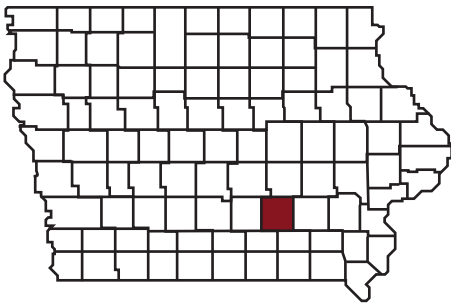




PUBLIC MEETING

MAY 9, 2016
MAHASKA COUNTY
NHSX-092-7(049)--3H-62



Proposed Iowa 92 southeast of Oskaloosa

Welcome to the Iowa Department of Transportation's Public Information Meeting for a potential Iowa 92 Oskaloosa southeast connector, in Mahaska County. The purpose of this meeting is to present conceptual alignments as well as the project study area. We would like to listen to your thoughts and ideas, and answer any questions regarding the project. The study area is located southeast of Oskaloosa and extends from Iowa 92 and connects to U.S. 63/Iowa 163.

STUDY OBJECTIVE

The intent of this study is to evaluate improvement alternatives for a potential Iowa 92 connector in the vicinity of Oskaloosa in order to improve the safety and operations of Iowa 92. The proposed improvements may also provide the benefit of a more direct and safe access to both U.S. 63 and Iowa 92 for local business and industrial areas along Iowa 23. Additionally, the proposed improvements are anticipated to reduce truck and passenger vehicular traffic through town.

BACKGROUND

Iowa 92 is the primary east-west travel route through Oskaloosa and varies between two, three, and four travel lanes wide. The 2014 traffic volumes on existing Iowa 92 through Oskaloosa ranged from 4,800 to 12,700 vehicles per day (vpd) with 4 to 8 percent trucks.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

This project is not currently included in the 2016 to 2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and therefore, no construction schedule has been established. The study is expected to be completed in the spring of 2018, and can then be considered for future funding. Once funding is committed, the DOT can develop design plans so the project can be constructed.

Contact Us

If you have any concerns regarding the project presented today, please contact:

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To view information concerning this project please access the following website:

<http://www.iowadot.gov/pim>





FIELD STUDIES

As part of the project development process, various field studies will be conducted within the Iowa 92 project study area. The Iowa DOT may request landowner permission in order for our staff or consultants to gather field information regarding your property. These field studies typically include archaeological sites, historic buildings, wetlands, threatened and endangered species, hazardous waste sites, and land surveys.

RIGHT OF WAY

As part of the proposed improvements, additional right-of-way may be required. The following paragraphs provide information regarding the right-of-way process followed by the Iowa DOT. Please keep in mind specific right-of-way needs have not been identified at this time.

Iowa DOT policy provides for appraisal of property and/or property rights needed for each project. Professional techniques and methods are used to determine “just compensation” in accordance with federal and state constitutions, laws and regulations. Appraisals are prepared to assure fair treatment for both the property owner and the public.

