

## Progress Report

Issue 7 – Oct. 17, 2011

### **Interstate 29 (from the Missouri state line to exit 32)**

- Interstate 29 was reopened to traffic Oct. 8. Exits 1 and 10 remain closed while repairs are made to Iowa 333 into Hamburg and Iowa 2 into Nebraska City.
- Work is yet to be completed on the bridge approach and embankment of the northbound bridge at milepost 1.4. Temporary crossovers are in place in which north- and southbound traffic are sharing the southbound lanes between mileposts 0.8 and 3.2, while the bridge construction work is completed.

### **Interstate 680 (in Council Bluffs from I-29 to the Mormon Bridge, 3.1 miles)**

Favorable fall weather and an aggressive work schedule by the contractors, subcontractors, consultants and engineering firms have resulted in significant progress being made toward completion of this rebuilding project. To see webcam images of the work underway, visit: <http://www.iowadot.gov/floodcam.html>.

Below is a summary of several key construction activities and progress made in completing them as of Saturday, Oct. 15.

- Pavement removal is substantially complete
- The concrete crushing and recycling operation has been working approximately 14 hours a day
- Roadway grading is complete
- Pipe installation is nearly complete
- Rock backfill is 97 percent complete
- Rock sub-base for the roadway is 85 percent complete
- Paving started Thursday, Oct. 13; the main travel lanes are now 72 percent complete (westbound mainline is complete)

Some of the significant work items yet to be completed are:

- Grading the shoulders, foreslopes, median and ditches.
- Paving the highway shoulders.
- Paving the ramps and ramp shoulders.

The goal for the project remains the same; the plan is to get traffic and commerce moving again on this highway before the end of the year. When it is ready for traffic, an announcement will be made.

### **U.S. 30 (from I-29 to the Missouri River, west of Missouri Valley)**

Bids were opened Wednesday, Oct. 12, for a project to remove the TrapBags and repair the foreslopes of U.S. 30. See details on page 2 regarding the results of the bid letting. Work on this project will require closure of the roadway for five continuous days. Advance notice will be provided to the public when the project is scheduled to begin so adequate time is available to make alternative travel plans.

### **Iowa 2 (from I-29 to the Missouri River, near Nebraska City, Neb.)**

Bids were opened Wednesday, Oct. 12, for a project that involves grading and repaving damaged sections of Iowa 2. See details below regarding the results of the bid letting. At the end of last week, the contractor began mobilizing equipment to the project site. The road will remain closed to all traffic during construction. For public safety, additional measures have been taken to restrict access to the area. The goal is to restore traffic on this roadway as quickly as possible.

### **Iowa 333 (from I-29 to Hamburg levee)**

Bids were opened Wednesday, Oct. 12, for a project to make repairs to Iowa 333 from I-29 east one mile, including the bridge approach. The results of the letting are detailed below. The goal is to restore traffic on this roadway into Hamburg as quickly as possible.

### **Iowa 175 (milepost 0-1, includes the Decatur bridge)**

Three dredging vessels are working at a location north of the bridge. Dredging is an excavation operation being carried out mostly underwater with the purpose of gathering up bottom sediments and pumping the material into the deep scour hole formed around the bridge piers and abutment on the east end of the bridge. This operation will require a number of weeks to complete due to the vastness of the hole. The goal continues to be restoration of traffic on the bridge by the end of the year.

### **Emergency bid lettings**

Emergency contract bid lettings will be held at 11 a.m. each Wednesday, as needed or otherwise scheduled. Projects will be posted by noon the prior Friday. Contractors are encouraged to view the list each week and contact the Iowa DOT's Office of Contracts at 515-239-1414 to obtain proposals and plans. Go to [Bid Express](#) for complete details.

Bids were opened for the following projects at the emergency letting held Wednesday, Oct. 12.

- **Bid Order No. 101** – grading and replacing paved sections of Iowa 2, from the Missouri River east to east of Interstate 29 in Fremont County; the low bidder was C.J. Moyna & Sons Inc. of Elkader, Iowa, with a bid amount of \$4,078,756.57; the Iowa DOT received two bids for the project
- **Bid Order No. 102** – repair to the Iowa 333 bridge approach and roadway from I-29 east one mile; located near Hamburg in Fremont County; the low bidder was M.E. Collins Contracting Co. Inc. of Wahoo, Neb., with a bid amount of \$249,940.50; the Iowa DOT received five bids for the project
- **Bid Order No. 451** – TrapBag removal and repairs to the foreslopes of U.S. 30 in Harrison County, west of Missouri Valley; the low bidder was Peterson Contractors Inc. of Reinbeck, Iowa, with a bid amount of \$893,241.68; the Iowa DOT received six bids for the project

There is no emergency letting scheduled for Oct. 19.