

November 3, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Tuesday, November 4, 2014, @ 6:00AM

**Northbound 42nd Street Entrance Loop to
Westbound Interstate 80 will be OPEN.**

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer



November 4, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House Nov. 18 for L-80E Improvements near Beaver Crossing

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House November 18 regarding the proposed improvement of Nebraska Link 80E (L-80E) in Seward County.

Identified as **Blue River Bridge, Beaver Crossing**, the proposed project would redeck and widen the Blue River Bridge located over the West Fork Big Blue River on L-80E, .35 miles south of Beaver Crossing. An open house will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m., at the City Hall, 800 Dimery Ave., in Beaver Crossing.

Personnel from the Department of Roads will be available to answer questions, receive comments, and discuss any aspect of the proposed highway improvement project. Information regarding the project will be available after the meeting on the NDOR website at www.transportation.nebraska.gov/projects/ by clicking on the “Blue River Bridge, Beaver Crossing” link.

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Contact:

Tom Goodbarn, District 1 Engineer, Lincoln, (402) 471-0850

STP-L80E(113)



November 4, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Douglas County

Wednesday, November 5, 2014 @ 6:00AM

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Westbound Interstate 80 will be OPEN.**

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Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer



November 4, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Cass County

Thursday, November 6, 2014 @ 10:00am

GOOD NEWS

US-75 & Bay Road Interchange Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Location – On US-75 under the Bay Road Interchange Bridge.

Time – Thursday, November 6, 2014 @ 10:00am.

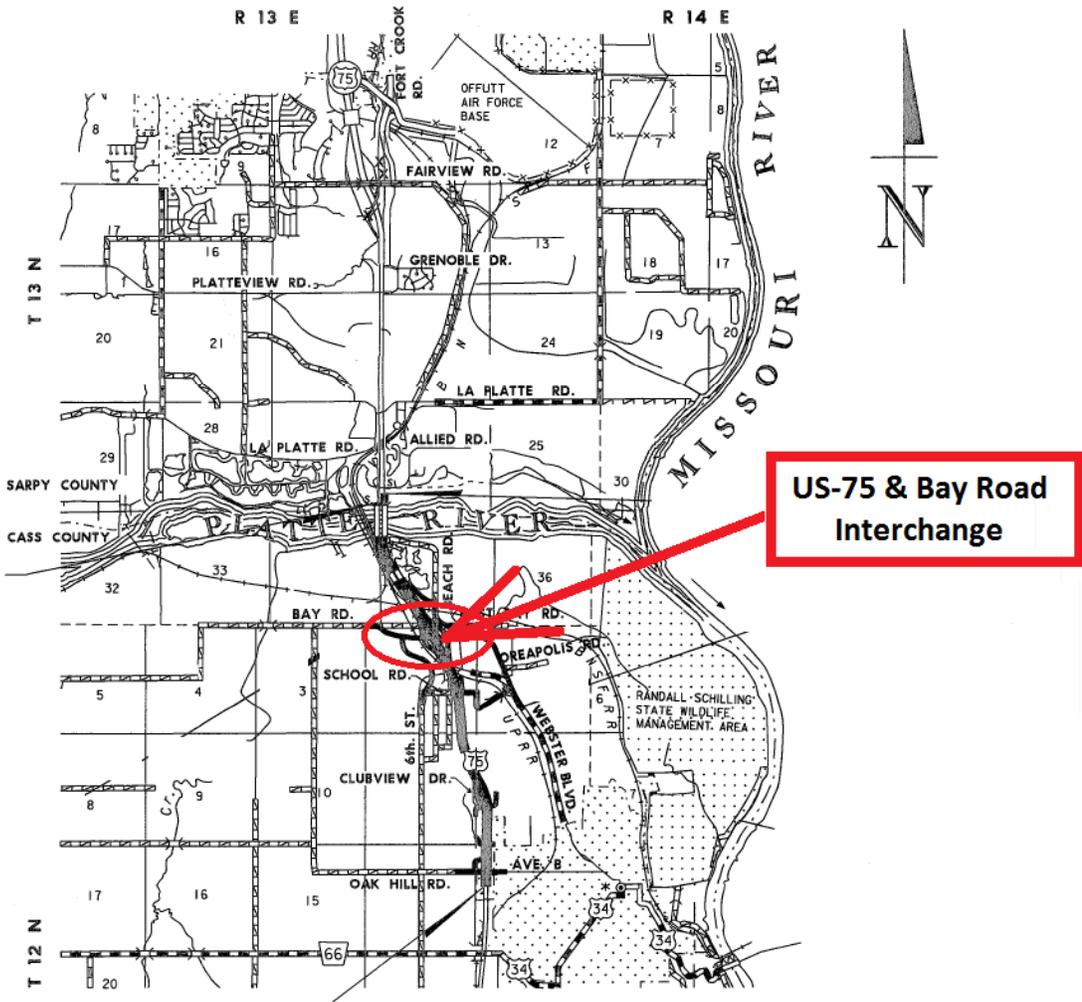
Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Timothy W. Weander PE
District Engineer



