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March 4, 2008

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work to Begin on Highway 6, Kearney/Adams County Line East

Work is scheduled to begin March 17 on U.S. Highway 6 from the Kearney/Adams county line east for seven miles, and will include the Kenesaw Spur, S1A, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads

Work will include asphalt paving, new bridge, concrete pavement patching, shoulder stabilization, lighting and seeding. Vontz Paving, Inc., of Ayr, Nebraska, has the \$4,004,587 contract.

The bridge will be constructed half at a time with a traffic signal allowing one-lane traffic through the bridge area. The remaining project will be constructed under traffic with the use of flagging stations and pilot car. The project is expected to be completed in October.

The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Steve Meyer of Hastings.

Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously through construction zones.

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Contact:

Steve Meyer of Hastings (402) 462-1996
NH-6-4(121

NR274

Notice of Information Open House
"Hershey Viaduct Study"
March 26, 2008
4:00-6:00 p.m.

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding renewed plans to construct a two-lane highway viaduct over the railroad tracks along the west edge of Hershey. The meeting for Project STPD-L56C(1005) will be held on March 26, 2008, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Legion Post #279, 108 E. 2nd St., in Hershey.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Date: March 26, 2008
Time: 4 – 6 p.m.
Place: Legion Post #279
108 East 2nd St.
Hershey, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting about renewed plans to construct a two-lane highway viaduct over the railroad tracks along the west edge of Hershey.

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

The project, identified as STPD-L56C(1005) and known as **Hershey Viaduct Study**, involves relocating Nebraska Link 56C around the south side and west side of Hershey and over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks.

A new intersection of Link 56C with U.S. Highway 30 would be constructed directly north of the proposed viaduct. Sheridan Avenue may be extended south to intersect the new bypass. First Street would be extended west underneath the new viaduct.

A pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks in town would be constructed near the existing highway crossing, which is known as Lincoln Avenue.

Both at-grade crossings in town, Lincoln Avenue and Patterson

Avenue, must be removed upon completion of the highway viaduct and pedestrian bridge. Both crossings, as well as the highway link roadway, would remain open to traffic throughout construction.

Purchase of additional land as highway right-of-way would be required for the project. Portions of the existing highway in town would be permanently relinquished to the village upon completion of the new roadway.

Construction may encroach on existing wetlands areas. Mitigation for such impacts involves establishing replacement wetlands along the project or at a wetland bank, consistent with federal and state permits.

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 March 12, 2008. 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 plans developed by the Nebraska Department of Roads will be available for inspection at the NDOR Planning and Project Development Division, 1400 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

For further information regarding this proposed project, contact Steve McBeth in Lincoln at (402) 479-4417.

March 5, 2008

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wood River West Viaduct Update

The Nebraska Department of Roads held a public information meeting on November 13, 2007, to relocate a segment of Nebraska Highway 11, construct a highway viaduct, and construct a pedestrian viaduct at Wood River. The proposed project is identified as STPD-STPN-TMT-11-2(114), Wood River West.

This project was tentatively scheduled for construction in 2010 and 2011, subject to the availability of funds. Due to declining federal funds and increased construction cost, this has caused the Nebraska Department of Roads to adjust project schedules. One of these projects is the Wood River West project. The construction of the Wood River West project will be delayed.

The Roads Department will continue to develop final design plans for the project and acquire the right-of-way. In the event funds are made available early, this project may be advanced. The Department will monitor intersections along US-30, as a result of the ethanol plant. If needed, design plans for this project may be refined to better facilitate traffic operation as a result of the ethanol plant.

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Contact:

Lou Lenzen, Roadway Design at (402) 479-4719.

NR276

March 12, 2008

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work to Begin on 148th Street Bridge over I-80 at Waverly

Work is scheduled to begin March 17 on the 148th Street Bridge over I-80 at Waverly, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Commercial Construction, Inc. of Lincoln has the \$2,875,439 contract for the construction of a new bridge located directly west of the existing bridge, realignment of 148th Street and the removal of the existing bridge. The existing 148th Street Bridge will remain open during construction of the new bridge.

