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I-29/U.S. 275/IA 92 Interchange Reconstruction Project to be Discussed March 11

Ames, IA – February 25, 2014 – The Iowa Department of Transportation will hold a public information meeting Tuesday, March 11, to discuss the reconstruction of the I-29/U.S. 275/IA 92 interchange, which is scheduled to begin in June 2014.

All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting anytime between 4 and 7 p.m. in the Community Room, at the Iowa School for the Deaf, Lied Multipurpose Complex, 3501 Harry Langdon Blvd in Council Bluffs; a Q&A session will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be conducted utilizing an open forum format. Iowa DOT staff will be present to informally discuss the proposed improvements. No formal presentation will be made.

The project construction area begins on I-29, from 1.3 miles south of U.S. 275 to just north of the U.S. 275 ramps, and US 275 from Metro Mall Drive east to Harry Langdon Boulevard including the I-29/U.S. 275 interchange in Council Bluffs. Proposed construction consists of new roadway embankments, walking trails, bridge structures, and other features including the removal and reconstruction of six bridges and the removal of portions of the existing roadway embankments. The reconstruction also involves raising the interstate and U.S. 275 to accommodate the new railroad corridor for the Railroad Relocation Project, which will require ramp closures and two-way, two-lane traffic on U.S. 275 during construction. Travelers may experience traffic delays and detours, which could impact access to businesses, schools or other properties.

This construction is part of the Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvement Program, an accelerated and streamlined approach to planned construction projects to I-80, I-29, and I-480 in the Council Bluffs/Omaha metropolitan area. The program is the single largest project in the Iowa DOT's five-year Transportation Improvement Program.

The meeting space is accessible for persons with disabilities. However, if you require special accommodations at the meeting, please notify the Iowa DOT contact listed below by March 4. Iowa School for the Deaf is a smoke-free campus. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on campus, including a private vehicle.

For those who cannot attend the open house, a virtual, online meeting will be available beginning March 11th and can be accessed by visiting the project website, www.CouncilBluffsInterstate.IowaDOT.gov, and clicking on the online meeting link on the homepage.

For general information regarding the proposed improvements or public meeting, contact Stephen Sykes, Public Information Officer, 1751 Madison Avenue, Suite 750, Council Bluffs, IA 51503, 712-216-3339, Stephen.Sykes@CouncilBluffsInterstate.com.

Visit the Iowa DOT's project-related public involvement event website at <http://www.iowadot.gov/pim> for information about scheduled public meetings and hearings, and opportunities to offer input to the Iowa DOT during the development of certain projects.

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