

PROJECT STATEMENT

Public Information Meeting

**For the planning study of Iowa 122 in Mason
City from Monroe Avenue east to South
Carolina Avenue**

**Cerro Gordo County
STP-122-1(14)--2C-17**

MEETING LOCATION:

**City Hall
10 First Street NW
Mason City, Iowa**

June 14, 2012



**Iowa Department
of Transportation**

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Iowa 122 one-way corridors in Mason City



Date/Time/Place

June 14, 2012, 5-7p.m.

City Hall's second floor conference room, 10 First St. NW, Mason City



Project description

Discuss the planning study of Iowa 122 one-way corridors in Mason City from Monroe Avenue east to South Carolina Avenue.



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*Deadline for receipt of statements or exhibits for inclusion in the meeting summary is **June 25, 2012**; however, all correspondence received after this date will be included in the project files and reviewed as the project is developed. [Submit a comment about this project.](#)*

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Introduction

Welcome to the Iowa Department of Transportation's (DOT) Public Information Meeting for IA 122 in Cerro Gordo County. Our purpose for having this meeting is to acquaint area residents with the potential improvement alternatives for the IA 122 Corridor in Mason City from South Monroe Avenue to South Carolina Avenue. We also want to answer any questions you may have and listen to your thoughts and ideas regarding the alternatives.

Project Purpose

The purpose of this study is to improve segments of IA 122 (5th Street SW and 6th Street SW), through Mason City from South Monroe Avenue to South Carolina Avenue. The improvements are needed to reconstruct the pavement, update the design of the roadway, and address traffic safety issues.

Background

IA 122 is the primary east-west travel route through Mason City. It transitions from a 4-lane divided roadway to 2-lane, one-way roads at South Monroe Avenue and then to a 4-lane undivided roadway at Massachusetts Avenue.

The IA 122 traffic volumes for 2009 and the forecasted traffic volumes for 2015 and 2035 are shown in the following table:

IA 122 - Existing and Future Traffic Volumes

Segment Description	Length	2009	2015	2035
Eastbound IA 122 / 6 th St SW	1.0 mi	6,700	6,400 - 9,500	6,400 - 9,500
Westbound IA 122 / 5 th St SW	0.9 mi	7,700	8,300 - 12,200	9,300 - 15,300

The crash rates for segments of IA 122 during the five year period from 2005-2009 were approximately three times greater than the statewide average for urban Iowa highways. Most crashes were property damage only but some crashes involved injuries. The crash types were mostly same-direction sideswipes, broadsides, and rear-end collisions.

East of Connecticut Avenue, IA 122 eastbound has a horizontal reverse curve prior to joining back as a two-way roadway on the 5th Street SE alignment. The posted speed limits on IA 122 are 35 mph in the two-way segments and 30 mph in the one-way segments with a 20 mph advisory speed through the reverse curves. The curves force traffic to slow down to maneuver the turn and causes larger vehicles to encroach into the adjacent travel lane thus disrupting the flow of traffic along IA 122.

The intersections along IA 122 have tight radii which impacts turning movements especially at the intersection with US 65/Federal Avenue. The tight curb radii cause larger turning vehicles to decelerate to a low speed as well as encroach onto the curbs or into the oncoming traffic lanes in order to navigate the turn. This also disrupts the traffic flow within the corridor.

The corridor also contains wide travel lanes with pavement markings which are difficult to maintain. The wide travel lanes can add to driver confusion and are likely a contributing factor to the higher than average crash rate within the corridor.

Project Schedule

The concepts presented at tonight's Public Information Meeting are intended to address the pavement condition as well as the increased traffic and operational needs of the project corridor. 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 already have or will conduct various field reviews for the IA 122 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 2012. 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.

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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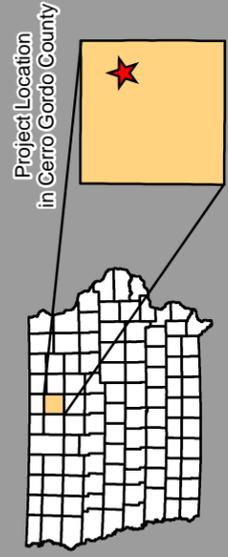
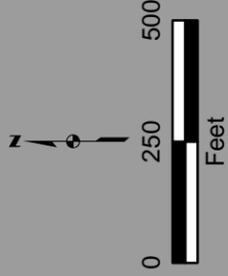
No one is more familiar with the study area than its residents. We are interested in hearing what you have to say with regard to the proposed improvements. You may share those ideas with us today or submit them in writing using the attached comment form (self-addressed and pre-paid for your convenience). 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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Iowa 122 Improvements
Cerro Gordo County, Iowa

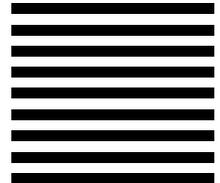
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