The new bridge is necessary to accommodate the future I-80 six-lane expansion. This work will include daytime work and occasional nighttime lane closures for east and westbound I-80 traffic.

The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Bob Traudt of Lincoln. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously through construction zones.

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Contact:

Bob Traudt in Lincoln (402) 471-0850, Ext. 1119, or
Mark Traynowicz in Lincoln (402) 471-0850, Ext. 1069

NH-80-9(839)

NR272

March 12, 2008

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House March 26 for Improvements to Link 56C at Hershey

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House on Wednesday, March 26, regarding renewed plans to construct a two-lane highway viaduct over the railroad tracks along the west edge of Hershey. The open house will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Legion Post #279, 108 E. 2nd St., in Hershey.

The project involves relocating Nebraska Link 56C around the south side and west side of Hershey and over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks.

A new intersection of Link 56C with U.S. Highway 30 would be constructed directly north of the proposed viaduct. Sheridan Avenue may be extended south to intersect the new bypass. First Street would be extended west underneath the new viaduct.

A pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks in town would be constructed near the existing highway crossing, which is known as Lincoln Avenue.

Both at-grade crossings in town, Lincoln Avenue and Patterson Avenue, must be removed upon completion of the highway viaduct and pedestrian bridge. Both crossings, as well as the highway link roadway, would remain open to traffic throughout construction.

Purchase of additional land as highway right-of-way would be required for the project. Portions of the existing highway in town would be permanently relinquished to the village upon completion of the new roadway.

Construction may encroach on existing wetland areas. Mitigation for such impacts involves establishing replacement wetlands along the project or at a wetland bank, consistent with federal and state permits.

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 will be available for review at the NDOR Planning and Project Development Division, 1400 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

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Contact:

Steve McBeth, Planning and Location Studies Engineer, Lincoln, (402) 479-4417.

