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## Roads Superintendents Receive Advanced Licenses

Thirteen persons are the recipients of the Class A County Highway and City Street Superintendent's license. Created in 2003 by the Unicameral Legislature, the Class A license recognizes experience. A Class A license is renewable every three years upon evidence of continuing education. The Class A licensees are:

- Ms. Shannon Rose Callahan, Doniphan
- Ms. Kathy (Dahlkoetter) McFarland, Ashland
- Mr. Lawrence Edward Hankin, Chadron
- Mr. David Hottell, Kimball
- Mr. Michael Ingram, Franklin
- Mr. Fred C. Kellogg, Emerson
- Mr. Tom M. Neal, Harrisburg
- Mr. Christopher D. Rauner, Table Rock
- Mr. Steven P. Riehle, Grand Island
- Ms. Carla A. Schmidt, Hartington
- Ms. Janet R. Thomsen, Wolbach
- Mr. Dennis L. Wilson, Papillion
- Mr. David D. Ziska, Grand Island

Nebraska's unique system of voluntary licensure was enacted in 1969 as part of a comprehensive initiative to improve county, municipal and state highways, roads and streets. To qualify for the basic (Class B) Superintendent's license, an individual must pass a rigorous examination or hold a Registered Professional Engineer's license.

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Applicants for a Class A license must hold a Class B license and have either two years experience as a county's or municipality's employed highway or street superintendent, or four years of comparable experience. Counties and municipalities with a Class A Superintendent qualify for double the annual Incentive Funds payment for having a licensed superintendent.

There are 413 Nebraska licensed individuals (Class B or Class A) serving the majority of the state's 93 counties and 530 municipalities.

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, Liaison Services Section website, [www.transportation.nebraska.gov/gov-aff/gov-aff-main.html](http://www.transportation.nebraska.gov/gov-aff/gov-aff-main.html).

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## Construction Update for N-22 In Genoa

Highway improvement project S-22-5(1212), In Genoa, is scheduled to begin this spring. Construction work is anticipated to take place over two construction seasons.

Construction during 2014 is anticipated to include the section of N-22/39 (locally Park Street) from Ewing Street to Willard Avenue and the section of N-22 (locally Willard Street) easterly from Park Street to Laurel Street. N-39 (Willard Avenue) will be closed to highway traffic west of Park Street.

Traffic will be detoured via N-22 and Link 63A to N-39. All lanes of traffic will be reopened during the winter shutdown period and the detour will not be used.

Construction in 2015 is anticipated to include the remainder of the project on N-39 (locally Willard Avenue) westerly from Park Street to the project terminus between Poplar Street and Paper Street. Traffic will be detoured utilizing the same route as in 2014.

Motorists are urged to buckle vehicle seat belts and heed all traffic and work zone signs when driving highways and streets. Highway safety depends on you.

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February 17, 2014

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# K-63 Bridge Replacement Project to Begin in Nemaha County

On **Monday, March 3**, a replacement project will begin on the K-63 bridge located approximately 2 miles north of U.S. 36 in Nemaha County. Crews will replace the existing 153-foot by 26-foot wide structure with a 180-foot by 36-foot reinforced concrete haunch slab structure. Work will take place daily Monday through Friday during daylight hours throughout the project duration.

Starting on **Monday, March 3**, crews will close northbound and southbound K-63 over the bridge to all through traffic. Traffic will utilize a marked state detour route via K-63 to U.S. 75 (in Kansas and Nebraska) to N-8 (in Nebraska) to N-50 (in Nebraska) back to K-63. See below for the state detour route map. In addition, crews will add stop signs at the K-178/St. Benedict Road and 176th Road intersection, making it a four-way stop movement for all traffic throughout the bridge closure duration.

