

I-80/I-29 DUAL, DIVIDED FREEWAY

Council Bluffs, IA



I-80/I-29 Dual, Divided Freeway construction east of the West System Interchange



Key Features

- Separation of through traffic on I-80 from traffic on I-29 designed for Council Bluffs
- Greater flexibility to keep travelers moving during lane closures or maintenance
- Reduced congestion and delays during peak traffic hours

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

During the Tier 1 evaluation of highway design alternatives, it was determined that a dual, divided freeway should be constructed along the overlapping section of I-80/I-29 between the West and East System Interchanges. The dual, divided freeway will physically separate through traffic on I-80 from traffic on I-29 destined for Council Bluffs, creating I-80 express lanes and I-80/I-29 local lanes. This will be designed by constructing four separate roadways (two roadways for traffic in each direction). Each roadway will be separated by a concrete median barrier.

The dual, divided freeway will offer greater flexibility to travelers and will improve the overall efficiency of the transportation network. For example, it allows traffic to keep moving in both directions of the highway, even if lanes are closed because of a crash or maintenance. The dual, divided freeway permits through traffic to utilize both the express and local lanes, offering more lanes overall to travelers. Currently, the weaving of through traffic and local traffic using the on and off ramps creates congestion, especially during peak traffic hours. The dual, divided freeway separates through traffic from local traffic, eliminating this source of delay.

A video was developed to show how the dual, divided freeway would work. Visit the I-80/I-29 Dual, Divided Freeway page, under the Construction section, on the program website to see the video.





PROJECT MAP



PROJECT SCHEDULE

Phase Ia Construction: 07/2013–06/2015

Phase Ib Construction: 11/2013–07/2015

Phase II Anticipated Construction: 01/2017–01/2019

Phase III Anticipated Construction: 08/2019–08/2021