

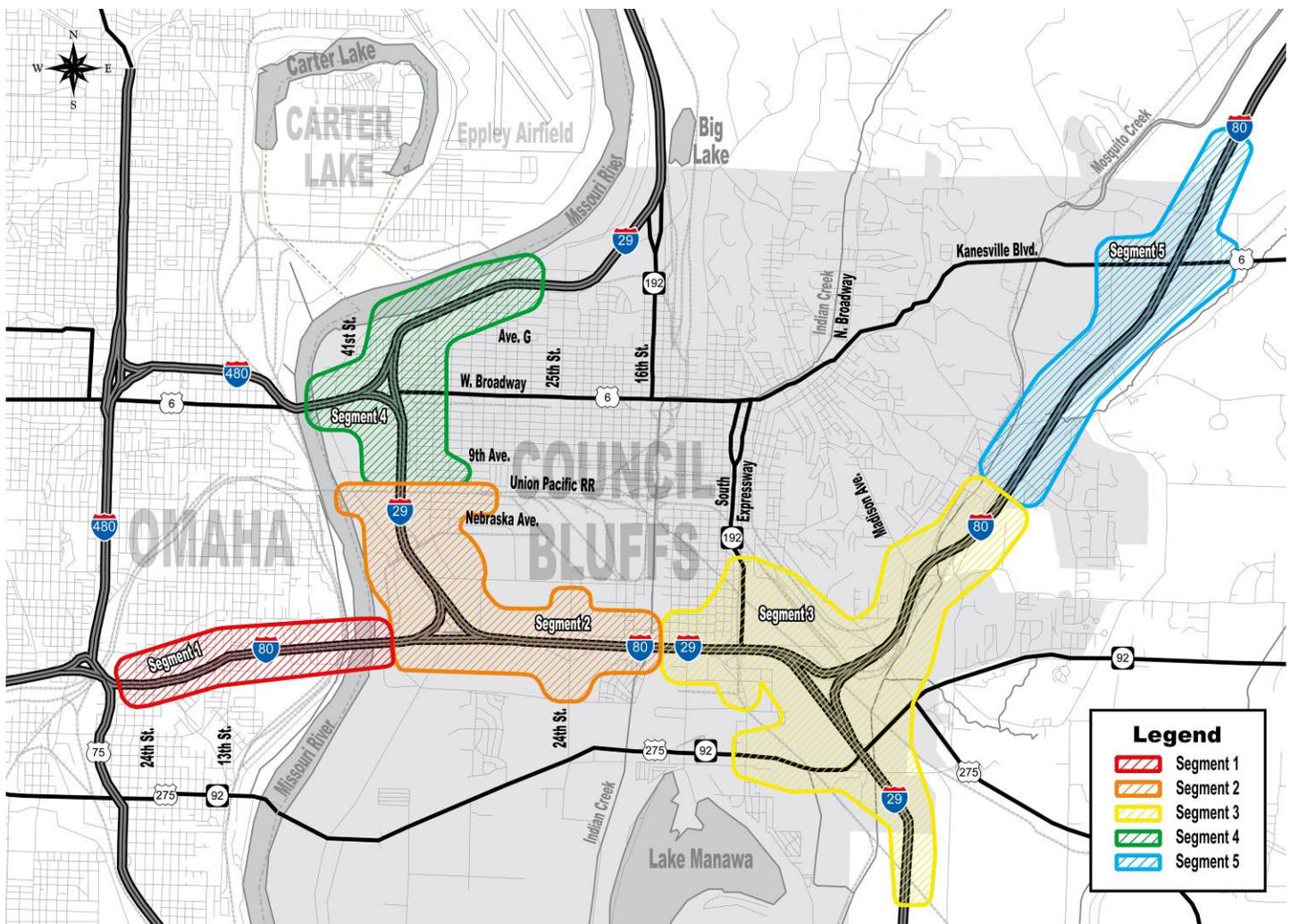
Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvements

Public Information Meeting No. 7 – June 24, 2008



Welcome to the seventh public meeting for the Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvements Project (CBIS Improvements Project) sponsored by the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa 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 public input on the construction phasing for Segment 2 construction projects and to provide an update on the artwork being commissioned for the 24th Street bridge that is sponsored by the Iowa West Foundation.