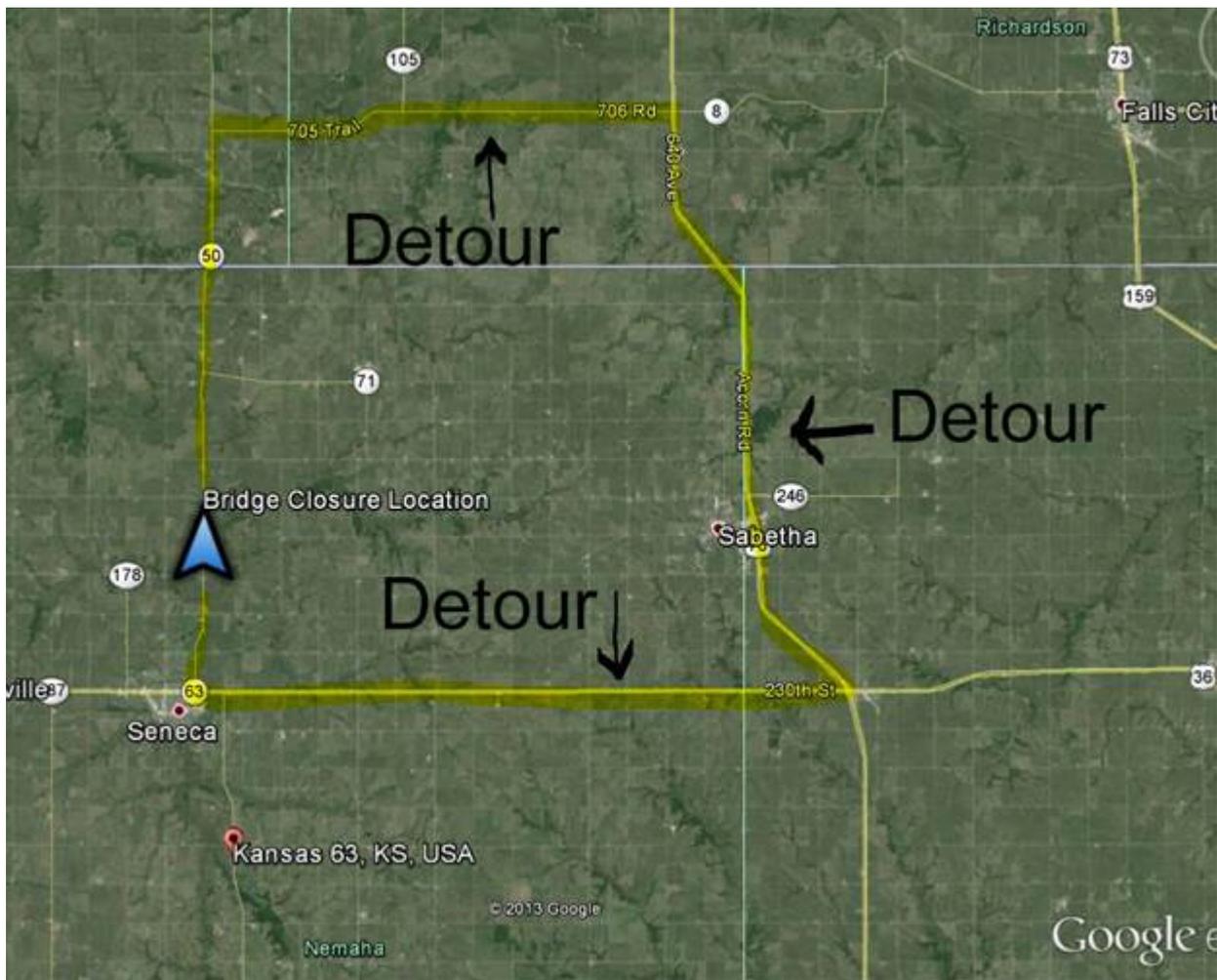
Drivers should expect minor delays and must use the marked detour route throughout the project duration. The Kansas Department of Transportation urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and "Give 'Em a Brake!" when approaching and driving through the project work zone.

