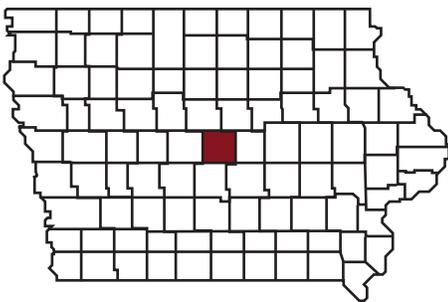




# PUBLIC HEARING

October 15, 2015  
STORY COUNTY  
NHSX-030-5(244)--3H-85



## U.S. 30 in Story County from the Interstate 35 interchange to just west of 11th Street in Nevada

**WELCOME!** The purpose of this Public Hearing is to discuss the proposed improvements along U.S. 30 from the I-35 interchange to just west of 11th St. in Nevada. The completed Environmental Assessment will also be available for review at the meeting.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the study and future projects is to improve the level of safety and to improve traffic operations on U.S. 30 from the I-35 interchange near Ames to 11th Street in Nevada. At this Public Hearing the department is identifying the two preferred alternative interchanges on U.S. 30, one at County Rd. R-70 and one at Airport Rd.

U.S. 30 traffic volumes for 1992 and 2015 and forecasted traffic volumes for 2040 are shown in the following table:

Segment	1992 AADT	2014 AADT	2040 AADT
East of R-70	8500	15000	21000
West of S-14	7700	13500	19840

### PROJECT HISTORY

In 1992, U.S. 30 between Ames and Nevada was improved to a four lane facility with at grade intersections at all roadways between Interstate 35 and the 19th St interchange on the east side of Nevada. Since 1992 development growth between the communities has taken place along this section of the U.S. 30 corridor as well as on Lincoln Way about a mile north of U.S. 30. As development and traffic volumes have increased, operational and safety issues are developing. In addition, the future partially programmed U.S. 30 capacity improvement between Tama and Cedar Rapids will complete the U.S. 30 4-lane corridor from Cedar Rapids to I-35 and Ames.

Improvements to this corridor have been discussed at three separate public involvement meetings. The initial meeting informed the public the department was going to study this corridor. At the next two meetings, the department provided several interchange improvement alternatives for public to review.

### Contact Us

If you have any concerns regarding the project presented today, please contact:

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To view information concerning this project please access the following website:

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





## CRASH HISTORY

On the segment of U.S. 30 between Interstate 35 and 6th Street in Nevada, a total of 258 crashes between 2005-2014. The crash rate for this segment of U.S. 30 is 88, which is higher than the average of 70 along a well-traveled route. The crash rate is determined by the frequency of crashes that occur on a given length of roadway segment over a given time period.

## PROJECT COSTS AND SCHEDULE

The Airport Rd. preferred interchange alternative is identified in the 2016-2020 Transportation Improvement Program starting with \$100,000 in 2018 for right of way, \$7,070,000 in 2019 for new bridge and grading, and \$5,570,000 in 2020 for paving. The preferred interchange alternative at U.S. 30 and R-70 is not programmed and therefore no construction schedule has been established. The Environmental Assessment (EA) has been reviewed and signed by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). A Finding of no significant impact to environmental resources is expected to be completed this year.

## RIGHT OF WAY

As part of the proposed improvements, additional right-of-way will 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.

