

December 1, 2014

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## **District 6 Overhead DMS Project No ITS-IM-ITSN(7)**

A new Dynamic Message Sign will be installed two miles west of Lexington, at RP 234.55 on Interstate 80 in the East Bound lanes. This project will include one or two nights of the closure of Interstate 80 EB lanes from Darr to Lexington. This Detour is scheduled for Friday December 5<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 12:30 AM and 5:00 AM. The second night will only be needed if the work is not completed on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

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Mon., Dec. 1, 2014, 10:30 a.m. CT

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## **Gov. Heineman Gives Nebraska Highway Progress Update**

(Omaha, NE) Today, Governor Dave Heineman and Nebraska Department of Roads Director Randy Peters provided an update on progress of the highway projects throughout the state.

In the calendar year 2014, a total of 107 highway improvement projects were completed. More than 150 projects will be contracted by the Nebraska Department of Roads for fiscal year 2015.

Gov. Heineman also congratulated Director Peters for Nebraska earning a ranking of 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation for overall highway performance and cost effectiveness in the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Highway Report by Reason Foundation.

“A safe and quality surface transportation system is a priority. Improvement projects over the past year, as well as those we are working on for next year and beyond, are a part of our ongoing efforts to provide a safe, efficient and reliable transportation network throughout Nebraska. The hundreds of construction and maintenance projects planned, designed and built by our Department of Roads each year are important to the future of this state,” said Gov. Heineman. “I want to thank the Department of Roads employees for all of their hard work this year.”

In calendar year 2014, the Department of Roads contracted 18 more projects than in 2013.

Department of Roads Director Randy Peters said, “We are already getting ready for new and continuing projects that will be underway in the spring. A safe and quality surface transportation system continues to be our priority.”

For information on highway projects in your area that are proposed, planned or underway, go to [www.roads.nebraska.gov](http://www.roads.nebraska.gov).

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## **State Highway Commission Meeting**

The State Highway Commission will hold its regular meeting December 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m., in Room 103, at the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

The agenda for the meeting is available on the NDOR website at [www.transportation.nebraska.gov/news/meetings.htm](http://www.transportation.nebraska.gov/news/meetings.htm) or by calling (402) 479-4871. The State Highway Commission meetings are conducted in compliance with the Nebraska Statutes of the Open Meetings Act. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the State Highway Commission will be at a holiday dinner at the Country Club of Lincoln on December 11<sup>th</sup>. For details, call (402) 479-4871.

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## 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, December 12, 2014

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

Call to Order

Roll Call

Minutes

- Approval of October 24, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Introductions/Announcements

Old Business

New Business

- US-81 Speed Study  
*Dan Waddle, Traffic Engineering*
- Junction L-62A/US-385 to Alliance, Heartland Expressway  
*Jim Wilkinson, Planning & Project Development*
- US-30, Schuyler to Fremont Expressway  
*Jim Wilkinson, Planning & Project Development*
- 2014 AASHTO Annual Meeting Report  
*Commissioner Jerome Fagerland*
- 2015 Commission Calendar  
*Sarah Kugler, Highway Commission Secretary*
- 2016 Draft Calendar  
*Sarah Kugler, Highway Commission Secretary*

Public Input

Remarks from the Chair

Public Meetings Calendar

Adjournment

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

January 23, 2015, 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.

December 5, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Bridge Repair Work Temporarily Closing I-80 Shelton Interchange**

Weather permitting, emergency bridge repair work on the I-80 eastbound bridge at the Shelton Interchange, Reference Post 291+39, will begin Monday, December 8.

LMN Construction of Omaha, Nebraska, has been awarded the \$58,152.50 contract for removing a small deteriorating section of the bridge deck and replacing it with new concrete.

The eastbound driving lane of I-80 and the eastbound entrance ramp at the Shelton Interchange will be closed for the duration of the project, which will last approximately two weeks. A reduced speed limit of 55 mph will be in effect for the duration of the project.

