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## Temporary NW 48<sup>th</sup> Street Closure in Lincoln

Weather permitting, NW 48<sup>th</sup> Street, from the intersection of NW 48<sup>th</sup> Street and West "O" Street to West Holdrege, will be temporarily closed starting at 9:00 p.m. on the two evenings of Sunday, June 19, and Tuesday, June 21, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Westbound I-80 traffic headed south on NW 48<sup>th</sup> St (Exit 395) will be detoured at US-77 South (Exit 397) to the West "O" Street exit, then west on "O" Street. Eastbound I-80 traffic headed north will be routed north on Matzke Highway (Exit 382), then east on US-34.

Detours will be removed and traffic will resume by 6:00 a.m. the following mornings. The closures are to allow for the grinding of pavement, permanent pavement markings, installation of an overhead sign, and to activate the new traffic signals on NW 48<sup>th</sup> Street.

On Wednesday, June 22, motorists will notice a new traffic pattern on NW 48<sup>th</sup> Street as the new diverging diamond interchange will be partially open. Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction and new traffic signals will be operational. This lane reduction will allow work to continue in the median of NW 48<sup>th</sup> Street along with all four ramp areas. Motorists are urged to drive cautiously through the new configuration and through construction zones.

The contractor for this \$36,124,159 project is Hawkins Construction Company, of Omaha, Nebraska. In the event of bad weather conditions, this schedule will be revised. The Department of Roads' manager for this highway improvement project is Joseph Kuehn.

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