

## **Iowa DOT to update the public on the Council Bluffs Interstate Improvement Program at Open House January 28**

AMES, Iowa – January 22, 2014 – The Iowa Department of Transportation will hold a public information meeting Tuesday, January 28, to discuss the Council Bluffs Interstate Improvement Program. For nearly 10 years, the Iowa DOT has been working in the Council Bluffs area to improve the Interstate system. Recently, the DOT accelerated this program and is now in the process of reconstructing I-80, I-29 and I-480 in the Council Bluffs metropolitan area. The program is the single largest project in the Iowa DOT's five-year Transportation Improvement Program. This interstate redesign will modernize the highway system and improve mobility and safety of approximately 18 miles of interstate.

There is a lot of activity occurring in the area and the DOT would like to keep the public informed about the changes and the impacts construction may have on the traveling public.

All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting anytime between 4 and 7 p.m. at the Council Bluffs Interstate Improvement Program Office, Mall of the Bluffs, 1751 Madison Avenue, Suite 750 in Council Bluffs (Enter on the east side of the Mall, next to the Dillard's Clearance Store). The meeting will be conducted utilizing an open forum format. Iowa DOT staff will be present to informally discuss the proposed improvements. No formal presentation will be made.

Staff from the Iowa DOT and program office will be available to answer questions about the new approach for the program, improvements to the interstate system, and potential traffic impacts and construction management issues. Maps showing project details, construction photos and drawings of the updated highway system will be available for public review and comment. The program team is interested in hearing from the traveling public in the area to understand the impact of construction on their lives and to continue building strong relationships within the community.

Council Bluffs residents and highway users are encouraged to visit the website ([www.CouncilBluffsInterstate.IowaDOT.gov](http://www.CouncilBluffsInterstate.IowaDOT.gov)) to learn about current and future construction projects, sign up for email and text alerts, and to follow the progress on social media. The program office, temporarily located at the Mall of the Bluffs, is open to the public, and visitors are encouraged to stop in during normal business hours to review project details and construction impacts and to learn more about this important 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 January 24.

For general information regarding the proposed improvements or public meeting, contact Stephen Sykes, Public Information Officer, Council Bluffs Interstate Improvement Program Office, Mall of the Bluffs, 1751 Madison Avenue, Suite 750, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503, telephone 712-216-3339, email [Stephen.Sykes@CouncilBluffsInterstate.com](mailto:Stephen.Sykes@CouncilBluffsInterstate.com).

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