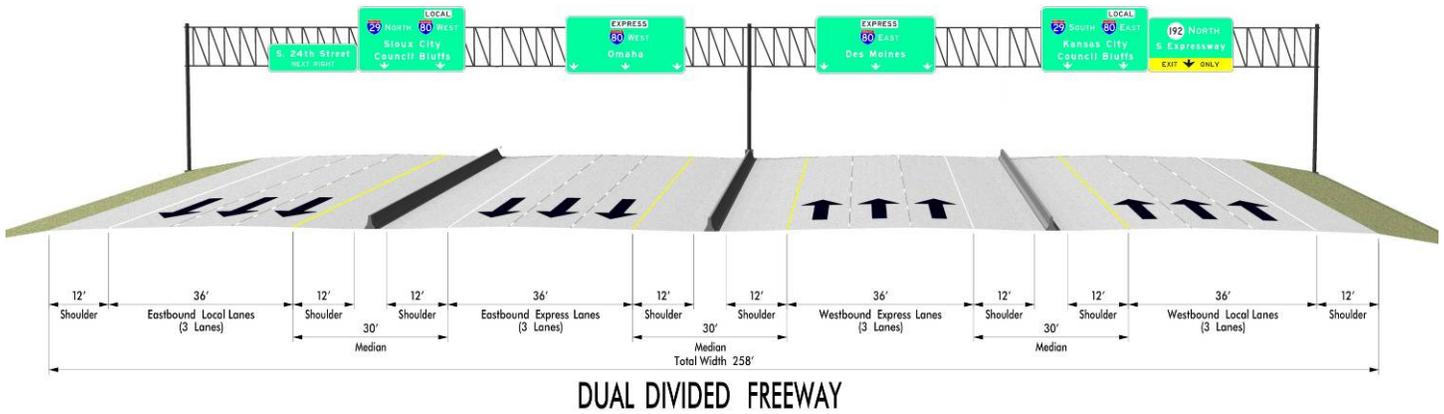


CBIS Improvements Project – Project Segments

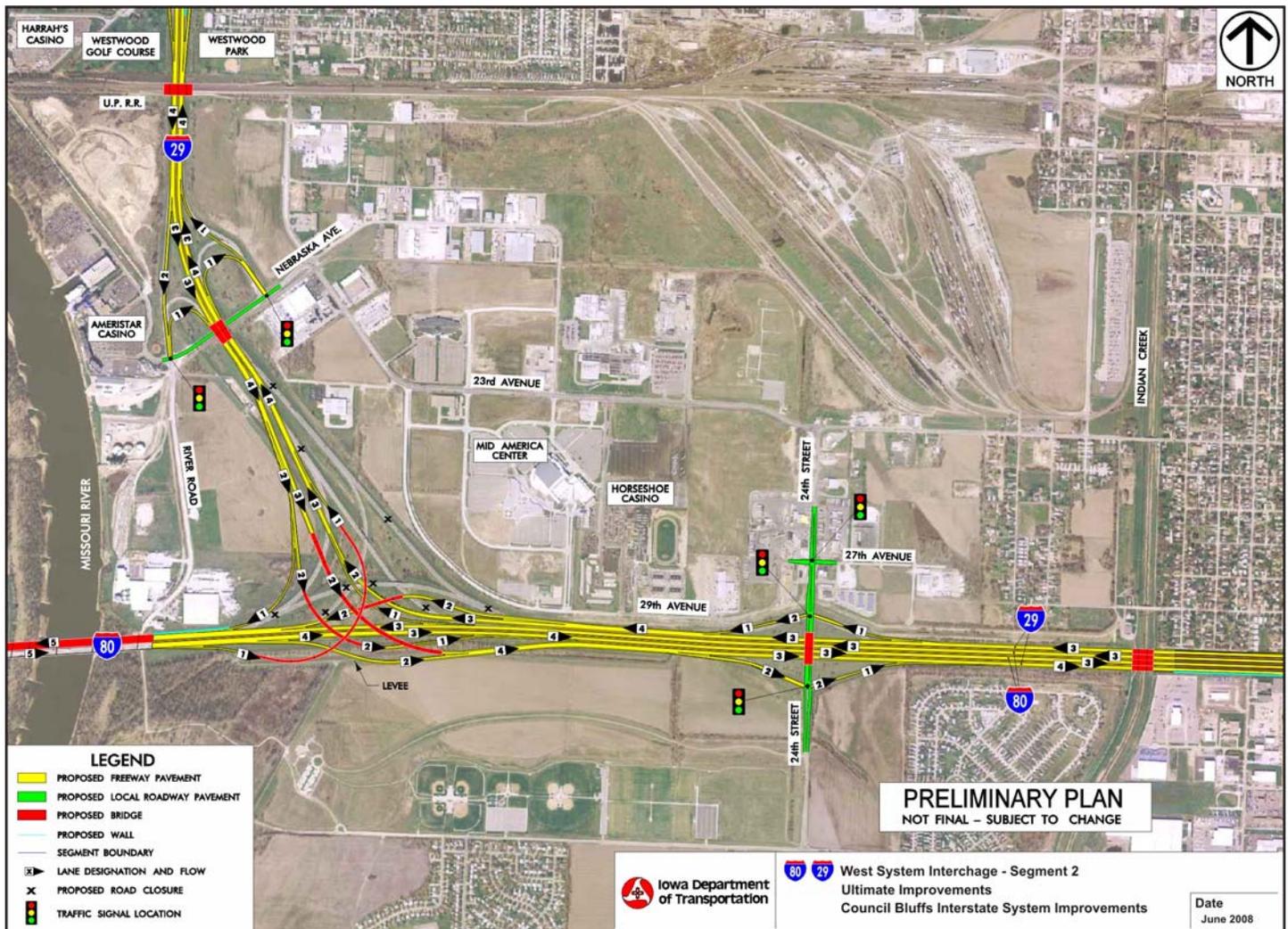
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Segment 2 Improvements

