



**PUBLIC MEETING – DECEMBER 3, 2013 5-7P.M.**

**NEW LIFE CENTER, ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,  
207 WEST LOUISE STREET, WATERLOO, IOWA**

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

Welcome to the Iowa Department of Transportation's Public Information Meeting for the proposed reconstruction of U.S. 63 in Waterloo from Franklin Street to Newell Street. The purpose of this meeting is to present details of the proposed improvement and to listen to your thoughts and ideas as well as answer your questions regarding the project.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The proposed improvement would generally follow the existing U.S. 63 alignment and would consist of a four-lane divided highway with left-turn lanes at selected intersections. The existing underpass at the Canadian National Railroad would be filled and a bridge would be constructed to carry U.S. 63 traffic over the railroad. A reinforced box culvert is being considered for construction through the bridge embankment to create a pedestrian underpass.

From Franklin Street to Almond Street/Logan Avenue the roadway would be reconstructed on the existing alignment. From the Almond Street/Logan Avenue intersection through the Dane Street intersection the centerline of the new lanes would be constructed approximately 5 feet west of the centerline of the existing roadway. For the remainder of the project, the centerline of the proposed roadway would generally be along the centerline of existing U.S. 63.

Left-turn lanes would be provided at Franklin Street, Almond Street/Logan Avenue, Dane Street, and Newell Street. A five-foot sidewalk would be added along U.S. 63 from Franklin Street to Almond Street/Logan Avenue. Access to the alley west of U.S. 63 on the south side of Dane Street would be relocated to accommodate the improvement. Access to the alley north of Dane Street would be closed.

Traffic on U.S. 63 would be detoured during construction using U.S. 218, Airport Boulevard, Broadway Street, and West Airline Highway. (See the detour map at the back of this handout.)

### **PROJECT HISTORY**

A planning study was initiated by the city of Waterloo in 2003 to evaluate the U.S. 63 corridor and to analyze potential alternatives for improvement. The Preferred Alternative was determined to be a four-lane divided roadway with left-turn lanes. A Public Hearing was held January 29, 2009, to discuss the Preferred Alternative and to present the Environmental Assessment for U.S. 63 in Waterloo from Franklin to Donald streets.

Public involvement has been extensive for this project. During the study phase of the project, several opportunities were given for the public to comment, including a community-wide forum, two public information meetings, two small area forums, numerous neighborhood meetings and one-on-one meetings. In addition, a U.S. 63 Citizens Advisory Committee was organized to provide a forum for neighborhood representatives and other citizens to be involved with the U.S. 63 project.

## **PRESENT FACILITY AND TRAFFIC VOLUMES**

This segment of existing U.S. 63 was originally constructed as a two-lane roadway and widened to a four-lane divided facility in 1963. The roadway was resurfaced in 1991 and 2010. The 2012 average annual daily traffic using this segment of U.S. 63 was 15,000 vehicles per day and is projected to increase to 19,000 vpd by the year 2032.

## **PROJECT SCHEDULE AND COSTS**

The 2014 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program shows \$250,000 for Right of Way acquisition; \$3,609,000 for grading and paving; \$1,000,000 for a new bridge; and \$328,000 for traffic signals in 2015 for this project.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

An Environmental Assessment for the project was signed by the Federal Highway Administration on November 21, 2008. A Finding of No Significant Impact was signed by the Federal Highway Administration on April 16, 2009.

This project will continue to be monitored by the Iowa DOT and FHWA throughout all development stages and construction to ensure that all possible environmental effects are identified.

## **RIGHT OF WAY**

As part of the proposed improvements, additional right-of-way may be required. The Iowa DOT's policy provides for appraisal of property and/or property rights needed for each project. These appraisals use professional techniques and methods to determine "just compensation" in accordance with Federal and State constitutions, laws and regulations. The appraisals are prepared to assure fair treatment for both the property owner and the public.

After the appraisals are completed, each owner is contacted by a right of way agent for the purpose of explaining the plans and appraisals and for contracting the required right of way. In instances where an agreement cannot be reached through negotiations, the property may be acquired by the laws of eminent domain.

## **RELOCATION ASSISTANCE**

The State of Iowa's acquisition and relocation program will be conducted in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-646), as amended by the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987 and provides relocation resources to all residential and business relocatees without discrimination.

If you are required to move as a result of a highway project, whether an owner or tenant, you will be eligible for relocation assistance advisory services. You may be eligible for moving assistance,

supplemental replacement housing payments, and reimbursement for certain expenses incurred in purchasing replacement housing.

It is the intent of the State of Iowa to ensure that displaced individuals receive fair and equitable treatment and do not suffer disproportionately from highway programs designed for the whole public. Any person, family, business, or farm displaced by a highway project shall be offered relocation assistance services for locating suitable replacement property. Relocation payments and advisory assistance are offered in addition to the State's purchase of your property.

