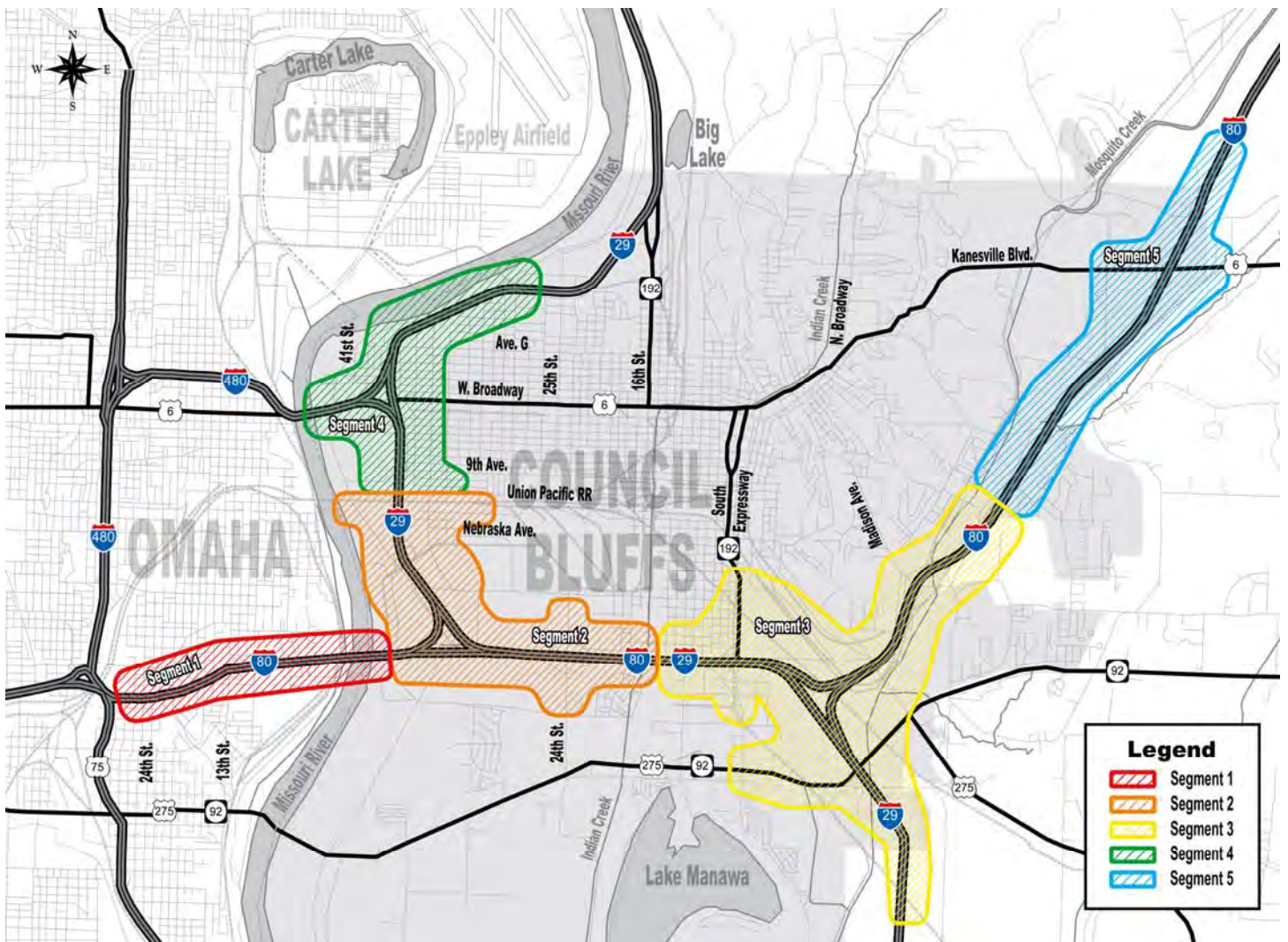




Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvements Public Information Meeting – April 3, 2012

Welcome to the public meeting for the Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvements Project (CBIS Improvements Project) sponsored by the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT). The CBIS Improvements Project is a major effort focused on improving the Interstate System in the Council Bluffs metropolitan area.

