

August 1, 2007

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Public Open House August 15 for Lincoln South Beltway

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a Public Open House on Wednesday, August 15, to display information and receive comments and questions about details of the east segment of the freeway proposed for construction south of Lincoln. The open house will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., at Scott Middle School (use north doors), Multi-Purpose Room, 2200 Pine Lake Road, in Lincoln.

The entire project involves constructing a four-lane divided highway connecting U.S. 77 to Nebraska Highway 2 in Lancaster County. The proposed freeway includes limited access with interchanges and no at-grade intersections.

The project's east segment, which will be located between Saltillo Road and Rokeby Road, begins east of 84th Street and ends east of 134th Street. Construction will include grading, bridges, drainage culverts, concrete surfacing and roadway lighting.

Much of the project will be constructed without affecting travel on existing roads. Temporary roadways around work zones will be required during some phases of construction. Local road closures may be required at various times.

The east segment includes a number of permanent changes to existing county roads. Rokeby Road will be closed where it crosses the OPPD train tracks just west of Breagan Road. Realignment of 98th Street will be required near Breagan Road and near Saltillo Road. Realignment of 120th Street near Nebraska Highway 2 will be required. Also, the intersection of 134th Street and Nebraska 2 will be closed and a bridge constructed on 134th Street over Nebraska 2.

Previous public meetings were held regarding details of the proposed beltway west of 84th Street. Location of the entire highway corridor has been approved.

Acquisition of private property for highway construction will be required throughout the length of the South Beltway project. Acquisition includes two residences and one business in the west segments. Three homes in the east segment may also be acquired. The department's Relocation Assistance Program will be available for people displaced by highway construction.

Construction of the freeway will impact existing wetlands and mitigation will be required. Replacement wetlands will be established on the project, possibly south of Saltillo Road near the 27th Street interchange.

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An Environmental Impact Statement was developed for the beltway project. A Record of Decision authorizing preliminary design was signed by the Federal Highway Administration on Sept. 19, 2002. Copies of the EIS document may be obtained from the FHWA Nebraska Division Office, 100 Centennial Mall North, in Lincoln, and at the NDOR Central Headquarters, 1500 Hwy 2, in Lincoln.

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 will be available through the *Highway Projects* link on the NDOR internet homepage at www.dor.state.ne.us

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

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For additional information contact:

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Location Map Attached
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August 2, 2007

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Douglas County

Monday, August 6, 2007 @ 10:00PM
Until
Tuesday, August 7, 2007 @ 3:00AM

Weather Permitting

Northbound 42nd Street will be CLOSED at Interstate 80.

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Tuesday, August 7, 2007 @ 3:00AM
Until
Tuesday, August 7, 2007 @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

Southbound 42nd Street will be CLOSED at Interstate 80.

These closures are necessary for partial bridge removal of Interstate 80 bridge over 42nd Street.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

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Douglas / Sarpy County

Friday, August 3, 2007 @ 9:00AM
Until
September 2007

Harrison Street will be Closed East of Hwy US-6/N-31.

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

Chas Vrana Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

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Douglas County

Thursday, August 2, 2007 @ 10:00PM
Until
Friday, August 3, 2007 @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

Westbound Interstate 80 will be Closed at the I-80/I-680 Interchange.

**Motorists will use the West Center Road, "I", "L" & "Q" Streets
Exit Ramp to Westbound I-80.**

This Closure is necessary for milling pavement.

Chester Bross Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

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