

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING – January 10, 2013

WARREN COUNTY IM-35-2(353,354,378)54-13-91

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The Iowa Department of Transportation wishes to thank you for attending this Public Information Meeting regarding the proposed reconstruction of I-35 in Warren County from two miles south to two miles north of Iowa 92, including the replacement of the Middle River bridges and reconstruction of the I-35/Iowa 92 interchange. The purpose of this meeting is to present to you details of the proposed improvement and to answer any questions that you may have.

PROJECT HISTORY

A Capacity Study was conducted in early 2005 as a basis for future improvements along the I-35 corridor from south of Iowa 92 north to just south of the Iowa 5 interchange. The study focused on traffic volumes and capacity, environmental considerations, accident analysis, and costs for potential improvements. The analysis also investigated whether widening the interstate would be a viable improvement. In July 2007 a Preliminary Traffic Analysis and Crash History Review Report was prepared. It concluded that this roadway segment is above the statewide average for fatalities and injuries for this type of facility.

A Public Information Meeting was held February 26, 2008, to gather input for a location study and for the environmental document. A Public Hearing was conducted on April 30, 2009, to present the Environmental Assessment for the corridor and to discuss the preferred alternative. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was signed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on July 8, 2009.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Interstate 35 would be reconstructed to provide two 12 foot-wide lanes in each direction with 12 foot-wide paved inside and outside shoulders. The roadway would provide

additional capacity in the future when the proposed inside shoulder would be converted to a passing lane and a new inside shoulder would be added to provide a 6-lane facility. The median would be 106 feet wide for the proposed 4-lane roadway and would decrease to 82 feet wide when the northbound and southbound inside paved shoulders are added in the future. The existing twin bridges on I-35 over the Middle River would be replaced. The new bridges would accommodate the ultimate 6-lane facility.

The Iowa 92 interchange would be reconstructed with a diamond configuration. The existing loop ramp in the south east quadrant would not be replaced. Iowa 92 in the area adjacent to the interchange would be converted from the existing 4-lane roadway to a 3-lane highway with a 12 foot-wide eastbound lane, a 12 foot-wide westbound lane and a 16 foot-wide center turn lane and 10 foot-wide shoulders between the ramp terminals. The existing Iowa 92 bridges over I-35 would be replaced with one 316 foot x 60 foot bridge. The ramps for the interchange would be 16 feet wide with 4 foot-wide inside and 6 foot-wide outside paved shoulders.

Traffic would be maintained during construction by the use of staging.

PRESENT FACILITY AND TRAFFIC VOLUMES

Existing I-35 is a four-lane divided highway with access by interchange only. The 2011 traffic using I-35 in the area was 18,200 vehicles per day (vpd) and is projected to increase to 29,800 vpd by the year 2035. Existing Iowa 92 is a four-lane divided roadway through the interchange. The 2011 traffic on Iowa 92 was 5,200 vpd and is projected to increase to 6,200 by 2035.

PROJECT COSTS AND SCHEDULE

The 2013– 2017 Transportation Improvement Program shows the following schedule and costs for the reconstruction of I-35, the replacement of the Middle River bridges and the reconstruction of the I-35/Iowa 92 interchange:

ACTIVITY	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
From Clanton Creek to north of Iowa 92 (NB):					
Grade		1,821,000			
Grade & Pave				8,025,000	
Lighting				15,000	
Traffic Signs				15,000	
From Clanton Creek to north of Iowa 92 (SB):					
Grade & Pave					9,927,000
Lighting					15,000
Traffic Signs					15,000
Middle River Bridge (SB):					
Wetland Mitigation		900,000			
Bridge Replacement					4,112,000
Middle River Bridge (NB):					
Bridge Replacement		3,501,000			
Iowa 92 (EB) over I-35:					
Right of Way		30,000			
Bridge Replacement			1,699,000		
Grade & Pave				3,627,000	
Iowa 92 (WB) over I-35:					
Bridge Replacement			1,700,000		
Total Programmed: \$35,402,000					

