

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING – October 18, 2012

LOUISA COUNTY

NHSX-61-3(61)--3H-58

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

The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) wishes to thank you for attending this Public Information Meeting regarding the improvement alternatives for U. S. 61 in Louisa County from one mile north of Iowa 78 north to 130th Street. The purpose of this meeting is to present to you details of the alternatives and to answer any questions that you may have.

PROJECT HISTORY

Pre-location studies were conducted for the U.S. 61 corridor from the Iowa/Missouri State line north to the Muscatine County line in 1987 and 1989. A Public Information Meeting was held October 15, 2009, to discuss initiation of environmental and field studies for the U.S. 61 corridor in Louisa County from north of Iowa 78 north to the existing four-lane roadway south of the Muscatine County line.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project would upgrade U.S. 61 to a four-lane roadway from one mile north of Iowa 78 north to 130th Street. At Wapello, the alternatives include construction of four lanes on new alignment to the west of Wapello or construction of a five-lane roadway through the city. The bypass alternatives would include an interchange at Wapello.

PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of the proposed project is to upgrade and modernize the existing two-lane section of U.S. 61, between Iowa 78 and 130th Street to provide a safer and more efficient element of Iowa's Commercial and Industrial Network (CIN).

The need for the project is based on the criteria of lane continuity and economic development.

PRESENT FACILITY AND TRAFFIC VOLUMES

Existing U. S. 61 in Louisa County is a two-lane highway. It was originally constructed 18 feet wide in 1932 and was widened to 21 feet in 1955. In 1996 the roadway was reconstructed 24 feet wide from the Des Moines County line north through Wapello. Various segments of the roadway were resurfaced in 1957, 1958, 1983, and 1994. The 2011 traffic on this section of U.S. 61 ranged from 3,600 vehicles per day (vpd) to 6,300 vpd.

PROJECT COSTS AND SCHEDULE

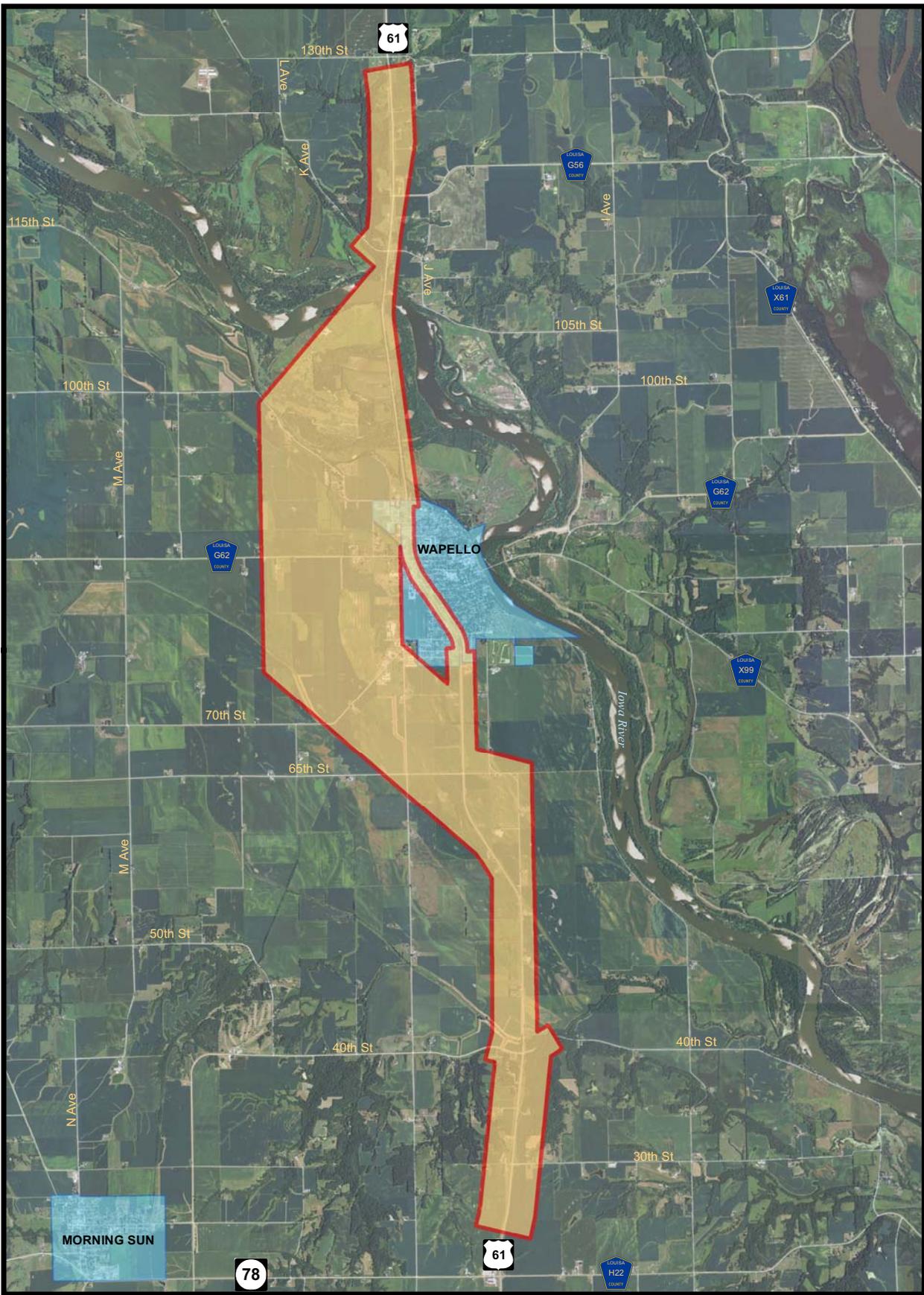
This project is not currently included in the 2013-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. However, it may be considered during the preparation of future transportation programs.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

If you have any comments concerning the proposed improvement, please make your comments known at this meeting or forward them on the attached self addressed Citizen Comment form. Deadline for receipt of comments is October 29, 2012. A comment form is also available at the following website: <http://www.iowadot.gov/pim>.

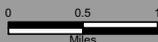
Thank you for your participation in this meeting.

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Study Area



Corporate Limits

LOCATION MAP

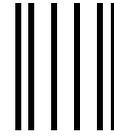
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US 61 Improvements

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Louisa County, Iowa**

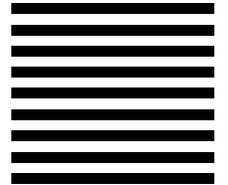
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