

August 1, 2006

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Sarpy County

Wednesday, August 2, 2006 @ 9:00AM  
For  
Approximately 2 Months

**Lincoln Road will be Closed West of Hwy US-6/N-31.**

This Closure is necessary for the construction of Lincoln Road at Hwy US-6/N-31.

Chas Vrana Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

**For additional information contact:**

Marvin Lech PE  
District Construction Engineer



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August 3, 2006

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Work on Little Salt Creek Bridge at I-80**

On Thursday, August 3rd, at 9:00 P.M., JMN Construction, will be closing the westbound driving lane of I-80, on the Little Salt Creek Bridge north of Lincoln, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. Traffic will be maintained in the westbound passing lane, and the west-bound exit ramp at 27<sup>th</sup> Street interchange will remain open.

The lane closure is necessary to relocate concrete protection barriers on the project. The work requiring the lane closure should be completed by 6:00 A.M. Friday morning, August 4<sup>th</sup>. In the event of rain, the closure will be rescheduled.

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**Contact:**

Project Manager Joe Kuehn, (402) 471-0850 Ext. 1020

NH-80-9(853)

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**Notice of Highway Public Hearing  
"Louisville South Bypass"  
September 12, 2006  
7:30 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads along with the State Highway Commission will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed location of a new alignment for Nebraska Highway 66 around the south and east side of Louisville. The meeting for Project DPS-TCSP-66-7(112), known as "Louisville South Bypass," will be held on September 12, 2006, 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 423 Elm Street, in Louisville.

# NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF HIGHWAY PUBLIC HEARING

**Date:** Sept. 12, 2006  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Senior Center  
423 Elm St.  
Louisville, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads along with the State Highway Commission will hold a public hearing about the proposed location of a new alignment for Nebraska Highway 66 around the south and east side of Louisville.

The project, identified as DPS-TCSP-66-7(112) and known as **Louisville South Bypass**, will connect Nebraska Highway 50 on the west with Highway 66 on the east.

The bypass will be a two-lane roadway about 3 miles long. The new highway will begin at Nebraska 50 just south of Kiser Road and connect with existing Nebraska 66 just east of 144<sup>th</sup> Street.

Segments of some existing county roads will be realigned where they intersect the bypass. Upon completion of construction, the existing segment of Nebraska 66 through Louisville will be relinquished to the city and a segment of the existing highway east of Louisville will be relinquished to Cass County.

Acquisition of land will be required for highway right-of-way throughout the length of the project. Control of access to the new bypass will be acquired.

Construction will impact less than 1 acre of wetlands and mitigation will be required. The department intends to establish replacement wetlands near the project or at a wetlands mitigation banksite.

Construction is anticipated to impact an archeological site. An artifact recovery plan has been prepared.

A Draft Environmental Assessment of the project, including a noise study report, was approved for circulation by the Federal High-

way Administration on June 16, 2006.

The document is available for public review and comment at the Louisville Public Library, 217 Main St., the Nebraska Department of Roads Planning and Project Development Division at 1500 Highway 2 in Lincoln, and the Nebraska Division of the Federal Highway Administration at 100 Centennial Mall North in Lincoln. Copies will be available at the public hearing.

The public hearing is being held to provide information about 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.

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***The public is invited to stop at the hearing location from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. for 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.***

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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 Aug. 29, 2006. 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 will be available for inspection in the Planning and Project Development Division, 1400 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

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

Website: [www.dor.state.ne.us](http://www.dor.state.ne.us)

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

August 9, 2006

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., August 18, 2006 in Room 129, Department of Roads, Materials & Research Bldg., 1400 Highway 2, Lincoln.

The principal agenda items are:

- ◆ Approval of candidates for October 6, 2006 Examination
- ◆ Final preparations for the September 6-8 Applicants' Workshop and the October 6, 2006 Examination

The meeting is open to the public.

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Agenda as of August 9, 2006 enclosed.

**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

August 18, 2006, 10:00 a.m.

Nebraska Department of Roads  
Central Headquarters, Materials and Research Building, Room 129  
1400 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska

Call to Order – Chairperson

Roll Call – Staff

Open Meetings Act, Agenda, Material provided by Board's Staff and Sign-in  
Sheet - Chairperson

Changes to Published Agenda – Staff

Minutes of May 5, 2006, Meeting

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

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

Professional Engineer application for County Highway Superintendent license, Class B and  
City Street Superintendent license, Class B: *(1)*

- Mr. Jesse Hurlbert, Holdrege, NE.

Second Licenses issued administratively since May 5, 2006: *(3)*

- Ms. Jacqueline S. Hetrick, Grand Island, NE, S-1367 Class B City.
- Mr. Casey C. Sherlock, Grand Island, NE, S-1368 Class B City.
- Mr. Jason O. Allen, Gering, NE, S-1369 Class B County.