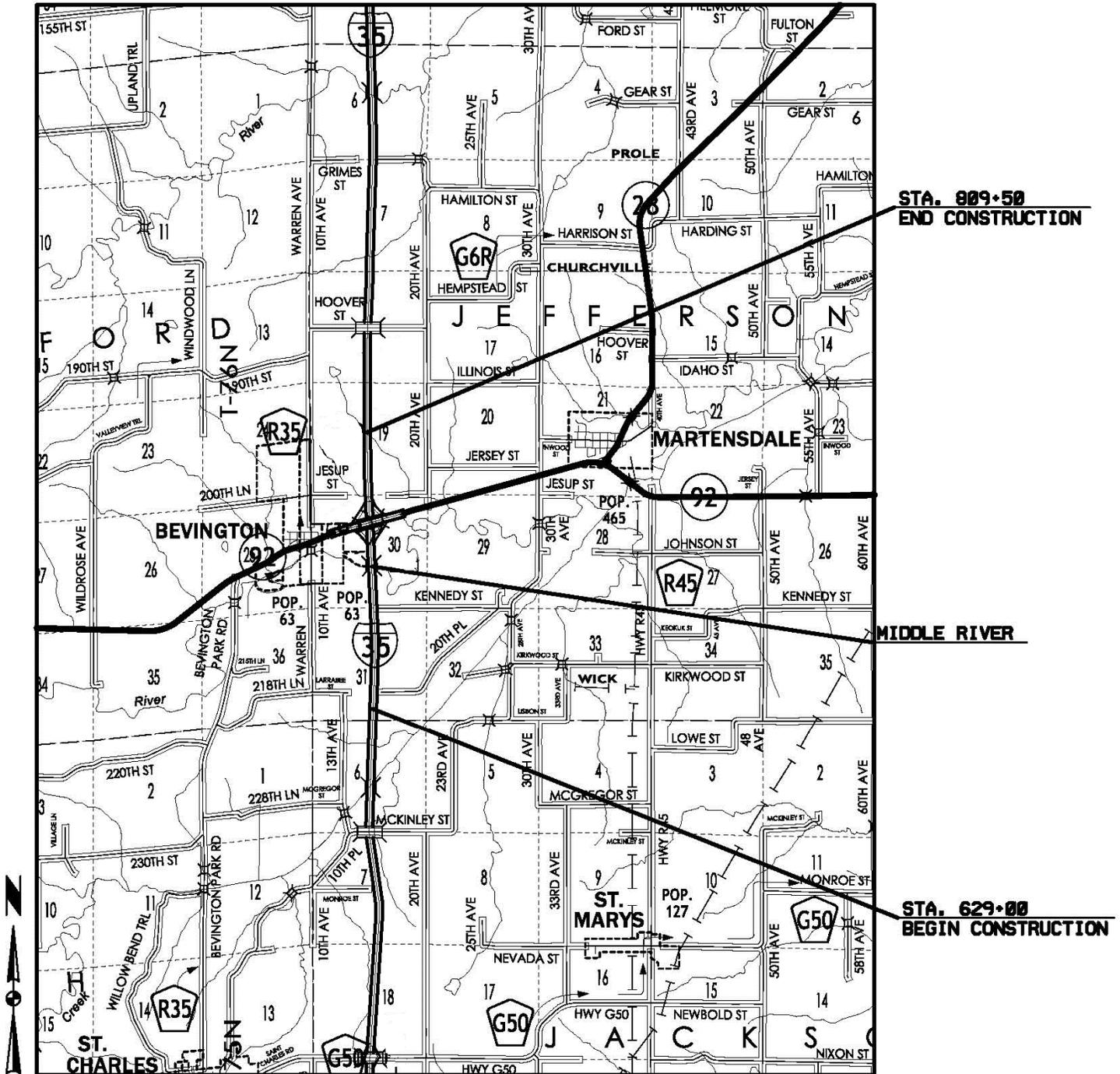
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

If you have any comments on the proposed project or questions about its development, please make your comments known at this meeting or forward them on the attached self addressed Citizen Comment form. A comment form is also available at the following website: <http://www.iowadot.gov/pim>.

Thank you for your participation in this meeting.

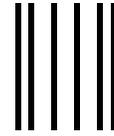
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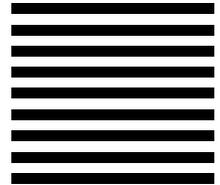
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