

May 2, 2008

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Temporary Nighttime Closures on Highway 6

Highway 6 will be closed the evenings of May 7, 8 and 9 from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. the following morning, weather permitting, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. The closures are necessary to set girders for the new bridge at the Waverly I-80 Interchange.

Westbound traffic on Highway 6 will be detoured south on Highway N-63 to Interstate 80 (MM 420), then west on Interstate 80 to the 56th Street Interchange (MM 405), and then south on L55X to Highway 6 (Cornhusker Highway).

Eastbound traffic on Highway 6 will be detoured onto Interstate 80 at the Waverly Interchange (MM 409), taken east on Interstate 80 to the Greenwood Interchange (MM 420), and then north on N-63 until it rejoins Highway 6 west of Ashland.

Hawkins Construction Company of Omaha is the prime contractor for this project. The Roads Department manager for this project is Babrak Niazi.

Motorists are urged to watch for directional and informational signs, and to drive safely through all work zones.

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Contact:

Babrak Niazi, (407) 471-0850 or Curt Mueiting, (402) 471-0850.
IM-NH-80-9(28)

NR255

May 5, 2008

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

I-80 Night Closures for Bridge Work

Dobson Brothers Inc./United Contractors Inc. (JV) are planning to close the 40th Street Bridge over I-80 near Lincoln during the week of May 5, weather permitting, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads. This closure is in preparation for removal of the bridge.

During removal of the bridge, nightly I-80 closures are planned for May 6 and May 7. The Interstate will close in one direction at a time, and traffic will be detoured between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Cornhusker Highway (US Highway 6) is the designated detour route. For the eastbound closure, 27th Street and Spur L-55X (56th St.) will be utilized to carry traffic between I-80 and Cornhusker Highway. For the westbound closure, Spur L-55X and I-180 will be used to carry traffic between I-80 and Cornhusker Highway.

The removal of the bridge is necessary for construction of the 6-lane Interstate project between I-180 and 70th Street in Lincoln. 40th Street will remain closed until a new bridge is constructed with a separate project scheduled for 2010.

In addition to the nightly closures for the bridge removal, single lane closures may also be expected between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. between mile post 399 and mile post 406, through November. The speed limit through this area is 55 mph. Motorists are reminded to drive carefully through construction zones. The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Bob Sanburn.

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Contact:

Bob Sanburn, Project Manager, (402) 471-0850, ext. 1102.

IM-NH-80-9(856)

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May 5, 2008

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Douglas County

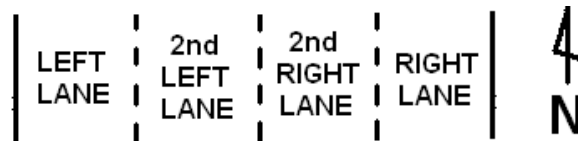
Saturday, May 10, 2008

Until
Fall 2008

**Northbound Interstate 480 will be reduced to two lanes
at Harney Street.**

Motorists are urged to read signs and follow pavement markings.

Motorists should expect additional travel time thru this area.



Current 4 lane configuration of Northbound Interstate 480 at the Harney Street Exit:

Right Lane must exit to Harney Street.

2nd Right Lane is an option lane to Harney Street or a must exit to Eastbound I-480.

2nd Left Lane is an option lane to Eastbound I-480 or Northbound US-75.

Left Lane must exit to Northbound US-75.

Starting Saturday, May 10, 2008 – 4 lane configuration of Northbound Interstate 480 at the Harney Street Exit:

Right 2 Lanes must exit to Harney Street.

2nd Left Lane must exit to Eastbound I-480.

Left Lane is an option lane to Eastbound I-480 or Northbound US-75.

This new alignment is necessary for pavement construction.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

News Media:

Plans are available for review at District 2 Headquarters, 108th & “J” Street.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE

District Construction Engineer

May 5, 2008

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Friday, May 9, 2008 @ 8:00PM
until
Fall 2008

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

Southbound US-75 Open to 24th Street.