Class B Licenses (second licenses) upgraded to Class A administratively since May 5, 2006:  
*(None)*

Review and approval/disapproval of *(8)* new applicants and *(0)* re-applicants for the October 6,  
2006, County Highway Superintendent and City Street Superintendent examination. *(8)*.  
*(Executive Session)*. *(Reminder postcards were sent July 24, 2006 to persons who had  
received application packets.)*

Final Preparation for October 6, 2006, Written Examination and September 6-8, 2006,  
Pre-Examination Workshop, including the following:

- New plan reading materials *(Deferred)*

Thirty-Sixth Annual Report *(Mailed July 13, 2006.)*

Annual billing for Class B license renewal *(October 6, 2006, mailing to licensees)*

- Separate mailings: • Holders of Class B only • Holders of Class B & Class A.
- Approve Renewal Notice.
- Approve 2007 Class B Renewal Form.

Implementation of County Highway and City Street Superintendents Act: *(Final details)*

- Review progress on forms
- Approve 2007 Class A Application Form and Logs.
- Professional Development Hours Personal Log and Criteria *(Deferred)*
- Class A License Renewal Form and Log *(Deferred)*

Request for Pre-certification of Professional Development Hours: *(1)*

- APWA Fall Conference

Other Business

- Reappointment of Members Anderson, Doyle, Davidson and McDonald *(terms expire October 27, 2006)*. Members Frickey, Merz and Meter *(terms expire October 27, 2007)*.

Correspondence and General Information

Acknowledgement of Visitors

Next Meeting: October 6, 2006, 8:45 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads, Central Headquarters Building, Highway Commission Room 103, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska, in conjunction with administration of the examination (9:00 a.m., Auditorium).

Adjournment

**Note: The business meeting is open to attendance of the public. The review of applicants for the October 6, 2006, written examination is closed to attendance of the public.**

August 11, 2006

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **State Highway Commission Monthly Agenda Announced**

The State Highway Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting August 18, 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](http://www.dor.state.ne.us). #NDOR#

# Agenda

Friday, August 18, 2006

Nebraska State Highway Commission

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

8:30 a.m. Educational Briefing and Discussion – Director’s Conference Room  
10:00 a.m. Monthly Business Meeting Reconvenes, Rm 103



District 1



District 2



District 3



District 4



District 5



District 6



District 7



District 8

**Call to Order:** Chair, Greg A. Wolford, District 7

**Roll Call**

**Approval of July 2006 Meeting Minutes**

**Introductions/Correspondence/Announcements**

The State Highway Commission meeting will be conducted in compliance with the Nebraska Statutes of the Open Meetings Act. For reference, the Open Meetings Act is posted on the back wall of the Commission Room 103.

**Agenda Topic:**

NDOR’s Support to Nebraska’s County and Municipal Transportation Programs,  
Andy Cunningham, Assistant Manager, NDOR’s Government Affairs Division  
Questions/Comments

**Old Business:**

Request for “Technical Correction for the Location of Earmarked Funds  
for the Heartland Expressway”  
Questions/Comments/Commission Vote

**New Business**

Resolution – “Local Match for Earmarked Funds”  
Questions/Comments/Commission Vote

**Public Input**

Senator Arnie Stuthman, District 22, Platte Center

**Public Meeting Schedule**

September 12, 2006 (*Reiser*)  
“Louisville South Bypass”  
Open House, 6:30 p.m.  
Public Hearing, 7:30 p.m.  
Louisville Senior Center

**Adjournment**

**Next Scheduled Meeting**

Friday, September 22, 2006, 10:00 a.m.  
Nebraska Department of Roads, Central Complex  
Lincoln NE 68502

Nebraska State Highway Commission

## **Educational Briefing & Discussion**

**Friday, August 18, 2006**

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

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- 1) Discussion: “Technical Correction for Location of Earmarked Funds for the Heartland Expressway”**
- 2) Revised Resolution – “Wants vs. Needs” Policy  
Local Funding Match Requirements for Earmarked Funds**
- 3) Update: System Preservation Optimization Team (SPOT)**
- 4) District Planning Meetings**

*The State Highway Commission meeting will be conducted in compliance with the Nebraska Statutes of the Open Meetings Act.*

August 11, 2006

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## **I-80 Lane Closures Westbound from Ruff Road to Mahoney Interchange**

A new phase of construction work on I-80 westbound between Ruff Road and the Mahoney Interchange will begin Monday, August 14 at 9:00 a.m., according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. The Department of Roads and Hawkins Construction Company will be closing the right lane of westbound traffic until Thursday, August 17.

On Monday morning, the westbound traffic will be moved over to one lane of traffic at Mile Marker 429. West of the Platte River Bridge, traffic will be moved onto the new pavement. The temporary closure is necessary to widen the crossover west of the Platte River Bridge to two lanes.

Motorists are urged to use Highway 6 and to drive safely in highway construction zones.