The ultimate design for Segment 2 includes construction of a dual divided freeway (providing 3 lanes in each direction for both I-80 and I-29 - 12 lanes total) and complete reconstruction of the West System Interchange.



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.

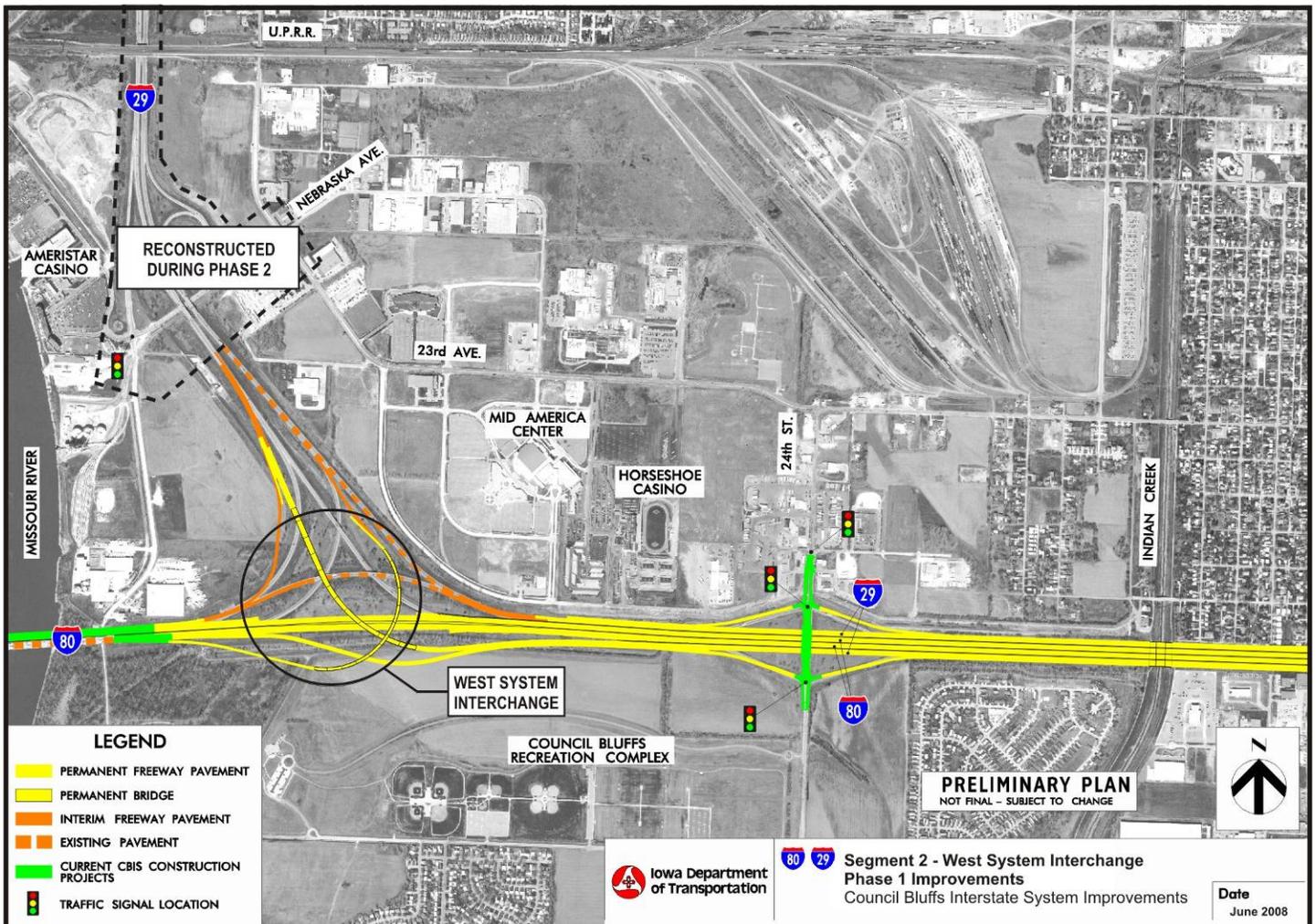


Phase 1 Improvements

The first phase improvements for Segment 2 will include several construction projects over multiple years with the following key features:

- Construct Dual Divided Freeway (East of West System Interchange)
 - 3 lanes in each direction on I-80
 - 3 lanes in each direction on I-29
- Reconstruct interchange ramps at 24th Street
- Maintain existing 2 lanes in each direction on I-29 (north of West System Interchange)