This closure is necessary for the I-480/US-75 Interchange Construction.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

Website: www.dor.state.ne.us

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

May 6, 2008

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New Highway and Street Superintendents Licensed

Lincoln -- 5 persons successfully completed the April 4, 2008 examination, and are now licensed by the Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents.

Licensed as City Street Superintendent is Eric Lenz of Alliance.

Licensed as County Highway Superintendent are Crystal Lankford of Seward, Gail Payne of Ericson, and Thomas Rozmiarek of Loup City.

Licensed as both County Highway Superintendent and City Street Superintendent is Jerry Fleischman of Elmwood.

Lenz is the Support Services Manager for the City of Alliance; Lankford is the Administrative Assistant for the Seward County Road Department; Payne is the Road Crew Foreman for the Wheeler County Road Department; Rozmiarek is the Owner and President of Loup City Auto Parts; and Fleischman is the Assistant Highway Superintendent for the Cass County Road Department.

The next examination will be held October 3, 2008, with an application deadline of August 11, 2008. Applications can be obtained by contacting the Board of Examiners, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509, (402) 479-4607, and by consulting the website listed below.

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.

Additional information about the licensing program is available at the Nebraska Department of Roads, Government Affairs Division website, www.nebraskatransportation.org/gov-aff/index.htm

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For additional information contact:
LeMoyné Schulz (402) 479-4436.

LS/NR251

May 8, 2008

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Grant Funding Available for Transportation Programs

The Nebraska Department of Roads has announced funds are now available to state or local governmental bodies and private non-profit organizations for the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program and the New Freedom Transportation Program. The JARC Program is to improve access to transportation services to employment and employment-related activities for eligible low income individuals and to transport residents of non-urbanized areas to suburban employment opportunities.

The New Freedom Program aims to provide additional tools to overcome existing barriers facing Americans with disabilities seeking integration into the workforce and full participation in society. The New Freedom Program is for transportation projects that are both new and provide service beyond that required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

For further information and to request application forms, contact Jerry Wray at (402) 479-4694, Rail and Public Transportation Division, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4759. **Requests for application forms must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 6, 2008.**

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Contact:

Jerry Wray, Lincoln, (402) 479-4694

NR250

Notice of Information Open House
"Charleston Link" and "Charleston Link Interchange"
May 27, 2008
4:00-6:00 p.m.

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting about reconstructing the Charleston Link from Interstate 80 to U.S. Highway 34 in York County. Repair and resurfacing of the L93E bridge over I-80 will be completed concurrently. The meeting for Project S-L93E(1009), known as "Charleston Link" and Project STR-80-7(1031), known as "Charleston Link Interchange," will be held on May 27, 2008, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, I-80 Interchange, 4619 South Hwy. 81, in York.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Date: May 27, 2008
Time: 4 – 6 p.m.
Place: Holiday Inn
I-80 Interchange
4619 South Hwy 81
York, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting about reconstructing the Charleston Link from Interstate 80 to U.S. Highway 34 in York County.

Upon completion of the 4-mile-long project, Nebraska Link 93E will be removed from the state highway system and relinquished to York County.

The proposed project, identified as S-L93E(1009) and known as **Charleston Link**, will include grading, replacing drainage structures, and replacing the existing gravel road surface with asphalt.

During construction, through traffic will be detoured along I-80, U.S. Highway 81, and U.S. 34. Local access within the project limits will be maintained during construction.

The purchase of additional land as right-of-way in some areas will be required to construct the project.

Construction will impact wetlands areas and mitigation may be required. Replacement wetlands may be established near the project or at a regional mitigation bank site.

Repair and resurfacing of the L93E bridge over I-80 will be completed concurrently with the Charleston

Link project. New guardrail will be installed on the bridge approaches as part of the project, which is identified as STR-80-7(1031) and known as **Charleston Link Interchange**.