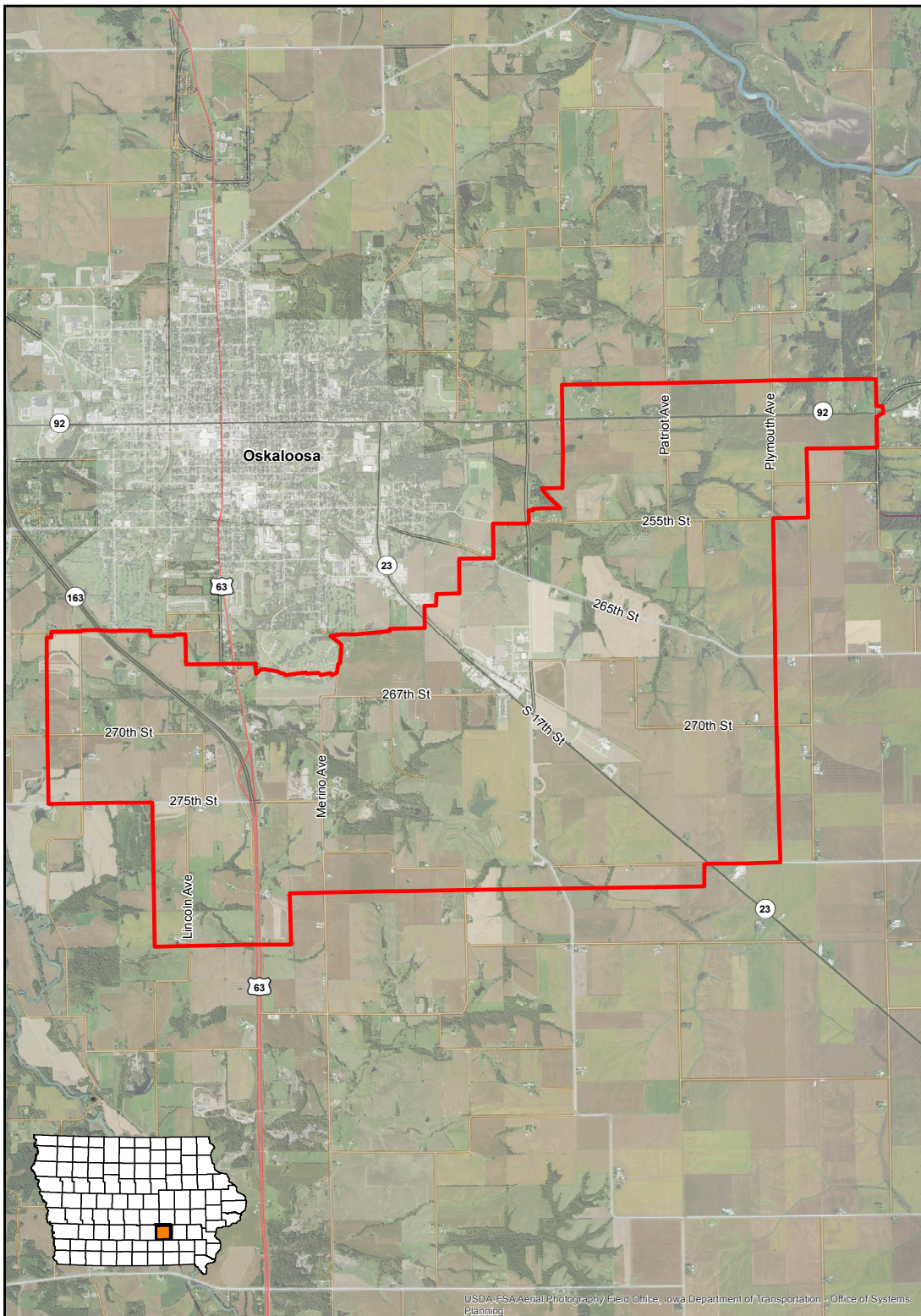
After completing the appraisal, a right-of-way agent contacts each owner to explain the plans and appraisals and negotiate for the acquisition of the required right-of-way. If an agreement cannot be reached through negotiations, the required right-of-way may be acquired through eminent domain.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Department of Transportation appreciates your attendance today. We encourage you to share your ideas concerning this project with us. If you prefer, you may submit them electronically using the following website: <http://bit.ly/lowadot721701>, by the attached comment form (self-addressed and pre-paid for your convenience), or by emailing your comments to the District Planner. All comments and information provided will be given consideration as the project development process continues. Other opportunities for input will be provided throughout the project development process.

Thank you very much for your participation in this meeting.





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Project Location within Mahaska County

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LOCATION MAP
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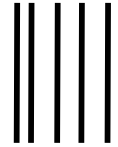




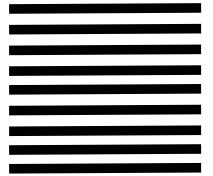
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