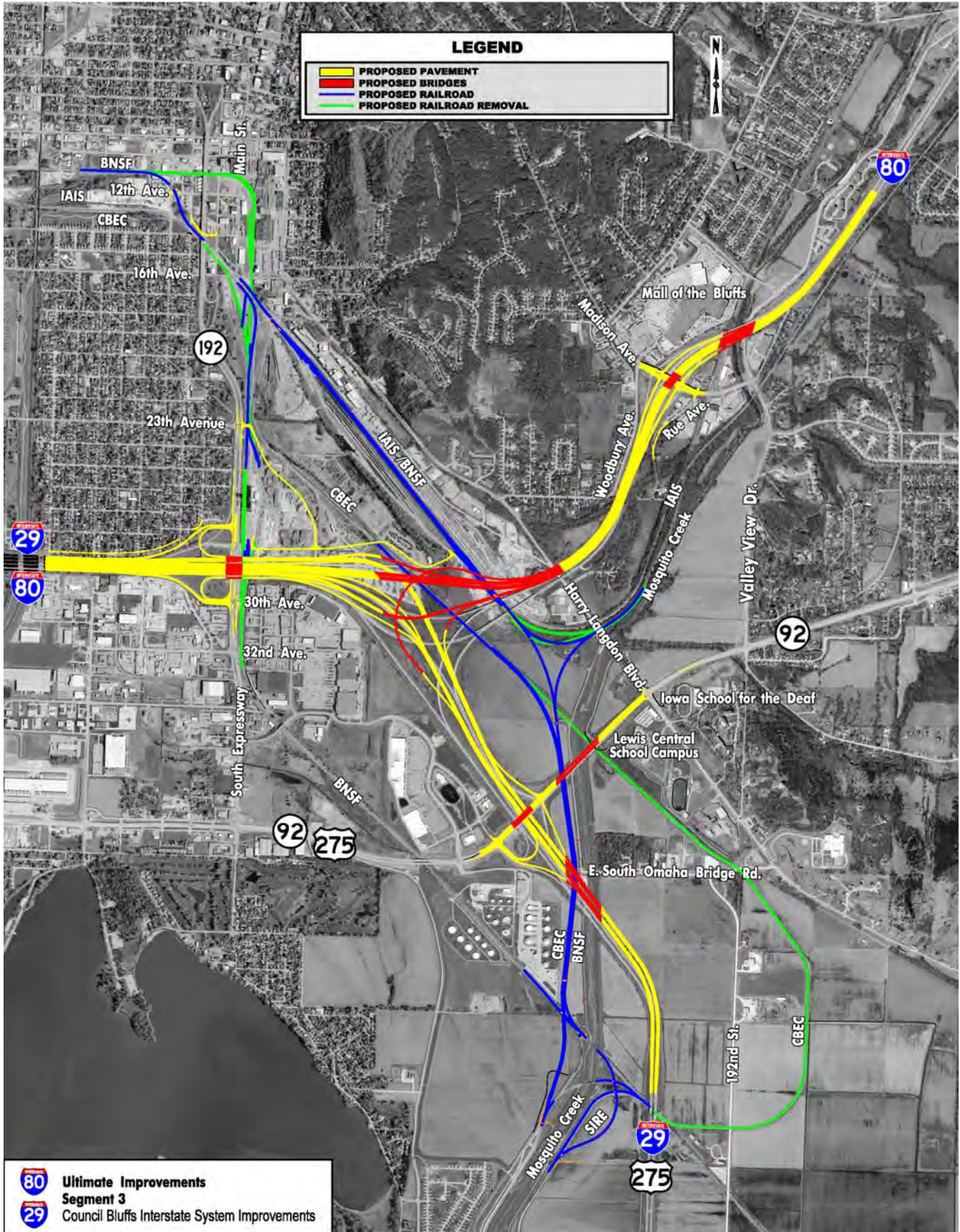
The overall CBIS Improvements Project is divided into 5 segments as shown in the graphic below. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information and gather feedback on the design and right of way impacts for the Segment 3 construction project. In addition, the public meeting will provide information related to the phased construction for Segment 3.



