elyria.

The project will be constructed under traffic. Temporary roads around work zones will be used during some phases

of construction. Construction of culverts under the highway may temporarily reduce traffic to one lane around the work zone.

Private property must be acquired for highway right-of-way throughout the length of the project. Control of access to the highway may be continued near the intersection of Nebraska 11 and Nebraska 70 in Ord.

Construction will impact wetlands areas and mitigation will be required for about 1 acre. The department intends to establish replacement wetlands at a site within the area watershed. The mitigation site has yet to be determined. The site also will provide wetlands mitigation for three other highway projects planned between North Loup and Burwell.

In order to construct the Ord-Burwell project, two drainage channels lie within the limits of construction and must be shifted. The ditches run parallel to the east side of the highway in Sec. 9 and Sec. 15 of T20N-R15W. Relocated channels must include a 50-foot-wide buffer zone under federal rules.

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 18, 2005. 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 developed by the Nebraska Department of Roads are available for public inspection at the District 4 Office, 211 N. Tilden St. in Grand Island, and at the NDOR Headquarters, 1500 Highway 2 in Lincoln. Information also is available at www.dor.state.ne.us on the internet.

For further information regarding the proposed project, contact Ed Palandri of the Roadway Design Division in Lincoln at (402) 479-4601.

April 11, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Tuesday, April 12, 2005 @ 10:00PM
Until
Wednesday, April 13, 2005 @ 6:00AM

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Wednesday, April 13, 2005 @ 10:00PM
Until
Thursday, April 14, 2005 @ 6:00AM

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Thursday, April 14, 2005 @ 10:00PM
Until
Friday, April 15, 2005 @ 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 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 12, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work Set to Begin April 25 on Highway 4 Between Plymouth and Beatrice

Construction work on Highway 4, between Plymouth and Beatrice, is set to begin April 25, according to the Department of Roads.

Werner Construction, Inc. of Hastings has the \$999,402 contract for milling, patching and an overlay of the existing surface. The project is expected to be completed by June of this year. Traffic will be maintained with the use of signs, flaggers, and pilot cars in the construction work zones.

The Department of Roads manager for this project is Dennis Endorf of Fairbury.

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For additional information on this project contact:

Department of Roads Construction Engineer Mike Sklenar in Lincoln, (402) 471-0850, ext. 1069, or Dennis Endorf in Fairbury, (402) 729-3489.

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April 14, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Hearing April 28 for Hwy. 1 Improvements in Elmwood Area

The Nebraska Department of Roads and the State Highway Commission will hold a Public Hearing Thursday, April 28, regarding reconstruction of Nebraska Highway 1 and widening of two bridges near Elmwood. The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m., at the Fire Station, 601 N. 4th Street, in Elmwood.

The proposed project in Cass County begins at the junction with U.S. Highway 34 and proceeds north for about 2½ miles.

The project involves grading, asphalt surfacing, drainage structures and lighting. The completed two-lane highway will have 8-foot-wide shoulders, two feet of which will be surfaced next to the driving lanes. New concrete surfacing, curb and gutter, storm sewer and sidewalks will be constructed in Elmwood.

Bridges proposed for widening as part of the project involve the bridge over the North Branch of Weeping Water Creek, located just north of Elmwood, and the bridge over Beaver Creek, located about two miles north of town.

During construction, through traffic will be detoured along U.S. 34 and Nebraska Highway 50. Temporary roadways around work zones may be used during some phases of construction. Private property must be acquired for highway right-of-way throughout the length of the project.

Construction will impact wetlands areas and mitigation will be required for less than ½ acre. The department intends to establish replacement wetlands either along the project or at one of the wetlands mitigation banksites located in Lancaster County.

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 NDOR District 1 Office, 302 Superior Street, in Lincoln, and at the Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln. Information also is available on the Internet at www.dor.state.ne.us.

