

October 2nd, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

*******REVISED*******

I-80 to be closed at Gothenburg overnight October 2nd and 3rd

I-80 Westbound will be closed between the hours of 11:00 PM and 6:00 AM October 2nd into the morning of the 3rd. Traffic will be routed off of I-80 at the Gothenburg I-80 Interchange off ramp, and back onto I-80 using the Gothenburg I-80 Interchange on ramp.

I-80 Eastbound will be closed between the hours of 11:00 PM and 6:00 AM October 3rd into the morning of October 4th. Traffic will be routed off of I-80 at the Gothenburg I-80 off ramp, and back onto I-80 using the Gothenburg I-80 on ramp.

The closures are for setting of new girders on the I-80 Interchange bridge.

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October 8, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas & Washington Counties

Thursday, October 9, 2014
until
Mid November 2014

N-133 Traffic Shift

**N-133 Head-to-Head Traffic currently in the
Northbound Lanes between N-36 and Dutch Hall Road
will be shifted to the Southbound Lanes
between N-36 and Dutch Hall Road.**

Traffic will remain Head-to-Head.

This traffic shift is necessary to facilitate the construction of the remaining northbound lanes of N-133 north of Dutch Hall Road.

Hawkins Construction Company is the Contractor on this Project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer



October 8, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Saturday, October 11, 2014
until
Mid November 2014

Interstate 680 Traffic Shift

**Northbound I-680 Traffic Shift between
Pacific Street and West Dodge Road.**

All Traffic Lanes in this area will have shifts.

**Currently, Traffic is shifted to the inside Lanes of I-680.
This shift will move the Traffic to the outside Lanes of I-680.**

This traffic shift is necessary for bridge work at the Papio Creek.

Chas. Vrana & Son Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer



October 9, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Norfolk Northeast Project Update

Weather permitting, Friday, October 10th, the intersection at Eisenhower Avenue and Highway 35 into the Woodland Park Subdivision will be closed to through traffic to complete grading and concrete paving in this area. Motorists can use one of three remaining entrances/exits at Woodland Drive, Meadow Lane, or Broadmoor Drive.

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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October 9, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Bridge Repairs to Begin Near Clearwater

Weather permitting, Monday, October 13th, joint repair work will begin on the bridge located approximately two miles east of Clearwater on US- Highway 275, according to the Department of Roads. Travel will be reduced to one lane using temporary signals through the project. Anticipated completion for these repairs is late fall.

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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October 10, 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 October 17, in Room 152, 5001 S. 14 Street, Lincoln.

The agenda includes:

- Addition of projects to the Buffalo and Washington Counties One- and Six-Year Highway, Road and Street Improvement Plans.
- Informal hearing on a Relaxation of Standards Requests from Buffalo, Hall and Washington Counties and the Nebraska Department of Roads.

This meeting is open to the public

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Detailed agenda as of October 10, 2014, below.

For additional information contact:
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**Agenda
for the Meeting of
BOARD OF PUBLIC ROADS CLASSIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS**

October 17, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

**Nebraska Department of Roads, Training Room 152
5001 South 14th Street, 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 September 26, 2014 Meeting

Status Report - 2014-2015 Standardized System of Annual Reports (10 county and 0 municipal reports received, 0 county and 0 municipal reports are delinquent)

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

- A. Washington County (1) - Add Project No. C-89(574), grading and asphalt surfacing on a Local Road.
- B. Buffalo County (1) – Add Project No. C-10(1432) / Hall County Project No. C-40(431), rehabilitation of Bridge No. C0040010115, by Interlocal Agreement, on a Local road. (*See relaxation request below.*)

Update on Continuation option for Relaxation of Standards - Staff Report.

9:30 a.m., Informal Hearing – NDOR request for a Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for a decrease in Design Speed, Reconstructed Bridge Roadway Width and Bridge Design Loading, Project No. STP-103-2(103), C.N. 13142, Pleasant Dale North & South, on a Major Arterial highway, N-103. Consideration of request.

9:40 a.m., Informal Hearing – NDOR request for a Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for decrease in stopping sight distance, Project No. STP-1-7(108), C.N. 22467B, Murray West, on a Major Arterial highway, N-1. Consideration of request.

9:50 a.m. Informal Hearing – Washington County request for a Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for a decrease in Design Speed and an increase in Maximum Grade, Project No. C-89(444)B on a Local road. Consideration of request.