CBIS Improvements Project – Project Segments

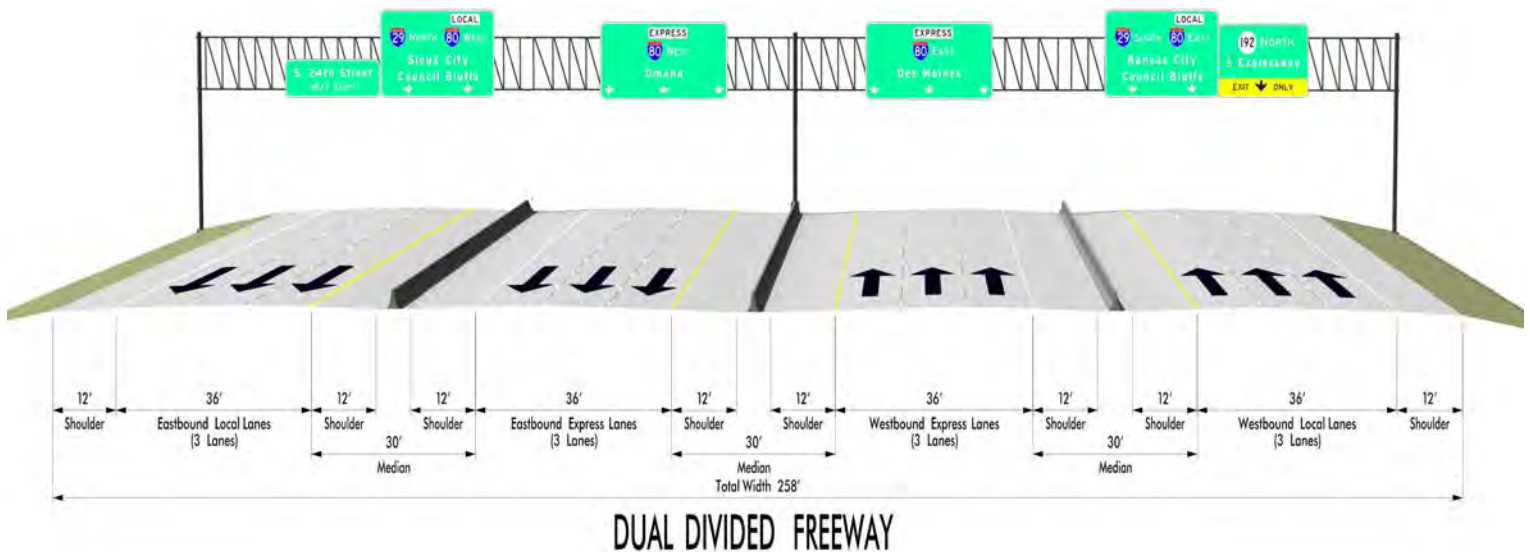
Segment 3 Improvements

The ultimate design for Segment 3 includes construction of a dual divided freeway (providing 3 lanes in each direction for both I-80 and I-29 - 12 lanes total [shown on the next page]), and complete reconstruction of the East System Interchange, Madison Avenue, South Expressway and U.S. 275/Iowa 92 interchanges. Due to funding constraints, the improvements will be constructed in two major phases. The ultimate improvements are being constructed in phases to increase capacity and improve traffic flow as soon as possible.



Segment 3 reconstruction provides the following benefits:

- Increases capacity;
- Improves safety and traffic flow;
- Reduces traffic congestion;
- Improves operations at South Expressway, Madison Avenue and U.S. 275/Iowa 92 interchange ramps and intersections;
- Improves access to the Power Center and industrial area at South Expressway;
- Reduces roadway/railway conflicts;
- Improves operational efficiency of railroads;
- Eliminates railroad corridor at Lewis Central High School/Middle School campus while allowing service to the ethanol plant;
- Provides future expandability for Council Bluffs Energy Center Railway (CBEC) without impacts to at-grade crossings.