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Reece Construction Co. (Scandia, KS) is the primary contractor on this bridge replacement project with a total contract cost of \$954,124. **Project work is scheduled to be completed in early September 2014, weather permitting.**

This project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010. Find out more about this and other T-WORKS projects at: <http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/>.

For questions or additional information on this bridge replacement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Kevin Palic, Construction Manager, at (785) 336-2183.  
(KDOT Project #63-66 KA 2074-01)



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February 14, 2014

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## Roads Standards Board to Meet

The Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards will meet at 9:00 a.m. on February 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 Dakota County; the City of Papillion; and the Villages of Clarks, Diller and Prague 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 February 14, 2014, below.

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**Agenda  
for the Meeting of  
BOARD OF PUBLIC ROADS CLASSIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS**

**February 21, 2014, 9:00 a.m.**

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

Update on Electronic Filing of Reports & Plans

2012-2013 Standardized System of Annual Reports Revisions (1)

- Village of Harrison Revised NBCS Forms  
1a-1e & NBCS Form 2

Status Report - 2013-2014 Standardized System of Annual Reports (*NDOR, 93 County and 496 Municipal reports received, 0 County and 38 Municipal reports are delinquent*)

Status Report – 2014 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road and Street Improvement Plan submittals (*13 County and 86 Municipal plans received, 0 plans are delinquent*)

2013 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road and Street Improvement Plan Revisions (9) (*Number of projects in parentheses*).

- A. Dakota County (1) – Amend Project No. C-22(220), concrete surfacing on an Other Arterial road. (*Tabled at the November and January meetings.*)
- B. Village of Prague (1) – Advance Project No. M-503(14), asphalt overlay on an Other Arterial street. (*Tabled at the January meeting.*)
- C. Village of Diller (1) – Add Project No. M-247(01-13), curb and gutter on a Local street.
- D. City of Papillion (1) – Add Project No. M-483(213), modification to intersection, install left and right turn lanes along with traffic signal interconnection and ADA sidewalk ramp improvements on an Other Arterial street. (*Tabled at the January meeting.*)
- E. City of Papillion (1) – Add Project No. M-483(231), installation of traffic signal at intersection with ADA sidewalk ramp improvements and traffic signal interconnection on an Other Arterial street. (*Tabled at the January meeting.*)
- F. City of Papillion (1) – Add Project No. M-483(232), installation of traffic signal at intersection with ADA sidewalk ramp improvements and traffic signal interconnection on an Other Arterial street. (*Tabled at the January meeting.*)

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- G. City of Papillion (1) – Combine Six-Year Plan Project Nos. M-483(219) & (220) into Project M-482(233), mill and asphalt overlay, and ADA improvements on Nebraska Highway 85. (*Tabled at the January meeting.*)
- H. Village of Clarks (1) – Advance Project No. M-202(28), Asphalt and Concrete surfacing on Local streets.

3R Standards Committee Report – Roger Figard

Other Business:

- Report on State and Federal Legislative issue
- Discussion/Adoption – 2014 Proposed Work Plan

Correspondence and General Information:

- Miscellaneous correspondence

Comments from the Audience

Acknowledgement of Visitors

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

Adjournment

February 25, 2014

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## State Transportation Improvement Plan Revision Announced

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires 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 STIPs and any amendments. All comments will be addressed and those responses reported to the FHWA.

The revision, referred to as Revision 3, 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) from February 25 to 5:00 p.m. CST on March 4, 2014.

The FHWA and the Federal Transportation Administration (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.