PLATTSMOUTH — BELLEVUE PLATTE RIVER & SOUTH CASS & SARPY COUNTIES



REFERENCE POST NO. 72+73 . TO REFERENCE POST NO. 76+57



Project Facts
Project Number: NH 75-2(173)
Plattsmouth – Bellevue, Platte River and South

Project Length: 3.8 miles

Project Duration: 1,315 Calendar Days

Project Start Date: April 2, 2012

Contracted Completion Date: Nov. 2015

Actual Completion Date: Dec. 2014

Prime Contractor Hawkins Construction Company (Omaha, NE)

Number of Sub-Contractors: 22

Initial Contract Amount: \$61,458,725.63

Excavation Quantity: 2,148,377 cubic yards

Length of Culvert Pipe Laid: 2.5 miles

Number of Box Culverts: 11

Area to be Paved with Concrete: 214,247 square yards

Concrete Paving Length: 38,095 ft. = 7.2 miles = 21.4 lane miles

County Road Realignment: 2.7 miles

Asphalt Paving Length: 9,521 ft. = 1.8 miles = 3.6 lane miles

Gravel Road Length: 4,778 ft. = 0.9 miles = 1.8 lane miles

Number of Bridges to be Constructed & Rehabilitated: 9

Weight of Steel in Bridges: 3,144,603 pounds = 1,572 tons

Volume of Concrete in Bridges: 18,496 cubic yards

Length of 12x53 Piling Driven: 71,535 ft. = 13.5 miles



November 4, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Cass County

Thursday, November 6, 2014 @ 4:00PM

GOOD NEWS

One Year ahead of Schedule

Plattsmouth Area

US-75 & Bay Road Interchange

**Northbound & Southbound US-75 Traffic
will be placed on the newly constructed US-75 lanes at
Bay Road Interchange.**

**Northbound & Southbound US-75 Traffic exiting at
Bay Road Interchange will be required to STOP at Bay Road.**

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Timothy W. Weander PE
District Engineer



November 7, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Monday, November 10, 2014, @ 11:00PM
until
Tuesday, November 11, 2014, @ 6:00AM

**Eastbound Interstate 80 Ramp to Northbound Interstate 480
will be CLOSED.**

This closure is necessary for the removal of bridge deck forms.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer



November 7, 2014

FOR RELEASE AT WILL

New Features for Nebraska 511 Website Plus an App

The Nebraska Department of Roads' 511 Advanced Traveler Information System has been updated to provide a more current and enhanced product for the public with new features that will assist commuters, truckers, and travelers along Nebraska's highway system.

There are now three options for 24-hour-a-day, year-round Nebraska road condition and traveler information including phone, website, and a new app.

The 511 phone system is using a new system and no longer provides the weather report. To access 511 via a cell phone or landline, dial 511. If outside of Nebraska, dial 800-906-9069.

The 511 website can be accessed on the Nebraska Department of Roads' home page www.roads.nebraska.gov or www.511.nebraska.gov. The 511 website provides you with road conditions, cameras, weather information, and now an additional layer called traffic speeds which colors the roadways to show speeds (fast through slow) to indicate a slowdown in real-time. It now offers different versions based on your Internet connection – full featured for a high-speed Internet connection, streamlined for a low-bandwidth Internet connection, and mobile for smartphones and tablets. The mobile version is primarily a text-based version with images for the cameras. Another new feature of the 511 website is the option to create an account which allows you to create and save routes and then schedule alerts along selected routes. The alerts can be in the form of a text message to your cell phone or an email.

