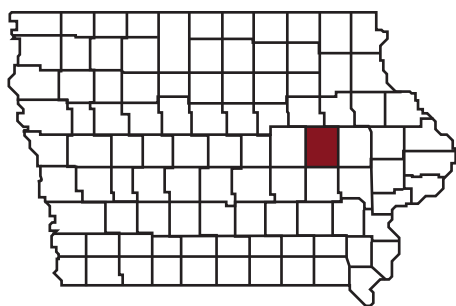




PUBLIC MEETING

November 2, 2016
BENTON COUNTY
NHSX-150-2(17)--3H-06



Iowa 150 at 31st Avenue and 55th Street

Welcome to the Iowa Department of Transportation's Public Information Meeting for Iowa 150 in Benton County. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss potential safety improvements at the intersection of Iowa 150 with 31st Avenue and 55th Street, near Urbana. We would like to listen to your thoughts and ideas, and answer any questions regarding Iowa 150.

BACKGROUND

The Iowa DOT conducted a safety review of Iowa 150 near Urbana in 2015. As a result of the findings from this study short-term safety measures were implemented and are in place today. It was also decided that a public meeting be held to discuss the options for either leaving the intersection as it is today, while continuing to monitor safety, or to remove the curve on Iowa 150 and replace it with a four way stop controlled intersection. The purpose of this public meeting is not only to inform you, but to ask for your feedback on the potential long-term improvements.

CRASH HISTORY

From 2006 to 2016 there have been a total of five crashes at this intersection. One crash occurred each in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2014, and 2015. From the five crashes, there were a total of seven injuries, five of which were fatalities as a result of the crash that occurred in 2015.

Short-Term Improvements

The short-term improvements that were implemented following the 2015 study include:

- Update STOP AHEAD sign on 55th Street and add flags

Contact Us

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

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- Add CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP plaque below the STOP sign, and add a red flashing beacon above the STOP sign

- Change the curve warning sign on Iowa 150 to reflect the intersection off the corner of the curve and add a flashing yellow beacon

- Paint an island and installation of tubular markers at the intersection, on 55th Street, to encourage traffic to enter Iowa 150 at closer to the 90 degree angle. The tubular markers have recently been removed as the DOT believes their purpose to help train drivers has been served.

Potential Long-Term Improvements

The reconstruction option for this intersection consists of potentially removing the curve and constructing a four-way intersection with turn lanes:

- Remove the curve, creating a typical four legged intersection

- Installation of left-turn lanes on both east and west approaches to the intersection

- STOP signs on the north and south approaches to the intersection

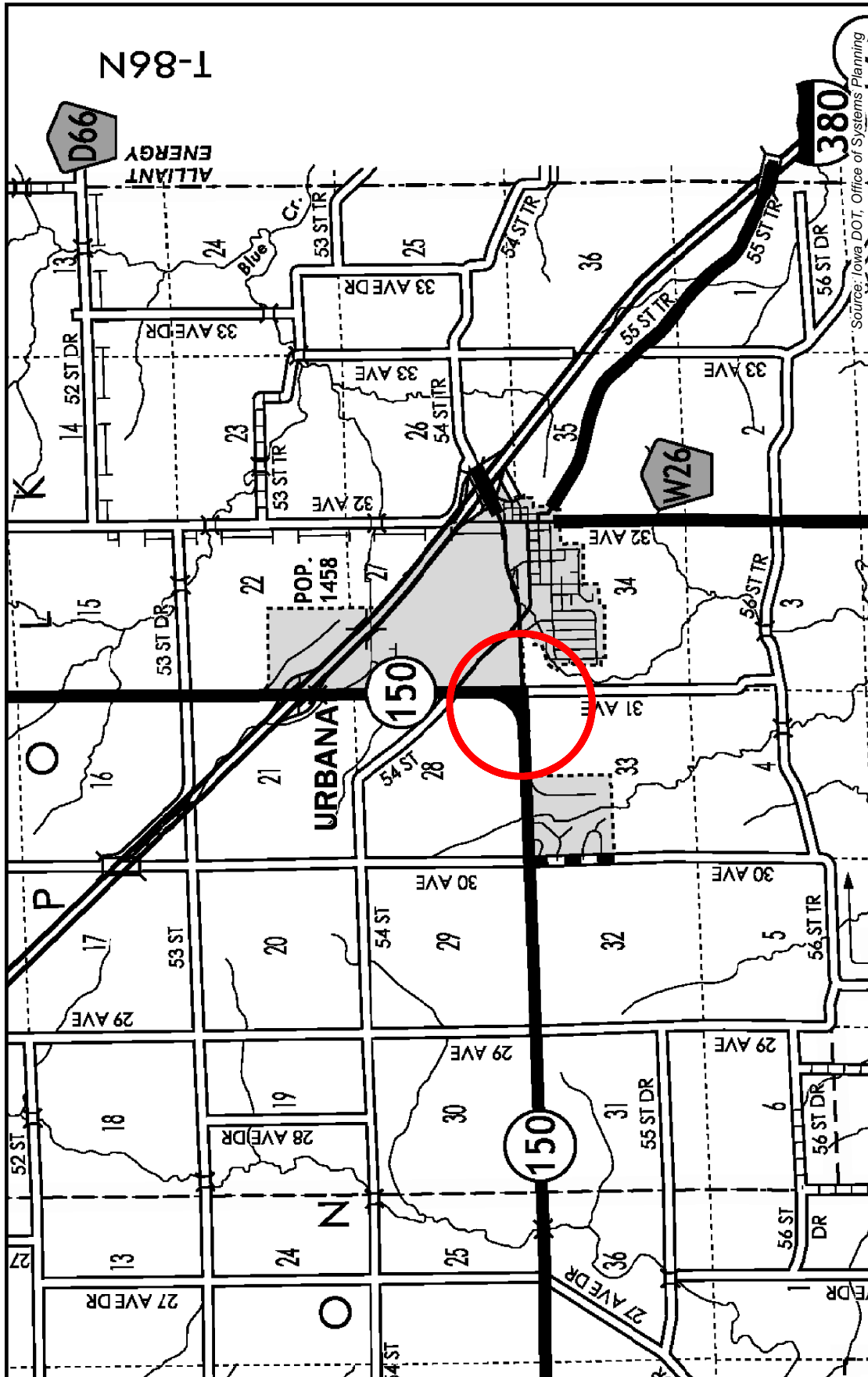
- The cost estimate for reconstruction of this intersection is approximately \$1.5 million

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Department of Transportation appreciates your attendance today. We encourage you to share your ideas concerning this project with us. If you prefer, you may submit them electronically using the following website: <http://bit.ly/lowadot961942>, 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. Other opportunities for input will be provided throughout the project development process.

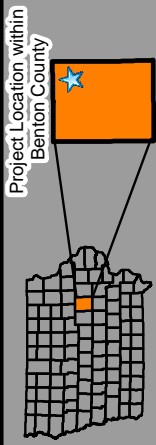
Thank you very much for your participation in this meeting.





LOCATION MAP
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Iowa 150 at 31st Ave. and 55th St.
Benton County, Iowa



Project Location



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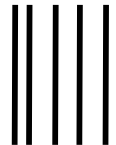


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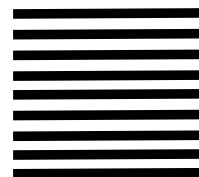
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