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**Contact:**

District 1 Construction Engineer Mark Traynowicz in Lincoln, (402) 471-0850, Ext. 1069 or Dewaine Knutson, (402) 471-0850, Ext. 1082

August 15, 2006

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Douglas County

Thursday, August 17, 2006 @ 11:00PM  
Until  
Friday, August 18, 2006 @ 6:00AM

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Friday, August 18, 2006 @ 11:00PM  
Until  
Saturday, August 19, 2006 @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

**Southbound US-75 Ramp to Eastbound Interstate 480 will be Closed.**

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**Cuming Street will be Closed between 28<sup>th</sup> Street & 25<sup>th</sup> Street  
Local Traffic Only.**

These closures are necessary for the placement of Bridge Girders.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

**For additional information contact:**

Marvin Lech PE  
District Construction Engineer

August 17, 2006

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Douglas County

Friday, August 18, 2006 @ 9:00AM

### **120<sup>th</sup> Street at West Dodge Road will Open.**

**There will be Left Turn Restrictions at  
120<sup>th</sup> Street & West Dodge Road  
until the Eastbound Elevated Expressway is Open.**

**Only Eastbound West Dodge Road will be allowed Left Turns  
onto Northbound 120<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE  
District Construction Engineer  
595-2534

Karl Burns  
Public Relations  
592-7623

[www.westdodge.info](http://www.westdodge.info)

August 18, 2006

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Nebraska Byways Receive New Signs

John Craig, Director of the Nebraska Department of Roads, will unveil new highway signs marking the statewide Nebraska Byway system, in Elkhorn, on August 24 at 4:00 p.m. The new signs will be unveiled near the refurbished brick paved road along the Lincoln Highway Scenic & Historic Byway. The 455 signs feature the Nebraska Byway logo along with the name of the specific byway across the lower portion of the sign and will be placed throughout the nine byways in the state.

These signs will provide additional markings, reminding travelers that they are enjoying one of Nebraska's relaxing and beautiful routes. "It is appropriate that this significant byway should be the first location for these signs as Lincoln Highway Scenic & Historic byway was a part of the first transcontinental highway in the nation," said John Craig. "This byway has been guiding travelers across the state since 1912, following the path taken by many of the pioneers."

Highway 30 is commonly referred to, by residents across Nebraska, as the old Lincoln Highway. Started in 1913, an improved, hard-surfaced road was envisioned that would stretch almost 3,400 miles from coast to coast, over the shortest practical route. The Lincoln Highway takes its name from Abraham Lincoln, credited for making the project a reality. This quiet two-lane road through Nebraska offers travelers a glimpse of Central Nebraska's history and heritage, features numerous original highway markers, and houses the Lincoln Highway museum in Shelton.

"The extension of the Lincoln Highway from border to border on Highway 30 will enhance our State Byways Program and encourage more communities to become involved. This program has proven beneficial for economic development and for drawing new tourists onto historically significant roadways," noted Craig.

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Highway 30 parallels Interstate 80 from the Wyoming line east through the Grand Island area. It meanders north through Columbus and Fremont, passes through the Elkhorn area near Omaha, before ending in Blair, Nebraska, near the Iowa border. This expanded byway route will entice not only Lincoln Highway enthusiasts from across the country, but will lure additional byway travelers in general, thanks to its close proximity to the Interstate. Highway 30, statewide, has several portals to enter and exit the interstate, thus increasing the chances to add to the economic stability, create tourism partnerships, and change Nebraska's reputation from a drive-through state to a destination state, as consumers seek to slow down and experience travel.

### **Byway Leadership**

The newly formed Lincoln Highway Scenic & Historic Byway organization operates under the leadership of Anne Anderson, Executive Director of the Community Development office in Gothenburg. Tourism and historical enthusiasts from across the state have met for the past 18 months to complete a \$26,000 feasibility study to extend the byway. Members of this newly formed grass-roots organization completed a thorough written strategic plan, traveler itinerary, preliminary budget, and potential membership recruitment lists to complete the extension.

"The potential for additional tourism development along this historic highway can only enhance the economic stability of many small, rural towns at a time when it is so important. We plan to work hand-in-hand with the State and National Lincoln Highway Associations to develop the planned promotion of Nebraska's Lincoln Highway Scenic & Historic Byway," said Anderson.

Now that the renaming and extension of the byway have been approved, grass-roots membership recruitment and a website will begin under designated leaders in west, central, and east regions of the statewide route.

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The Lincoln Highway byway is one of nine recognized byways in Nebraska, and it replaces the Platte River Trails Scenic Byway, which ran through central Nebraska from Sutherland and then east for 95 miles to Overton. The Nebraska Byways Program, which began in 1999, is designed to showcase outstanding archaeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational and scenic qualities along Nebraska's two-lane highways. It operates under the administration of the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR), receiving funding through the Federal Highway Administration. Nebraska's Division of Travel and Tourism manages the marketing aspects of the byways program. For Lincoln Byways photos and a brief history, please visit NDOR's web site at <http://www.dor.state.ne.us/history/lincolnhwy.htm>.

Tourism and historical enthusiasts interested in membership can contact Anne Anderson at the Gothenburg chamber office at (800) 482-5520. For more information on Nebraska's Byways or to receive a free Nebraska travel packet, call 877-NEBRASKA or visit the Nebraska Travel and Tourism's Web site at [www.VisitNebraska.org/byways](http://www.VisitNebraska.org/byways).

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**Contact:**

Jim Pearson, State Coordinator at (402) 479-4881