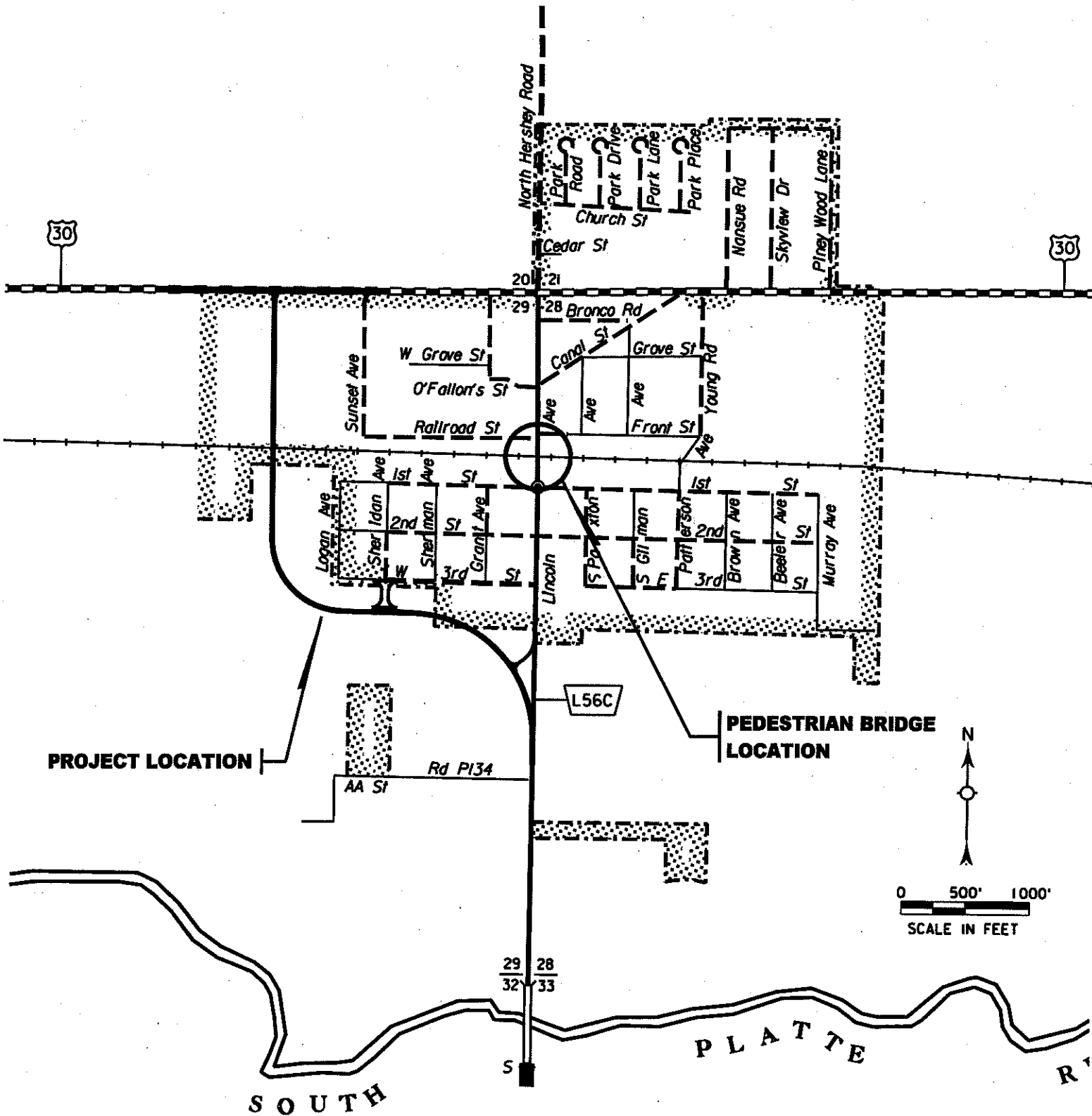
STPD-L56C(1005)

Location Map Attached

NR273

Hershey Viaduct Study
L-56C(1005)
C.N. 61045
Lincoln County

HERSHEY



Notice of Information Open House
"Kearney East Bypass"
April 1, 2008, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting about a project to relocate Nebraska Highway 10 around the east side and the north side of Kearney. The meeting for Project STPD-IM-STPN-TMT-10-2(114), known as "Kearney East Bypass," will be held on April 1, 2008, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Archway Monument, 3060 East 1st Street, in Kearney.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Date: April 1, 2008
Time: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Place: Archway Monument
3060 East 1st St.
Kearney, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will display information and receive comments and questions about a project to relocate Nebraska Highway 10 around the east side and the north side of Kearney.

The proposed four-lane project, identified as STPD-IM-STPN-TMT-10-2(114) and known as **Kearney East Bypass**, would bypass the city to connect Interstate 80 on the south to Nebraska Highway 10 and Nebraska Highway 40 on the north.

The bypass would extend north along Cherry Avenue, from the interstate to 75th Street, then curve to the west.

Construction will include a new interchange at Interstate 80, a viaduct to span the Union Pacific Railroad Co. tracks and U.S. Highway 30, and changes to some existing streets.

Acquisition of about 220 acres of land for highway right-of-way will be required throughout the length of the project. Acquisition of three homes will be required, and the department's Relocation Assistance Program will be available. Control of access to the new bypass will be acquired.

Construction will interrupt traffic on local roads during some phases. Temporary roads and alternate routes will be provided.

Construction will impact several acres of wetlands and mitigation will be required. The department intends to establish replacement wetlands near the project or at a wetlands bank site.

Project mitigation will include

conservation easements along the Platte River.

Construction may require relocation of some segments of waterway channels north of the Platte River.

