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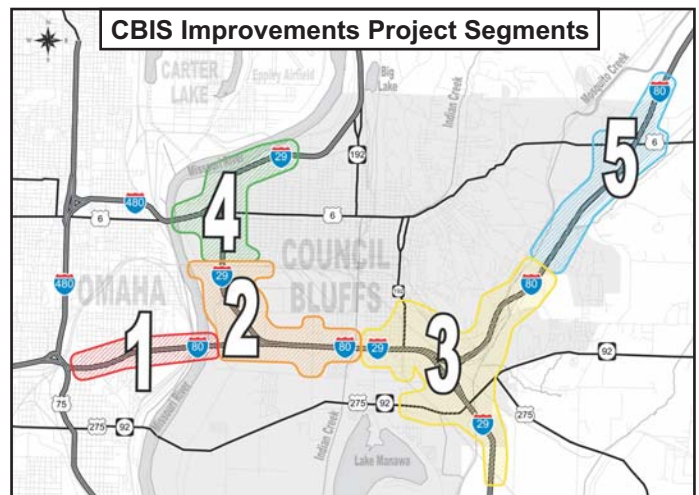
## CBIS Improvements Construction has Started

The Iowa Department of Transportation is developing plans to reconstruct the interstate system in Council Bluffs. Due to the size and complexity of the overall improvements, Iowa DOT divided the system into five segments with logical ending points that could be designed and built independent of adjacent segments (see graphic on the right). Over time, the improvements for each segment will be implemented in smaller construction projects.

The next phase of construction for Segment 2 is constructing additional lanes for I-80 and I-29. This project is discussed in more detail on page 2.

Two construction projects are currently underway within Segments 1 and 2:

- Segment 1 - Construction of a new I-80 Missouri River Bridge north of the existing bridge ;
- Segment 2 - Replacement of the 24th Street Bridge over I-29/I-80.



## Mark Your Calendars!

Iowa DOT invites you to participate in a public information meeting for the CBIS Improvements Project. The meeting will be held Tuesday, June 24, 2008, at the Mid-America Center from 6 to 8 p.m.

will begin with a presentation at 6:00 p.m. After the presentation, a variety of materials will be available for viewing and representatives from the Iowa DOT will be available to discuss issues and answer questions.

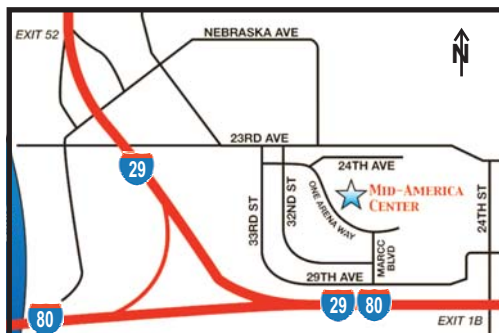
The purpose of this meeting is to provide information and gather feedback on the construction phasing for Segment 2 construction projects. In addition, the meeting will provide an update on the artwork being commissioned for the 24th Street Bridge that is sponsored by the Iowa West Foundation. The meeting

### Public Meeting June 24, 2008

**Where:** Mid-America Center  
Room H  
One Arena Way  
Council Bluffs, IA

**When:** 6 to 8 p.m.

**Presentation at 6:00 p.m.**





## Major Improvements Proposed for Segment 2

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.

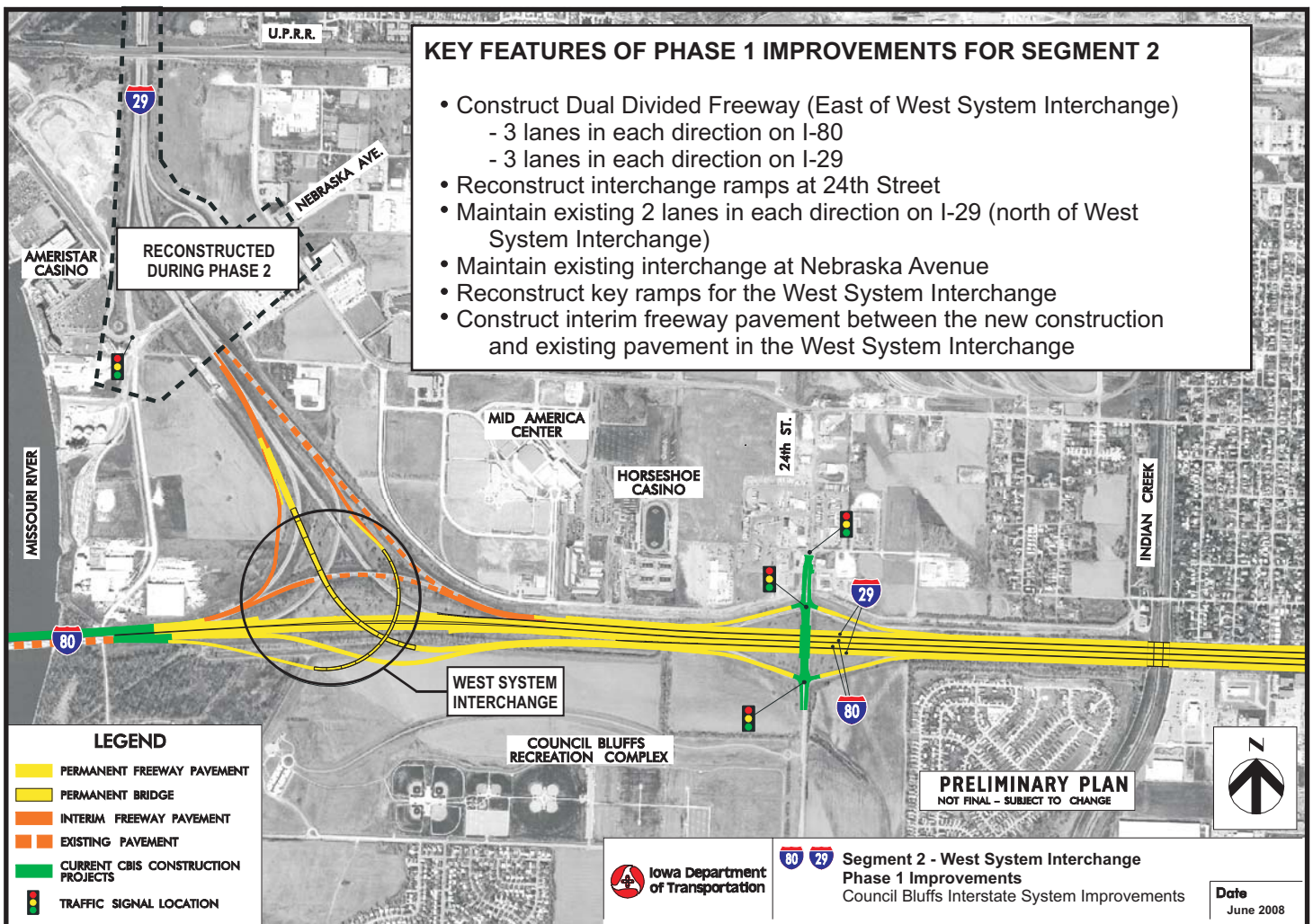
The first phase improvement will include several construction projects over multiple years to construct the dual divided freeway, key portions of the West System Interchange, and reconstruct the 24th Street interchange ramps. The proposed improvements for phase 1 are shown in the graphic below.

