



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **New I-29 Southbound Bridge to I-80 Open to Traffic on October 10<sup>th</sup>**

(Council Bluffs, IA – October 6, 2014) - Good news for those planning on traveling southbound on I-29 in Council Bluffs in the coming months, as the trip just got a little easier: the new I-29 southbound bridge is set to open the morning of October 10<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting). Traffic will use this new southbound I-29 bridge to merge with I-80 eastbound on the right when travelling through the area.

Reconstruction of this section of the interstate system will provide for efficient and safe vehicle movement on both I-29 and I-80. These improvements are located approximately one-half mile east of the Missouri River where I-80 intersects I-29 near the Western Historic Trails Center in Council Bluffs.

Once the new I-29 SB bridge opens, eastbound I-80 traffic destined for 24<sup>th</sup> Street will exit earlier on the system just east of the Missouri River Bridge. New lighting and signs in Nebraska and Iowa will inform travelers of the shift in traffic flow, so keep an eye out for these changes.

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. 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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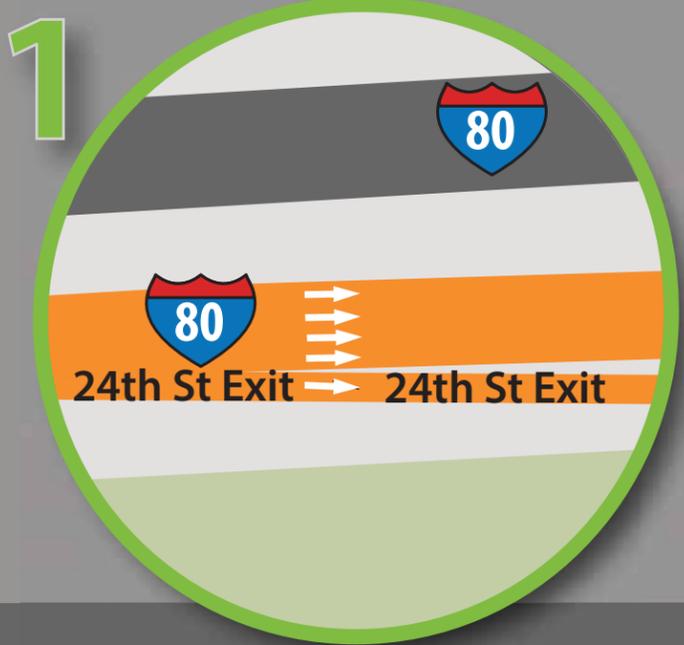
[Attachment – Traffic Configuration Map]

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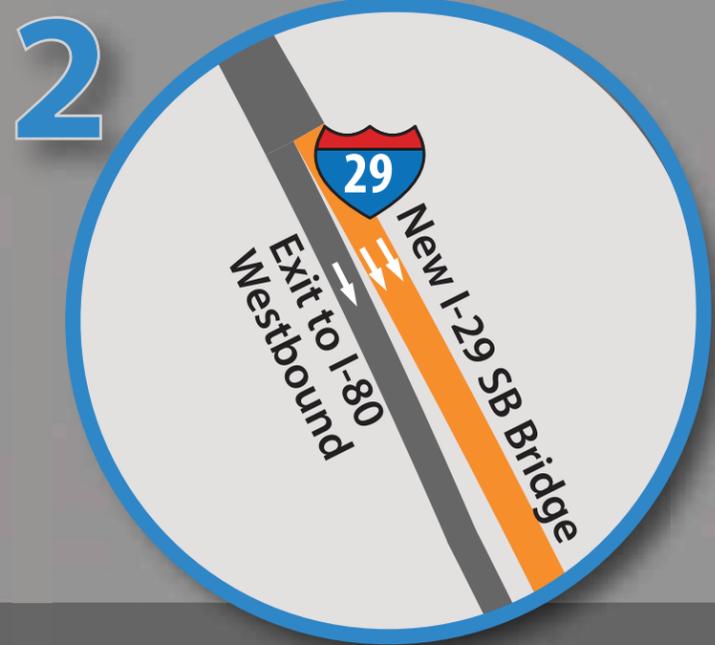