Nebraska 511 now has an app that works on smartphones and tablets operating on the Apple and Android platforms. Visit the App Store or Google Play and search for Nebraska 511.

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Remember, the primary responsibility of every driver is the safe operation of his/her vehicle. Do not rely on the Nebraska 511 information as the sole basis for travel decisions. Before you travel in bad weather, check several resources to gather as much information as possible about the weather and road conditions. You alone are responsible for making the final decision to travel during periods of bad weather.

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Contact:

Mary Jo Oie, (402) 479-4512

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November 7, 2014

FOR RELEASE AT WILL

Are You Road Ready for Winter Weather?

The Nebraska Department of Roads' crews are prepared for snowplow season. Workers and equipment will be out to clear the highways and will be monitoring changing conditions on the state's highways throughout the winter season. Motorists should be prepared too.

Know Before You Go!

For 24-hour-a-day, year-round Nebraska road condition and traveler information, the following options are available:

- Phone: dial 511 from a cell phone or landline; if outside Nebraska, dial 800-906-9069
- Web: www.roads.nebraska.gov or www.511.nebraska.gov
- Mobile app: download at the Apple or Google Play stores; search for "Nebraska 511"
- <http://www.roads.nebraska.gov/videos.html>

Watch Out

Snowplows cause soft snow to swirl. It can become difficult to see a plow, or for the plow operator to see you. *Drive with your low-beam headlights on in rain, snow and fog.* Make sure your headlights, taillights, and windows are clean and clear of snow, so you can see and be seen.

When traveling outside of a business or residential district, it is unlawful to follow a highway maintenance vehicle (snowplow, truck, or grader) more closely than 100 feet when it is plowing snow, spreading salt or sand, or displaying a flashing amber or blue light. If conditions permit, however, drivers may carefully pass a maintenance vehicle.

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Beware of icy spots when driving, especially on bridges and in sheltered areas. Drive at a reduced speed and allow plenty of distance for reacting to traffic. Slow down *gradually* when approaching curves, intersections and when turning in to businesses and driveways.

Motorists *may use* studded snow tires in Nebraska from November 1 to April 1. School buses, emergency vehicles, and mail carrier vehicles may use them anytime during the year.

Make sure everyone in a motor vehicle wears a seat belt and children are in a car safety seat. Do not use cruise control in wet or snowy weather and do keep your gas tank full.

Winter Weather Words to Know

Winter Storm Watch – A winter storm is possible or approaching.

Winter Storm Warnings – A winter storm is imminent.

Snow Advisory – One to five inches is expected.

Blowing and Drifting Snow Advisory – Visibility can be at or below a quarter mile.

Wind Chill Advisory – Wind chills of -30 to -35 are expected.

Freezing Rain/Sleet Advisory – An accumulation of freezing rain or sleet could make exposed surfaces dangerous or cause damage.

Travel Not Advised – The Nebraska State Patrol, the Nebraska Department of Roads and local emergency responders warn motorists not to enter highways, roads, or streets after this advisory has been issued as hazardous conditions have been reported.

Road Closed – If the State Patrol or Nebraska Department of Roads show a state highway or any part of the Interstate as “Closed” on their Advanced Traveler Information System (ATIS) and/or on the 511 road conditions reporting system – this means the highway or the Interstate is *officially closed to traffic* – until the “Closure” is removed from the reporting system.

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Contact:

Mary Jo Oie, (402) 479-4512

November 13, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Hoebet New District 5 Engineer for State Roads

Doug Hoebet has been named the new District 5 Engineer in Gering for the Nebraska Department of Roads. District 5 includes Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sioux and Sheridan counties. Hoebet, a licensed professional engineer, succeeds Craig R. Lind, who retired after 43 years at Roads, including 11 years as District 5 Engineer.

Hoebet has worked at the Roads Department for more than 17 years, including the past 11 years as District 5 Construction Engineer. Prior to that, Hoebet worked in the consultant coordination and expressway design units in the Roadway Design Division. He also served as railroad liaison engineer in the Rail and Public Transportation Division.

Born and raised in Scottsbluff, Hoebet worked in the District 5 construction office in Scottsbluff for five summers while attending college. In 1997, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Wyoming in Laramie.

Hoebet, 41, and his wife, Jennifer, are both from the Scottsbluff area and many family members are still living there. In his spare time, Hoebet enjoys designing and building furniture, sketching and spending time outdoors.

