

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING – APRIL 5, 2012

WARREN COUNTY

STPN-65-3(61)--2J-91

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

The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) wishes to thank you for attending this Public Information Meeting regarding the proposed safety improvements at the intersection of U.S. 65/ U.S. 69 and Scotch Ridge Road, 2.5 miles south of the U.S. 65/U.S. 69/Iowa 5 interchange. The purpose of this meeting is to present to you details of the proposed improvements and to answer any questions that you may have.

PUBLIC MEETING FORMAT

We encourage you to express your views concerning the proposal in one or more of these ways:

1. Individual discussion with Iowa DOT staff;
2. Presentation of oral and written statements at the meeting. Oral statements will be accepted at the tape recording station. Written statements should be presented to the staff person near the entry;
3. Submission of written statements following the meeting. Those received by April 16, 2012, will become a part of the public meeting summary.

Meeting summaries are provided to Iowa DOT staff, the Transportation Commissioners and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for review before project plans are completed. A copy will be forwarded to you if you send a written request to Office of Location and Environment, Iowa DOT, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa, 50010.

PROJECT HISTORY

Public information meetings were held April 3, 2008, and January 12, 2010, to discuss proposed safety improvements at the intersection.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The existing intersection would be closed. Scotch Ridge Road would be extended along the east side of U.S. 65/U.S. 69 and a new intersection would be constructed approximately 1600 feet

south of the existing location. Right and left-turn lanes would be added on U.S. 65/U.S. 69 at the new intersection. Relocated Scotch Ridge Road would consist of a 24-foot wide roadway with 6-foot wide granular shoulders.

The residences on the west side of the existing intersection would be allowed right-in-right-out access only. The existing median crossover and left-turn lane would be removed. Approximately 850 feet of Scotch Ridge Road would be removed and obliterated. The entrance to the church located in the northeast quadrant of the existing intersection would be reconstructed to tie-into relocated Scotch Ridge Road.

PRESENT FACILITY AND TRAFFIC VOLUMES

Existing U.S. 65/U.S. 69 is a four-lane divided highway. The southbound lanes were constructed in 1929 and the northbound lanes were added in 1971. The roadway was resurfaced in 1952, 1973, 1991 and 2009. The 2013 average daily traffic (ADT) estimate for U.S. 65/ U.S. 69 north of the Scotch Ridge Road intersection is 20,500 vehicles per day (vpd) and is projected to increase to 33,200 vpd by the year 2033. The 2013 ADT estimate south of the intersection is 21,200 vpd and is projected to increase to 34,400 vpd by the year 2033.

Scotch Ridge Road is a two-lane facility. The 2013 ADT estimate is 1,400 vpd and is anticipated to increase to 3,100 vpd by the year 2033.

SUFFICIENCY RATINGS

Sufficiency ratings in Iowa are composed of five major categories, which measure the roadway's structural adequacy, motorist safety, and capability to accommodate traffic with a minimum of conflict. A rating of 90 – 100 is classified as excellent; 80 – 89 is good; 65 – 79 is fair; 50 – 64 is tolerable; and 0 – 49 is poor. The 2009 sufficiency rating for this segment of existing U.S. 65/U.S. 69 is 92 (excellent).

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

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.

PROJECT COSTS AND SCHEDULE

The 2012 – 2016 Transportation Improvement Program shows the following schedule and costs for the improvement of Scotch Ridge Road, 2.5 miles south of IA 5:

ACTIVITY	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Right of Way		15,000			
Grade & Pave		1,373,000			
Total Programmed: \$1,388,000					

RIGHT OF WAY

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.

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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2.5 miles S. of IA. 5/US 65/US 69 Interchange**

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Existing Scotch Ridge Road

Proposed Scotch Ridge Road

**WARREN
COUNTY**
ALLEN TOWNSHIP
T-77N R-23W
Sec. 13 & 18

LEGEND

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-  PROPOSED REMOVAL OF PAVEMENT
-  PROPOSED GRANULAR SURFACE

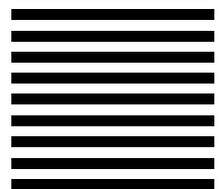
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