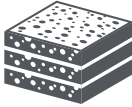



# By The Numbers


Construction of the Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvement Program has been active since 2008. These statistics provide a snapshot of the magnitude of work completed in 2024.



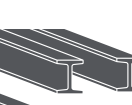
**10,340**  
C.Y. OF GEOFOAM BLOCKS  
62,800 C.Y. to-date




**18,945**  
L.F. OF PIPE  
196,400 L.F. to-date




**4,340**  
L.F. OF CONDUIT  
42,100 L.F. to-date




**3**  
TONS OF BRIDGE STRUCTURAL STEEL  
53,698 tons to-date




**25,120**  
C.Y. OF CONCRETE POURED  
801,700 C.Y. to-date




**17**  
NEW TOWER & STREET LIGHTS  
455 to-date




**280**  
L.F. OF RETAINING WALL  
95,000 L.F. to-date




**332,375**  
C.Y. OF EARTHWORK MOVED  
14,597,000 C.Y. to-date



**345**  
TONS OF REINFORCING STEEL  
22,875 tons to-date



**2,415**  
S.F. OF BRIDGE DECK POURED  
2,448,400 S.F. to-date




**18,950**  
S.Y. OF CONCRETE PAVING  
2,175,500 S.Y. to-date


# Public Outreach

## Social Media Analytics

Public outreach is provided through the Program’s social media channels, including X (formerly Twitter) and Facebook.



**X (formerly Twitter)**  
13,264 Impressions  
445 Engagements  
25 New Followers  
17 Reposts  
356 Post Clicks



**Facebook**  
438,606 Impressions  
20,711 Engagements  
234 New Followers  
2,943 Reactions  
1,102 Shares  
16,162 Post Clicks

**Impressions:** the number of times content was displayed  
**Engagements:** any form of interaction on social media including likes, comments or shares  
**Followers:** people who have liked, or “followed” accounts on social media  
**Reactions:** likes or emoji responses to a post  
**Reposts/Shares:** the number of times individuals have shared a post to their own social media followers  
**Post Clicks:** the number of times a post was clicked, not including reactions, comments or shares

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

## COUNCIL BLUFFS INTERSTATE SYSTEM

## Program Status

As the Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvement Program nears the end of construction, it is important to reflect on the significant investment that the Iowa Transportation Commission has made in our area’s state transportation infrastructure. This investment has had a profound impact on our community, both in terms of the physical improvements made to the interstate system and the economic and social benefits that have resulted.

The new Dual, Divided Freeway, widened lanes and shoulders, new bridges and interchanges, improved drainage and lighting, and aesthetic enhancements have all made our interstate system safer, more efficient, and visually appealing. These improvements will make it easier for residents and visitors to travel through our community, and they will also help to attract new businesses and residents.

We are grateful to the Iowa Transportation Commission for their vision and leadership in making the Program a reality. This investment is truly transforming our community and will help attract new businesses and residents to the area.

## PROGRAM GOALS

The Iowa Department of Transportation has reconstructed I-80, I-29, and I-480 in the Council Bluffs / Omaha metropolitan area. This comprehensive interstate redesign, known as the Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvement Program, has modernized the highway system and improved mobility and safety in the area. We are committed to completing interstate improvements with minimal public inconvenience and keeping the traveling public informed of changes that impact travel.

## Program Highlight

### A Modernized Gateway Reaches Completion

The Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvement Program nears completion following more than a decade’s-long endeavor by the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) to modernize and improve over 14 miles of interstate, including I-80, I-29, and I-480. This multi-stage project has transformed the transportation landscape of the Council Bluffs area, with a focus on safety, efficiency, and future growth.

A testament to long-term planning, collaboration, and engineering expertise, the Program serves as a model for large-scale infrastructure projects. It showcases how thoughtful planning and execution can significantly improve a region’s transportation network and economic vitality. By addressing traffic congestion and enhancing mobility, the Program will benefit residents, commuters, and visitors for years to come, ultimately improving the overall quality of life in the Council Bluffs metropolitan area.

### Ceremonial Ribbon Cutting

In June 2024, a short program and ceremonial ribbon cutting was held to celebrate the Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvement Program nearing completion. The Iowa Department of Transportation invited contractors, designers, stakeholders, and elected officials to mark the significant milestone in this transformative project and celebrated the collaborative efforts of all who made it possible.



**Ceremonial Ribbon Cutting** (L-R) Micah Loesch, Federal Highway Administration; Matt Walsh, Mayor – Council Bluffs; Adam Gregg, Iowa Lieutenant Governor; Scott Marler, Director – Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT); Scott Schram – Iowa DOT, District 4 Engineer; Joe Kelly, Nebraska Lieutenant Governor; Vicki Kramer, Director – Nebraska DOT; Tom Rielly, Iowa Transportation Commission; Linda Juckette, Iowa Transportation Commission; Richard Arnold; Iowa Transportation Commission; Charese Yanney, Iowa Transportation Commission; and Sally Stutsman, Iowa Transportation Commission.