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For additional information, contact Doug Hoebet at the District Office in Gering, (308) 436-6587.

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November 14, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New Highway and Street Superintendents Licensed

Lincoln -- 5 people successfully completed the October 3, 2014, examination and are now licensed by the Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents.

Licensed as City Street Superintendent is Clayton Engelman of Lincoln.

Licensed as County Highway Superintendent are Shawn Boyd of Gothenburg, Nicole Frankl of Lincoln, Nathan Hoeckelman of Lincoln, and Ace Wick of Scottsbluff.

Engelman is the Northeast District Street Maintenance Supervisor for the City of Lincoln; Boyd is the Assistant County Surveyor for Lincoln County; Frankl is the Director of Nebraska Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) in Lincoln; Hoeckelman is a Training Coordinator for Nebraska Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) in Lincoln; and Wick is a Road Department Foreman for Scottsbluff County.

The next examination will be held April 3, 2015, with an application deadline of February 9, 2015. Applications can be obtained by contacting the Board of Examiners, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509, (402) 479-4436, 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, Boards – Liaison Services Section website, <http://transportation.nebraska.gov/gov-aff/gov-aff-main.html>.

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Contact:

LeMoyne Schulz (402) 479-4436.

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November 14, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Roads Standards Board to Meet

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

The agenda includes:

- Addition of projects to the Dawson and Thayer Counties One- and Six-Year Highway, Road and Street Improvement Plans.

This meeting is open to the public

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Detailed agenda as of November 14, 2014, below.

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**

November 21, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

**Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters Building Auditorium, Room 139A
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 October 17, 2014 Meeting

Status Report - 2014-2015 Standardized System of Annual Reports (NDOR, 80 county and
68 municipal reports received, 13 county and 0 municipal reports are delinquent)

Initial Status Report – 2015 One- and Six-year Road and Street Plan submittals (*0 County and
0 Municipal plan received*)

2014 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road and Street Improvement Plan Revisions (2) (*Number of
projects in parentheses*).

- A. Dawson County (1) - Add Project No. C-24(345), asphalt surfacing on a Local road.
- B. Thayer County (1) – Add Project No. C-85(382), replace box culvert with a box culvert on a Local road.

3R Standards Committee Report, Recommendations, and next steps – Roger Figard

Other Business:

- Report on State and Federal Legislative issues
- Rules and Regulations Process – Andy Cunningham
- Discussion/Adoption at this meeting or in January – 2015 Proposed Work Plan
- Confirmation of decision not to meet in December
- Schedule of meetings for 2015 and tentative schedule for 2016

Correspondence and General Information:

- Miscellaneous correspondence

Comments from the Audience

Next meeting: January 16, 2015, 9:00 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads' Central
Headquarters Building Auditorium, Room 139A, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska

Adjournment

November 18, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

OCTOBER TRAFFIC FATALITY TOLL

16

During the month of October 2014, sixteen persons were killed in traffic crashes on Nebraska roadways, according to data collected by the Nebraska Department of Roads.

- ◆ These 16 fatalities occurred in 16 crashes
- ◆ None of the 14 vehicle occupants killed were using safety belts
- ◆ Two fatalities occurred on the Interstate, eight happened on non-Interstate highways, and six took place on local roads
- ◆ Fifteen of the fatalities occurred in rural locations
- ◆ Ten of the fatal crashes were vehicle rollovers
- ◆ Two of the fatalities were pedestrians

YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS

2014	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES
January – October	188	168

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS

YEAR	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES	% CHANGE v. 2014 (FATALITIES)
2013	178	161	+ 5.6
2012	183	164	+ 2.7
2011	150	139	+ 25.3
2010	157	141	+ 19.8
2010-2013 Avg.	167	151	+ 12.6

- ◆ There were 11 fatalities in October of 2013.
- ◆ 110 of the 159 vehicle occupants killed so far during 2014 were not wearing safety belts.