The NDOR project manager for this project is Ben Merchant of Grand Island. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously through highway construction zones.

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Ben Merchant, (308) 385-6888 Ext. 215

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December 5, 2014

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## Highway 35/Victory Road Roundabout Project Update

Weather permitting, warranty work will begin on the Roundabout the week of December 8, according to the Department of Roads. Motorists should be aware of intermittent lane closures, flaggers and multiple vehicles and equipment during this process. Please use caution when traveling through this area. Estimated completion for the work is mid December.

Visit the 511 webpage at [www.511.nebraska.gov](http://www.511.nebraska.gov) or dial 511 or 800-906-9069 to get the most current updates on highway conditions.

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December 9, 2014

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## **I-80 Temporarily Closing Overnight 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 between N-10 Minden Interchange (Exit 279) to the N-44 Kearney Interchange (Exit 272) will be closed overnight between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 11.

The purpose of the closure is to replace a Dynamic Message System Board and structure that spans I-80. The new board will be relocated to east of the new Kearney East Bypass Interchange (Exit 275.)

I-80 westbound traffic will be detoured around the construction between N-10 and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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December 10, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sarpy County

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

## GOOD NEWS

**Northbound Giles Road Entrance Ramp to  
Eastbound Interstate 80 is now OPEN.**

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

**For additional information contact:**

Timothy W. Weander PE  
District Engineer



December 15, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## I-80 Temporarily Closing Overnight East of Henderson

Weather permitting, I-80 eastbound lanes will be temporarily closed from the Henderson Interchange (Exit 342) to the York Interchange (Exit 353) overnight between 10:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 17, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Eastbound traffic will be detoured 4 miles north along S-93A to US-34, then east 10 miles to the US-81 bypass on S-93D, then south 5 miles on S-93D back to the I-80 Interchange (Exit 353) at York.

The lane closures will allow the state's contractor to remove the old Dynamic Message Sign (DMS) and install a new DMS over the eastbound lanes near York. In case of inclement weather, this work will be postponed and rescheduled.

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December 16, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Work Scheduled on Eastbound I-129 Near South Sioux City

The Nebraska Department of Roads will begin upgrading a Digital Message Board on eastbound I-129 this evening, December 16th, weather permitting. A detour will be in place from approximately 10:00 p.m. this evening until 2:00 a.m. tomorrow. Traffic will be routed at Kingsbury Interchange, north on US-Highway 77 to the Veteran's Bridge, then southeast on I-29. Once the detour is removed, traffic will be maintained for the remainder of the upgrade. Motorists are urged to use caution when traveling through this area. Work is expected to be completed within one week, weather permitting.