Personnel from the Office of Right of Way, Relocation Assistance Section, have studied the proposed project presented at this hearing and anticipate that no businesses, residences or people would be displaced as a result of this improvement.

Questions or problems concerning relocation assistance should be directed to the Office of Right of Way, Relocation Assistance Section, Iowa DOT, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa, 50010.

## **CONTACT US**

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

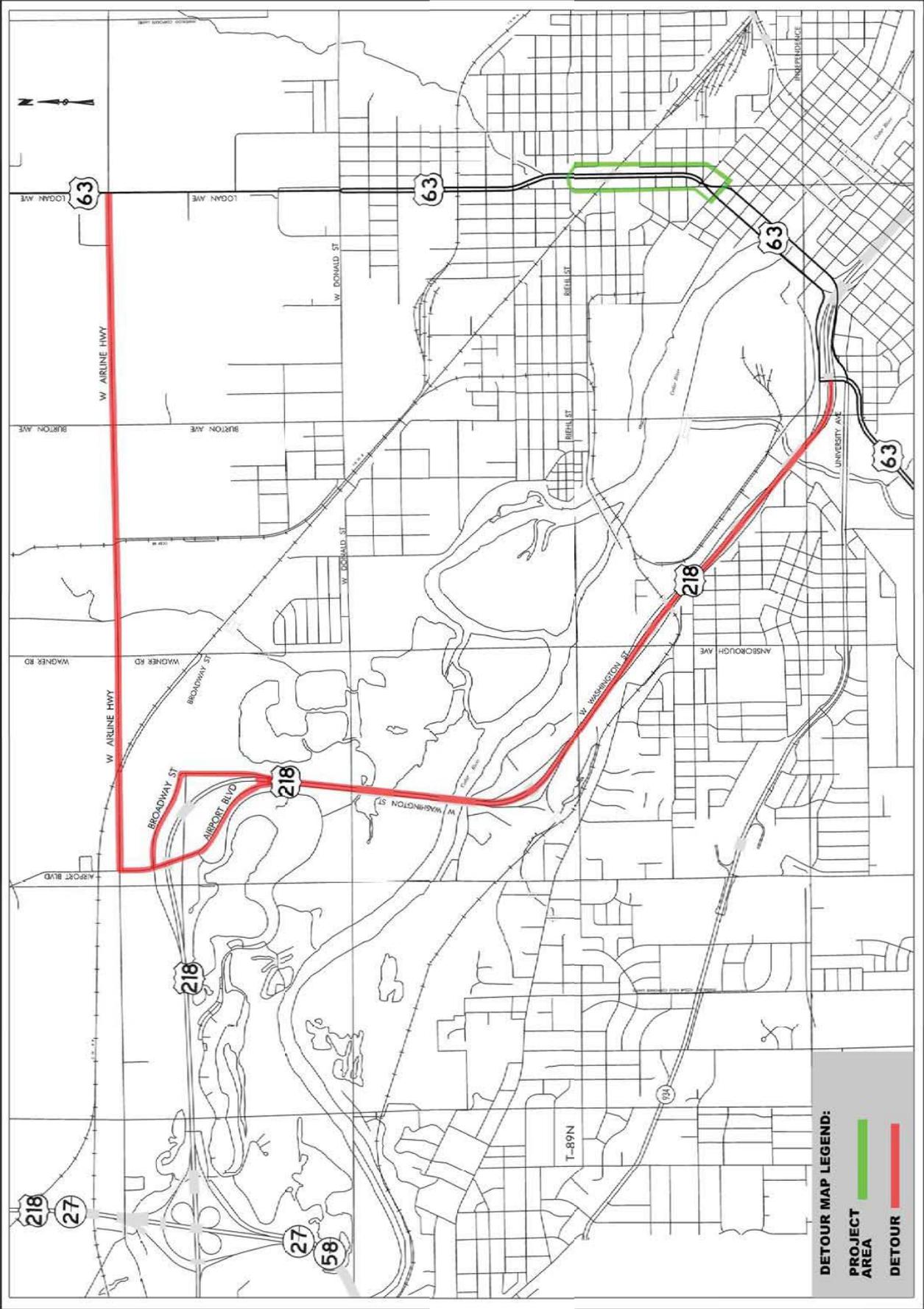
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## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Please share your ideas with us today, submit them using the attached comment form (self-addressed and pre-paid for your convenience), email your comments to the District contact above or through the following website <http://www.iowadot.gov/pim>. All comments and information provided will be given consideration as the project development process continues.

Thank you for your participation in this meeting.

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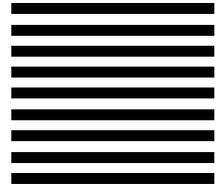
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