



## RIGHT-OF-WAY

As part of the proposed improvements, additional right-of-way may be required. Right-of-way acquisition will begin this month and must be complete before the project begins in 2020.

The following paragraphs provide information regarding the right-of-way process followed by the Iowa DOT.

*Iowa DOT policy provides for appraisal of property and/or property rights needed for each project. Professional techniques and methods are used to determine "just compensation" in accordance with federal and state constitutions, laws and regulations. Appraisals are prepared to assure fair treatment for both the property owner and the public.*

*After completing the appraisal, a right-of-way agent contacts each owner to explain the plans and appraisals and negotiate the contract for the required right-of-way. If an agreement cannot be reached through negotiations, the property may be acquired through eminent domain.*

If you or your property is being displaced, a relocation advisor may be assigned to you to provide the assistance you need to successfully relocate to a suitable replacement property. Your first contact with your relocation advisor will usually occur during the early stages of the appraisal process, and he or she will continue to work with you until you have moved and become established at a new location. Do not hesitate



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to ask questions so you are sure you understand the process, your rights and the benefits available to you.

For more information on the right-of-way process, please refer to the following video:  
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## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Iowa DOT appreciates your attendance today. Please share your ideas concerning this project with us. If you prefer, you may submit them electronically using the following website: <https://bit.ly/lowadot64391703>, by the attached comment form (self-addressed and pre-paid for your convenience), or by emailing your comments to the District Planner. All comments and information provided will be given consideration as the project development process continues.

Thank you very much for your participation in this meeting.

## CONTACT US

If you have any concerns regarding the project presented today, please contact:

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## Welcome!

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the proposed improvements of the I-29/I-480/West Broadway Interchange in Council Bluffs, from just north of the Union Pacific Railroad crossing to just south of the 25th Street interchange and right-of-way needs.

## PROJECT HISTORY

- » 1990's: The City requested Iowa DOT look at making interstate improvements in the Council Bluffs area
- » 1999: A needs study was conducted, which identified functional and operational problems and broad-based transportation improvements needed to correct those problems. The Iowa DOT Commission recognized the significance of making improvements and provided budget provisions to allow for additional study and preliminary engineering.
- » 2001: FHWA, Iowa DOT, and NDOR began the Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvement Program.
- » 2005: Tier I Record of Decision; approved full access between West Broadway and I-29, and improvements to geometrics and accommodates future traffic needs.
- » 2015: Tier II study began.
- » 2016: Proposed project included in the Iowa DOT 2017–2021 Five-Year Transportation Improvement Program.
- » 2017: Final Environmental Assessment study completed and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) issued by FHWA.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

As part of the Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvement Program of infrastructure improvements, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) are proposing geometric, safety and capacity improvements to the following:

- » I-29 and the I-480 mainline roadways
- » Directional ramps that comprise the I-29/I-480 system interchange
- » I-480/41st Street interchange
- » The I-29/N 35th Street and I-29/Avenue G interchange
- » The I-29/9th Avenue interchange