10:00 a.m., Informal Hearing – Buffalo and Hall Counties request for a Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for a decrease in Bridge Design Loading, Bridge No. C0040010115, Buffalo County Project No. C-10(1432) and Hall County Project No. C-40(431), on a Local road. Consideration of request.

3R Standards Committee Report – Roger Figard

- OVER -

Other Business:

- Report on State and Federal Legislative issues
- Schedule of meetings and examinations for 2015 and tentative schedule for 2016 (*for action at November meeting*)

Correspondence and General Information:

- Miscellaneous correspondence

Comments from the Audience

Next meeting: November 21, 2014, 9:00 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters Building Auditorium, Room 139, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska

Adjournment

October 10, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

GOOD NEWS

Saturday, October 11, 2014

**Interstate 680 Project between
Fort Street and the Missouri River is now Complete.**

Speed Limits will return to normal.

This project was necessary for multiple bridge & pavement repairs.

Cramer and Associates Inc. is the Contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer



October 10, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

I-80 Temporarily Closing East of Kearney

Weather permitting, Watts Electric Company of Waverly, Nebraska, and the Nebraska Department of Roads, are announcing that westbound I-80 east of Kearney is scheduled to be closed overnight between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 5 and Monday, November 10.

The \$278,655 project is anticipated to be completed in November. The purpose of the project is to replace a Dynamic Message System Board and structure that spans I-80. The new board will be relocated east of the new Kearney East Bypass interchange.

I-80 westbound traffic will be detoured around the construction between N-10 and 2nd Avenue in Kearney along L-50A.

The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Jason Rotter of Grand Island. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously through construction zones, along detours and selected alternate routes.

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NR12-GO



October 10, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Highway Commission/State Roads Program Hearing Set in Lincoln

The State Highway Commission and the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) have scheduled an October 24 meeting to be held at 8:30 a.m. in Lincoln at Frontier Harley-Davidson, the “Hog Pen” Room, 205 NW 40th Street.

The State Roads Department Program Hearing for District 1 is the main item on the agenda. The Highway Construction Program and other state surface transportation issues will be addressed. This hearing is intended to provide a forum for public input. For additional information, contact your NDOR District 1 Office in Lincoln.

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Contact:

Thomas Goodbarn, District 1 Engineer, (402) 471-0850

Attachments:

Meeting Agenda
Meeting Invitation



Nebraska State Highway Commission

Nebraska Department of Roads
1500 Hwy 2, PO Box 94759
Lincoln NE 68509

Highway Commission Conference Rm 103
(402) 479-4871



Agenda

8:30 a.m., Friday, October 24, 2014

Frontier Harley-Davidson, the "Hog Pen" Room
205 NW 40th St, Lincoln, Nebraska

Call to Order

Roll Call

Minutes

- Approval of September 26, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Introductions/Announcements

Old Business

New Business

- NDOR District 1 Program Hearing
 - Commissioner Welcome
Rodney P. Vandenberg, District 1
 - District Presentation
Curt Mueting, District 1 Construction Engineer
Thomas Goodbarn, District 1 Engineer
 - Director's Remarks
Randy Peters, NDOR Director-State Engineer

Public Input

Remarks from the Chair

Public Meetings Calendar

Adjournment

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

December 12, 2014, 8:30 a.m.

NDOR Headquarters, Highway Commission Conference Room 103
1500 Hwy 2, Lincoln, Nebraska

Nebraska State Highway Commission meetings will be conducted with the statutes of the Open Meetings Act.



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Nebraska State Highway Commission NDOR District One Program Hearing

**October 24, 2014
8:30 a.m.
Frontier Harley-Davidson
The "Hog Pen" Room
205 NW 40th St. (Off of Hwy. 6)
Lincoln, Nebraska**



1500 Highway 2
P.O. Box 94759
Lincoln, NE 68509
402-479-4871

www.roads.nebraska.gov/hwy-pgm

October 15, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Maintenance Work on N-4 Near Table Rock

Weather permitting, a culvert replacement project will begin the week of October 20 on N-4, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

State maintenance forces will be replacing a culvert at Reference Post 196.4 about a quarter of a mile west of Table Rock. The work is anticipated to take 5 days. Both lanes will be closed. The detour is at the junction of N-4 and N-50, then south to the junction of N-50 and N-65, then east on N-65 to Table Rock. Message boards will be used to direct motorists along the detour route. Motorists should expect to see delays and are reminded to drive cautiously through highway work zones.

