

PROJECT STATEMENT

**FOR THE PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
CONCERNING THE RE-INITIATION OF
ENVIRONMENTAL AND FIELD STUDIES FOR
THE U.S. 61 CORRIDOR FROM BURLINGTON
NORTH TO ONE MILE NORTH OF IA 78**

**PROJECT NUMBER: DES MOINES-LOUISA COUNTIES
NHS-61-2(50)- -19-29**

MEETING LOCATION:

**MEDIAPOLIS HIGH SCHOOL CONCOURSE
725 N NORTHFIELD STREET
MEDIAPOLIS, IOWA**

NOVEMBER 4, 2010

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

The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) wishes to thank you for attending this Public Information Meeting regarding the re-initiation of environmental and field studies for the U.S. 61 corridor in Des Moines and Louisa Counties from north of Burlington north to one mile north of IA 78. The purpose of this meeting is to inform local citizens that field crews will be performing various surveys and studies within the corridor. The Iowa DOT asks for your cooperation by allowing the study teams to access your property.

PROJECT HISTORY

A Location Public Hearing was held September 25, 1996, to discuss the proposed improvement of U.S. 61 from north of Burlington to north of IA 78, including two bypass alternatives at Mediapolis. A Public Information Meeting was held July 30, 1997, to discuss a revised alignment from 245th Street north to the Louisa County line. The Iowa DOT Commission approved the selected bypass alternative on November 25, 1997.

A Design Public Hearing was held September 27, 2001, to discuss the proposed four-lane construction of U.S. 61 from north of Burlington to 30th Street in Louisa County, including a west bypass of Mediapolis. In December 2001, the Iowa Transportation Commission removed the project from the Five Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). No further work on the project has occurred.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This section of U.S. 61 starts at the end of the existing four-lane segment north of Burlington and extends to north of IA 78. (See location map at the back of this handout.) Field studies will be conducted and information gathered to allow for preliminary analysis of potential impacts.

PRESENT FACILITY AND TRAFFIC VOLUMES

Existing U. S. 61 is a two-lane highway from north of Burlington to north of IA 78. The 2009 traffic for this segment ranged from 4,500 to 8,300 vehicles per day (vpd).

PROJECT COSTS AND SCHEDULE

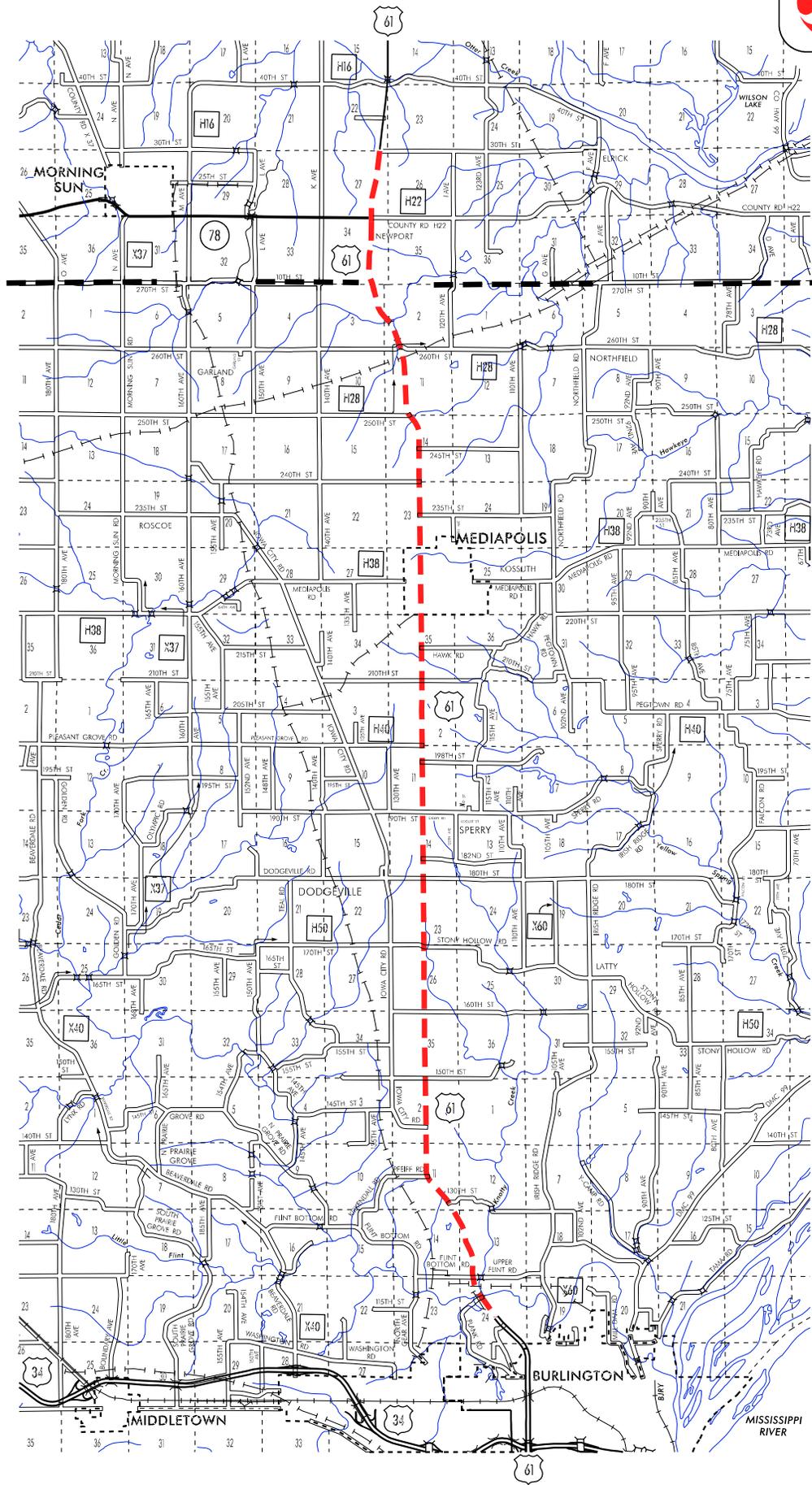
The U.S. 61 corridor in Des Moines and Louisa Counties is currently not included in the 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). However, the Iowa DOT has resumed activities in the corridor and it may be considered for programming during the preparation of future transportation programs.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

If you have any comments concerning the field studies, please make your comments known at this meeting or forward them on the attached self addressed Citizen Comment form. Deadline for receipt of comments is November 15, 2010. A comment form is also available at the following website: <http://www.iowadot.gov/pim>.

Thank you for your participation in this meeting.

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Study Area ---

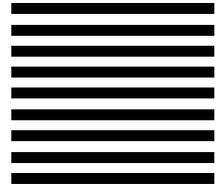
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