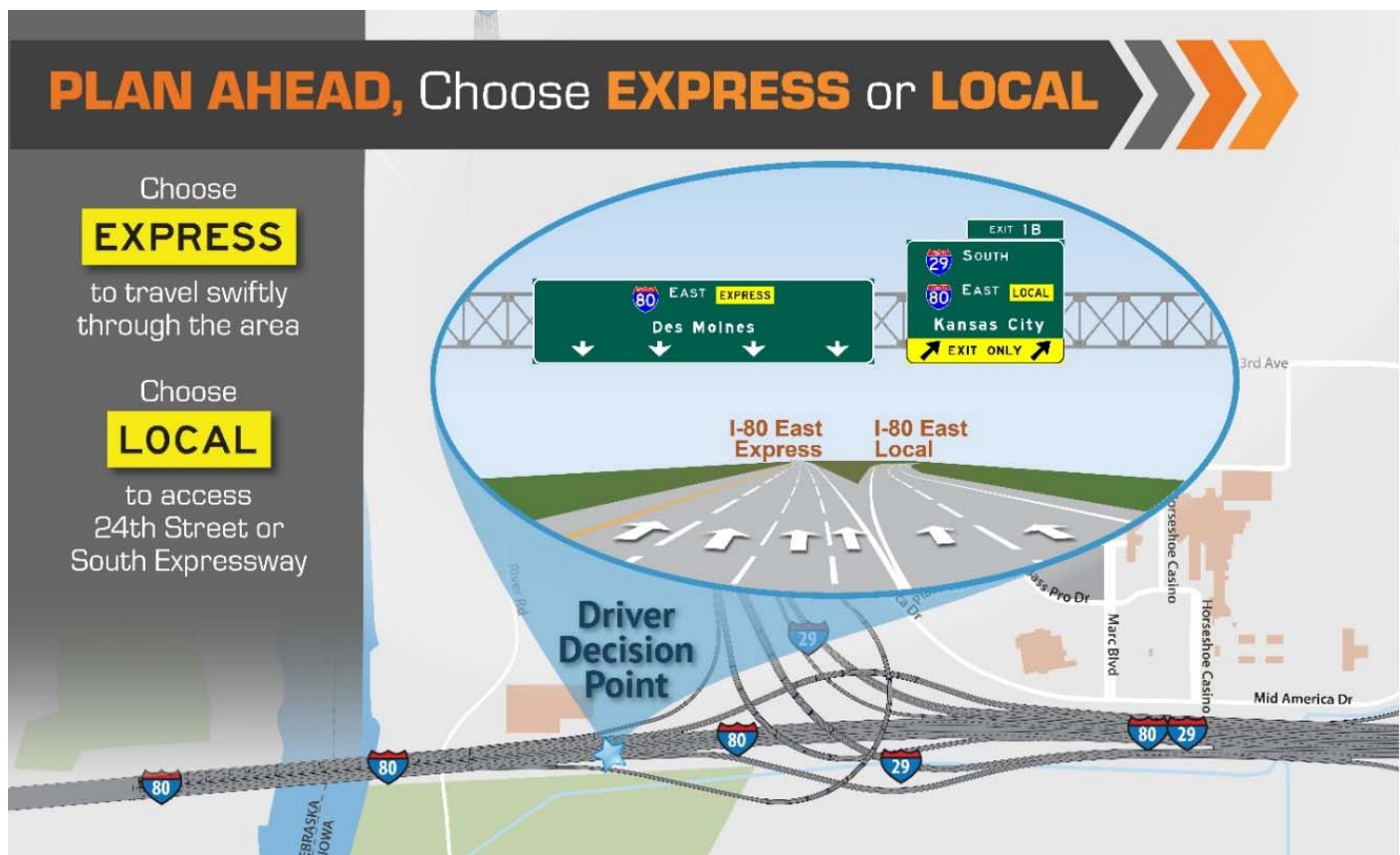




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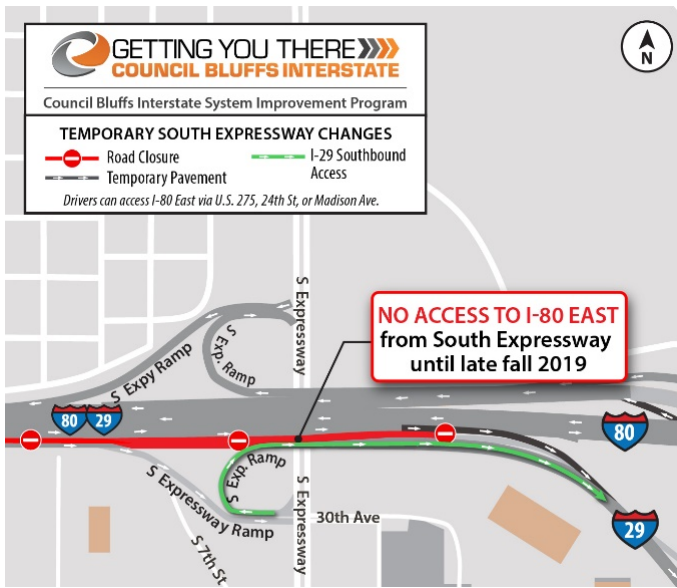
PLAN AHEAD: New Traffic Shift Coming to Eastbound I-80 Monday Morning, August 19th

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa — August 16th, 2019 – On Monday morning, August 19th, I-80 eastbound drivers will need to be aware of changes to traffic patterns and decision points. Travelers wanting to reach destinations within Council Bluffs (24th Street or South Expressway) will need to choose Local lanes - **Exit 1B, I-29 South/I-80 East Local**. Eastbound drivers on I-80 wanting to travel through the area without stopping, should choose Express lanes to travel swiftly through the area and avoid merging traffic.