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October 17, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

U.S. 34 Bridge over the Missouri River will be open to traffic after 3 p.m. October 22

Creston, Iowa - The Iowa Department of Transportation and the Nebraska Department of Roads will open the new bridge carrying U.S. 34 over the Missouri River, linking Iowa and Nebraska, after 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, according to the Iowa Department of Transportation's Creston construction office.

Completion of the \$61 million dollar bridge project not only allows for ease of travel between Iowa and Nebraska for motorists, but it supports future economic development between the states as well.

Included in the project is a newly relocated section of U.S. 34 from Interstate 29 to U.S. 75 in Nebraska. The new route consists of approximately 7 miles of newly constructed four-lane divided highway extending west of the U.S. 34/I-29 interchange (exit 35) to U.S. 75 located between Plattsmouth and Bellevue, Nebraska. New overhead bridges, ramps, and loops were also included in the project that began in 2011. NDOR completed the work in Nebraska in 2013. The 3276-foot-long by 89-foot-wide U.S. 34 bridge took two years and 10 months to complete.

The Nebraska Department of Roads reminds motorists to drive with caution, obey posted speed limit and other signs in the work area, and be aware that traffic fines for moving violations are at least double in work zones. As in all work zones, drivers should stay alert, allow ample space between vehicles, and wear seat belts.

For the latest traveler information anytime, visit www.511.nebraska.gov; call 511 (within Nebraska) or 800-288-1047 (nationwide).

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October 17, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

GOOD NEWS

Sunday, October 19, 2014

Northbound Interstate 680 between West Center Road & West Dodge Road.

**Northbound I-680 Traffic thru this area
will be in the Permanent Lanes.**

Chas. Vrana & Son Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

Timothy W. Weander PE
District Engineer



October 20, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SEPTEMBER TRAFFIC FATALITY TOLL

25

During the month of September 2014, twenty-five persons were killed in traffic crashes on Nebraska roadways, according to data collected by the Nebraska Department of Roads.

- ◆ These 25 fatalities occurred in 24 crashes
- ◆ Eleven of the 19 vehicle occupants killed were not using safety belts
- ◆ No fatalities occurred on the Interstate, ten happened on non-Interstate highways, and fifteen took place on local roads
- ◆ Sixteen of the fatalities occurred in rural locations
- ◆ Nine of the fatalities occurred in single vehicle run-off-road crashes
- ◆ Five of the fatalities were motorcyclists
- ◆ One of the fatalities was a bicyclist

YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS

2014	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES
January – September	171	152

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS

YEAR	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES	% CHANGE v. 2014 (FATALITIES)
2013	167	152	+ 2.4
2012	166	150	+ 3.0
2011	135	126	+ 26.7
2010	136	123	+ 25.7
2010-2013 Avg.	151	138	+ 13.3

- ◆ There were 23 fatalities in September of 2013.
- ◆ The 25 fatalities in September were the most in any single month this year.

This report includes information available through October 19, 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.

October 21, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Cozad South Bridge Project No STP- 21-2(110) Detour Route No Longer in Effect

Highway 21 has opened to 12' maximum width traffic from Cozad/I-80 interchange south to the junction of Hwy 21/23. There could be possible daytime closures with traffic controlled by flaggers on the Tri-County Canal Bridge at mile marker 5+79 for the completion of the project – late Fall 2014.

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October 21, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

State Transportation Improvement Plan Revision Announced

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) require each state highway agency to develop a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP must list all highway and transit projects that will be using federal funds, as well as all regionally significant transportation projects using non-federal funding sources. It covers a period of four years and in Nebraska is updated every year on October 1st. Periodically, the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) must amend the STIP for reasons such as; to add or remove projects, to make adjustments to funding sources or estimates or to update a project's scope of work.

Federal law requires that all citizens and other interested parties in the State's transportation planning process be given reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed STIP and on any proposed amendments to an approved STIP. NDOR uses statewide news releases and an automated email subscription management system called GovDelivery to inform the public and advise them of the means and time period to comment on STIP's and any amendments. All comments will be addressed and those responses reported to the FHWA and FTA.

The revision, referred to as Revision 1, is available for public comment on the NDOR website www.roads.nebraska.gov/STIP/index-public-comment.html until 5:00 p.m. CDT on October 28, 2014.