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Copies of 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 revision 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 email to [maryjo.oie@nebraska.gov](mailto:maryjo.oie@nebraska.gov). 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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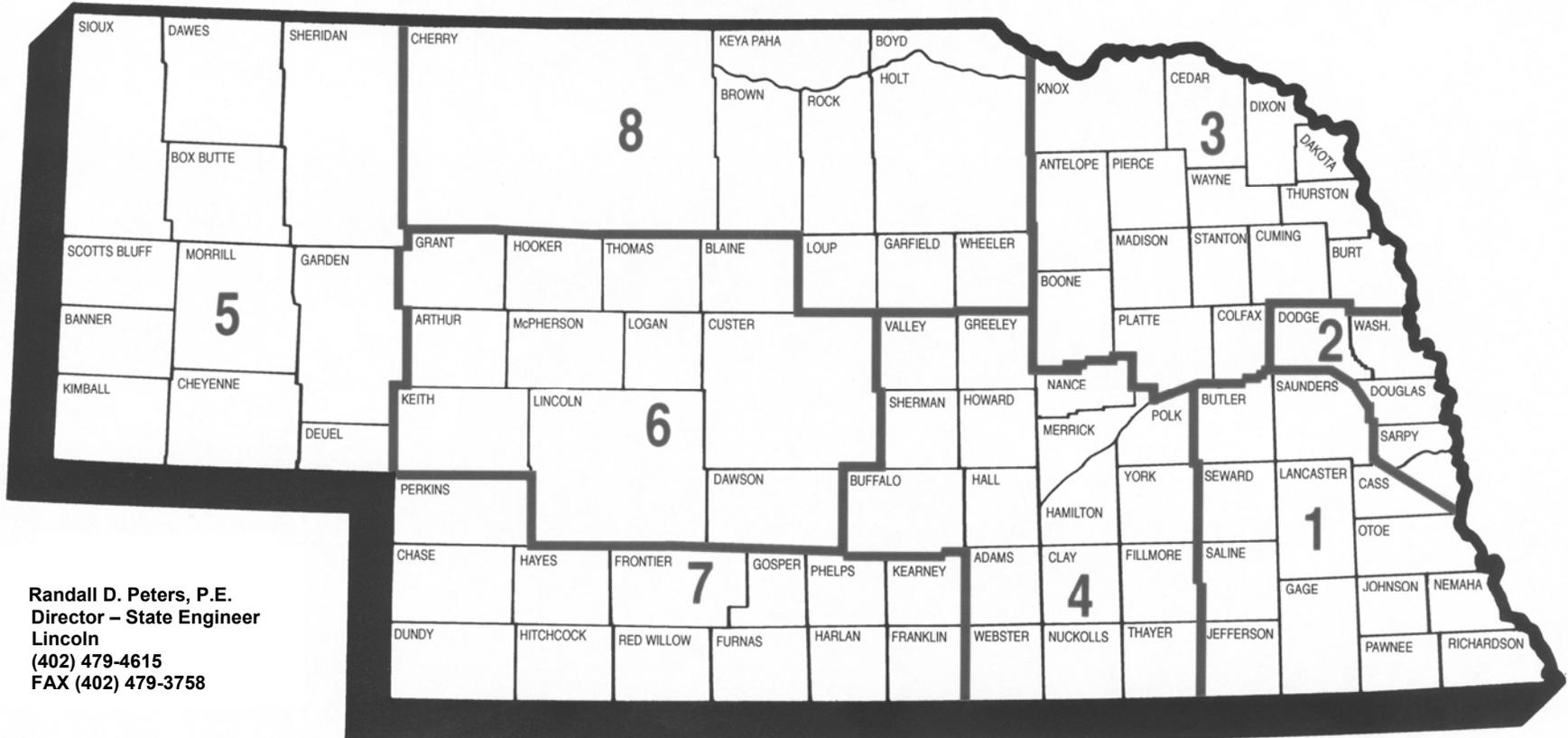
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February 27, 2014

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## Information Open House March 13 for N-92 Improvements South of Palmer

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House March 13, regarding the improvement of Nebraska Highway 92 (N-92) and Nebraska Spur 61-A (S-61A, known as the Palmer Spur), south of Palmer in Merrick County, known as **Worms Road East**. The open house will be held from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion Annex, 905 Commercial Street, in Palmer.

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/](http://www.transportation.nebraska.gov/projects/) by clicking on the “Worms Road East” link.

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