Personnel from the department will be available at the public meeting to visit one-on-one about the proposed projects. Displays will be available for public review. 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 May 13, 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 are available for public review at the NDOR District 4 Headquarters, 211 N. Tilden St., in Grand Island, and at the Roadway Design Division, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

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

For further information regarding the proposed projects, contact Lorraine Legg in the Roadway Design Division at (402) 479-4446.

May 9, 2008

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

State Highway Commission Monthly Agenda Announced

The State Highway Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting May 16, 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

Friday, May 16, 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



Richard S. Reiser

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

Roll Call

Approval of April 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:

Agenda Topic

Nebraska's High Risk Rural Roads

Donald M. Neary, Nebraska's Local Technical Assistance Program, UNL
Questions/Comments

Project Approval

James Miller, Assistant Design Engineer
Requests Approval of Access Control
"In Kearney," C.N. 42344
Questions/Comments Commission Vote

Public Input

Public Meeting Schedule

May 27, 2008 (*Wanitschke*)
Public Information Meeting, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
"Charleston Link," C.N. 40022
Holiday Inn, York, NE

Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting

Friday, June 27, 2008 10:00 a.m.
Sandhills Convention Center, North Platte, NE



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, April 18, 2008

Highway Commission Room 103
Central Complex, Lincoln NE

- 1) Annual Outstate Commission Meeting – North Platte*
- 2) Group Discussion on Role and Mission*

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

May 9, 2008

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Rumble Safety Strips Installed on US-75

Rumble strip installation has begun on Highway 75 in southeast Nebraska, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

The contractor, Garcia – Chicoine, Inc. of Lincoln, will be installing rumble strips on Highway 75, from Auburn to the Highway 34 – Highway 75 junction.

Work is anticipated to be completed in June.

Traffic will be maintained with temporary traffic controls in the work zones. Motorists are urged to drive carefully in work zones and watch for warning and directional signs, and plan for temporary delays.

The Roads Department manager for this project is Joe Kuehn of Lincoln.

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Contact:

Joe Kuehn, Lincoln, 402-471-0850, Ext. 1020

Project No. HSIP-STWD(75)

NR247

May 9, 2008

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Yankton U.S. 81 Bridge Requires Maximum Weight Limit

Based on a recent routine bridge inspection, certain elements of the Yankton Bridge were found to be experiencing corrosion that is causing the South Dakota Department of Transportation and the Nebraska Department of Roads to impose a 10 ton maximum weight limit, at this time.

The bridge remains open to passenger vehicles and all vehicles under the 10 ton limit.

Vehicles exceeding 10 tons gross vehicle weight will be required to take an alternate route. The nearest Missouri River Crossings are located east over the New Castle/Vermillion Bridge on Highway N-15 (South Dakota 19); and on N-12 (South Dakota 37) to the west over the Niobrara/Springfield, Standing Bear Bridge.

This maximum weight limit is anticipated to be temporary as engineers design a permanent repair.

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Contact:

State Bridge Engineer Lyman Freemon, Lincoln
(402) 479-4301

NR248

May 12, 2008

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Tuesday, May 13, 2008 @ 9:00PM
Until
Wednesday, May 14, 2008 @ 5:30AM

Weather Permitting

**Eastbound Hwy US-275/N-92 ("L" Street) Entrance Loop to
Eastbound Interstate I-80 will be Closed.**

This Closure is necessary for the placement of temporary pavement markings.

Chas Vrana Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

May 12, 2008

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Monday, May 12, 2008 @ 9:00PM
until
Tuesday, May 13, 2008 @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

**Westbound Interstate 80 Ramp to Northbound Interstate 480/US-75
will be CLOSED.**

This closure is necessary for pavement repairs.

U.S. Asphalt Company is the Contractor on this Project.

