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February 8, 2007

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Roads Standards Board to Meet

The Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards will meet at 9:00 a.m. on February 16, 2007, in the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Building Auditorium at 1500 Highway 2 in Lincoln.

The agenda includes:

- ◆ Addition of projects to the Greeley and Saunders Counties, the City of Nelson and the Village of Hubbell One-and Six-Year Road and Street Improvement Plans.
- ◆ State-Aid Bridge Fund applications from Saline and Thayer Counties.
- ◆ Informal hearing at 9:30 a.m. on the City of Bellevue's request for a Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for construction on a Local Road.
- ◆ Informal hearing at 9:45 a.m. on Saunders County's request for a Relaxation of Standards for construction on a Minimum Maintenance Road.

The meeting is open to the public.

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Detailed agenda as of February 8 enclosed.

For additional information contact:

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Agenda

for the Meeting of

BOARD OF PUBLIC ROADS CLASSIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS February 16, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters Building Auditorium
1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska

Call to Order – Chairperson

Welcome New Board Member Richard Pierce

Roll Call – Secretary

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

Changes to Published Agenda – Secretary

Minutes of December 15, 2006, Meeting

Status Report – 2006 – 2007 Standardized System of Annual Reports (*NDOR, 93 County and 490 Municipal reports received, 40 municipal reports are delinquent*)

Status Report – 2007 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road, and Street Plan Submittals (*11 County and 98 Municipal plans received*)

2006 One- and Six-Year Highway Road, and Street Plan Revisions (*number of projects in parentheses*)

- A. Greeley County (1) – Replace bridge with bridge on a Local road.
- B. City of Nelson (1) – Armor Coat on existing bituminous Local street.
- C. Village of Hubbell (1) Replace culvert with culvert on an Other Arterial street.

2007 One- and Six-Year Highway Road, and Street Plan Revisions (*number of projects in parentheses*)

- A. Saunders County (1) – Replace bridge with Low Water Crossing on a Minimum Maintenance road. (*See relaxation request below*)

State-Aid Bridge Fund – Quarterly Report

State-Aid Bridge Fund Applications (4) – Saline and Thayer Counties

9:30 a.m. Informal Hearing – City of Bellevue request for a Relaxation of Minimum Design standards for an increase in Maximum Grade (percent) and a reduction in Lane Width (feet) on Grove Road, a Local street. Consideration of request.

9:45 a.m. Informal Hearing – Saunders County request for a Relaxation of Standards for replacement of a bridge with a Low Water Crossing on a Minimum Maintenance road, and addition of the project to the One-Year Plan. Consideration of request.

Progress Report on investigation of certain alleged claims about a county – Board member Thieman

Progress Report on investigation of certain allegations about a County – Board member Keegan

Revision and Update of SSAR including going to electronic submission.

Adoption of 2007 Work Plan

Annual election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman and appointment of Secretary

Other Business:

- Report on State and Federal Legislative issues including LB 277

Correspondence and General Information:

- Miscellaneous Correspondence

Next Meeting: March 16, 2007, 9:00 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters Building Auditorium, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Adjournment

**Notice of Information Open House
"Fremont Southeast Beltway Study"
March 8, 2007
5:00-7:00 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding the potential location of a proposed four-lane highway along the southeast side of Fremont. The meeting for Project NH-77-3(125), known as "Fremont Southeast Beltway Study," will be held on March 8, 2007, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Middle School, 540 Johnson Road, in Fremont.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Date: March 8, 2007
Time: 5 – 7 p.m.
Place: Fremont Middle School
540 Johnson Road
Fremont, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting about the potential location of a proposed four-lane highway along the southeast side of Fremont.

The study, NH-77-3(125) known as ***Fremont Southeast Beltway Study***, involves developing a highway connection between U.S. Highway 77 south of Fremont and U.S. Highway 275 east of town.

The potential route would be almost 4 miles long. It would begin at U.S. 77 just north of the Platte River and end at the Morningside Road interchange with U.S. 275. The preliminary concept includes two viaducts over railroad tracks and five intersections with local streets.