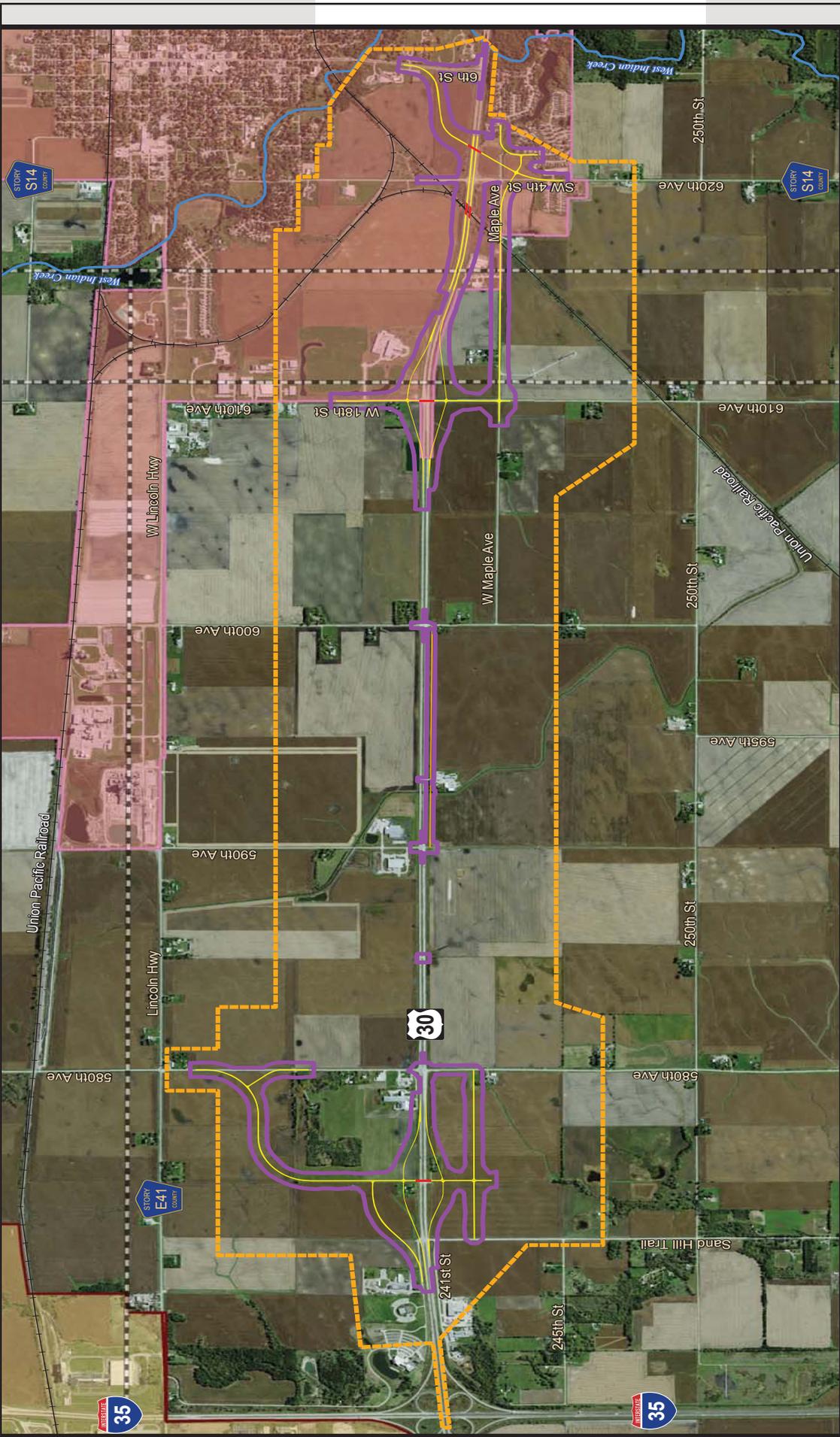
After completing the appraisal, a right-of-way agent contacts each owner to explain the plans and appraisals and negotiate the contract for the required right-of-way. If an agreement cannot be reached through negotiations, the property may be acquired by the laws of eminent domain.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Department of Transportation appreciates your attendance today. This Public Hearing serves as your opportunity to speak publically. We would encourage you to share your ideas concerning this project with us. If you prefer, you may submit them electronically using the following website: <http://www.iowadot.gov/pim>, by the attached comment form (self-addressed and pre-paid for your convenience), or by emailing your comments to the District Planner. All comments and information provided will be given consideration as the project development process continues.

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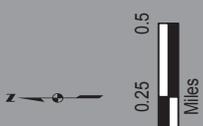
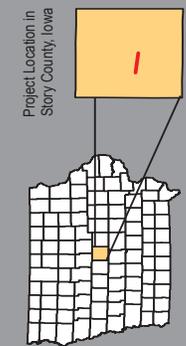




### LOCATION MAP

**NHSX-30-5(244)--3H-85**  
**U.S. Highway 30 Improvements**  
**Ames to Nevada**  
**Story County, Iowa**

- Project Study Area
- NEPA Clearance Area
- West Indian Creek
- Union Pacific Railroad
- Pipelines
- Pavement
- Bridges
- City of Ames
- City of Nevada



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 2014 Aerial

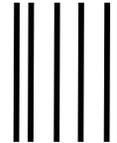




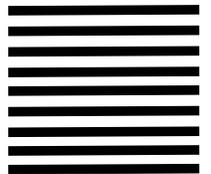
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