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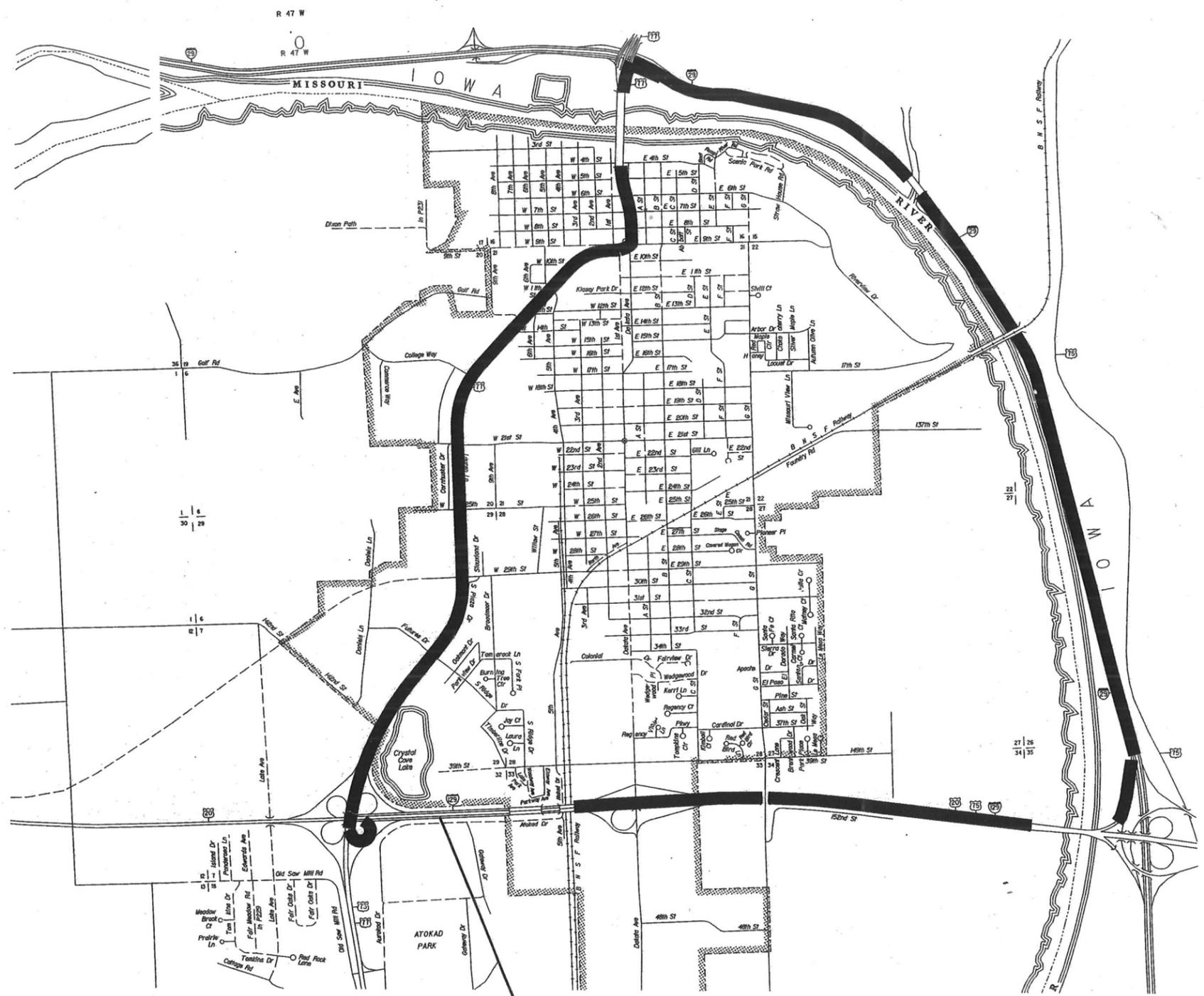


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## State Transportation Improvement Plan Revision Announced

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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 2, is available for public comment on the NDOR website [www.roads.nebraska.gov/STIP/index-public-comment.html](http://www.roads.nebraska.gov/STIP/index-public-comment.html) until 5:00 p.m. CST on December 23, 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](mailto: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/](http://www.roads.nebraska.gov/STIP/).

