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### **I-80 Eastbound Ramp to I-29 Northbound Set to Open on October 17<sup>th</sup>**

(Council Bluffs, IA – October 15, 2014) – Building on recent interstate improvements that include last week's opening of the I-29 southbound bridge over I-80, the new I-80 ramp to I-29 northbound just east of the Missouri River is scheduled to open this Friday, October 17th. Motorists travelling I-80 eastbound headed for I-29 northbound will now exit on the right side of the interstate and use the new bridge to access I-29 northbound. Interstate signage will direct motorists to the new exit. The new ramp will result in improved safety on I-80, reducing lane changes and modernizing design. It will take approximately three more years until the reconstruction work is far enough along that motorists can merge from this ramp into the right northbound lane of I-29, however the elevated approach and longer merge lanes will allow for a more comfortable merge than exists today.

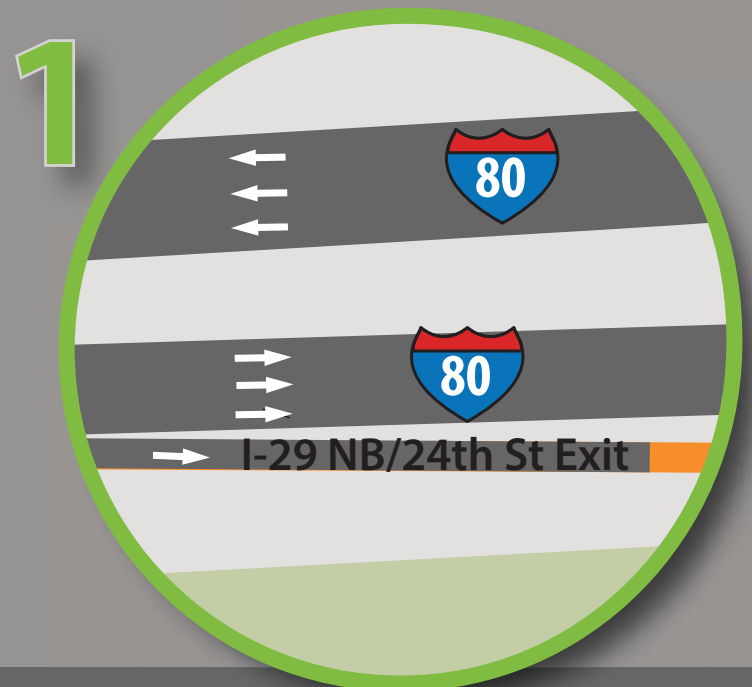
Iowa DOT is in the process of reconstructing I-80, I-29 and I-480 in the Council Bluffs metropolitan area. This comprehensive interstate redesign will modernize the highway system and improve mobility and safety of approximately 18 miles of interstate. Motorists are encouraged to allow for extra travel time while this interstate improvement takes effect. If you would like more information about detours and traffic impacts visit the program website, [www.councilbluffsinterstate.iowadot.gov](http://www.councilbluffsinterstate.iowadot.gov).

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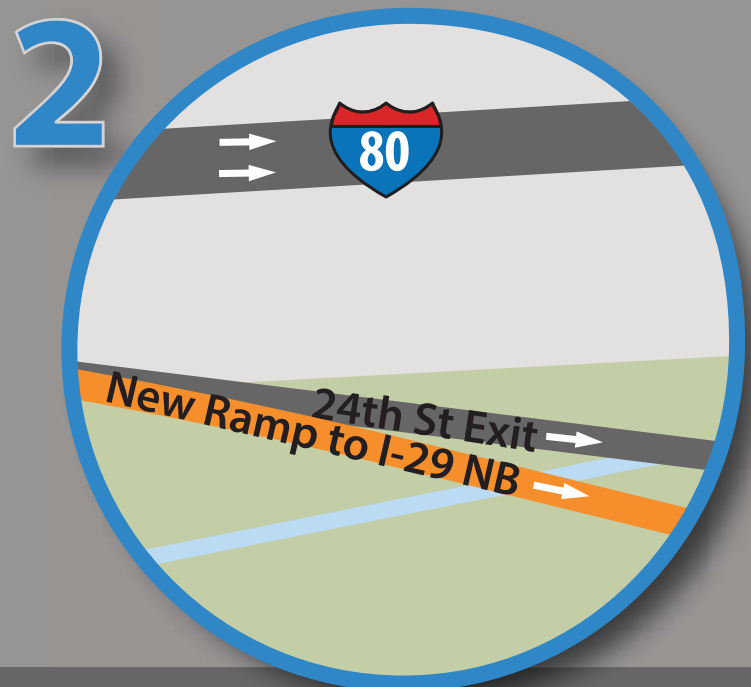
*Attachment – I-80 EB to I-29 NB Traffic Configuration Map*

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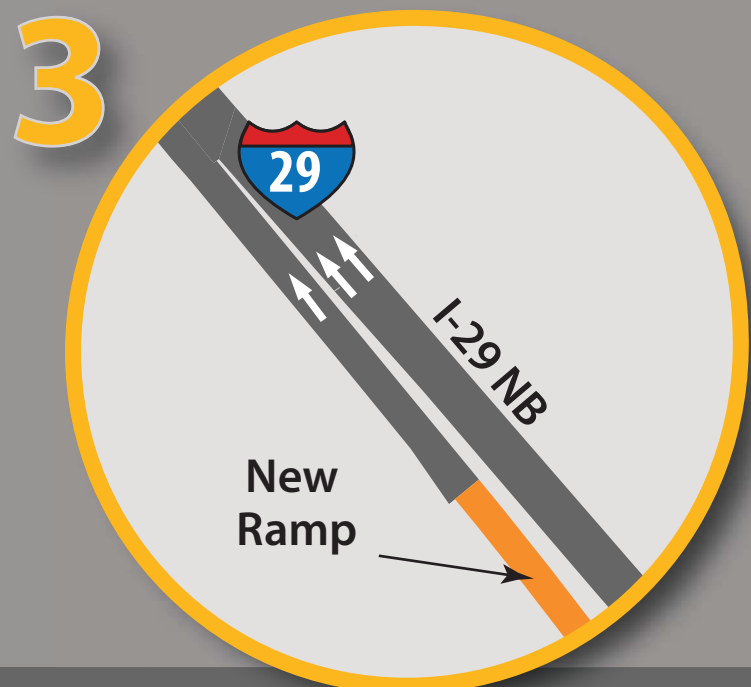
# WEST SYSTEM INTERCHANGE TRAFFIC SHIFT I-80 Eastbound Ramp to I-29 Northbound



**EASTBOUND I-80 RAMP TO NORTHBOUND I-29**  
Eastbound I-80 traffic destined for Northbound I-29 will exit on the right side of the interstate, at the I-29 NB/24th St Exit.



**RAMP TO NORTHBOUND I-29**  
Stay right at the split to exit to I-29 NB.



**NORTHBOUND I-29**  
Northbound I-29 travelers will merge from the left with I-80 to I-29 Northbound Traffic.