

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING – August 8, 2013**

**BLACK HAWK COUNTY**

**NHSX-218-7(207, 210)--3H-07**

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

The Iowa Department of Transportation wishes to thank you for attending this Public Information Meeting regarding the proposed construction of an interchange at the U.S. 218/Black Hawk County Road C-57 (Cedar-Wapsi Road) intersection south of Janesville. The purpose of this meeting is to present to you details of the proposed improvement and to answer any questions that you may have.

### **PROJECT HISTORY**

U.S. 218/Iowa 27 was opened as a four-lane facility from Black Hawk County Road C-57 to Waverly in 1993 and from Cedar Falls to Black Hawk County Road C-57 in 1995. Completion of these segments, now a part of the Avenue of the Saints, resulted in substantial traffic growth between Cedar Falls and Waverly. As traffic volumes have increased, safety and operational issues have developed. Interim improvements have been made at the County Road C-57 intersection. However, opportunities for local road traffic to access the highway at existing intersections have been reduced due to the high traffic volumes. Continued traffic growth is expected throughout the corridor in the future.

Meetings were held with local jurisdictions and law enforcement agencies during 2003. The Iowa DOT initiated a Corridor Study in 2005 for the segment of U.S. 218 from West Mount Vernon Road north to the Iowa 116 interchange at Waverly. The purpose of this study was to focus on safety improvements and options for access control for the corridor. Public Information Meetings were held in 2005, 2007, and 2011 to present alternatives for the improvement of U.S. 218/Iowa 27 through the corridor.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The proposed project provides for the construction of a diamond interchange at the U.S. 218/Black Hawk County Road C-57 intersection south of Janesville. Following the completion of the interchange and as part of the improvement, the Mount Vernon Road,

Bennington Road and Gresham Road intersections in Black Hawk County would be permanently closed at U.S. 218 and the median crossovers would be removed. From Cedar Falls to Janesville, access to U.S. 218 would be by interchange only.

To accommodate the interchange construction, approximately 1.5 miles of the Cedar River Railroad Company tracks would be relocated 600 feet west of existing U.S. 218. County Road C-57, to the west of U.S. 218, would be realigned to the south to provide for the improvement. A frontage road would be constructed to connect the businesses north of County Road C-57 to the realigned roadway. Approximately 0.75 mile of County Road C-57 would be reconstructed to accommodate the improvement. Two new bridges would be constructed on County Road C-57 over U.S. 218 and over the relocated Cedar River Railroad Company tracks. Other drainage structures would be constructed as necessary. U.S. 218 traffic would be maintained during construction. However, traffic on County Road C-57 would be detoured during construction. (See detour map at the back of the handout.) Access rights would be acquired along County Road C-57 within the area of the interchange.

### **PROJECT SCHEDULE AND COSTS**

The Fiscal Years 2014– 2018 Transportation Improvement Program shows the following schedule and costs for this improvement:

ACTIVITY	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Right of Way	\$500,000	\$1,000,000			
Bridge, New		\$2,726,000	\$2,271,000		
Grade		\$7,050,000			
Grade & Pave			\$6,096,000		
Lighting			\$60,000		
Traffic Signs			\$54,000		
Erosion Control				\$200,000	
<b>Total Programmed: \$19,957,000</b>					

## **PRESENT FACILITY AND TRAFFIC VOLUMES**

Existing U. S. 218 throughout the project limits is a four-lane divided highway. The 2012 traffic using U.S. 218 ranged from 16, 900 to 19,600 vehicles per day (vpd) and is projected to increase to 28,700 vpd by the year 2037.

## **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.

## **RELOCATION ASSISTANCE**

The State of Iowa's acquisition and relocation program will be conducted in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-646), as amended by the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987 and provides relocation resources to all residential and business relocatees without discrimination.

If you are required to move as a result of a highway project, whether an owner or tenant, you will be eligible for relocation assistance advisory services. You may be eligible for moving assistance, supplemental replacement housing payments, and reimbursement for certain expenses incurred in purchasing replacement housing.

It is the intent of the State of Iowa to ensure that displaced individuals receive fair and equitable treatment and do not suffer disproportionately from highway programs designed for the whole public. Any person, family, business, or farm displaced by a highway project shall be offered relocation assistance services for locating suitable replacement property.

Relocation payments and advisory assistance are offered in addition to the State's purchase of your property.

Personnel from the Office of Right of Way, Relocation Assistance Section, have studied the proposed project presented at this meeting and anticipate that no businesses, residences or people would be displaced as a result of this improvement.

Questions or issues concerning relocation assistance should be directed to the Office of Right of Way, Relocation Assistance Section, Iowa DOT, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa, 50010.

