

February 2, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Rail Work Temporarily Closing N-14 Underpass in Aurora

Weather permitting, a rail improvement project is scheduled to take place from February 9 to February 11 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 set bridge girders 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 February 11, 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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February 3, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House February 17 for N-103 Improvements in Pleasant Dale Area

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House February 17 regarding the proposed improvement of a portion of Nebraska Highway 103 (N-103) in Seward County, known as **Pleasant Dale North and South**. The project would resurface approximately 2.86 miles of N-103, starting .67 miles south of the southern corporate limits of Pleasant Dale, and extending immediately north of the interchange of N-103 and Interstate 80 (I-80). The open house will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Dale Community Hall, 110 Ash St., in Pleasant Dale.

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.roads.nebraska.gov/projects/ by clicking on the "Pleasant Dale–North and South" link.

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Contact:

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

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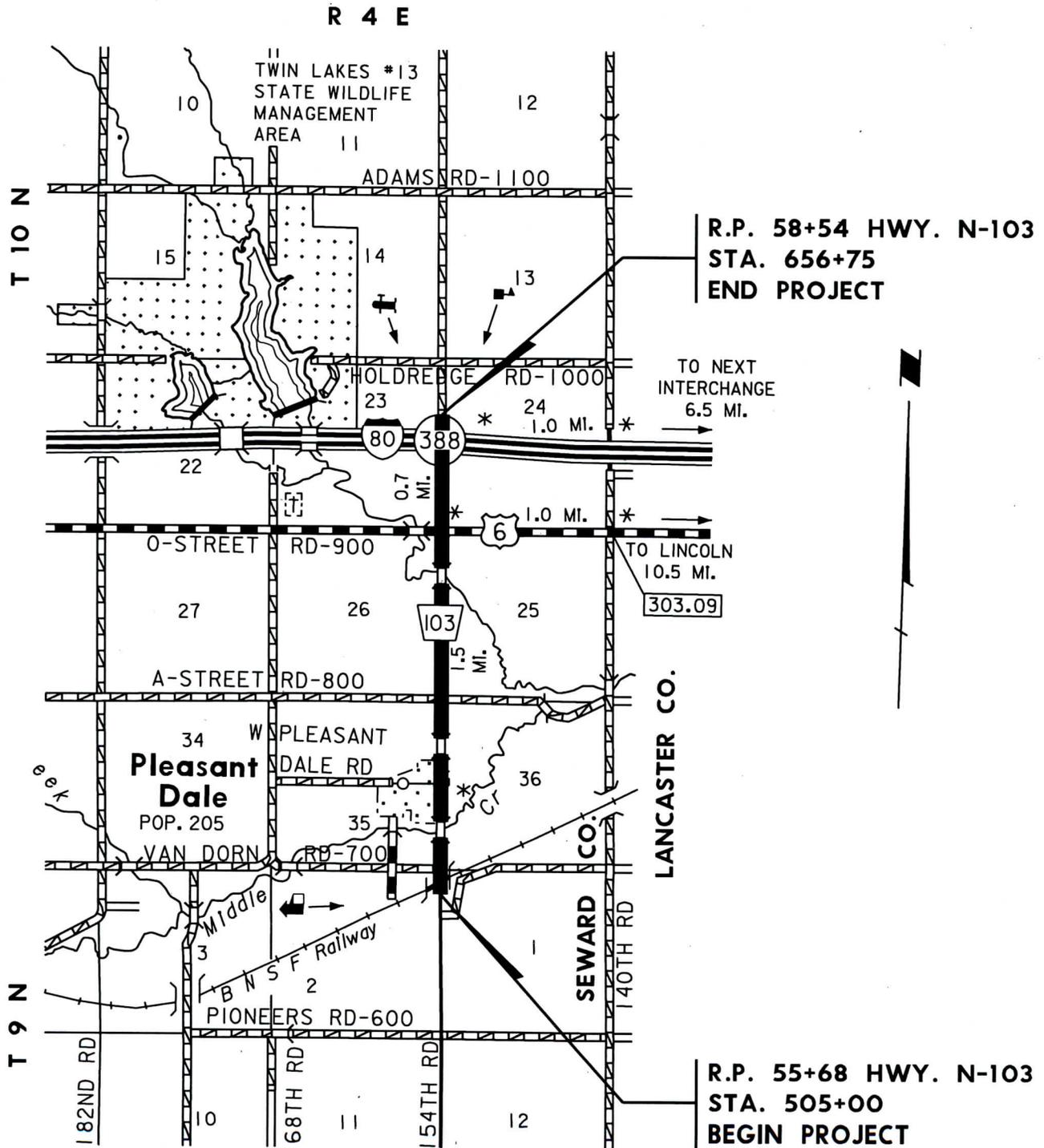
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PLEASANT DALE NORTH AND SOUTH 103-2(103)

C.N. 13142

SEWARD COUNTY



February 4, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New Traveler's Information Cameras Installed

Recently, four additional cameras have been installed in northeast Nebraska to allow the public to see real time road conditions to assist in seasonal travel decisions. Cameras were added at the Highway N-15/N-12 Junction west of Obert, the Highway N-9/N-35 Junction north of Emerson, the Highway US-275 /N-15 Junction east of Pilger and Highway US-30 near Rogers. Simply access the webpage at www.511.nebraska.gov.