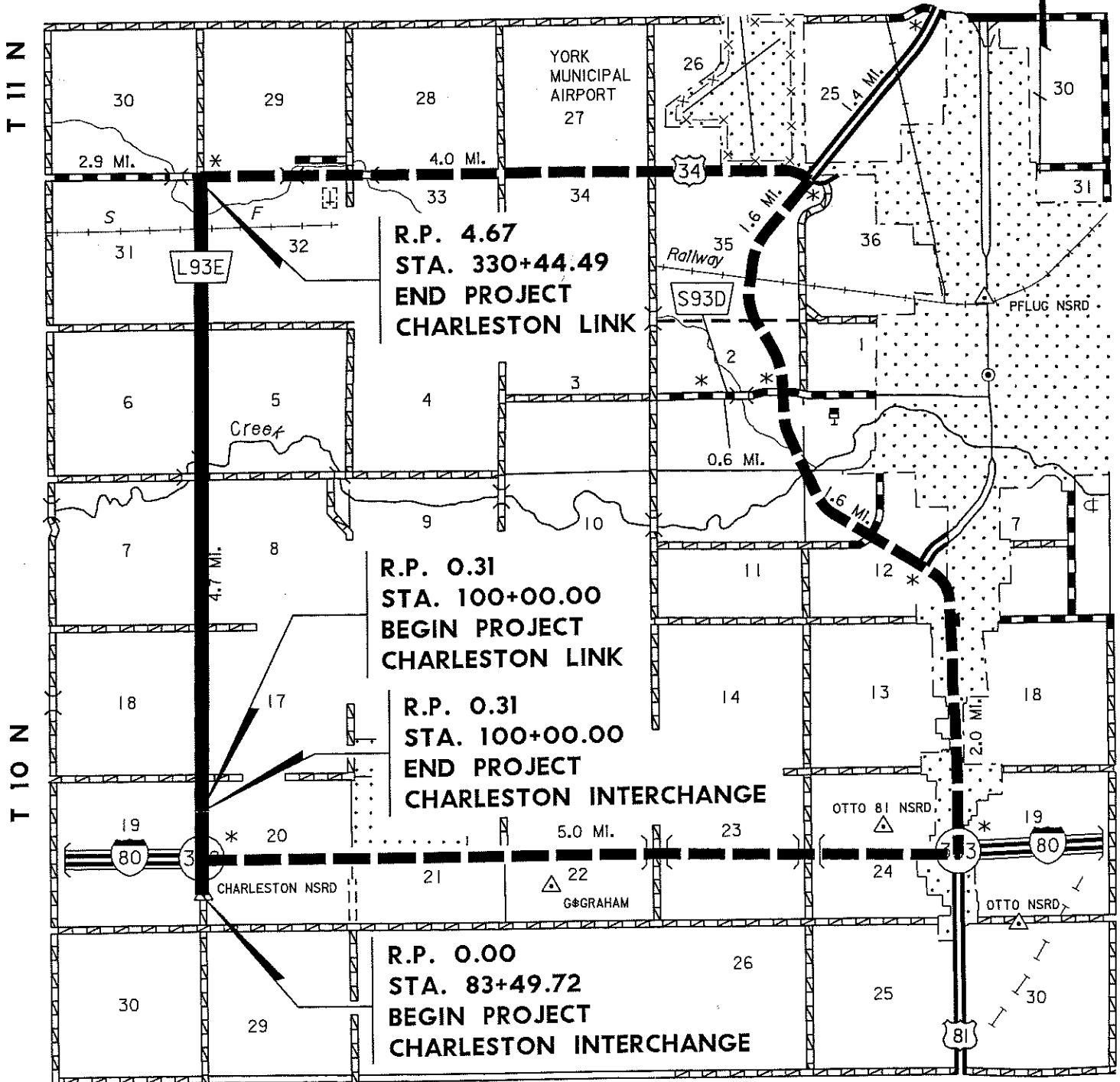
For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer

CHARLESTON LINK & CHARLESTON LINK INTERCHANGE DETOUR S-L93E(1009) & STR 80-7(1031)

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YORK COUNTY

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