The purchase of private property for highway right-of-way would be required throughout the length of the project. Construction may impact wetlands areas and mitigation would be required.

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.

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 Feb. 22, 2007.

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 concepts developed by the Nebraska Department of Roads are available for review at the NDOR Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

Project information also is available through the *Highway Projects* link on the NDOR internet homepage at www.dor.state.ne.us.

For further information regarding the project, contact Jim Miller in Lincoln at (402) 479-4442.

February 16, 2007

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

State Highway Commission Monthly Agenda Announced

The State Highway Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting February 23, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 103, at the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln. 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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Agenda

Friday, February 23, 2007

Nebraska State Highway Commission

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Duane W. Acklie

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

Call to Order: Chair, Duane W. Acklie, District 1

Roll Call

Approval of January 2007 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.



Richard S. Reiser



John F. Kingsbury

Old Business

Agenda Topic:

Nebraska’s Railway System, Ellis Tompkins, Division Manager
NDOR’s Rail and Public Transportation Division
Questions/Comments



Donna Wanitschke

New Business

Project Approvals

- 1) I-80 WB Bridge over the Missouri River and BNSF RR
- 2) I-80 EB Bridge over the Missouri River and BNSF RR
- 3) Riverview Bridge over I-80
- 4) Missouri River to 24th Street in Omaha
Brian Johnson, NDOR’s Interstate Unit Leader
Requests Location and Design Approval
Questions/Comments/Commission Vote



Doug Leafgreen

Public Input

Public Meeting

March 8, 2007 (*Reiser*)
Public Information Meeting
Fremont Middle School – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
“Fremont Southeast Bypass Study”
Fremont, NE



Ronald W. Books



Greg A. Wolford

Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting

Friday, March 23, 2007, 10:00 a.m.
Nebraska Department of Roads, 1500 Hwy 2
Lincoln NE 68502



Jerome A. Fagerland

Nebraska State Highway Commission
Educational Briefing & Discussion

8:30 a.m. Agenda

Friday, February 23, 2007

NDOR Director's Conference Room
Central Complex, Lincoln NE

- 1) *Legislative Update* – Andy Cunningham
- 2) *Commission Protocol* – Director Craig & Commissioner Wolford
- 3) *Assessment Comparisons of Project Costs
Last 10-20 Years* — Steve Maraman & Monty Fredrickson

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*For more information, contact Community Relations Manager
Elaine Justus, (816) 387-2353.*

Wednesday, February 21, 2007 – For immediate release

No. 02-011-07

Bridge Improvement Road Closures Planned in Atchison County

ST. JOSEPH, MO – The Missouri Department of Transportation has announced two bridge rehabilitation projects are planned this construction season in Atchison County that will necessitate closing the roads for two to three months (weather permitting). Bridge rehabilitation involves the demolition of the existing bridge deck and replacing it with a new deck along with adding guardrail and appropriate striping.

Route 136 (the bridge over a drainage ditch) located 1 mile east of Route U near Phelps City. The total length of the improvement is 0.023 mile. Work on this bridge could begin as early as March 5, 2007, and is scheduled for completion on or before the end of May 2007 (this timing is based upon weather conditions and material availability). The work site will be closed right at the bridge, but people will still have access to Phelps City. The signed detour will direct people north on Route D to Route A, then east on Route A to Interstate 29.

Route EE (the bridge over Hickory Creek) located 0.3 mile south of Route 46 near Fairfax. The total length of the improvement is 0.023 mile. Work on this bridge could begin as early as March 5, 2007, and is scheduled for completion on or before the end of May 2007 (this timing is also based upon weather conditions and material availability). Because of low traffic volumes and mainly local vehicles, no detour will be signed.

Cramer and Associates, Inc. of Des Moines, Iowa was awarded the contract for both bridges in the amount of \$412,949.00.

The Missouri Department of Transportation apologizes for any inconvenience that these necessary road closures may cause. For more information about this or other projects, please call our toll-free customer service hotline at: 1-888-ASK-MoDOT (1-888-275-6636).