This report includes information available through November 17, 2014, from the Highway Safety/Accident Record Section, Traffic Engineering Division, Nebraska Department of Roads. For additional information, contact Mary Jo Oie (402) 479-4512.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wed., Nov. 18, 2014, 11:00 a.m. CT

CONTACT

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Charles Isom, Gov.'s Ofc. 402-471-1970
Carrie Murphy, Mayor's Ofc. 402-444-3520
Mary Jo Oie, NDOR, 402-479-4512

Gov. Heineman & Mayor Stothert Highlight “Build Nebraska” Progress

(Omaha, NE) Today, Governor Dave Heineman and Omaha Mayor Jean Stothert highlighted the positive outcomes of the “Build Nebraska Act” for the citizens of Omaha, and the state. The Governor and Mayor were joined by Nebraska Department of Roads Director Randy Peters and Omaha City Engineer Todd Pfitzer to provide an update on progress of the Build Nebraska Act projects in Omaha.

In 2011, Gov. Heineman signed LB 84, titled the Build Nebraska Act, into law. As a result, beginning July 1, 2013, funding could be shared from existing sales tax at a rate of one-quarter of one percent is shared with the State Department of Roads (85%) and the cities and counties (15%).

“The Build Nebraska Act is having a positive impact throughout the state and benefits our citizens and travelers in Nebraska,” said Gov. Heineman. “Prior to the Build Nebraska Act, the focus of our roads program had been on asset preservation of our current roads and bridges. That left hardly any funds for much-needed capital improvement projects. This year, there have been new highway improvement projects underway during the 2014 construction season and that is good news.”

“The Governor’s commitment to public safety is apparent with the improvements made on the interstates around Omaha and the state highways through the city. We are grateful for the state funding that has made major projects possible, especially the resurfacing of Dodge Street from downtown to Westroads,” said Mayor Stothert.

Three projects in Omaha, I-80 Eastbound between 126th and 96th Street, I-80 Westbound between I-480 and 60th Street, and I-680 Northbound between Center and Pacific Streets are either already open to traffic or will be shortly.

Department of Roads Director Randy Peters said, “We are so gratified at the Department of Roads to be able to have under construction, several highway projects we have needed on our system for a long time. We are equally pleased these three projects in Omaha could be delivered already this year.”

“As always, the focus remains on improving safety, delivering projects and taking care of the State’s transportation assets. This we continue to do while taking care of the natural environment, bringing mobility to the traveler, implementing good fiscal management and working together with Nebraska highway users. Nebraska is on the move, and we want this momentum to continue,” Director Peters added.

Projects included in the Build Nebraska efforts are statewide. Additional projects are underway or planned for several areas including Lincoln, Kearney, Fremont, Nebraska City, Murray, as well as a portion of the Heartland Expressway in the Alliance area.

The Build Nebraska efforts include 17 capital improvement projects over a 10-year period, divided into three tiers. Projects are planned for Fiscal Years 2014-2015, FY 2016-2019 and FY 2020-2023, and are expected to total more than \$790 million when completed. Tier 1 is expected to total approximately \$155 million. The Omaha projects discussed today are included in Tier 1 and represent approximately \$30 million of that funding. Tier 2 projects are an expected total of approximately \$305 million, with Tier 3 at approximately \$331 million.

A complete list of projects is available on the Nebraska Department of Roads website at:

www.transportation.nebraska.gov/lb-84

November 20, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sarpy & Cass Counties

Thursday, November 20, 2014

GOOD NEWS

US-75 & Platte River Bridges

**US-75 Southbound Traffic has been placed on the
reconditioned Southbound Platte River Bridge.**

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Timothy W. Weander PE
District Engineer



November 25, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Project Update

Work has been suspended for the year on the project located at the Highway N-32 and US-77 Junction, according to the Department of Roads. Work will resume in the spring with temporary pavement construction as one of the first orders of business.

Visit the 511 webpage at www.511.nebraska.gov or dial 511 or 800-906-9069 to get the most current updates on highway conditions.

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Contact:

Jeff Francis
Highway Project Manager
(402) 375-7070



November 25, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Night Construction Work on I-80, Goehner to Lincoln

Weather permitting, construction work on I-80, from Goehner to Lincoln, is set to begin the week of December 1, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Scodeller Construction of Wixom, Michigan, was awarded the \$222,131 contract for crack sealing of the bituminous surface roadway between Reference Post 372+68 to Reference Post 394+78.

During construction, traffic may be reduced to one lane in each direction between the hours of 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. The project is anticipated to be completed by the end of January 2015.

The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Dewaine Knutson of Lincoln. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously through highway work zones.

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Contact:

Dewaine Knutson, Lincoln, (402) 471-0850, Ext. 1082

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