South Expressway Changes

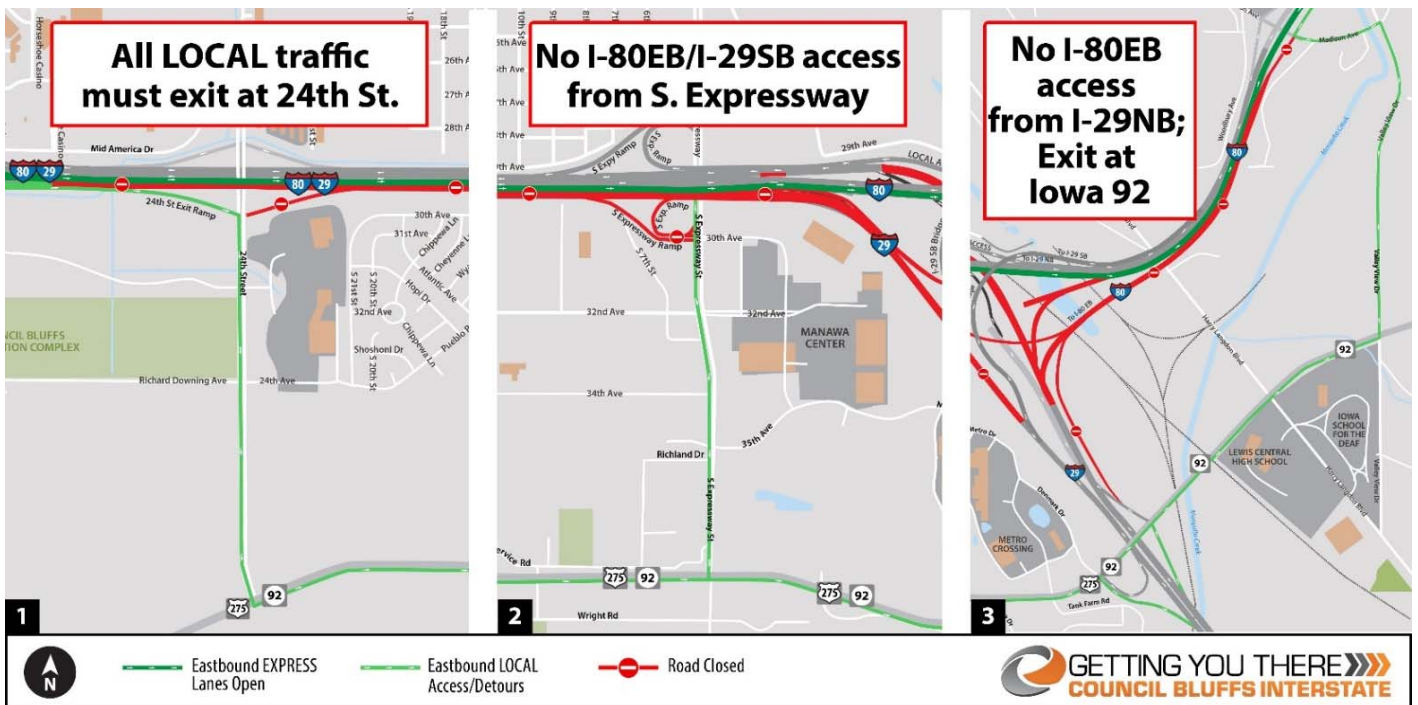
Businesses and travelers near South Expressway need to be aware of a temporary change. Access to eastbound I-80 from South Expressway will be closed until late fall 2019. Access for South Expressway traffic destined for I-29 southbound will not change.



Overnight Closure Needed Sunday into Monday

To prepare for these changes, an overnight closure is expected **Sunday, August 18th, from 10:00 p.m., until 6:00 a.m., Monday, August 19th**. Drivers are encouraged to plan ahead, slow down and follow detours. The temporary closure of I-80 eastbound, Local lanes will primarily impact access within Council Bluffs.

1. Drivers wanting to stop in Council Bluffs, will be required to exit at 24th Street (Exit 50).
2. There will be no access to I-80 eastbound, I-29 southbound from South Expressway.
3. Drivers traveling northbound on I-29, south of Council Bluffs, will not be able to access to I-80 eastbound. Additionally, drivers on I-80 eastbound will not be able to exit at Madison Avenue.





Know Before You Go!

All dates and events may change due to weather and field conditions. Iowa DOT encourages motorists to plan ahead, avoid distractions, follow signs and use caution while becoming accustomed to new traffic patterns. For notifications, please visit 511ia.org and sign up for real time traffic alerts. Additional information can be found at www.CouncilBluffsInterstate.iowaDOT.gov. Please direct questions to Wendy Thompson, Public Information Officer, at 712-216-3339 or email info@CouncilBluffsInterstate.com.

Iowa DOT chose the Dual, Divided Freeway design because it offers greater flexibility to travelers, reduces congestion and will improve safety and efficiency. For example, it allows traffic to keep moving in both directions, even if lanes are closed because of a crash or due to maintenance activities. This design allows through traffic to utilize both Express and Local lanes. The Dual, Divided Freeway separates through traffic from local traffic, eliminating delay and conflicts caused by merging traffic between interchanges.

Iowa DOT is reconstructing I-80, I-29 and I-480 in the Council Bluffs metropolitan area as part of the Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvement Program. This comprehensive interstate redesign will modernize the highway system and improve mobility and safety of approximately 18 miles of interstate.

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