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Attachment: District Map

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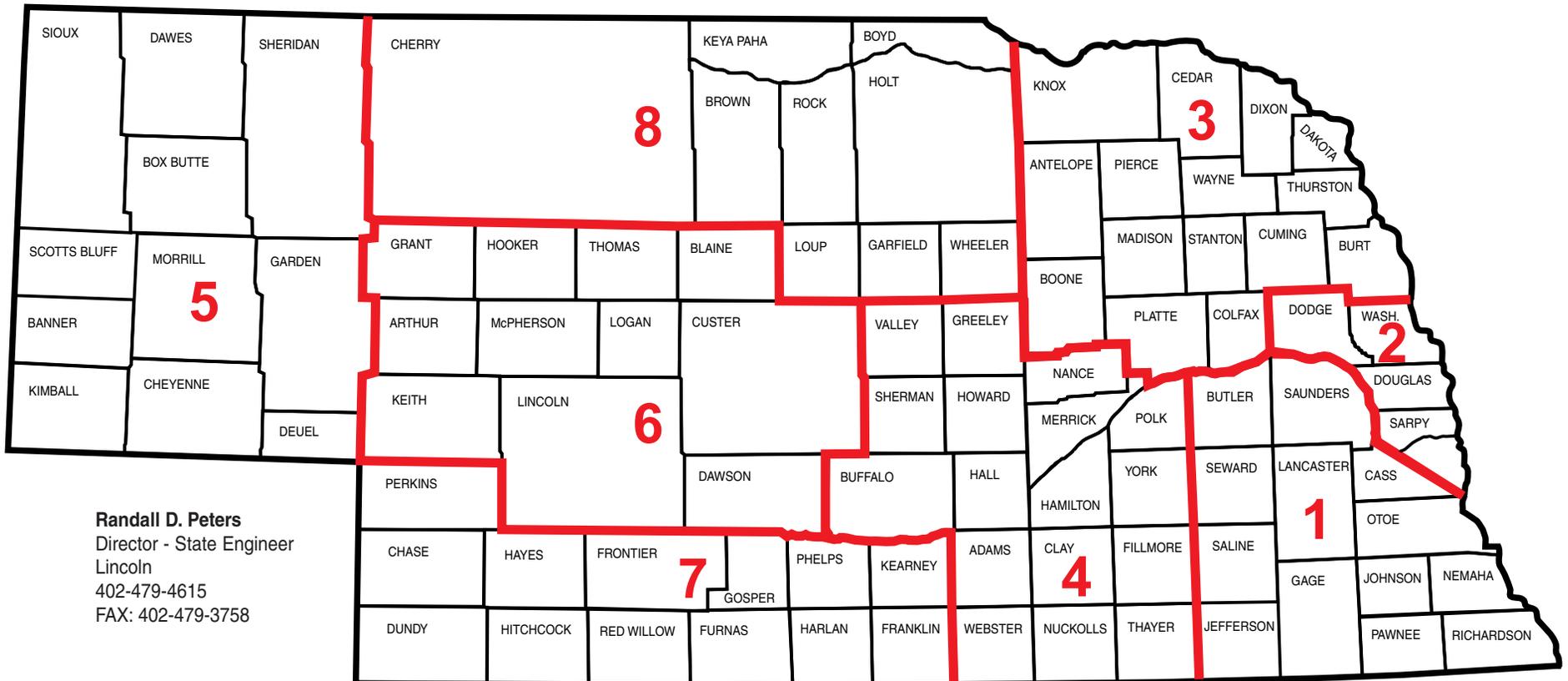
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December 16, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sarpy County

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

**Northbound US-75 Exit Ramp to N-370 is now OPEN.**

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

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December 17, 2014

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## Work Scheduled on Eastbound I-129 Near South Sioux City REVISED

Due to equipment breakdown, the Nebraska Department of Roads Digital Message Board upgrade on eastbound I-129 that was scheduled for the evening of December 16<sup>th</sup> is now planned for Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. A detour will be in place from approximately 10:00 p.m. on Thursday until 2:00 a.m. Friday. Traffic will be routed at Kingsbury Interchange, north on US-Highway 77 to the Veteran's Bridge, then southeast on I-29. Once the detour is removed, traffic will be maintained for the remainder of the upgrade. Motorists are urged to use caution when traveling through this area. Work is expected to be completed within one week, weather permitting.

