

PROJECT STATEMENT

Public Information Meeting

**For the proposed planning study of U.S. 30
from I-35 interchange near Ames, east to
11th Street in Nevada**

**Replacement of pavement on U.S. 30 in the eastbound
direction from Sand Hill Trail east through Airport Road at
Nevada will also be discussed.**

Story County

NHSX-30-5(244)--3H-85

MEETING LOCATION:

Crossroads Baptist Church

57011 U.S. 30

Ames, Iowa

March 7, 2013



**Iowa Department
of Transportation**

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

Introduction

Welcome to the Iowa Department of Transportation's (DOT) Public Information Meeting for US 30 in Story County. Our purpose for having this meeting is to acquaint area residents with the potential improvement alternatives for the US 30 Corridor from the I-35 interchange in Ames to 11th Street in Nevada. We also want to answer any questions you may have and listen to your thoughts and ideas regarding the alternatives.

Project Description

The purpose of this study is to improve US 30 to Priority I from the I-35 interchange in Ames to the 19th Street interchange in Nevada. The improvements are needed to update the design of the roadway and address traffic safety issues. At this meeting, we are presenting two alternatives for an interchange at the west end of the corridor, and two alternatives for an interchange at the east end of the corridor. These designs are conceptual and represent potential layouts rather than developed designs.

The US 30 traffic volumes for 2011 and the forecasted traffic volumes for 2015 and 2035 are shown in the following table:

US 30 - Existing and Future Traffic Volumes

Segment Description	Length	2011	2015	2035
I-35 Interchange to Co. Rd. R70	1.5 mi	14,500	15,600	21,500
Co. Rd. R70 to Co. Rd. S14	4.0 mi	13,000	13,700	18,900
Co. Rd. S14 to 6 th Street	0.5 mi	11,700	12,800	17,600

The crash rates for most of the US 30 corridor during the eight year period from 2002-2009 were comparable to the statewide averages for rural and urban Iowa highways. At the west end of the corridor, from the I-35 interchange to Sand Hill Trail, crash rates were approximately three times greater than the statewide average for rural Iowa highways. Most crashes were property damage but some crashes involved injuries.

Project Schedule

The concepts presented at tonight's Public Information Meeting are intended to acquaint area residents with the potential improvement alternatives and continue the dialog with local communities on the needs of this project. These projects are not programmed at this time, and therefore, no construction schedule is established. However, the Iowa Department of Transportation does intend to proceed with the development of design plans after which time it could be considered for future programming.

Field Studies

As part of our project development, we will conduct various field reviews for the US 30 Corridor Study. You may see Iowa DOT or consultant personnel gathering field information for the project. In some instances, the DOT may request your permission to conduct studies on your property in 2014. These field studies typically include archeological sites, historic buildings, wetlands, threatened or endangered plants and animals, 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 the contract for the required right-of-way. If an agreement cannot be reached through negotiations, the property may be acquired by the laws of eminent domain.

Current Project

In a separate project that will take place this spring and summer, the department will be replacing the pavement on US 30 in the eastbound direction from Sand Hill Trail east through Airport Road at Nevada. Traffic will be one lane in each direction on the existing westbound roadway for a good portion of the construction season. The contractor for the project is Manatts Inc. with a bid amount of \$4,711,000 M. Iowa DOT staff will be present to answer any questions about the project.

Contact Us

If you have any comments or concerns regarding the projects presented today or would like to be added to the project mailing list, please contact the following:

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Public Participation

No one is more familiar with the study area than its residents. We are interested in hearing what you have to say with regard to the proposed improvements. You may share those ideas with us today or submit them in writing using the attached comment form (self-addressed and pre-paid for your convenience). Following today’s meeting, we will give careful consideration to all of the comments and information you provide, and will consider this input as we continue with project development. You will also have other opportunities throughout the project development to provide your input through additional public meetings held in the future.

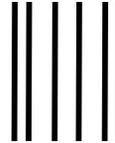
Thank you for participating in this meeting.

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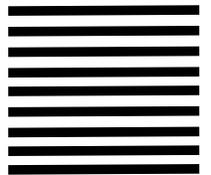
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