The FHWA and the FTA will not approve the revision until the public comment period has ended and comments have been evaluated and incorporated in the revision as appropriate.

#MORE#

Copies of the Public Involvement Plan for the Nebraska Department of Roads' STIP are available from each of the eight district offices. (See the attached map of the district offices and contact information.) A copy of the proposed STIP Public Involvement Plan may be obtained upon request to the Communication Office, 1500 Highway 2, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759, or by calling (402) 479-4512 or by e-mail at maryjo.oie@nebraska.gov.

Under federal legislation, the Nebraska Department of Roads is required to have a public involvement plan for the STIP in place. This plan can be viewed at www.roads.nebraska.gov/STIP/.

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Attachment: District Map

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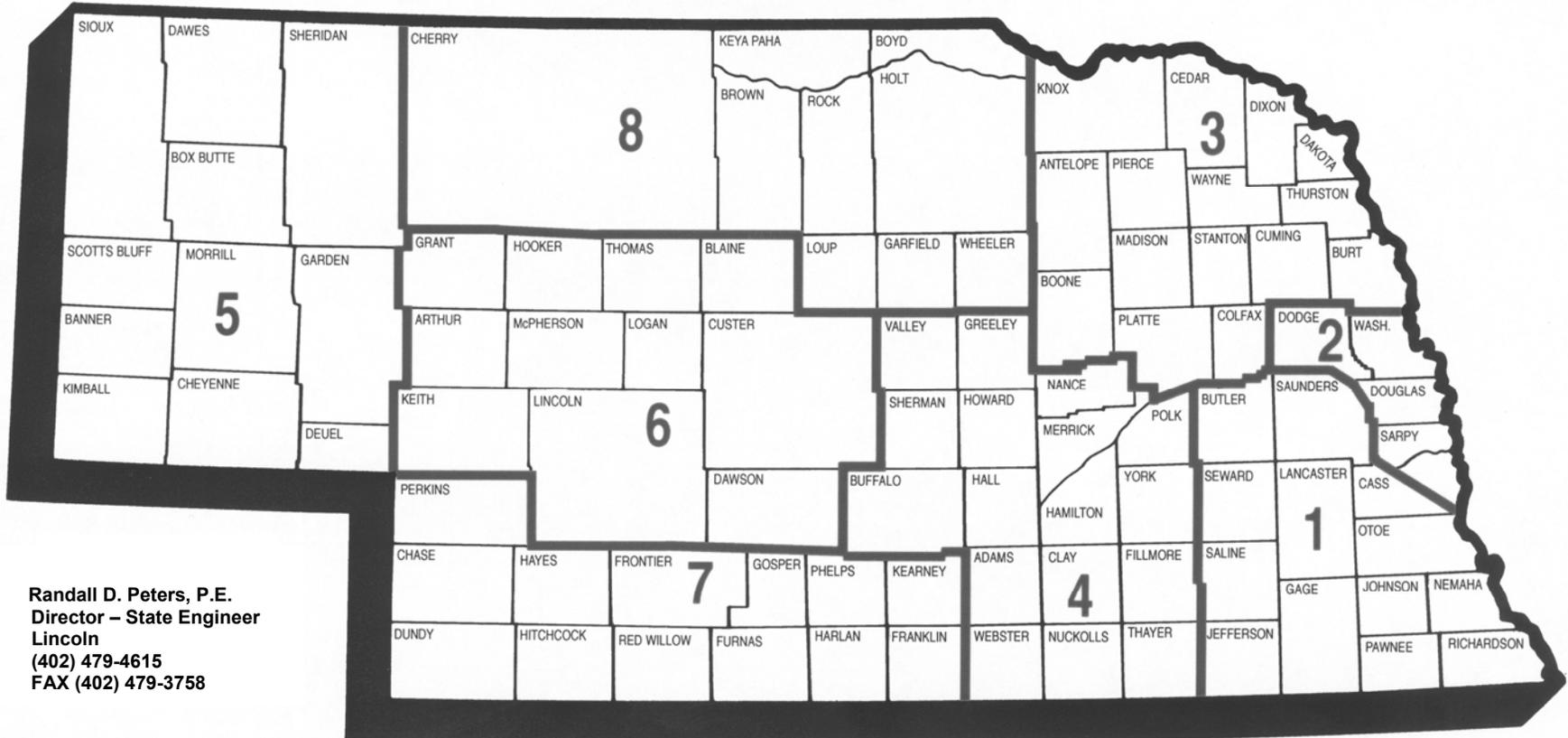
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October 29, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Washington County

Wednesday, October 29, 2014 @ **Noon**
for
Approximately 1 Week

Weather Permitting

US-75
Approximately 3.5 Miles North of Fort Calhoun
The Mill Creek Bridge will be restricted to One Lane.
Traffic will be maintained with Temporary Traffic Signals.