Upon completion of the project, redundant segments of existing highways must be relinquished to the city of Kearney and to Buffalo County.

A Draft Environmental Assessment of the project, including a noise study report, is available for public review and comment at the Kearney Public Library, 2020 1st Avenue, the Nebraska Department of Roads Planning and Project Development Division, 1500 Highway 2 in Lincoln, and the Nebraska Division of the Federal Highway Administration, 100 Centennial Mall North in Lincoln. Copies will be available at the project meeting.

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 March 18, 2008. 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 plans developed by Nebraska Department of Roads are available for review at the Kearney City Hall, Public Works Office, 18 East 22nd St., and at the NDOR Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

Information about the proposed project is available via the *Highway Projects* link on the NDOR internet homepage at www.dor.state.ne.us.

For further information regarding the proposed project, contact Lou Lenzen in Roadway Design at (402) 479-4719.

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March 14, 2008

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Roads Standards Board to Meet

The Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards will meet at 9:00 a.m. on March 21, in the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Building Auditorium at 1500 Highway 2 in Lincoln.

The agenda includes:

- ◆ Addition of projects to the Knox County and the cities of Weeping Water and West Point One- and Six-Year Road and Street Improvement Plans.
- ◆ State-Aid Bridge Fund applications from Antelope and Furnas Counties.
- ◆ Informal hearing (at 10:00 a.m.) on Nebraska Department of Roads' request for a Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards on Project No. IM-80-6(98), Platte River – Phillips.
- ◆ Information hearing (at 10:15 a.m.) on Buffalo 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 March 13, 2008, 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
March 21, 2008, 9:00 a.m.
Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters Building Auditorium
1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska**

Call to Order – Chairperson

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 February 15, 2008 Meeting

Dawes County Reports Received:

- Agreement Revisions to One-Year Plans and Inventory List
- 2007 One-Year Plan Revisions
- 2008-2013 One- and Six-Year Plan

Status Report – 2007-2008 Standardized System of Annual Reports (*NDOR, 93 County and 516 Municipal reports received, 13 Municipal reports are delinquent*)

Consideration of Suspension of Highway Allocation funds to the following Municipalities for failure to submit the 2007-2008 Standardized System of Annual reports in accordance with Neb.Rev.Stat.Sec. 39-2120 and 39-2121

Alda	Harvard	Osmond
Beaver Crossing	Jansen	Scotia
Cedar Bluffs	Manley	Scribner
Dix	Melbeta	Union
Fremont		

Status Report – 2008 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road and Street Plan Submittals (*84 County and 484 Municipal plans received, 6 County and 46 Municipal plans are delinquent*)

- Input on LB 277 implementation

2007 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road and Street Plan Revisions (3) (*Number of projects in parentheses*)

- A. City of Weeping Water (10) – Asphalt surfacing on existing concrete and asphalt surfaced streets (*carried over from the February meeting*)
- B. Knox County (6) – Regrade and aggregate surfacing of existing Local roads
- C. City of West Point (1) – Concrete surfacing with curb and gutter on a Local street

2008 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road and Street Plan Revisions (*None*)

State-Aid Bridge Fund Applications (2) - Antelope and Furnas Counties. Project withdrew (1) – Phelps County

9:30 a.m. NDOR Director John Craig – presentation and questions “At a Crossroad”

10:00 a.m. Informal Hearing – Nebraska Department of Roads’ request for a Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for a decrease in roadway width for a bridge to remain in place on Project No. IM-80-6(98), Control Number 42413, Platte River – Phillips. Consideration of request.

10:15 a.m. Informal Hearing – Buffalo County request for a Relaxation of Standards for replacement of a wood structure with a Low Water Crossing on a Minimum Maintenance road. Consideration of request.

