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PLAN AHEAD: Overnight closures planned and I-29 Southbound to I-80 Eastbound Express opening

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa — August 9, 2019 – As construction crews prepare to shift traffic on I-80 eastbound and I-29 Southbound, a series of closures will occur next week to change the overhead signs.

I-80 eastbound Express will be closed Sunday, August 11th, at Exit 1B (24th Street) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., weather permitting.

I-29 southbound will be closed Monday, August 12th, at Exit 52 (Nebraska Ave) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., weather permitting.

When the interstate reopens on Tuesday, August 13th, southbound drivers on I-29 wishing to access I-80 eastbound should take Exit 51, a new ramp, to access the Express lanes. Southbound drivers on I-29 will stay on I-29 southbound in order to access 24th Street or the South Expressway exits. If drivers accidentally choose Express lanes and need to get back to Council Bluffs, drivers can use Exit 5, Madison Avenue or Exit 49, U.S. 275/Iowa 92, to turn around.

I-80 eastbound on-ramp at 13th Street (Omaha, NE) and I-80 eastbound at Exit 1B (24th Street) will be closed Tuesday, August 13th, from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., weather permitting.

The 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. You can also contact the program office at 712-216-3339 or info@CouncilBluffsInterstate.com.

Iowa DOT chose a 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. This design allows through traffic to utilize both Express and Local lanes, offering more lanes overall. 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 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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