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### Iowa DOT plans to discuss work zones in Council Bluffs for 2017 construction season

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa — April 4, 2017 – In recognition of National Work Zone Awareness Week, the Iowa Department of Transportation wants to bring attention to the planned construction during 2017 for the Council Bluffs Interstate Improvement Program. A public open house meeting is planned for Tuesday, April 18 to discuss the upcoming activities and explain the impacts to people traveling on the interstate and local businesses in the area of interstates 29 and 80 in Council Bluffs.

“The Program will continue to make progress reconstructing I-80 and I-29 in Council Bluffs that will potentially impact travel and local businesses in the area. The public information meeting will provide details on what drivers can expect during the busy construction season,” said Scott Schram, Iowa DOT District 4 engineer. “We encourage motorists to use extra caution when traveling through work zones.”

The public is invited to attend anytime between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. at the Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvement Program’s office located at the Mall of the Bluffs, 1751 Madison Ave., Suite 750, in Council Bluffs. Two short presentations are planned for 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.; the public may join either presentation. Iowa DOT staff will be present to discuss future projects and schedules.

Various 2017 construction projects will be presented, including the East System Interchange of I-80/I-29, Dual, Divided Freeway, West System Interchange of I-80/I-29, and I-29 and U.S. 275/Iowa 92 Interchange. An update will also be provided on the ongoing environmental study and Preliminary Design Alternatives for the I-29/I-480/West Broadway project.

Construction during the 2017 season is part of the Iowa DOT’s Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvement Program, a streamlined approach to planned construction projects on 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 fiscal year 2017-2021 Iowa 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 April 13.

For those who cannot attend the open house, an online meeting will be available beginning April 18 and can be accessed by visiting the project website, [www.CouncilBluffsInterstate.iowaDOT.gov](http://www.CouncilBluffsInterstate.iowaDOT.gov), and clicking on the online meeting link on the home page.

For general information regarding the proposed improvements or public meeting, contact Scott Suhr, district transportation planner, Iowa DOT District 4 Office, 2210 E. Seventh St., Atlantic, Iowa 50022, phone 712-243-3355 or 800-289-4368, email [Scott.Suhr@dot.iowa.gov](mailto:Scott.Suhr@dot.iowa.gov).

Visit the Iowa DOT’s project-related public involvement event website at [www.iowadot.gov/pim](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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