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For additional information contact:

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

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April 14, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NDOR, City of Lincoln Studying Future of U.S. Highway 6/Sun Valley Boulevard

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) and the City of Lincoln are planning improvements for U.S. Highway 6/Sun Valley Boulevard, to accommodate future traffic demand and also to improve mobility, safety and security of the public.

The existing US-6/Sun Valley Boulevard is a two-lane north-south diagonal connection between Cornhusker Highway and West "O" Street. It currently handles an average of about 20,350 vehicles per day near Cornhusker and 15,500 near West "O". These volumes are anticipated to increase in the future.

The project is in the study stage, with construction tentatively planned after 2010. The actual construction schedule will depend upon available funding.

NDOR and the City have hired The Schemmer Associates of Lincoln and Carter & Burgess of Denver to conduct a location study and Environmental Assessment (EA) of the corridor.

The EA considers the project's expected effects on the environment, assessing impacts to homes, businesses, parks, traffic, water resources, hazardous waste sites and natural habitats. The following three alternatives are part of the Environmental Assessment process:

Alternative 1

- ◆ Realign US-6 (north of Westgate Boulevard) so that it connects to Cornhusker Highway at 1st Street.
- ◆ Widen the road to provide two through lanes in each direction, separated by a raised median. Turning lanes would be provided at intersections.
- ◆ Remove the existing two-lane Sun Valley Boulevard from Line Drive northeast to 10th Street, including the overpass over Interstate 180.

Alternative 2

- ◆ Widen the road to provide two through lanes in each direction along the existing alignment, separated by a raised median. Turning lanes would be provided at intersections.

Alternative 3 (“No Build”)

- ◆ US-6/Sun Valley would remain two lanes on the existing alignment, with some minor intersection improvements.

A project newsletter and webpage have been developed and are available by visiting www.schemmer.com/projects/sunvalley.php. Information is also available in Spanish.

Links to this website are also available on the NDOR website,

www.nebraskatransportation.org/projects; or the City website, www.lincoln.ne.gov (follow “City Construction Projects” link).

A public hearing on the project is currently scheduled for early 2006, following the release of the Draft EA document. The study process is scheduled to conclude by mid- to late-2006, with final review by the Federal Highway Administration. Once the studies conclude, engineering design can begin.

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For additional information, contact:

Steve McBeth, NDOR Corridor Studies Engineer, 479-4417; Virendra Singh, City of Lincoln Long-Term Planning Manager, 441-7835.

April 14, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work to Resume April 18 on US 136, Fairbury to Jensen

Asphalt overlay, guardrail, and shoulder work is to resume on U.S. Highway 136, April 18, according to the Department of Roads.

The construction project will begin at the intersection of U.S. 136 and County Road 566 west of Fairbury and continue east through Fairbury to the intersection of U.S. Highway 136 and County Road 573 on the west edge of Jensen. Werner Construction Company of Hastings has the \$1,843,308.36 contract for this project.

Traffic will be maintained on U.S. 136 with the use of signs, flaggers, and pilot cars in the work zones. Anticipated completion of this project is slated for July.

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For additional information contact:

Allen A. Vandegrift in Fairbury, (402) 729-3489.

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April 15, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Saturday, April 16th 2005

6:30 A.M. Until 9:00 A.M.

**Westbound 120th Street Off-Ramp
from
Dodge Street to 120th Street
will be Closed**

These closure is necessary for bridge work.

Hawkins Construction Company is the contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

April 15, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

State Highway Commission Monthly Agenda Announced

The State Highway Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting April 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' 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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Nebraska State Highway Commission
Educational Briefing & Discussion

Friday, April 22, 2005

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

Agenda

*Follow-up and Comments in re:
Commission Transportation/Telecommunications Committee
Dinner Meeting – 4/21/05*

Preview of Annual Surface Transportation Program Book – Roger Winkelhake

Update – NDOR's Rules, Regulations, and Policies, John Jacobsen, Deputy Director

Funding – “Lincoln West & South Beltways”, NDOR Staff

Update – Retention/Elimination of a District Construction Engineer Position – NDOR Staff