Revised Minimum Design Standards Regulations 428 NAC2, Section 001

- Approval of Public Hearing Transcript
- Approval of Revised Rule and Regulation

Update on the Greeley County matter

- Possible action depending on verification of compliance or non-compliance with the Board’s directive

Revision and Update of SSAR including going to electronic submission

Other Business:

- Report on State and Federal Legislative issues including LB 1068

Correspondence and General Information:

- City of Grand Island revision to its Standard Specifications
- Miscellaneous Correspondence

Comments from the Audience

Acknowledgement of Visitors

Next Meeting: April 18, 2008, 9:00 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters Building Auditorium, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska

Adjournment

March 17, 2008

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work to Begin on U.S. Highway 77 in Cortland

Work is scheduled to begin March 19 along U.S. Highway 77 in and south of Cortland, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

M.E. Collins Contracting Company, Inc. of Wahoo, Nebraska, has the \$89,660 contract to extend the existing storm sewer. The work will consist of connecting to the existing storm sewer at US-77 and 8th Street in Cortland. The new storm sewer will run south to 9th Street, then west along 9th Street.

US-77 traffic will not be restricted due to this project. The project is expected to be completed in May 2008.

The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Bill Cary of Tecumseh. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously through construction zones.

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Contact:

Bill Cary in Tecumseh @ (402) 335-4131

NH-77-1(128)

NR270

March 18, 2008

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House April 1 for Hwy 10 Improvements near Kearney

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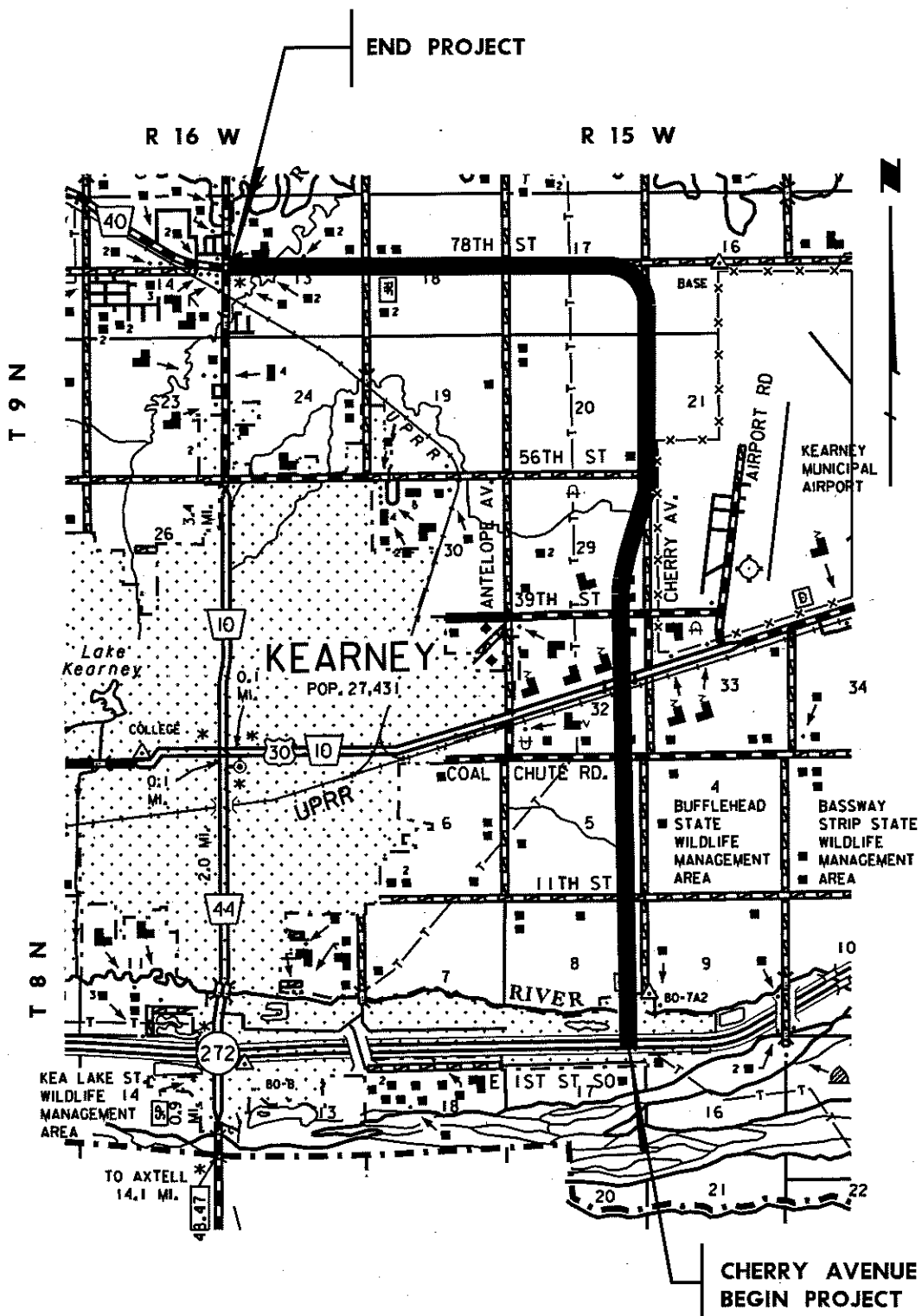
Lou Lenzen, Roadway Design, Lincoln, (402) 479-4719
STPD-IM-STPN-TMT-10-2(114)