Phase 1 Improvements

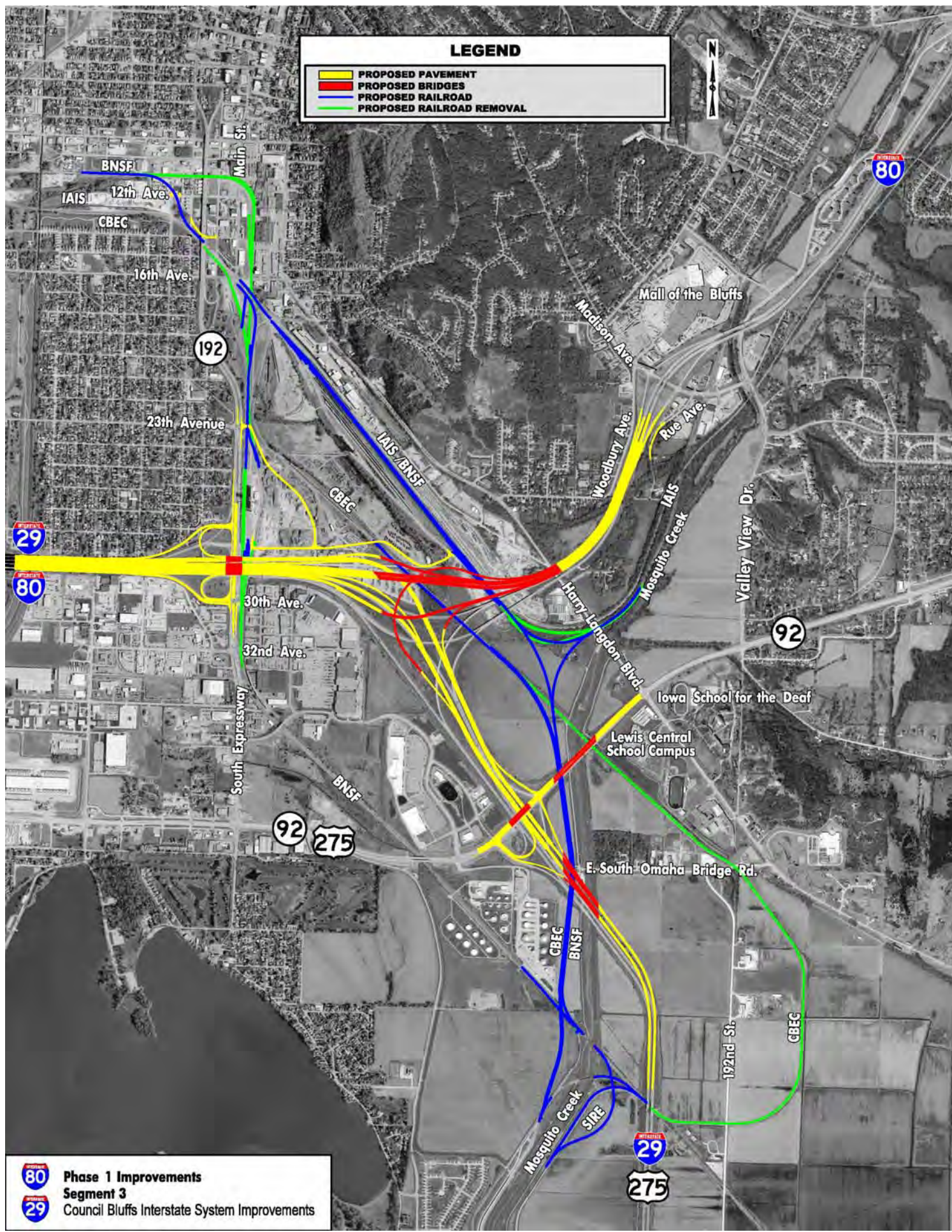
The first phase improvements for Segment 3 (shown on the next page) will include several construction projects over multiple years with the following key features:


- Construct Dual Divided Freeway (west of the East System Interchange);
 - 3 lanes in each direction on I-80
 - 3 lanes in each direction on I-29
- Reconstruct East System, U.S. 275/Iowa 92 and South Expressway interchanges;
- Construct 3 lanes in each direction on I-29 south of the East System Interchange through the I-29/U.S. 275 Interchange;
- Consolidate railroad corridors to reduce the length of interstate bridges and remove at-grade crossings;
- Reconstruct key ramps for the East System Interchange;
- Maintain existing 2 lanes in each direction on I-80 east of Madison Avenue;
- Maintain existing interchange at Madison Avenue;
- Construct interim freeway pavement between the new construction and existing pavement east of the East System Interchange.

The Phase 1 improvements would add capacity and improve traffic flow along the I-29/I-80 overlap section and would provide full access to South Expressway and I-80 from I-29. The Phase 1 improvements for Segment 3 will be coordinated with the Phase 1 improvements for Segment 2.

