

## Progress Report

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

- This section of I-29 was reopened to traffic Oct. 8.
- Exit 1 remains closed while repairs are made to Iowa 333 into Hamburg.
- 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 29 (from milepost 55 in Council Bluffs to milepost 71 near Loveland)**

This section of interstate was reopened to traffic on Friday, Sept. 23.

### **Interstate 29 (from milepost 71 near Loveland to milepost 151 in Sioux City)**

- The I-29/Hamilton Boulevard interchange was reopened to traffic on Sept. 1.
- The TrapBag removal project on I-29 in Monona County near Blencoe was completed Sept. 21.
- A slope improvement project in Monona County to flatten the median and outside foreslopes between mileposts 103 and 104 was completed Oct. 12.

### **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>.

Today, marks a one-month milestone since the I-680 reconstruction project was awarded to Peterson Contractors Inc. (PCI) and Reilly Construction. By noon today, the following key construction activities will have been performed.

- Pavement removal is complete
- Roadway grading is complete
- Pipe installation is complete
- Rock backfill is complete
- Rock subbase for the roadway is complete
- Paving started Thursday, Oct. 13
  - The main travel lanes in both directions are now complete
  - Mainline shoulder paving is 20 percent complete
  - Ramp paving is 55 percent complete
  - Ramp shoulder paving is 15 percent complete
- Grading of the shoulders, foreslopes, median and ditches is underway
- The concrete crushing and recycling operation has been working approximately 14 hours a day

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)**

The project to remove the TrapBags and repair the shoulders and foreslopes began at 9 a.m. today. For additional details about the required highway closures, staging of the work and detour, see the Iowa DOT's Oct. 20 news release at: <http://www.news.iowadot.gov/newsandinfo/2011/10/iowa-dot-releases-additional-details-on-temporary-closure-of-us-30-in-harrison-county-moriver.html>

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

- The bids for this project were opened Oct. 12.
- The eastbound lanes of Iowa 2 will be open to two-way traffic at 4 p.m. today. All ramps at the Iowa 2/I-29 interchange will also be reopened this afternoon.
- The westbound lanes remain closed at this time as more extensive repairs are made to the approaches of a dual set of bridges, and roadway and slope protection under I-29.
- Favorable weather allowed the contractor to perform repair and rebuilding work at an accelerated pace, exceeding an initial Nov. 4 target to get traffic restored on the highway.

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

- Bids were opened Oct. 12, for a project to make repairs to Iowa 333 from I-29 east one mile, including the bridge approach. The contractor has started work on the project.
- The goal is to restore traffic on this roadway into Hamburg as quickly as possible. Presently, there is an earthen flood protection levee across the highway that must be removed before traffic can be restored.

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

- Work on this project began Oct. 8.
- Three dredging vessels are working north of the Missouri River toll bridge. The dredges are 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. Approximately 65 percent of the material required to fill the hole has been placed (75,000 cubic yards of the 116,370 cubic yards required). The contractor is making better than anticipated progress on this stage of the project because the river current has become a lessor factor.
- Portland cement concrete patching work on Iowa 175 was completed Friday, Oct. 21.
- Guardrail installation is scheduled to occur this week.
- Later this week, the contractor plans to prepare for placement of additional rock fill material.
- Approximately 800 linear feet of sandbag levee remains on Iowa 175 that must still be removed. The sandbag levee along Cashew Avenue has been removed.
- The goal remains to restore traffic on the bridge/roadway as quickly as possible, following stabilization of the bridge. Other stages of this project, including construction of a weir and dike, will be performed while the roadway is open to traffic.

### **Temporary traffic control devices**

On Nov. 7, the Iowa DOT will be removing temporary traffic control devices installed in Tabor on U.S. 275 and near Shenandoah on U.S. 59. These devices are no longer needed now that traffic on I-29 has been restored and there is less traffic using these alternative routes. For additional details, see:

<http://www.news.iowadot.gov/newsandinfo/2011/10/iowa-dot-to-remove-temporary-traffic-control-devices-in-mills-and-fremont-counties.html>.

### **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. There was no emergency letting scheduled for Oct. 19, and none is scheduled for Oct. 26.