



PUBLIC MEETING – FEBRUARY 5, 2014 5-6:30 P.M.

COMMUNITY BUILDING, 809 WEST STREET, NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA

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Welcome to the Iowa Department of Transportation's Public Information Meeting for the proposed bridge replacement on Warren County Road G-76 over I-35. The purpose of this meeting is to provide design and right of way details concerning the proposed improvement and to listen to your thoughts and ideas as well as answer your questions regarding the project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project provides for replacement of the bridge on Warren County Road G-76 over I-35 including reconstruction of the interchange ramps and approximately one-half mile of the county road. The new 212 foot x 41 foot concrete beam bridge would be constructed approximately 54 feet south of the existing bridge. The bridge and county road would be raised approximately 2 feet to provide the desirable clearance for interstate traffic. The completed project would provide for a 24-foot roadway with 8-foot shoulders for the county road.

Traffic would be maintained by staged construction, using the existing bridge and ramps while the new bridge and ramps are constructed. There would be on-site detours and limited closures to construct the tie-in pavement. Access control rights have previously been acquired for I-35. Access control rights would be acquired along the county road.

PRESENT FACILITY AND TRAFFIC VOLUMES

The existing bridge was constructed in 1958 and the deck was overlaid in 1987. I-35 in the project area was constructed in 1958 as a 4-lane divided facility. It was resurfaced in 1969, 1989 and 2009. Warren County Road G-76 in the project area is a 22-foot wide paved facility with 6-foot wide granular shoulders constructed in 1958. The roadway surface changes from pavement to gravel just west of the interchange.

The 2017 average annual daily traffic estimate for I-35 is 19,700 vehicles per day and is projected to increase to 27,800 vpd by the year 2037. The 2017 traffic estimates on Warren County Road G-76 is 2,800 vpd on the east side of the interchange and 520 vpd on the west side. Traffic on the county road is predicted to be 3,900 vpd on the east side of the interchange and 750 vpd on the west side by the year 2037.

PROJECT SCHEDULE AND COSTS

The 2014 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program shows \$200,000 for Right of Way acquisition in 2016; \$8,423,000 for bridge replacement and \$75,000 for traffic signs in 2017 for this project.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Iowa DOT completed surveys within the project corridor to identify any possible historic properties. The term historic property includes a prehistoric or historic site, building, structure, object, or district that is listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The surveys within the project corridor did not identify historic properties. The Iowa DOT is requesting your comments about the impacts this project may have on any historic properties. This request is based on the federal regulations known as Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

This project will continue to be monitored by the Iowa DOT and FHWA throughout all development stages and construction to ensure that all possible environmental effects are identified.

RIGHT OF WAY

As part of the proposed improvements, additional right-of-way may be required. The Iowa DOT's policy provides for appraisal of property and/or property rights needed for each project. These appraisals use professional techniques and methods to determine "just compensation" in accordance with Federal and State constitutions, laws and regulations. The appraisals are prepared to assure fair treatment for both the property owner and the public.

After the appraisals are completed, each owner is contacted by a right of way agent for the purpose of explaining the plans and appraisals and for contracting the required right of way. In instances where an agreement cannot be reached through negotiations, the property may be acquired by the laws of eminent domain.

RELOCATION ASSISTANCE

The State of Iowa's acquisition and relocation program will be conducted in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-646), as amended by the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987 and provides relocation resources to all residential and business relocatees without discrimination.

If you are required to move as a result of a highway project, whether an owner or tenant, you will be eligible for relocation assistance advisory services. You may be eligible for moving assistance, supplemental replacement housing payments, and reimbursement for certain expenses incurred in purchasing replacement housing.

It is the intent of the State of Iowa to ensure that displaced individuals receive fair and equitable treatment and do not suffer disproportionately from highway programs designed for the whole public. Any person, family, business, or farm displaced by a highway project shall be offered relocation assistance services for locating suitable replacement property. Relocation payments and advisory assistance are offered in addition to the State's purchase of your property.

Personnel from the Office of Right of Way, Relocation Assistance Section, have studied the proposed project presented at this meeting and anticipate that 1 business and no residences or people would be displaced as a result of this improvement.

Questions or problems concerning relocation assistance should be directed to the Office of Right of Way, Relocation Assistance Section, Iowa DOT, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa, 50010.

CONTACT US

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

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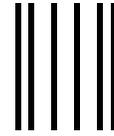
Please share your ideas with us today, submit them using the attached comment form (self-addressed and pre-paid for your convenience), email your comments to the District Planner above or through the following website <http://www.iowadot.gov/pim>. All comments and information provided will be given consideration as the project development process continues.

Thank you for your participation in this meeting.

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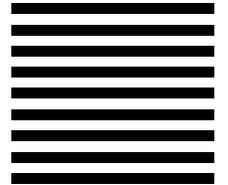
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