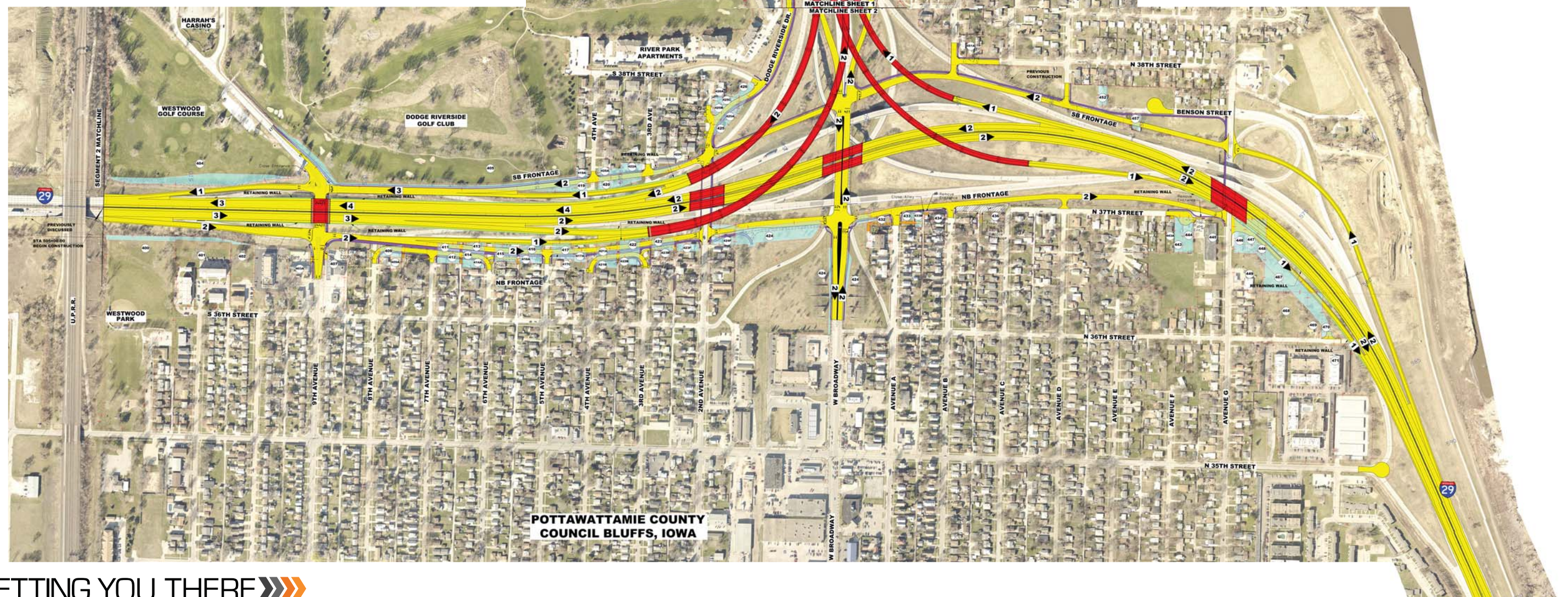
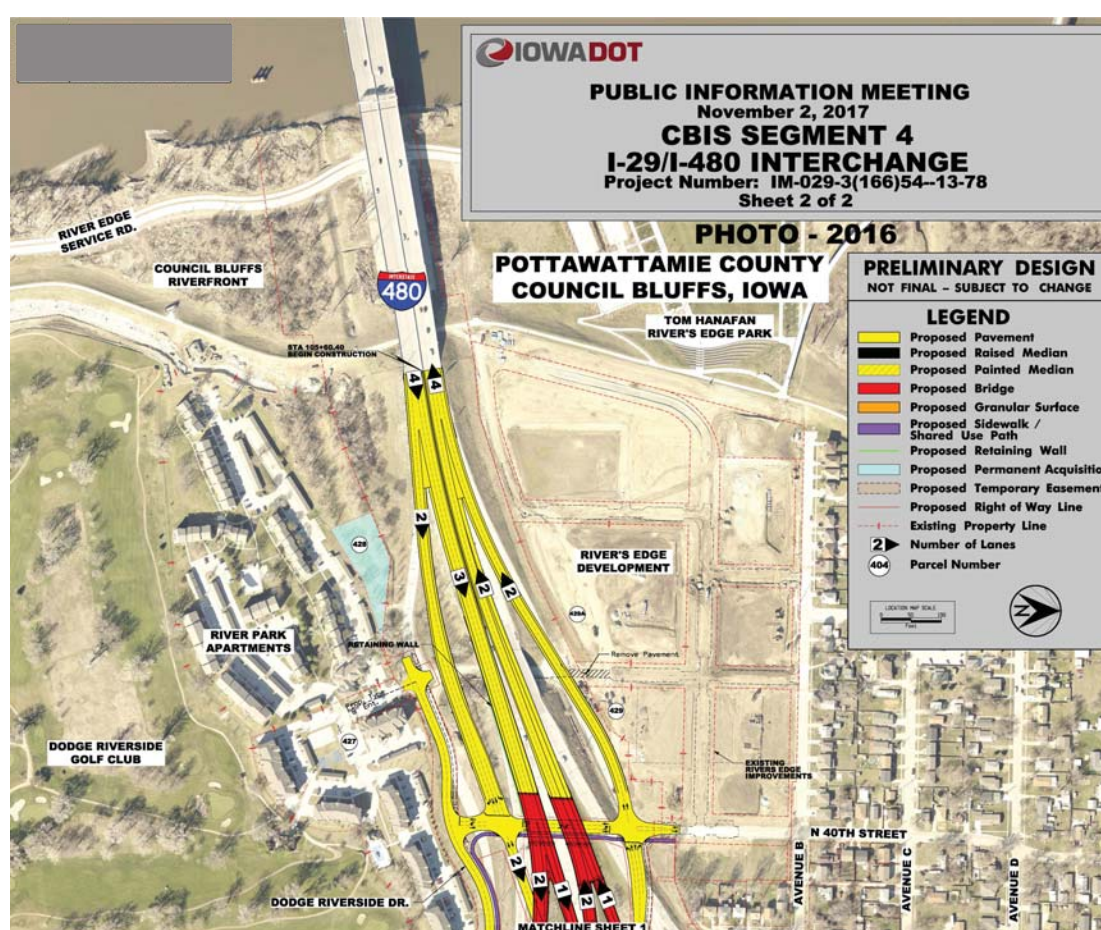
## PROJECT SCHEDULE & COST

The proposed project is currently funded in the 2018–2022 Transportation Improvement Program under the Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvement Program. The total funded amount for construction is \$238 million. The project has entered the final design phase. Right-of-way acquisition is planned for late 2017 through 2019 and construction is anticipated to start in the spring of 2020.



Design features include:

- » Combined interchange system connects 9th Ave, 2nd Ave, West Broadway, and Ave G.
- » One-way frontage roadways will provide access between I-29 and West Broadway.
- » Reconstruction of the interchange between I-29 and I-480.
- » Access between 9th Ave. and I-480 is provided by slip ramps, similar to existing conditions.
- » The 41st St interchange will be relocated to 40th St and will provide direct access to I-480 and West Broadway.
- » Removal of the interchange at 35th St.







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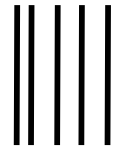
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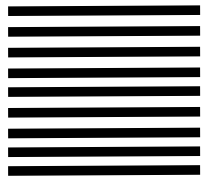
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