

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING – June 14, 2011**

**STORY COUNTY**

**IM-35-4(175)109--13-85**

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The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) wishes to thank you for attending this Public Information Meeting regarding the I-35/U.S. 30 corridor study. Environmental and field studies are being initiated for I-35 from 280th Street north through the 13th Street interchange and for U.S. 30 from just west of University Boulevard east to County Road R-70 in Story County, Iowa, near Ames. The purpose of this meeting is to present to you the corridor study limits and to answer any questions that you may have.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Planning and traffic forecast studies show an increase in total vehicle and truck traffic in the next decade for the I-35/ U. S. 30 travel corridor near Ames, Iowa. Several bridges in the corridor are being considered for rehabilitation and/or replacement due to age, flood control, or height clearance considerations.

The corridor study will look at adding an extra lane in each direction for I-35 to accommodate increased future traffic between Ames and Des Moines. It will also look at any necessary interchange modifications and/or additions. The U.S. 30 portion of this study will look at potential improvements to the highway, bridges, and interchanges in relation to I-35 traffic and flood issues in the corridor.

The corridor study will include preliminary engineering and preparation of an environmental document.

## **PRESENT FACILITY AND TRAFFIC VOLUMES**

Existing I-35 and U.S. 30 west of I-35 were constructed as four-lane freeways with access at interchanges only. U.S. 30 east of I-35 is a four-lane highway with access at various crossroads.

The 2009 traffic using I-35 south of U.S. 30 was 34,400 vehicles per day (vpd) while the traffic north of U.S. 30 was 28,000 vpd. The 2009 traffic on U.S. 30 from University Boulevard to I-35 averaged 22,100 vpd while traffic east of I-35 was 13,200 vpd.

## **PROJECT COSTS AND SCHEDULE**

Planned improvements as part of this study are currently not included in the 2012-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). However, they may be considered during the preparation of future transportation programs.

## **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 by Monday, June 27, 2011, on the attached self addressed Citizen Comment form. A comment form is also available at the following website: <http://www.iowadot.gov/pim>.

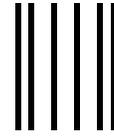
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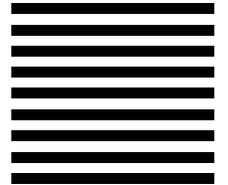
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