- Maintain existing interchange at Nebraska Avenue
- Reconstruct key ramps for the West System Interchange
- Construct interim freeway pavement between the new construction and existing pavement in the West System Interchange

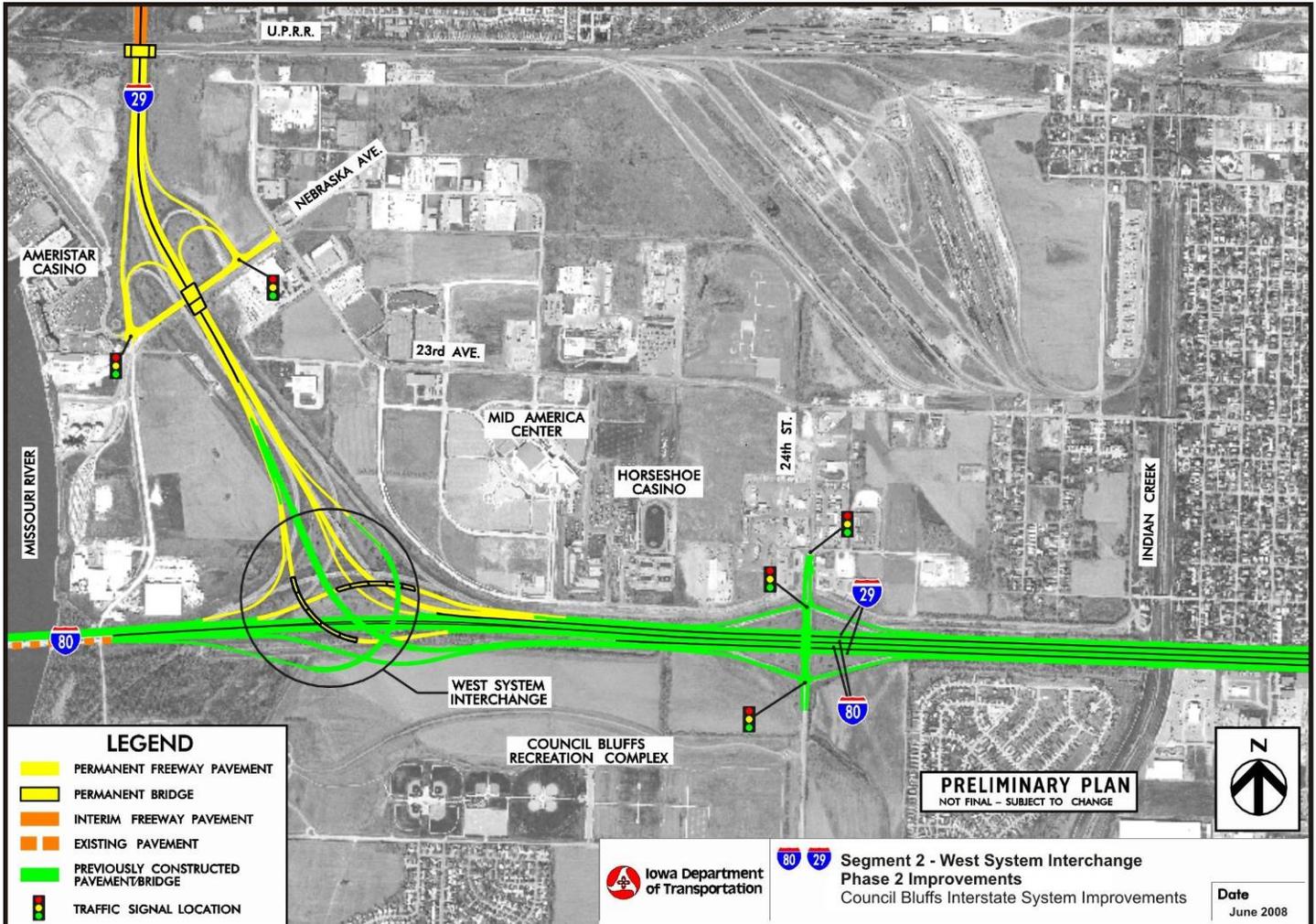
The phase 1 improvements would add capacity and improve traffic flow along the I-29/I-80 overlap section and would provide full access to 24th Street and I-80 from I-29. However, there would be some restrictions for I-80 traffic on the interior lanes of the dual divided section. The phase 1 improvements for Segment 2 will be coordinated with the phase 1 improvements for Segment 3 that will be presented to the public in the future.