This restriction is necessary for bridge deck repairs.

Western Engineering Company, Inc. is the Contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer



October 30, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House November 13 for Denton Spur Improvements

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House November 13 regarding the proposed improvement of Nebraska Spur 55A (S-55A) in Lancaster County. Identified as **Denton Spur**, the proposed project would resurface approximately 5.11 miles of S-55A, remove and replace the bridge and build a new concrete box culvert. An open house will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m., at the Denton Community Center, 7115 Lancaster Ave., in Denton.

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 “Denton Spur” link.

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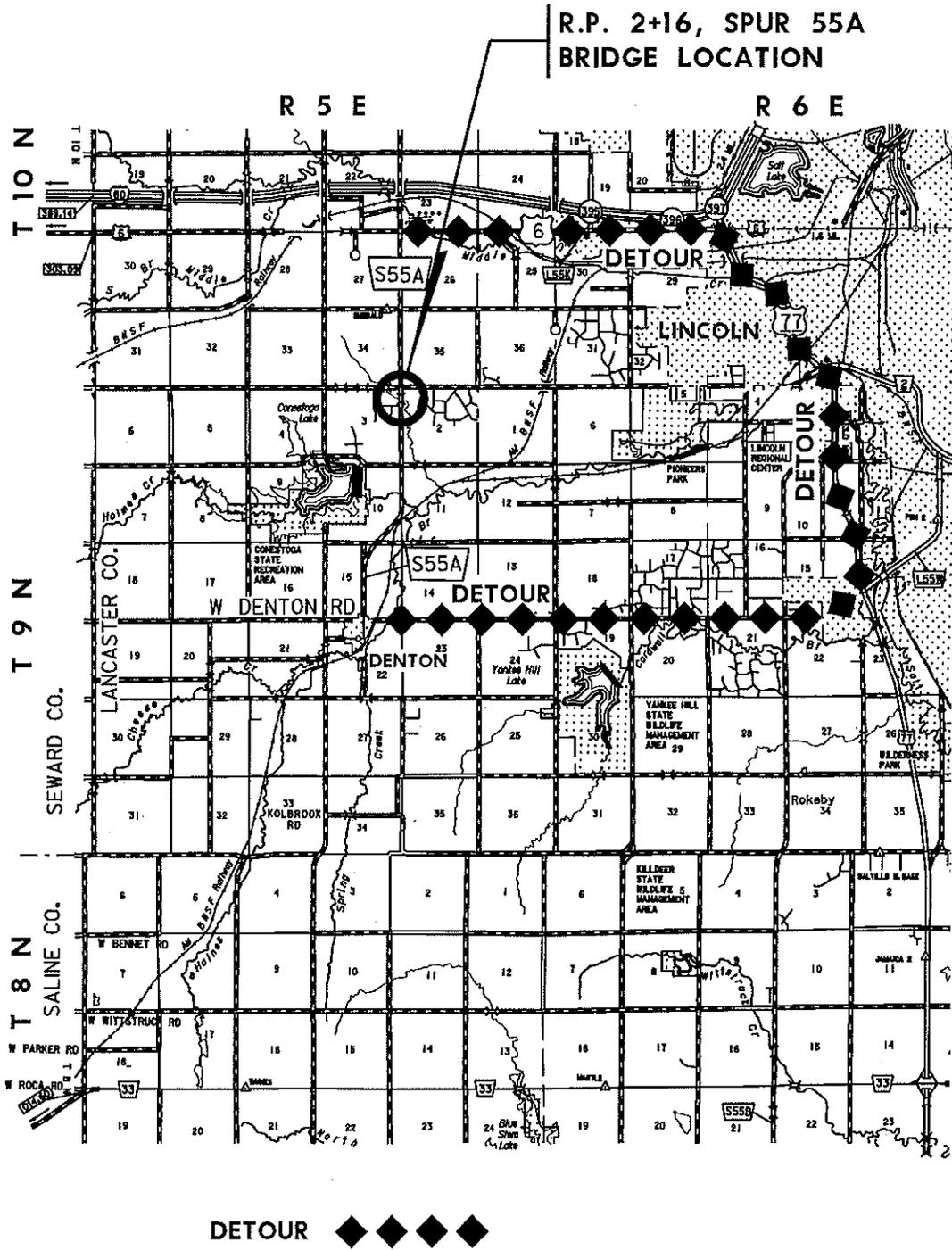
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DENTON SPUR DETOUR S55A(1017)