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 TRAFFIC SHIFT**

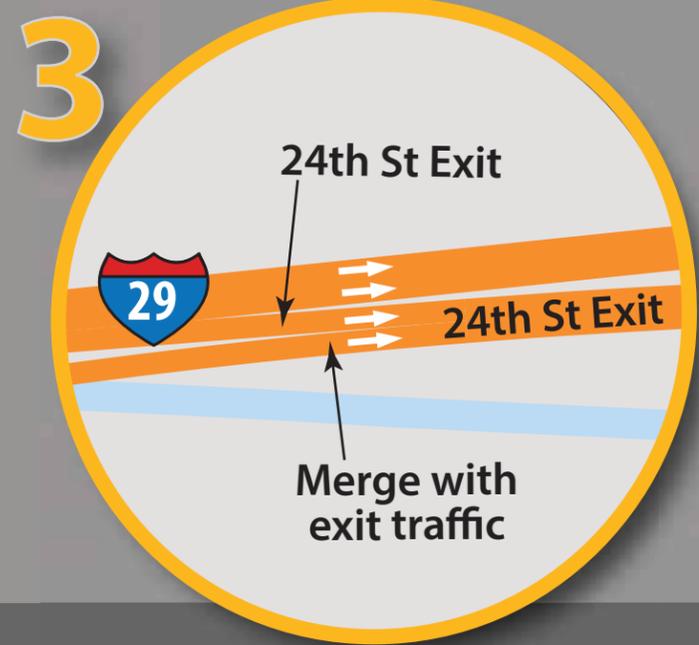
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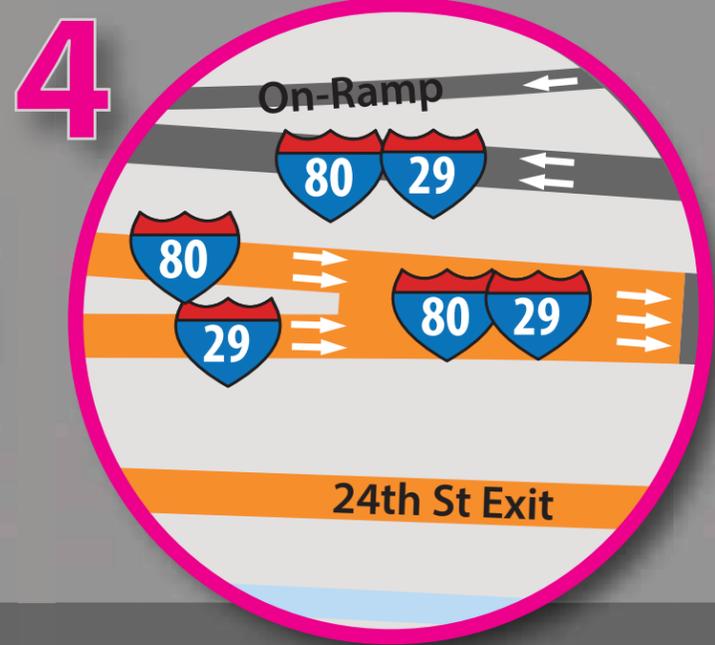
**1 EASTBOUND I-80 TO 24TH STREET EXIT**  
 Eastbound I-80 traffic destined for 24th Street will exit earlier, just east of the Missouri River Bridge.



**2 SOUTHBOUND I-29**  
 Southbound I-29 travelers will use the newly constructed bridge over I-80 lanes.



**3 SOUTHBOUND I-29 TO 24TH STREET**  
 Southbound I-29 traffic destined for 24th Street will merge with I-80 exiting traffic after coming off the new ramp.



**4 I-29/I-80 MERGED TRAFFIC**  
 Southbound I-29 traffic will merge with eastbound I-80 from the right; EB I-80/SB I-29 will taper to 3 lanes past the merge.