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February 4, 2015

UPDATE

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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 February 9 **11** to February 14 **13** 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 set bridge girders 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 February 14 **13**, 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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Contact:

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February 9, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Douglas County

Monday, February 9, 2015 @ 11:00PM

until

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 @ 6:00AM

Weather Permitting

**156th Street Entrance Ramp to
Westbound US-6 (West Dodge Road) will be CLOSED.**

This ramp closure is necessary for the installation of an overhead structure.

Commonwealth Electric Company of the Midwest is the Contractor on this project.

For additional information contact:

Marvin Lech PE
District Construction Engineer



February 13, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Roads Superintendents Receive Advanced Licenses

Eleven 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:

- Mr. Mark L. Arps, Schuyler
- Mr. Mitchell D. Doht, McCool Junction
- Ms. Patricia A. Halbur, Geneva
- Mr. Lance M. Harter, Kearney
- Mr. Roger D. Hofts, Loup City
- Mr. Chris Howser, West Point
- Mr. Jonathon W. Mooberry, Wahoo
- Mr. David A. Smith, Bridgeport
- Mr. Daniel L. Stankoski, Genoa
- Mr. Kenneth R. Turpin, Jr., Long Pine
- Mr. Mark A. Vyhlidal, Fremont

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 411 Nebraska licensed individuals (Class B or Class A) serving the majority of the state's 93 counties and 529 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.

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For additional information contact:
LeMoyne Schulz, (402) 479-4436

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February 13, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Roads Standards Board to Meet

The Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards will meet at 9:00 a.m. on February 20, in the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters Building Auditorium at 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

The agenda includes:

- Informal hearings on Relaxation of Standards Requests from Custer and Wayne Counties and the Nebraska Department of Roads

This meeting is open to the public

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Detailed agenda as of February 13, 2015, 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**

February 20, 2015, 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 January 16, 2015 Meeting

Status Report - 2014-2015 Standardized System of Annual Reports (NDOR, 93 county and 496 municipal reports received, 0 county and 32 municipal reports are delinquent)

Status Report – 2015 One- and Six-year Road and Street Plan submittals (*12 County and 82 Municipal plans received*)

2014 One- and Six-Year Highway, Road and Street Improvement Plan Revisions (*None*) (*Number of projects in parentheses*).

9:10 a.m., Informal Hearing - Wayne County request for a Relaxation of Standards for Construction on a Minimum Maintenance road, County Project No. C-90(608). Consideration of request.

9:20 a.m., Informal Hearing – Custer County request for a Relaxation of Standards for Construction on a Minimum Maintenance road. Bridge No. C002131905. Consideration of request.

9:30 a.m., Informal Hearing – NDOR request for a Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for a decrease in Shoulder Width and Lateral Obstacle Clearance, Project No. 31-2(1014), Schramm Park South, C.N. 22302A, on a Major Arterial-Scenic-Recreation-rural state highway, N-31. Consideration of request.

9:40 a.m., Informal Hearing – NDOR request for a Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for a decrease in Stopping Sight Distance, Project No. STP-92-6(121), Mead-Yutan, C.N. 12982, on a Major Arterial rural state highway, N-92. Consideration of Request.

Standards Revision – NDOR Roadway Design Division

Other Business:

- Report on State and Federal Legislative issues

Correspondence and General Information:

- Miscellaneous correspondence

Comments from the Audience

Next meeting: March 20, 2015, 9:00 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters Building Auditorium, Room 139A, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska

Adjournment

February 13, 2015

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., February 20, in Room 103, Department of Roads, Central Headquarters Building, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln.

The agenda includes:

- Approval of candidates for April 3, 2015, Class B License examination.
- Review of Class A License Renewals.

