



PRESS RELEASE

Summer construction schedule announced for I-29, I-80, and U.S. 275; efforts will impact traffic

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa.— March 26, 2015 - The Iowa Department of Transportation will hold a public information meeting Thursday, April 9, to discuss the upcoming summer construction schedule on interstates 29 and 80 and U.S. 275.

“Construction in the Council Bluffs Interstate System will be significantly increased from years prior. This will impact people traveling on the interstate and businesses at interchanges that are under construction”, said Troy Jerman, Iowa DOT District 4 engineer. “You are encouraged to attend this meeting.”

All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting anytime between 4 and 6 p.m. at the Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvement Program’s office located at the Mall of the Bluffs, 1751 Madison Ave., Suite 750, in Council Bluffs. A short formal presentation will begin at 4:30 p.m. Iowa DOT staff will be present to informally discuss future projects and the project schedule.

Changes to projects that began during the 2014 construction seasons will be discussed, including ramp closure schedules on U.S. 275/Iowa 92 and I-29 near the Metro Crossing Shopping Center. 2015 construction projects will also be presented, including:

- I-29 and U.S. 275/Iowa 92 interchange.
- East system interchange of I-80/I-29.
- West system interchange of I-80/I-29.
- Consolidating railroad operations west of Mosquito Creek under I-29 and Iowa 92.

2015 construction is part of the Iowa DOT’s Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvement Program, a streamlined approach to planned construction projects on I-80, I-29, and I-480 in the Council Bluffs/Omaha metropolitan area. The program is the single largest project in the Iowa DOT’s fiscal year 2014-2018 Iowa Transportation Improvement 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 April 2.

For those who cannot attend the open house, a virtual, online meeting will be available beginning March 26 and can be accessed by visiting the project website, www.CouncilBluffsInterstate.IowaDOT.gov, and clicking on the online meeting link on the home page.

For general information regarding the proposed improvements or public meeting, contact Scott Suhr, district transportation planner, Iowa DOT District 4 Office, 2210 E. Seventh St., Atlantic, Iowa 50022, phone 712-243-3355 or 800-289-4368, email Scott.Suhr@dot.iowa.gov.

Visit the Iowa DOT’s project-related public involvement event website at www.iowadot.gov/pim for information about scheduled public meetings and hearings, and opportunities to offer input to the Iowa DOT during the development of certain projects.

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