

PROJECT STATEMENT

**FOR THE PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
FOR THE U.S. 218/IOWA 27 CORRIDOR STUDY
FROM NORTH MAPLE STREET IN JANESVILLE
NORTH TO THE IOWA 116/BUSINESS U.S. 218
INTERCHANGE AT WAVERLY (NORTH SEGMENT)
AND**

**FOR THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE
U.S. 218/BLACK HAWK COUNTY ROAD C-57/CEDAR
WAPSI ROAD INTERCHANGE (SOUTH SEGMENT)**

**PROJECT NUMBER: BLACK HAWK-BREMER COS.
NHSX-218-8(124)- -3H-09**

**MEETING LOCATION:
RIVERIA-ROOSE COMMUNITY CENTER
307 MAPLE STREET
JANESVILLE, IOWA**

November 1, 2011

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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HIGHWAY DIVISION**

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Introduction

Welcome to the Iowa Department of Transportation's (DOT) Public Information Meeting for the U.S. 218 / Iowa 27 Corridor within Bremer and Black Hawk counties. Our purpose for having this meeting is to acquaint area residents with the possible alternatives for the U.S. 218 Corridor from Janesville north to Waverly, answer any questions you may have, and listen to your thoughts and ideas regarding the alternatives. This meeting also gives us an opportunity to make you aware that you may observe or be asked to allow field activities by Iowa DOT and/or consultant personnel.

Project Purpose

The purpose of the Corridor Study is to consider safety improvements that will address the safety and operation of U.S. 218 / Iowa 27. There is a need to accommodate existing and future traffic in the area as well as options to manage access throughout the corridor.

U.S. 218 / Iowa 27 Corridor Study (North Segment) – We are presenting a range of alternatives for the North Segment of the U.S. 218 / Iowa 27 Corridor Study. This project extends from approximately the Cedar River Bridges at Janesville north to approximately the Iowa 116 interchange at Waverly. This project is proposing to provide access to local roads and properties via frontage roads while closing at-grade intersections.

U.S. 218 / Iowa 27 Corridor Study (South Segment) - We are also presenting the preferred alternative for the South Segment of the U.S. 218 / Iowa 27 Corridor Study. This project extends from approximately West Mt. Vernon Road north to approximately West Gresham Road. This project provides an interchange at U.S. 218/Black Hawk County Road C-57/Cedar-Wapsi Road and the closure of at-grade intersections at Mt. Vernon Road, Bennington Road and Gresham Road to create a freeway. This project would also include the relocation of a portion of a railroad adjacent to the existing highway to create room for the interchange.

Background

U.S. 218 from Black Hawk County Road C-57 to Waverly opened in 1993 and U.S. 218 from Cedar Falls to Black Hawk County Road C-57 opened in 1995. Since that time, traffic has grown significantly as shown in the following table:

Segment Description	Length	1997	2009	2018	2038
From Cedar River to Iowa 116 Interchange	3 mi	12,800	15,800	20,800	29,700
From Mt. Vernon Rd to W. Gresham Rd	3 mi	11,200	17,600	20,500	29,200

As traffic volumes have increased, safety and operational issues have also developed. The high traffic volume on U.S. 218 / Iowa 27 reduces the opportunities for sideroad traffic to enter the mainline traffic flow. The Iowa DOT has implemented several minor safety improvement projects in order to mitigate safety and operational concerns in the corridor that include paved shoulders on the North Segment and acceleration/deceleration lanes at County Road C-57 on the South Segment.

On the North Segment, a total of 127 crashes occurred between 2006 and 2010. 89 of these were property damage only crashes and 56 resulted in injuries. The total number of crashes resulted in a crash rate of 132 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled which is higher than the statewide average of 93 for an expressway.

On the South Segment, a total of 117 crashes occurred between 2006 and 2010. 73 of these were property damage only crashes and 65 resulted in injuries. The total number of crashes resulted in a crash rate of 108 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled which is higher than the statewide average of 93 for an expressway.

Meetings were held with local jurisdictions in 2003 and Public Information Meetings were held in July 2005 and again in September 2007 to solicit input regarding the entire U.S. 218 Project Corridor.

Project Schedule

The concepts presented at tonight's Public Information Meeting are intended to address both the increased traffic and operational needs of the highway. These projects are not programmed at this time, and therefore, no construction schedule is established. However, the South Segment will proceed with development of design plans after which time it could be considered for future programming.

Project Corridor Studies

As a part of our project development, we already have or will conduct various field reviews for the U.S. 218 / Iowa 27 Corridor Study. These field studies typically include wetlands, regulated materials (hazardous waste sites), cultural resources (archeological sites and historic buildings), biological features (threatened or endangered plants and animals) and land surveys. Although some studies have already been completed, the Iowa DOT or its consultants will need to conduct additional studies to gather more information and this would occur in 2012.

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

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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 that 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 that will be held in the future.

Thank you for participating in this meeting.

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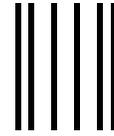
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- PROPOSED BRIDGE



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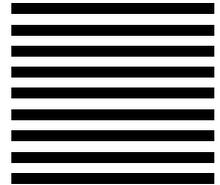
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