This meeting is open to the public

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Agenda as of February 13, 2015

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

February 20, 2015, 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 January 23, 2015, 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 January 23, 2015: *(None)*

Class B Licenses (second licenses) upgraded to Class A administratively since January 23,
2015: *(None)*

License Certificates Reissued since January 23, 2015: *(None)*

Review and approval/disapproval of *(2)* new applicants and *(1)* re-applicants for the
April 3, 2015, County Highway Superintendent and City Street Superintendent examination
(3 total) (Executive Session)

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

2015 – 2017 Class A License Renewal: *(Executive Session)*

- PDH Audit Report
- Category 13 PDH – Other Professional Development Activities: *()*
- Class A License renewal approval/disapproval and reissue of Class B License: *(25)*

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

- NDOR Bridge Conference

Request for Verification of Professional Development Hours: (None)

2014 Incentive Funds Report

Preparation and Distribution of Forty-Fifth Annual Report

Other Business

- Report on State and Federal Legislative Issues

Correspondence and General Information

- Miscellaneous Correspondence

Comments from the Audience

Acknowledgement of Visitors

Next meeting: April 3, 2015, 8:45 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads, Central Headquarters Building, Room 103, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska, in conjunction with administration of examination (9:00 a.m., Auditorium).

Adjournment

Note: The business meeting is open to the public. The review of applicants for the April 3, 2015, written examination and the review of Class A license applications are closed to attendance of the public.

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Updated February 13, 2015

February 18, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work to Begin on N-44 Platte River Bridge South of Kearney

Weather permitting, work is scheduled to begin the week of February 23 on the Platte River Bridge on N-44 south of the I-80 Kearney Interchange, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Wildcat Construction Co., Inc. of Wichita, Kansas, has the \$4,984,725 project for rehabilitating the existing bridge, installing culvert drains and replacing the guardrail.

The bridge work is divided into two phases over two years. The bridge will be open to traffic during construction, but will be reduced to one lane using temporary traffic signals.

Phase 1 will begin on February 23 with the southbound lane being closed through the summer. Phase 1 work is expected to be completed in late November 2015 with two-lane, two-way traffic returned to the structure through the winter and a divided concrete protection barrier.

Phase 2 includes the northbound bridge work and is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2016 with an expected completion date of November 2016.

The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Bob Nordhues of Grand Island. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously through construction zones at all times, and expect delays or allow extra time for the traffic signals.

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Contact:

Bob Nordhues, (308) 385-6888, Ext. 104

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February 18, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Work to Begin on US-34 Platte River Bridge East of Grand Island

Weather permitting, work is scheduled to begin the week of February 23 on the Platte River Bridge on US-34 east of Grand Island, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Wildcat Construction Co., Inc. of Wichita, Kansas, has the \$4,864,374 project for replacing the existing deteriorating concrete rail, deck and approach slabs of the bridge. Minor repair of the girders and abutments and replacement of the guardrail is also planned.

The bridge will remain open to traffic during construction, but will be reduced to one lane of the bridge using temporary traffic signals.

Half of the bridge will be reconstructed in 2015, and the remainder will be completed in 2016. Construction will be suspended over the winter, from late November 2015 to early March 2016, with both lanes of traffic temporarily re-opened. The project is anticipated to be completed in November 2016.

The Department of Roads' manager for this project is Ben Merchant of Grand Island. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously through construction zones at all times, and expect delays or allow extra time for the traffic signals.

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February 23, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

JANUARY TRAFFIC FATALITY TOLL

22

During the month of January 2015, twenty-two persons were killed in traffic crashes on Nebraska roadways, according to data collected by the Nebraska Department of Roads.

- ◆ These 22 fatalities occurred in 22 crashes
- ◆ Eleven of the 15 vehicle occupants killed were not using safety belts
- ◆ Two fatalities occurred on the interstate, twelve happened on non-interstate highways, and nine took place on local roads
- ◆ Twelve of the fatalities occurred in rural locations
- ◆ Ten of the fatalities occurred in urban locations
- ◆ Four of the fatalities were pedestrians
- ◆ Three of the fatalities were motorcyclists

YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS

2015	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES
January	22	22

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS

YEAR	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES	% CHANGE v. 2015 (FATALITIES)
2014	14	13	+ 57.1
2013	25	20	- 12.0
2012	22	21	+ 0.0
2011	7	7	+ 214.3
2011-2014 Avg.	17	15	+ 29.4

- ◆ There were 14 fatalities in January of 2014.

This report includes information available through February 22, 2015, from the Highway Safety/Accident Record Section, Traffic Engineering Division, Nebraska Department of Roads. For additional information, contact Mary Jo Oie (402) 479-4512.



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February 24, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House March 10 for N-79 Improvements in Agnew Area

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House March 10 regarding the proposed improvement of Nebraska Highway 79 (N-79) in both Lancaster and Saunders counties, known as **Agnew North and South**. The project would resurface approximately 8.46 miles of N-79, and replace two bridges, starting at the Raymond Spur (S-55J) and extending to just north of the junction of Nebraska Highway 66 (N-66). The open house will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Valparaiso Senior Center, 312 Pine St., in Valparaiso.

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.roads.nebraska.gov/projects/ by clicking on the "Agnew North and South" link.

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Contact:

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

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