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LANCASTER COUNTY



October 31, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Road and Street Examiners to Meet

The Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents will meet at 10:00 a.m., November 7, in Room 103, Department of Roads Central Headquarters Bldg., 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln.

The agenda includes:

- Grading of the October 3, 2014 Written Examination for licensure.

This meeting is open to the public.

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Agenda, as of October 31, 2014

Contact:

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**Agenda
for the Meeting of
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY
AND CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENTS**

November 7, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

**Nebraska Department of Roads
Central Headquarters Building, Room 103
1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska**

Call to Order – Chairperson

Roll Call – Staff

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

Changes to Published Agenda – Staff

Minutes of October 3, 2014, Meeting

Professional Engineer application for a City Street Superintendent license, Class B: *(None)*

Professional Engineer application for a County Highway Superintendent license, Class B:
(None)

Professional Engineer application for County Highway Superintendent license, Class B and
City Street Superintendent license, Class B: *(None)*

Second Licenses issued administratively since October 3, 2014: *(None)*

Class B Licenses (second licenses) upgraded to Class A administratively since October 3,
2014: *(None)*

License Certificates Reissued since October 3, 2014: *(None)*

Grading of the October 3, 2014, County Highway Superintendent and City Street
Superintendent examination, *(Executive Session)*

Statewide news release for newly licensed (Class B) County Highway and City Street
Superintendents

Consider statements of contracted services for preparation and grading examination

Review and approval/disapproval of *(0)* new applicants and *(0)* re-applicants for the
April 3, 2015, County Highway Superintendent and City Street Superintendent examination
(0 total) (Executive Session)

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Preparation for April 3, 2015, Written Examination and March 2-4, 2015, Pre-Examination Workshop.

- Designation of exam preparation and grading consultant

Status Report for 2015 Class B and 2015-2017 Class A License renewal and initial Class A license applications

Request for Pre-certification of Professional Development Hours: (1)

- Nebraska Concrete Paving Conference

Request for Verification of Professional Development Hours: (None)

Other Business

- Report on State and Federal Legislative Issues
- Progress Review – 2014 Work Plan
- Discussion/Adoption at this meeting or in January – 2015 Proposed Work Plan
- Schedule of meetings and examinations for 2015 and tentative schedule for 2016
- PDH Hours for Training Provided by NE LTAP and IHI courses

Correspondence and General Information

- Schedule of meetings and examinations for 2015 and tentative schedule for 2016 (*for action at November meeting*)
- Miscellaneous Correspondence

Comments from the Audience

Acknowledgement of Visitors

Next meeting: January 23, 2015, 10:00 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads, Central Headquarters Materials & Research Building, Room 129, 1400 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Adjournment

Note: The business meeting is open to the public. The grading of the October 3, 2014 written examination and the review of applicants for the April 3, 2015, written examination are closed to attendance of the public.

October 31, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

GOOD NEWS

Saturday, November 1, 2014

Northbound Interstate 680

**Pacific Street Entrance Ramp to Northbound I-680 will
OPEN.**

Chas. Vrana & Son Construction Company is the Contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

Timothy W. Weander PE
District Engineer



October 31, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Bridge Repair on N-15 South of Seward

Weather permitting, work on the Big Blue River Bridge repair project on N-15 is set to begin on November 5, 2014. The repair work will be performed at Reference Post 66+05 on N-15.

PCI Roads, LLC, of St. Michael, MN was awarded the \$79,936.00 contract. Traffic will be maintained on N-15 during construction with the use of concrete barriers and temporary traffic signals. Traffic will be limited to one 11-foot lane to be utilized by both northbound and southbound traffic. Delays should be expected. It is anticipated that construction will be completed in early December. The Department of Roads' Project Manager is Jesse De Los Santos. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously through work zones.

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Contact:

Jesse De Los Santos, (402) 471-0850

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