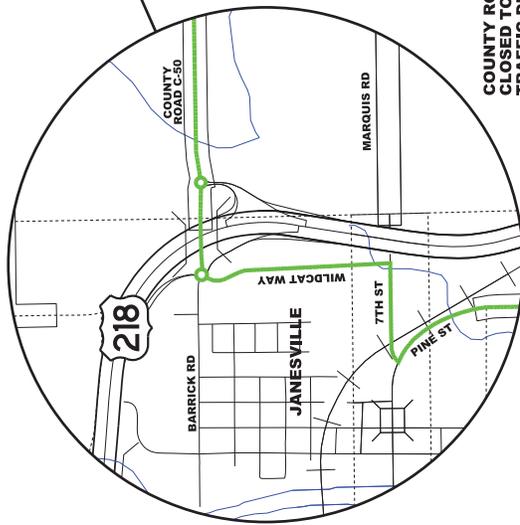
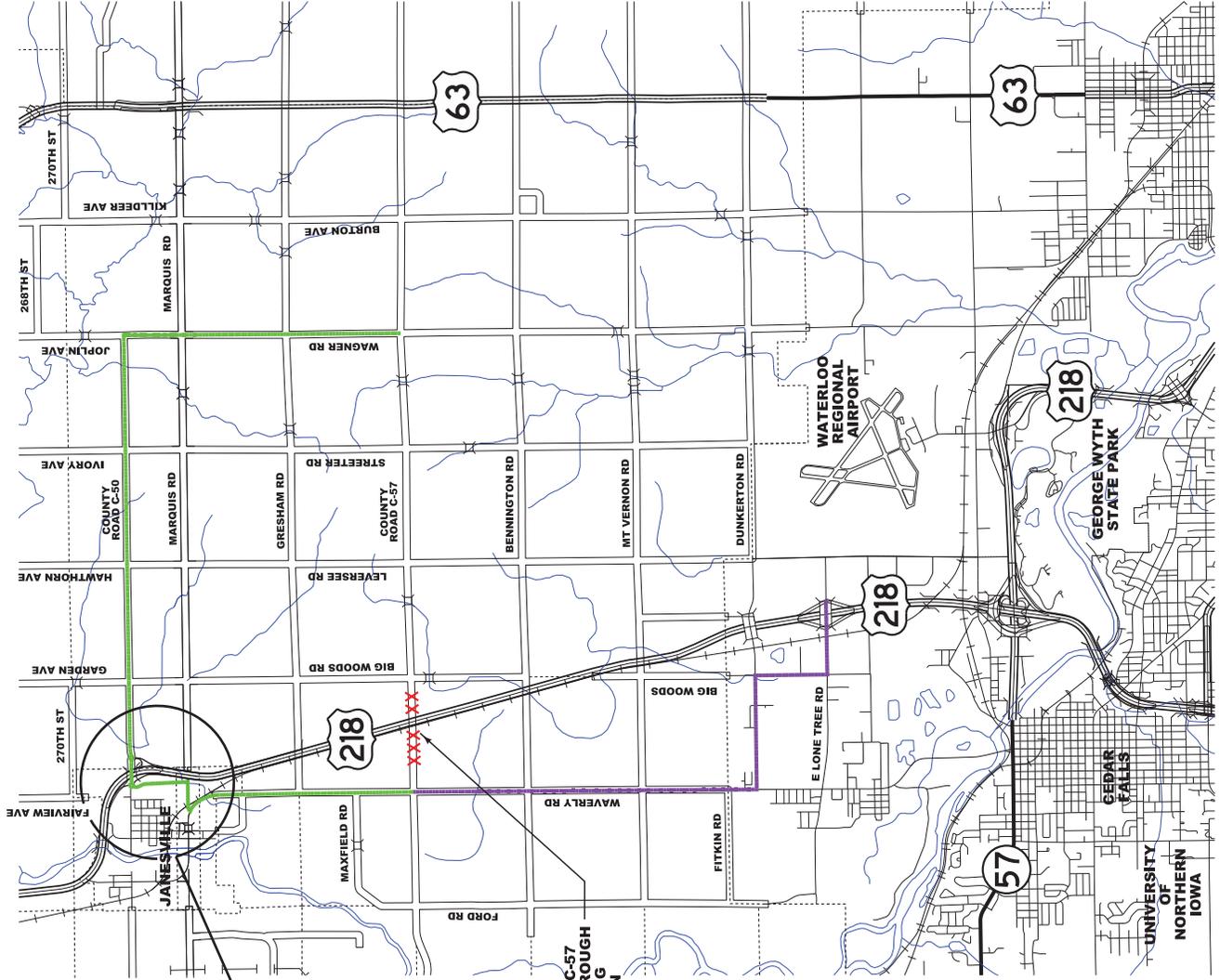
### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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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# COUNTY ROAD C-57 DETOUR DURING CONSTRUCTION



COUNTY ROAD C-57  
CLOSED TO THROUGH  
TRAFFIC DURING  
CONSTRUCTION

Iowa Department of Transportation  
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING  
AUGUST 31, 2013  
**US 218 / County Road C-57 Interchange**  
Black Hawk County  
Project Number NHRN-218-7(189)-2R-07

**LEGEND**

- PRIMARY DETOUR ROUTE
- SECONDARY DETOUR ROUTE
- XXXXXX EASTBOUND COUNTY ROAD C-57 TO SOUTHBOUND US 218
- XXXXXX CLOSED TO THROUGH TRAFFIC



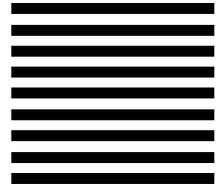
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