**2024**  
**Program**  
**Recognition**


**PUBLIC RELATIONS SOCIETY OF AMERICA – NEBRASKA, 2024**  
Paper Anvil Award of Merit for the Council Bluffs Interstate System Program Look Book

**ROADS & BRIDGES, 2024**  
Top 10 Roads, #4 Road for the I-29/I-480/West Broadway System Interchange




**Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvement Program**


### Progress




**44 of 47**  
Bridges



**11 of 12**  
Interchanges



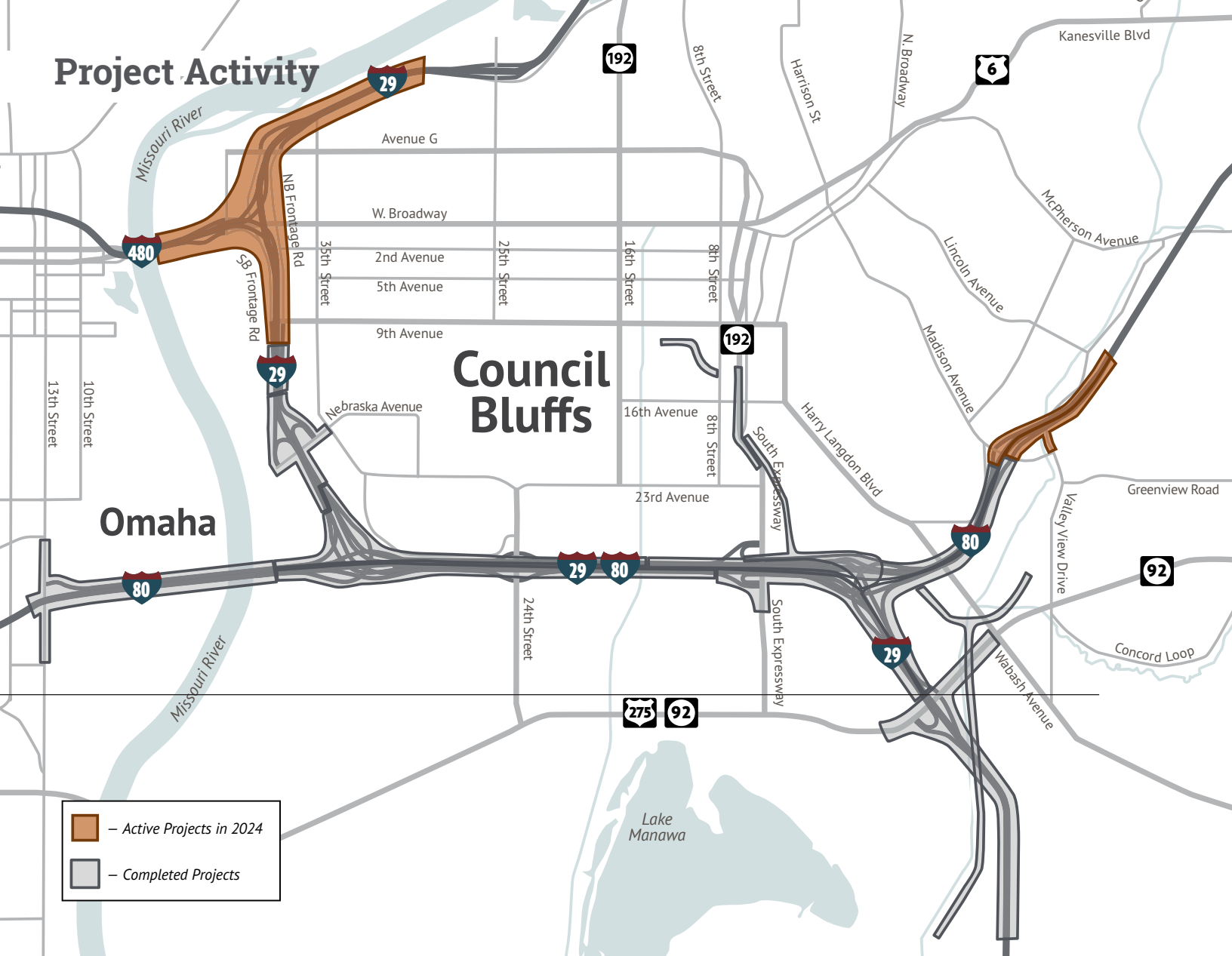
**12.7 of 14**  
Centerline Miles



**135.75 of 146**  
Highway Lane Miles

Centerline Miles represent the total length of a given road from its starting point to its end point. Lane Miles measure the total length and lane count of a given highway or road (Lane Miles = Centerline Miles X number of lanes).





### CONSTRUCTION I-29/I-480/WEST BROADWAY SYSTEM INTERCHANGE

The contractor finalized the construction of the interchange, including completing clean up work and punch list items.

**COST:** \$182.8M

**SCHEDULE:** 04/2021–06/2024



The I-29/I-480/West Broadway System Interchange was recognized as one of *Roads and Bridges'* Top 10 Roads in 2024.



### CONSTRUCTION I-80/MADISON AVENUE INTERCHANGE

The Madison Avenue eastbound I-80 project was substantially complete by mid-2024. The construction crew mainly focused on bridge demolitions and rebuilding I-80 westbound. Reconstruction of Madison Avenue was nearly complete by the end of 2024.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** The reconstruction of Madison Avenue and new I-80 westbound bridges will be completed in 2025. Only final grading and aesthetics will continue into 2026.

**COST:** \$115M

**SPENT TO DATE:** \$87.8M

**DURATION:** 45 months

**TIME SPENT TO DATE:** 27 months

**SCHEDULE:** 09/2022–06/2026

## Long-Term Strategy

Program construction started in 2008 and is expected to continue through 2026. Approximately 97% of Program construction has been completed. Projects were grouped strategically to maximize improvements while minimizing construction impacts to Council Bluffs residents and the traveling public. All projects were bid and awarded by year-end 2023.

### DOLLARS SPENT THROUGH DECEMBER 2024

- Awarded Contracts Value.....\$1.25B
- Amount Spent.....\$1.21B
- Additional Dollars Programmed .... \$1M

### DOLLARS ALLOCATED PER FISCAL YEAR

- 2024 .....\$62.7 M
- 2025 .....\$1.5 M
- 2026 .....\$0\*

Approved by the Iowa Transportation Commission, June 2024.

\*No program funds have been allocated in FY2026 because all program activities will be awarded at that point.

## Looking Ahead

