

PROJECT STATEMENT

Public Information Meeting

**For the proposed reconstruction of
I-35 from First Street to 36th Street
and the First Street interchange near
Ankeny**

Polk County

IM-035-4(140)92--13-77

MEETING LOCATION:

Ankeny Fire Station

120 NW Ash Drive

Ankeny, Iowa

April 30, 2013



**Iowa Department
of Transportation**

To view information concerning this project please go to the following website:
<http://www.iowadot.gov/pim>

Introduction

Welcome to the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) Public Information Meeting for I-35 in Polk County. Our purpose for having this meeting is to acquaint the area residents of Ankeny and the vicinity with details concerning the proposed reconstruction of the interchange on I-35 at E. First Street in Ankeny and the capacity improvement to I-35 from just south of E. First Street to NE 36th Street. This public meeting offers mutual benefits. We also want to answer any questions you may have and listen to your thoughts and ideas regarding the alternatives.

Project Description

An I-35 and E. First Street/NE 36th Street Interchange Justification Report (IJR), undertaken in January 2004, examined a range of options for accommodating future capacity needs in the I-35 corridor in the Ankeny area. The IJR concluded the preferred order of construction would be to build the NE 36th Street interchange first. The IJR was submitted in March 2008 and was subsequently approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in June 2008. The new interchange at NE 36th Street was completed last year. The department is now working toward the reconstruction of the I-35 interchange at E 1st St. and the capacity improvement of I-35.

The proposed project provides for the reconstruction of the existing interchange on I-35 at E. First Street in Ankeny, utilizing a diverging diamond configuration. It also includes capacity improvements to I-35 from just south of E. First Street to the NE 36th Street interchange.

First Street Interchange

The diverging diamond concept is a variation of the traditional diamond design. The most notable difference is the eastbound and westbound lanes of the intersecting street, in this case E. First Street, cross each other at signalized intersections at either end of the interchange. By doing so, all turning movements take place to and from the right side, thereby eliminating all left turn movement conflicts. An example of a diverging diamond design is below:



I-35 Mainline Between First Street and 36th Street Interchanges

I-35 in this segment would be widened from four to six lanes and includes some auxiliary lane paving south of 1st St. Traffic would be maintained on I-35 during construction.

I-35 in the project area is a four-lane access controlled divided highway constructed in 1965. The 2012 annual average daily traffic (AADT) on I-35 between the E. First Street and the NE 36th Street interchanges was 40,000. With the completion and opening of the NE 36th Street interchange in November 2013, the DOT expects traffic volumes will increase quickly on this section of I-35.

Project Schedule

The project is currently not programmed in the DOT's 2013-2017 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program. It is anticipated the project will be programmed as funding and statewide priorities allow.

The cost to design the project is estimated at \$4.8 million and right-of-way acquisition is estimated at \$2.2 million. The grading, paving, and bridge construction estimate for the project is \$ 38.4 million.

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.

The Iowa DOT's 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.

Contact Us

If you have any comments or concerns regarding the project presented today, 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). A comment form is also available at the following website:

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

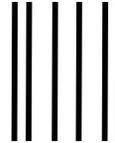
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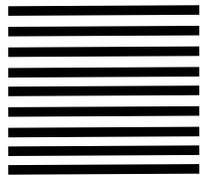
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