



**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
FOR THE U.S. 18/218/Iowa 27 CORRIDOR STUDY AT FLOYD
October 20, 2011**

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Welcome to the Iowa Department of Transportation's (DOT) public information meeting for a study within Floyd County along U.S. 18/218/Iowa 27. The study area starts at the Floyd County Road B-35 interchange south of the City of Floyd, and continues north to March Avenue west of the City of Floyd. This information meeting will present the Purpose and Need for this study, the Range of Alternatives for a new interchange at Floyd County Road T-44 and U.S. 18/ 218/Iowa 27, and answer any questions that you may have.

Project History

U.S. 18/218/Iowa 27, between the City of Rudd and Charles City, was upgraded to a four lane facility in 2000. The area has experienced traffic growth. Total vehicular traffic increased approximately 101 percent between 2001 and 2009 with truck traffic up 154% during that same period. Safety and operational issues were noted as a result.

At the City of Floyd, the U.S. 18/218/Iowa 27 and Floyd County Road T-44 intersection has had operational issues caused by increasing traffic and large trucks turning in the median. In an effort to improve the operation of the intersection, an offset right turn lane for northbound U.S. 218 traffic was constructed in 2003. Flashing beacons were added in the fall of 2007 to warn traffic on U.S. 18/218/Iowa 27 of the intersection approach. Offset median left turn lanes have been constructed in both directions in 2011 to help vehicles and trucks have a better line of sight for turning.

An ethanol plant was constructed in 2007 near the intersection of Floyd County Road T-44 and 185th Street/Floyd County Road B-35. The largest volume of trucks to the facility comes from the north via U.S. 218.

Project Purpose

The purpose of the Corridor Study is to consider safety improvements that will provide a safer transportation facility to accommodate existing and future traffic in the area as well as options to control access through the corridor. This will include analyzing existing and forecasted traffic, crash history, and operational needs within the study area. Various improvements to the U.S. 18/218/Iowa 27 and Floyd County Road T-44 intersection will be considered as well as how these improvements may impact the corridor.

Project Cost and Schedule

The concepts you will see at tonight's public information meeting are ideas to address both the increased traffic and operational needs of the highway. The DOT will not be selecting a single concept/solution for this area at this time. This project is not programmed at this time, and therefore, no construction schedule is set.

Project Corridor Studies

As a part of our project development, we will conduct environmental field reviews for the Corridor Study area. These environmental field reviews include wetlands, regulated materials (hazardous waste sites), cultural resources (archeological sites and historic buildings), and biological features (threatened or endangered plants and animals). In the next few months, Iowa DOT and consultant staff will begin these environmental field studies.

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 that 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 project presented today or would like to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

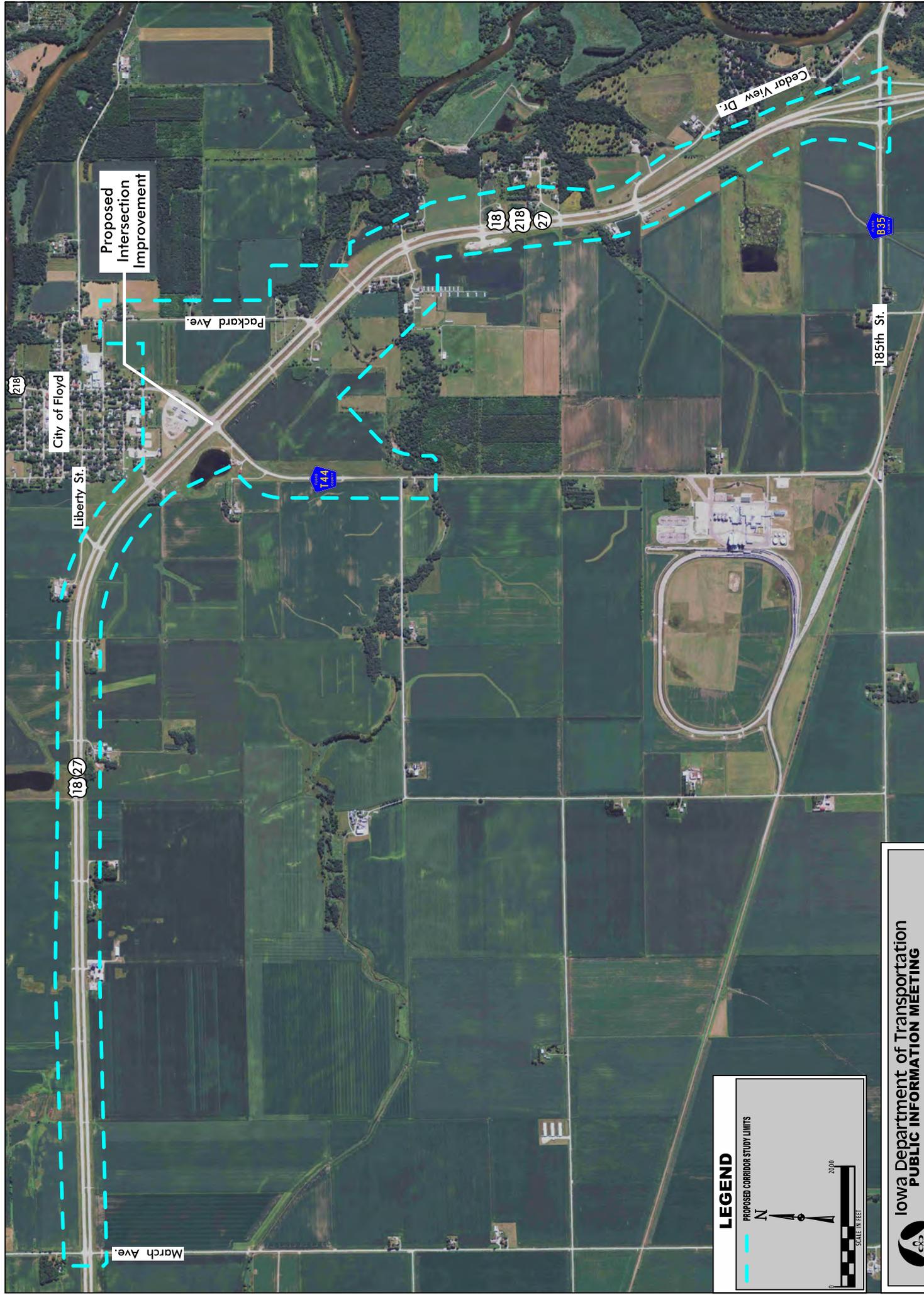
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Public Participation

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.

Thank you for participating in this meeting.

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Proposed Intersection Improvement

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PRELIMINARY PLAN
NOT FINAL - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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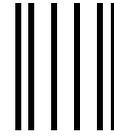
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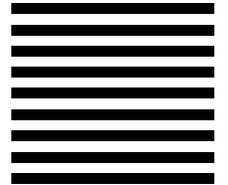
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