



PUBLIC MEETING – U.S. 30 AND U.S. 218 IN BENTON COUNTY

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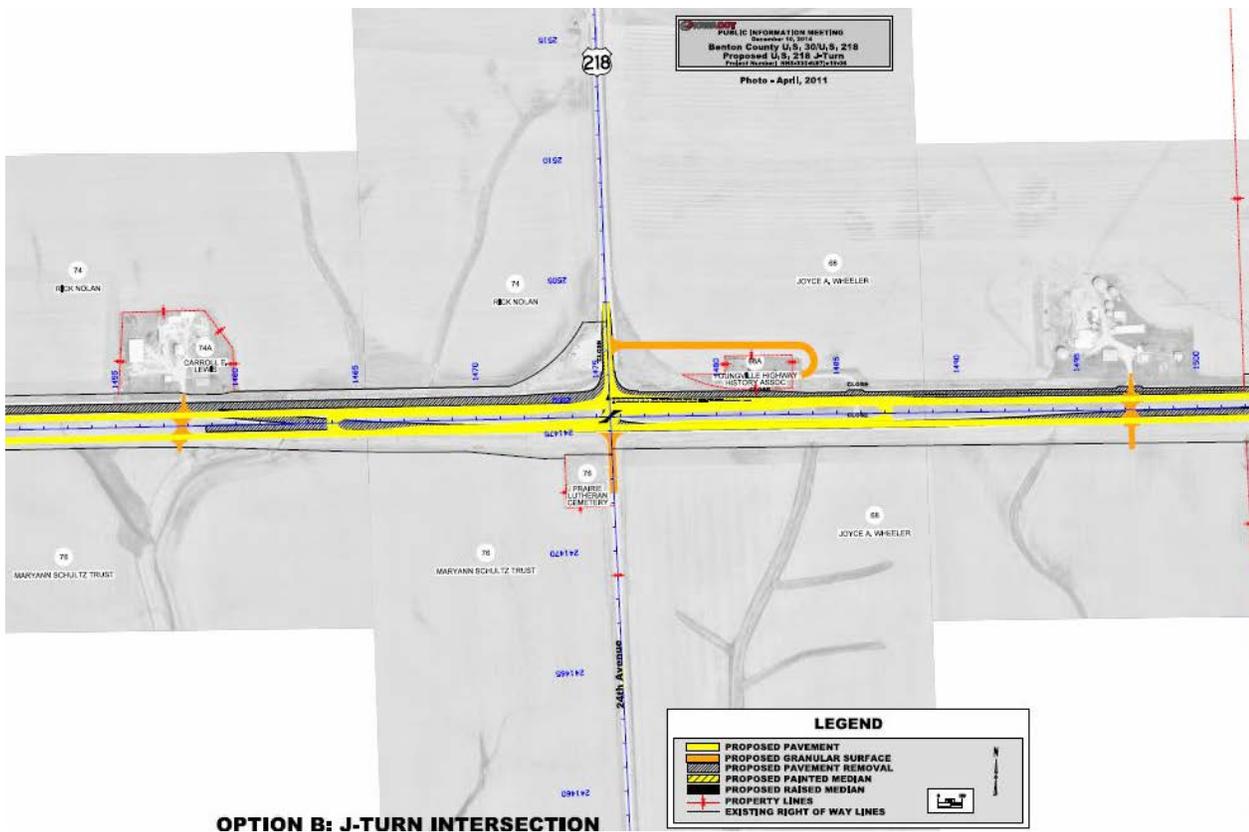
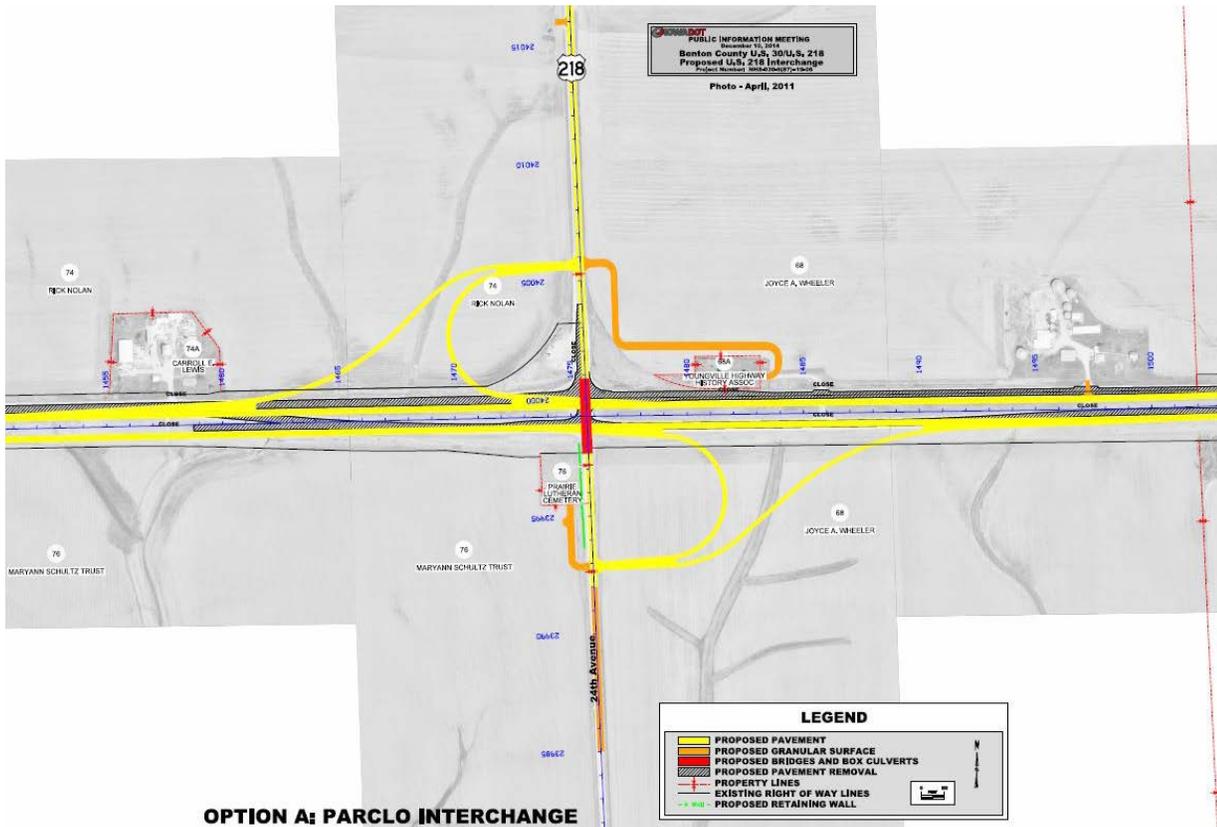
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Welcome to the Iowa Department of Transportation's Public Information Meeting for U.S. 30 and U.S. 218 in Benton County. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the proposed improvements at the intersection of U.S. 30 and U.S. 218 in Benton County and the anticipated right of way needs associated with the proposed improvement of U.S. 30 from the Iowa 21 intersection in Tama County east to the U.S. 218 intersection in Benton County. We also would like to hear your thoughts and ideas as well as answer your questions regarding the project.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Traffic along the U.S. 30 corridor between Ames and Cedar Rapids continues to increase. To accommodate the demand much of the corridor has been expanded to four lanes. With this increase in traffic, especially large trucks, an emphasis has been placed on expanding the remaining two-lane segment from Tama-Toledo east to the junction of U.S. 218.

Land use and historic features along this section have complicated the design effort. A good example of this is at the intersection of U.S. 30 and U.S. 218 where the historic Youngsville Café and Prairie Lutheran Cemetery limit options to improve the safety of the intersection. Interchange alternatives were investigated at this location and it has been determined that two alternatives are viable– a Partial Cloverleaf interchange with loop ramps in the northwest and southeast quadrants and a J turn intersection.



PROJECT SCHEDULE AND COSTS

This project is included in the 2015-2019 Transportation Improvement Program, with \$13,000,000 shown for Right of Way in 2018. At this time there are no funds programmed for the construction phase of the project.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

A Finding of No Significant Impact for the project was signed by the Federal Highway Administration on December 11, 2012.

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, 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.

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

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 Planner 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. Other opportunities for input, throughout the process, will be provided through additional future public meetings.

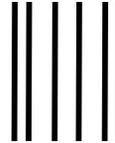
Thank you for your participation in this meeting.

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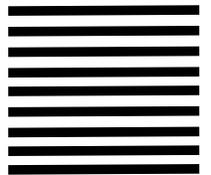
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