

# **PROJECT STATEMENT**

**FOR THE PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING  
CONCERNING INITIATION OF FIELD STUDIES AND  
PROJECT DESIGN FOR THE U.S. 63 CORRIDOR  
FROM FLORIS ROAD (CO. RD. J-15) IN DAVIS  
COUNTY NORTH TO MARY STREET IN OTTUMWA  
IN WAPELLO COUNTY**

**PROJECT NUMBER: DAVIS-WAPELLO COUNTIES  
NHS-63-1(51)--19-26**

**MEETING LOCATION:**

**WAPELLO COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD -  
PIONEER RIDGE  
1339 HIGHWAY 63  
BLOOMFIELD, IOWA**

**MARCH 23, 2010**

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To view information concerning this project please go to the following Web site:

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

The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) wishes to thank you for attending this Public Information Meeting regarding the initiation of field studies and project design for the U.S. 63 corridor from Floris Road (Co. Rd. J-15) in Davis County north 10.5 miles to Mary Street in Ottumwa in Wapello County. One purpose of this meeting is to present the proposed improvement and to answer any questions that you may have. An additional purpose 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**

In 1989, the scope of the U.S. 63 study and project corridor were determined by the Iowa DOT and environmental studies in this corridor were initiated. On August 12, 1993, a location public hearing was held and the environmental document was available for public review. On November 1, 1994, the Iowa Transportation Commission approved an alternative, including an east bypass of Bloomfield, for further development.

Public meetings were held April 27 and 28, 1999, where project concepts for the U.S. 63 corridor were presented. An additional public meeting was held June 26, 2001, to provide an update of the U.S. 63 improvement from near Floris Road (Co. Rd. J-15) north to the east U.S. 34/63 intersection in Ottumwa.

In December 2001, the Iowa Transportation Commission removed the project from the Five Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). No further work on the reconstruction project occurred. However, resurfacing has been performed to maintain the serviceability of the roadway.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This section of U.S. 63, which starts at Floris Road north of Bloomfield, extends north 10.5 miles to Mary Street in Ottumwa. (See location map at the back of this handout.) Field studies and project design will be conducted and information gathered to allow for preliminary analysis of potential impacts.

## **PRESENT FACILITY AND TRAFFIC VOLUMES**

Existing U. S. 63 is a two-lane highway from Floris Road north to Mary Street in Ottumwa. The 2008 traffic for this segment ranged from 4300 to 6700 vehicles per day (vpd).

## **PROJECT COSTS AND SCHEDULE**

The U.S. 63 corridor in Davis and Wapello counties is currently not included in the 2010-2014 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 and project design, 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 April 5, 2010. A comment form is also available at the following website: <http://www.iowadot.gov/pim>.

Thank you for your participation in this meeting.

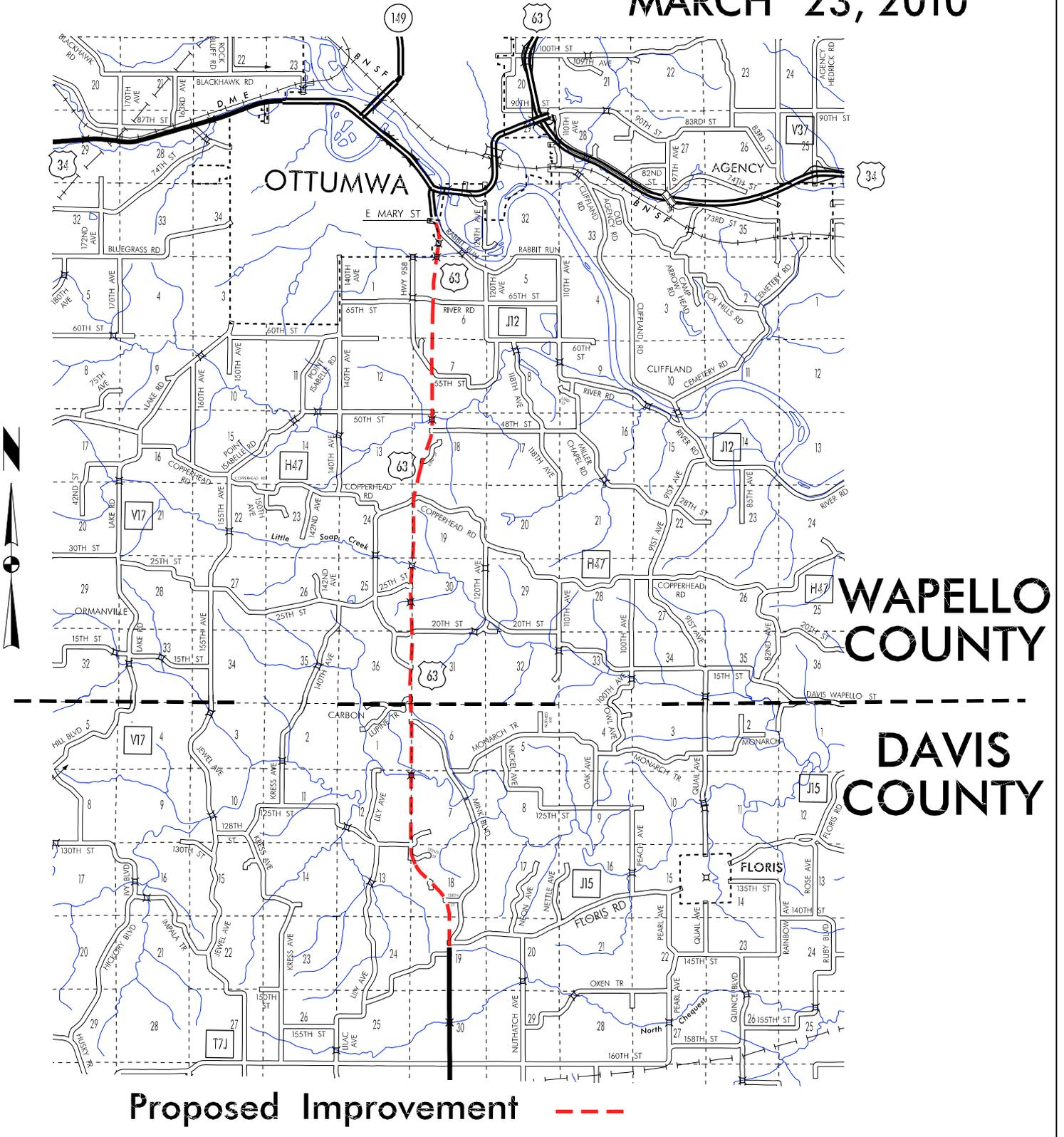
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Proposed improvement of U.S. 63 from Floris Road (Co. Rd. J-15) north to Mary Street in Ottumwa

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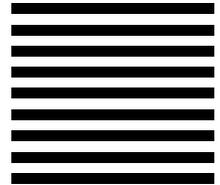
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