The projects during the second phase would include completing the reconstruction of the West System Interchange, reconstructing the Nebraska Avenue interchange, reconstructing the Union

Pacific Railroad (UPRR) overpass, and reconstructing I-29 from the West System Interchange to the UPRR overpass.

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.

Depending on funding, the second phase of construction may not begin for 5 years or more after the first phase is complete. The ultimate improvements are being constructed in phases to increase capacity and improve traffic flow as soon as possible.







## 24th Street Bridge to Include Sculptures



Scale model of the 24th Street Bridge showing the proposed sculptures.

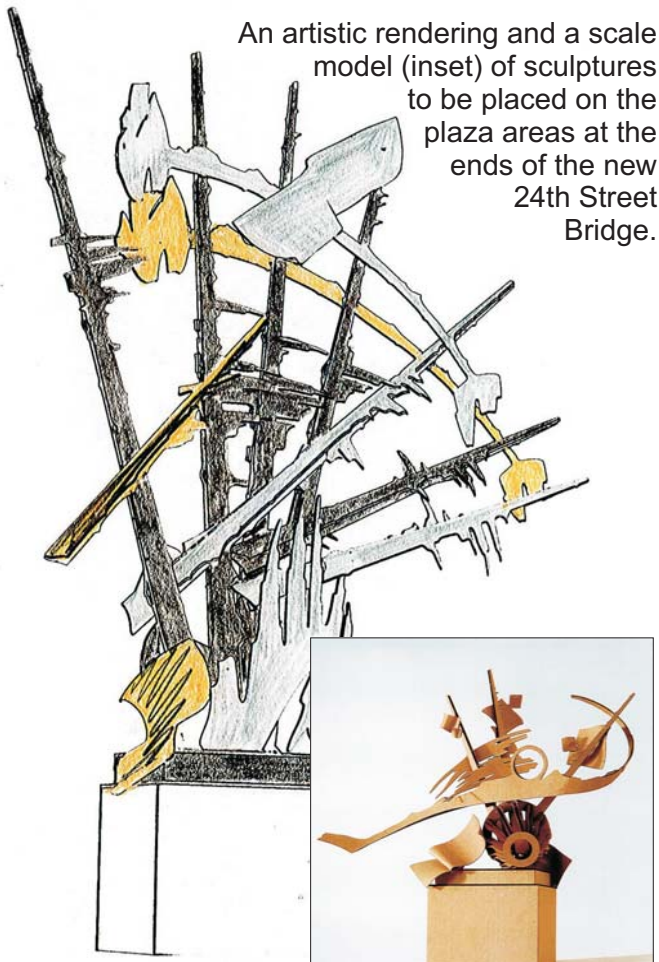
A new bridge is currently being constructed over I-29/I-80 at 24th Street and it will be the signature element of the aesthetic enhancements for the CBIS corridor. The 24th Street Bridge will include visual elements that set it apart from other bridges in the area. One of the major features of the new 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 Street 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](http://www.albertpaley.com).



An artistic rendering and a scale model (inset) of sculptures to be placed on the plaza areas at the ends of the new 24th Street Bridge.

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## CBIS Web site Update

The CBIS Improvements Web site now has information about construction projects! A Construction page has been added to provide information about ongoing projects, such as the 24th Street Bridge and the I-80 Missouri River Bridge. The site also includes valuable information about short-term and long term traffic impacts. Additionally, you may sign up to receive traffic updates via e-mail. The alerts provide information such as upcoming lane closures and detour information for specific construction projects.

The web address of the CBIS Improvements site has changed and the look has been updated. Check out the site at its new location:

[www.iowadot.gov/cbinterstate](http://www.iowadot.gov/cbinterstate)

Please update your bookmarks and plan to visit the Construction page often to keep up to date on CBIS construction!

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