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NOTE: U.S. 136 runs east of Auburn, Nebraska into Missouri

February 22, 2007

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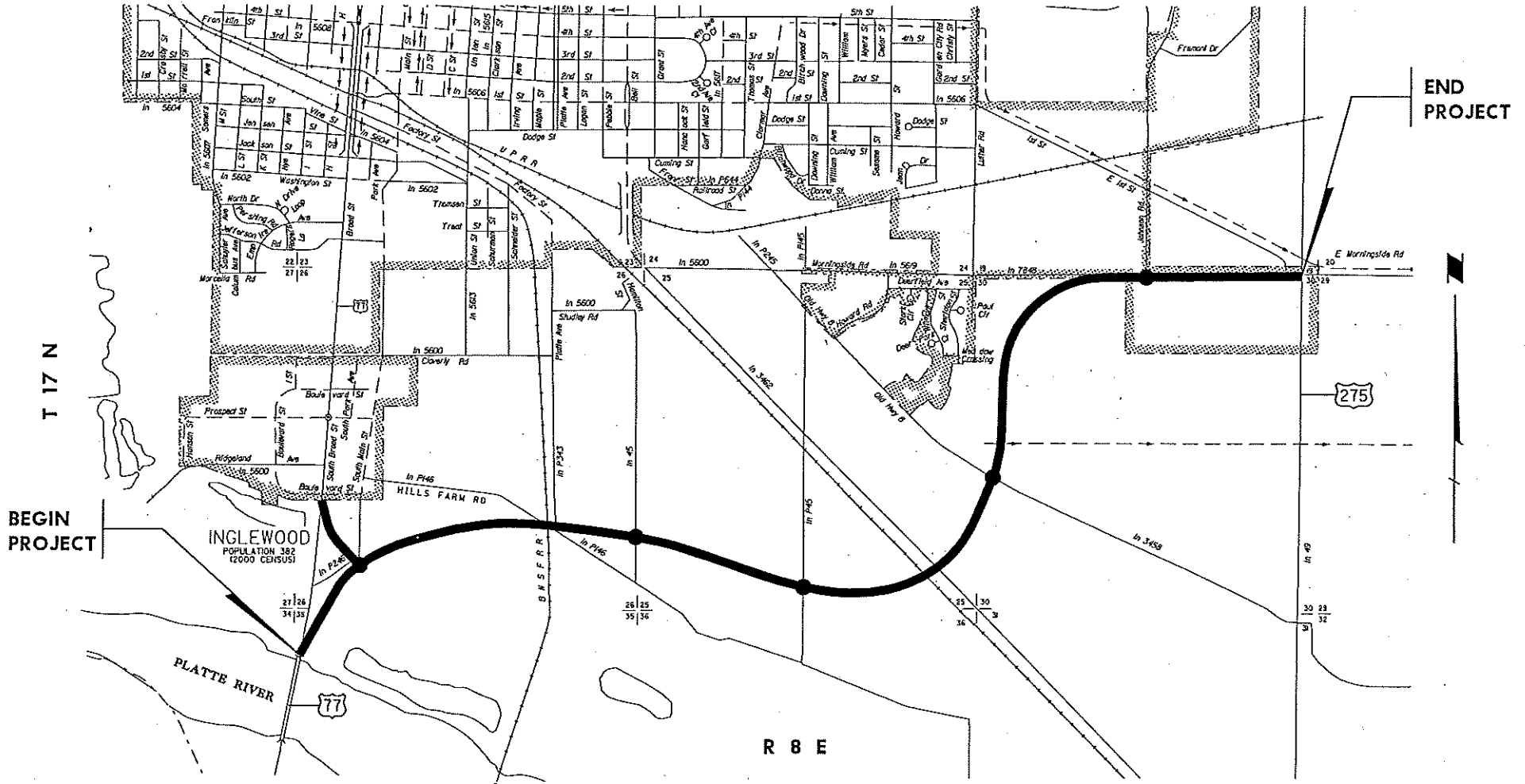
Jim Miller, Roadway Design Division, Lincoln, (402) 479-4442.
NH-77-3(125)

Location Map Attached

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FREMONT

DODGE COUNTY
NEBRASKA



NH-77-3(125)

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