Location Map Attached

NR269

KEARNEY EAST BYPASS

BUFFALO COUNTY
NEBRASKA



10-2(114)

C.N. 42103A

March 21, 2008

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

State Highway Commission Monthly Agenda Announced

The State Highway Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting March 28, 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, which will also be held in the Highway Commission Room. The State Highway Commission meeting will be conducted in compliance with the Nebraska Statutes of the Open Meetings Act.

The public is invited to attend. A copy of the meeting agenda is available on the NDOR website at www.dor.state.ne.us; or contact the Executive Secretary for the Commission, Room 105, Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters, Lincoln, Nebraska at (402) 479-4530.

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Agenda Attached

Agenda

Friday, March 28, 2008

Nebraska State Highway Commission

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

8:30 a.m. Educational Briefing and Discussion – Highway Commission Room 103
10:00 a.m. Monthly Business Meeting Reconvenes, Rm 103

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

Roll Call

Approval of February 2008 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.

Old Business/New Business:

Announcement: Legislative Confirmation (2-19-08)
Commissioners: Books, Fagerland, and Reiser
Questions/Comments

Agenda Topic

NDOR's Cost Estimating Process, John Miller, Highway Contract Supervisor
and Jay Brinkmeyer, Cost Estimator, NDOR's Construction Division
Questions/Comments

Project Approval

Steve McBeth, Planning and Location Studies Engineer,
Requests Location Approval of the
Highway 35 Corridor
Questions/Comments/Commission Vote

Public Input

Public Meeting Schedule

April 1, 2008 (*Wanitschke*)
Public Open House, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Kearney Interchange and Bypass
Archway Monument, 3060 E 1st St, Kearney, NE

Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting

Friday, April 18, 2008 10:00 a.m.
Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Complex, Room 103
Lincoln NE 68502



Richard S. Reiser



John F. Kingsbury



Donna Wanitschke



Doug Leafgreen



Ronald W. Books



Greg A. Wolford



Jerome A. Fagerland

Nebraska State Highway Commission

Educational Briefing & Discussion

8:30 a.m. Agenda

Friday, March 28, 2008

Highway Commission Room 103
Central Complex, Lincoln NE

- 1) *Legislative Confirmation of Commissioners Books, Fagerland, and Reiser***

- 2) *Highway 35 Corridor Update – Scheduled for Approval***

- 3) *2008 Legislative Update***