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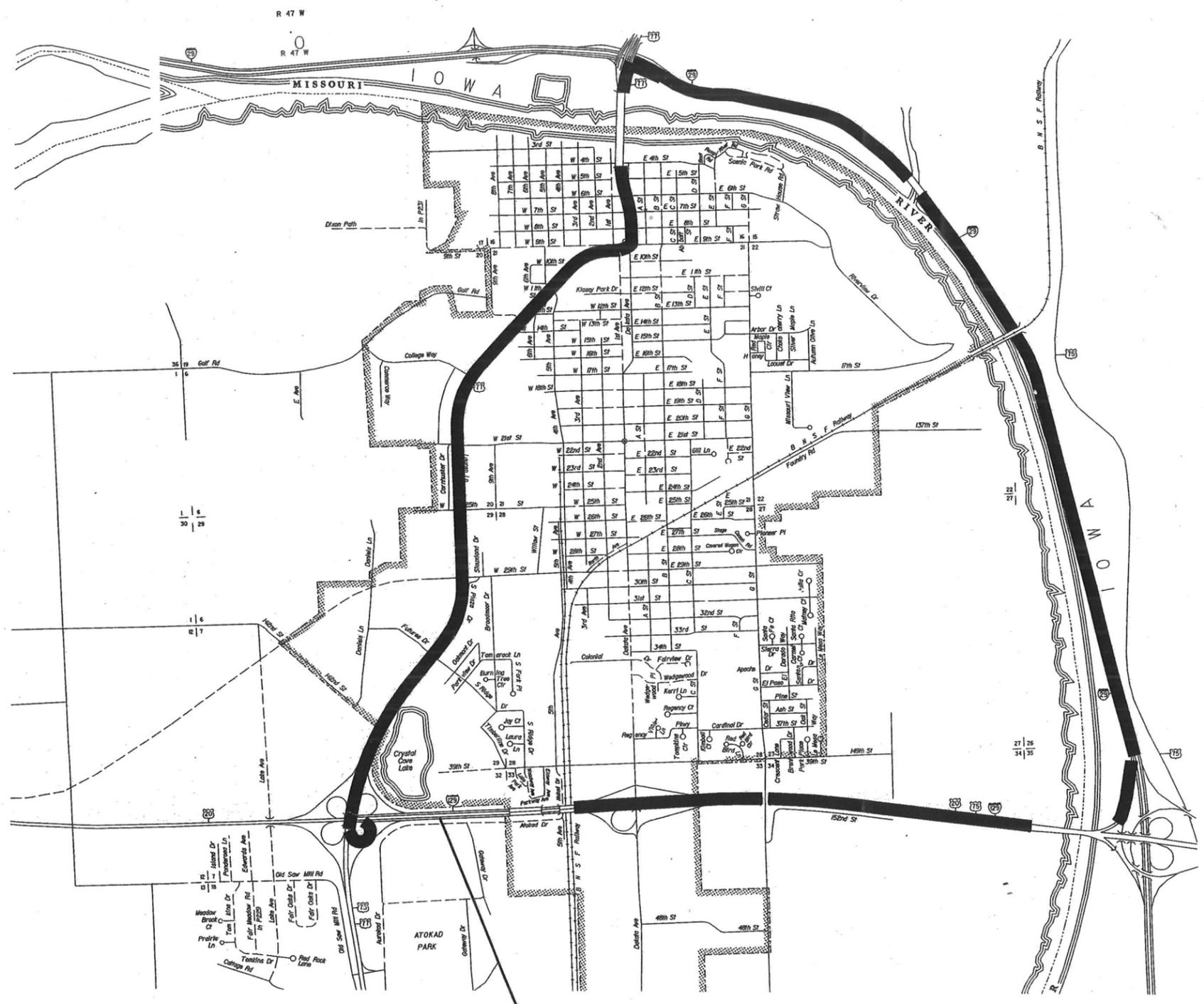


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December 22, 2014

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## Rail Work Temporarily Closing N-14 Underpass in Aurora

Weather permitting, a rail improvement project is scheduled to take place from January 2 to January 5, 2015 requiring the temporary closure of the N-14 underpass in Aurora, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

The temporary closure will allow SEMA Construction, the contractor for BNSF Railway, to drive piling for the new bridge piers for the double track project being constructed through Aurora.

During the closure, a detour will be in place from A Street to 1st Street to US-34 for northbound traffic and the reverse for southbound traffic. When N-14 is reopened January 5, traffic will be reduced to one lane through the construction controlled by traffic signals. The route and detour will have 12-foot-wide width restrictions during construction.

The project manager for this project is Drew Abbott, SEMA Construction, Centennial, Colorado. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously through highway construction zones.

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