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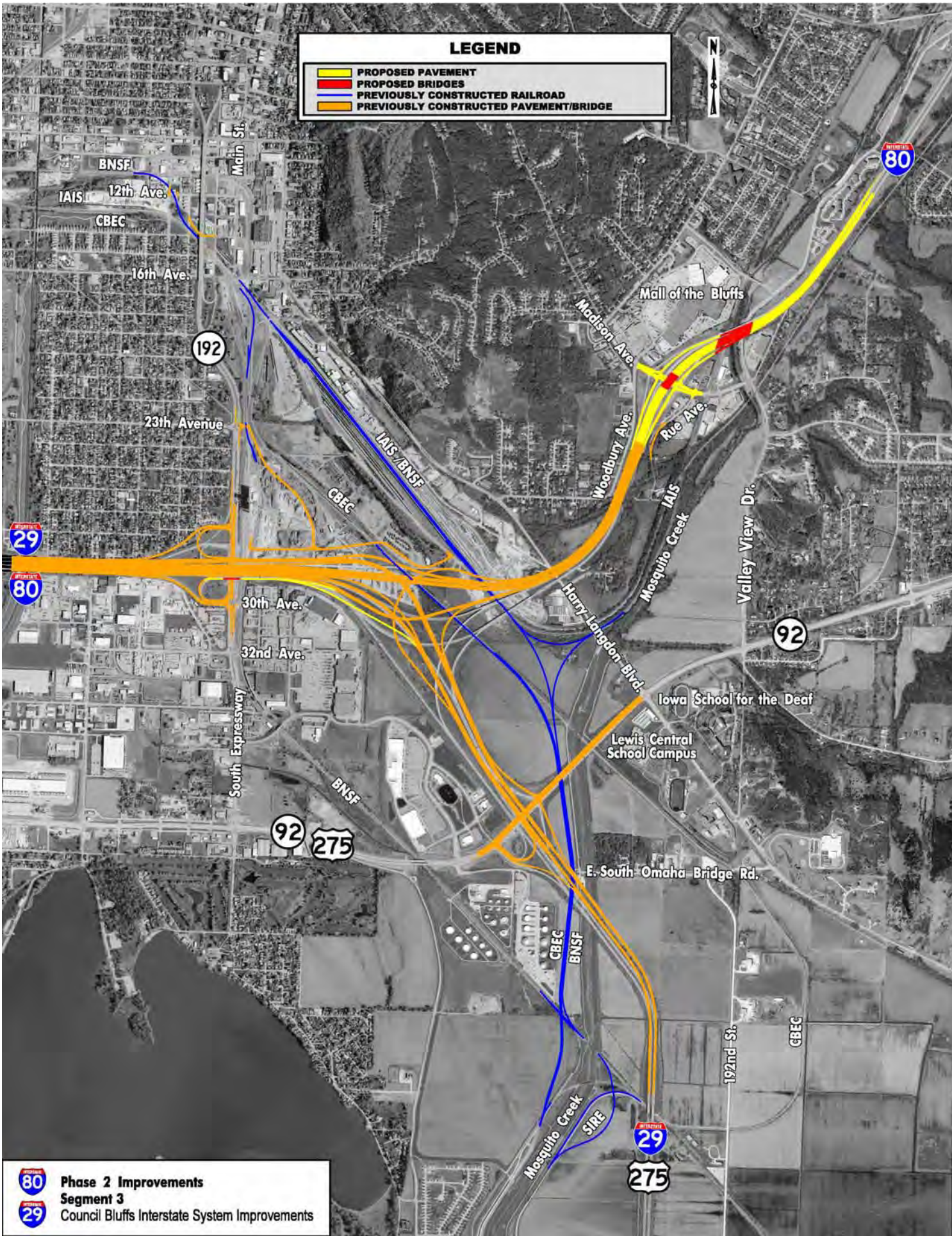
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- PROPOSED RAILROAD
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 **Phase 1 Improvements**
Segment 3
Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvements

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- PROPOSED PAVEMENT
- PROPOSED BRIDGES
- PREVIOUSLY CONSTRUCTED RAILROAD
- PREVIOUSLY CONSTRUCTED PAVEMENT/BRIDGE



 **Phase 2 Improvements**
 **Segment 3**
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Phase 2 Improvements

The second phase improvements for Segment 3 (shown on the previous page) will also include several construction projects over multiple years. The key features of Phase 2 improvements are:

- Construct 3 lanes in each direction on I-80 east of the Madison Avenue Interchange;
- Construct remaining ramps for the East System Interchange;
- Reconstruct interchange at Madison Avenue.

Depending on funding, the second phase of construction may not begin for 5 years or more after the first phase is complete.

Right of Way Process

The Iowa DOT's policy provides for appraisal of property and/or property rights needed for each project. These appraisals use professional techniques and methods to determine "just compensation" in accordance with Federal and State constitutions, laws and regulations. The appraisals are prepared to assure fair treatment for both the property owner and the public.

After the appraisals are completed, each owner is contacted by a right of way agent for the purpose of explaining the plans and appraisals and for contracting the required right of way. In instances where an agreement cannot be reached through negotiations, the property may be acquired by the laws of eminent domain.

Questions or problems concerning the right of way process should be directed to the Office of Right of Way, Iowa DOT, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa, 50010.

Contact Us

If you have a comment, question, or concern regarding the CBIS Improvements Project or would like to be added to the project mailing list, please forward this information on the attached self addressed Citizen Comment form or contact John Carns (information at right).

Additional information regarding the CBIS Improvements Project is available on the project website at: www.iowadot.gov/cbinterstate



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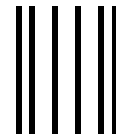
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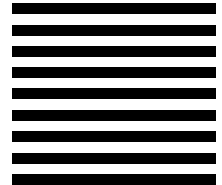
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