Phase 2 Improvements

The second phase improvements for Segment 2 will also include several construction projects over multiple years. Depending on funding, the second phase of construction may not begin for 5 years or more after the first phase is complete and includes the following key features:

- Reconstruct interchange at Nebraska Avenue
- Construct remaining ramps for the West System Interchange
- Construct 3 lanes in each direction on I-29 north of the West System Interchange.
- Reconstruct the Union Pacific Railroad overpass



24th Street Bridge Sculptures

A new bridge is currently being constructed over I-29/I-80 at 24th Street and it will be the signature element of the aesthetic enhancements for the CBIS corridor. The 24th Street bridge will include visual elements that set it apart from other bridges in the area. One of the major features of the new bridge will be art plazas at the ends of the bridge.

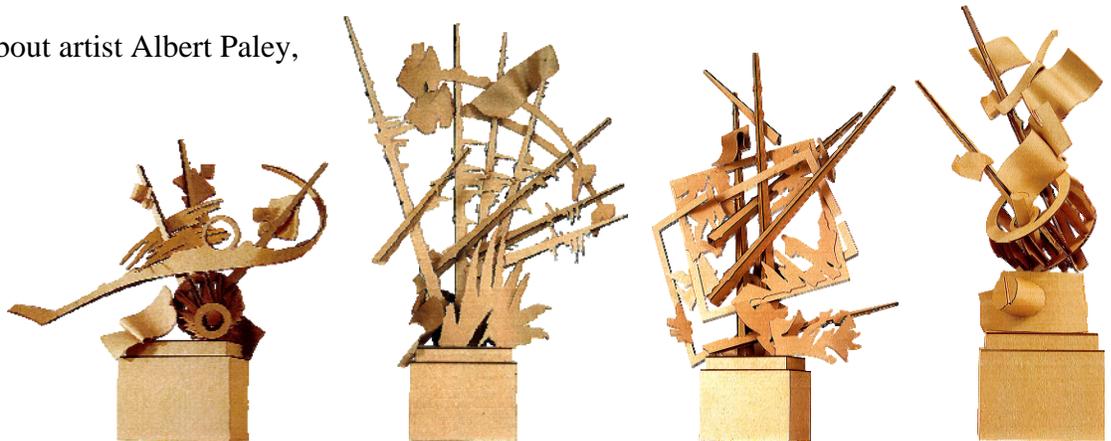


Iowa DOT has worked with the Iowa West Foundation and the City of Council Bluffs to select art for the bridge plazas. Artist Albert Paley was chosen to create four sculptures for the bridge plazas. A public meeting was held on March 27, 2008 to present the proposed sculptures. At the meeting, Mr. Paley gave a presentation on his other projects as well as his proposed sculptures for the 24th St. Bridge.

The bridge will be completed in fall 2008 and the sculptures are expected to be completed and installed in late 2010.

For more information about artist Albert Paley, visit:
www.albertpaley.com

A scale model of each sculpture is shown at right.



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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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