

Public Information Meeting

PROJECT STATEMENT

For the
Proposed reconstruction of Iowa 92 in Warren
County from west of County Road R-57 east to just
east of South N Street in Indianola

Warren County
STP-92-5(51)--2C-91

MEETING LOCATION:
Warren County Administration Building
301 N Buxton
Indianola, Iowa

November 8, 2012



**Iowa Department
of Transportation**

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DATE OF MEETING: NOVEMBER 8, 2012
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To view information concerning this project please access the following website:

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

INTRODUCTION

The Iowa Department of Transportation is conducting this Public Information Meeting to acquaint the people of Indianola and vicinity with the proposed reconstruction of Iowa 92 in Warren County from west of Warren County Road R-57 east to just east of South N Street in Indianola. This public meeting offers mutual benefits. It gives the Iowa DOT an opportunity to explain the design of the proposed project and allows the public to express their opinions regarding the proposed improvement. Consideration will be given to all suggestions.

This is your opportunity to express views either as an individual or a group representative. The Iowa DOT encourages oral and written statements pertinent to the project. Oral statements will be accepted at this meeting. Written statements and exhibits will also be accepted at the meeting or may be mailed to Jim Rost, Office of Location and Environment, at the above address. Deadline for receipt of statements or exhibits is November 19, 2012. All correspondence received will be included in the project files and reviewed as the project is developed. Information regarding the proposed project is available for inspection.

This meeting satisfies the public involvement required by federal and state regulations and helps assure that social, economic and environmental effects are identified. In addition,

this project, as are all Iowa DOT projects, will be constructed in compliance with Title 6 of the Civil Rights act of 1964.

This public meeting is used to present factual information about the proposed project and to receive comments from the public. This information is then correlated into a highway improvement that will best serve the public.

PUBLIC MEETING FORMAT

We encourage you to express your views concerning the proposal in one or more of these ways:

1. Individual discussion with Iowa DOT staff;
2. Presentation of oral and written statements at the meeting. Oral statements will be accepted at the tape recording station. Written statements should be presented to the staff person near the entry;
3. Submission of written statements following the meeting. Those received by November 19, 2012, will become a part of the public meeting summary.

Meeting summaries are provided to Iowa DOT staff, the Transportation Commissioners and the Federal Highway Administration for review before project plans are completed. A copy will be forwarded to you if you send a written request to Office of Location and Environment, Iowa DOT, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa, 50010.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The existing highway has areas of limited passing and sight distance, a large number of access points, and no longer meets current roadway design standards. During the 1990's, due to the concerns for safety along the corridor and the desire to improve the connection to Interstate 35, funding for and approval of the improvement of the Iowa 92 corridor was sought by a group of leaders from Indianola.

In September 2004, Warren County initiated a project to evaluate alternatives and prepare a Streamlined Environmental Assessment for the Iowa 92 corridor from I-35 to Indianola. Since that time, three public meetings have been held to discuss the project.

A Public Information Meeting was held April 19, 2005, to receive comments and suggestions from the public related to the project. A second Public Information Meeting was held February 21, 2006, to present the proposed alternatives and provide the public an opportunity to comment. A third Public Information Meeting was held June 12, 2007, to present the preferred alternative and the avoidance measures at the historic farmsteads.

A Location Design Public Hearing was held August 19, 2008, to present the preferred alternative and the Environmental Assessment for the improvement of Iowa 92 from I-35 east to South Kenwood Boulevard in Indianola. The concept at that time was to reconstruct the roadway west of Warren County Road R-63 to a two-lane facility. From that point east to the end of the project the roadway would be reconstructed to a three-lane facility with a continuous center left-turn lane.

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

The proposed project provides for the reconstruction of Iowa 92, generally along the existing alignment, from west of County Road R-57 east to just east of South N Street in Indianola. From west of Kennedy Street east to County Road R-63 the improvement would provide a two-lane facility with 12-foot wide lanes and 10-foot wide paved shoulders which would serve as shared-use paths. Turning lanes would be provided at County roads R-57 and R-63. Access for this section would be allowed generally at a minimum 600-foot spacing which would result in a reduction in the number of access points along the roadway.

From County Road R-63 to Spruce Street the roadway would consist of a three-lane facility with 12-foot wide outside lanes and a 16-foot wide continuous center left-turn lane. A 10-foot wide shared-use path is proposed on the north side of the roadway from County Road R-63 east to Spruce Street. From Spruce Street east to South M Street a five-foot wide sidewalk is proposed on the north side of the roadway. Curb and gutter widening would be provided from just east of Spruce Street to just west of M Street to tie-into the existing curb and gutter section. Existing accesses would be maintained with new accesses allowed at a minimum 1,000-foot spacing for the section of Iowa 92 from County Road R-63 to the end of

the project. In the future, as traffic volumes warrant, this section may be upgraded to a five-lane roadway with a center left-turn lane.

The section of Iowa 92 west of Warren County Road R-63 would be closed to traffic and detoured during the reconstruction. Access to the private properties in this area would be maintained during the project. Traffic on the section of Iowa 92 east of County Road R-63 would be maintained via staging. Traffic on County roads R-57 and R-63, Y Street and Spruce Street would be maintained during construction.

PROJECT SCHEDULE AND COSTS

The 2013 – 2017 Transportation Improvement Program shows the following schedule and state share of the costs for the improvement:

ACTIVITY	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Right of Way	800,000	600,000			
Grade and Pave		9,900,000			
Total Programmed: \$11,300,000					

PRESENT FACILITY

The section of Iowa 92 from Iowa 28 east to Indianola was constructed 18 feet wide in 1930, widened to 21 feet in 1956 and resurfaced in 1957. IA 92 throughout the project limits was resurfaced in 1992.

TRAFFIC VOLUMES

The 2011 annual average daily traffic using Iowa 92 in this area ranged from 3,800 to 8,800 vehicles per day. Anticipated 2034 AADT for various segments of the roadway is expected to range between 11,000 and 16,000 VPD.

SUFFICIENCY RATINGS

Sufficiency ratings in Iowa are composed of five major categories, which measure the roadway's structural adequacy, motorist safety, and capability to accommodate traffic with a minimum of conflict. A rating of 90 – 100 is classified as excellent; 80 – 89 is good; 65 – 79 is fair; 50 – 64 is tolerable; and 0 – 49 is poor. The 2012 sufficiency ratings for this segment of existing Iowa 92 range from 18 to 22 (poor).

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

An Environmental Assessment was made available on May 15, 2008. A Finding of No Significant Impact was signed by the Federal Highway Administration on December 4, 2008. A copy of the FONSI is available for inspection at this meeting.

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

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 meeting and anticipate that 1 business, 2 residences and 4 people would be displaced as a result of this improvement.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

If you have any comments on the proposed project or questions about its development, please make your comments known at this meeting or forward them on the attached self addressed Citizen Comment form. A comment form is also available at the following website: <http://www.iowadot.gov/pim>.

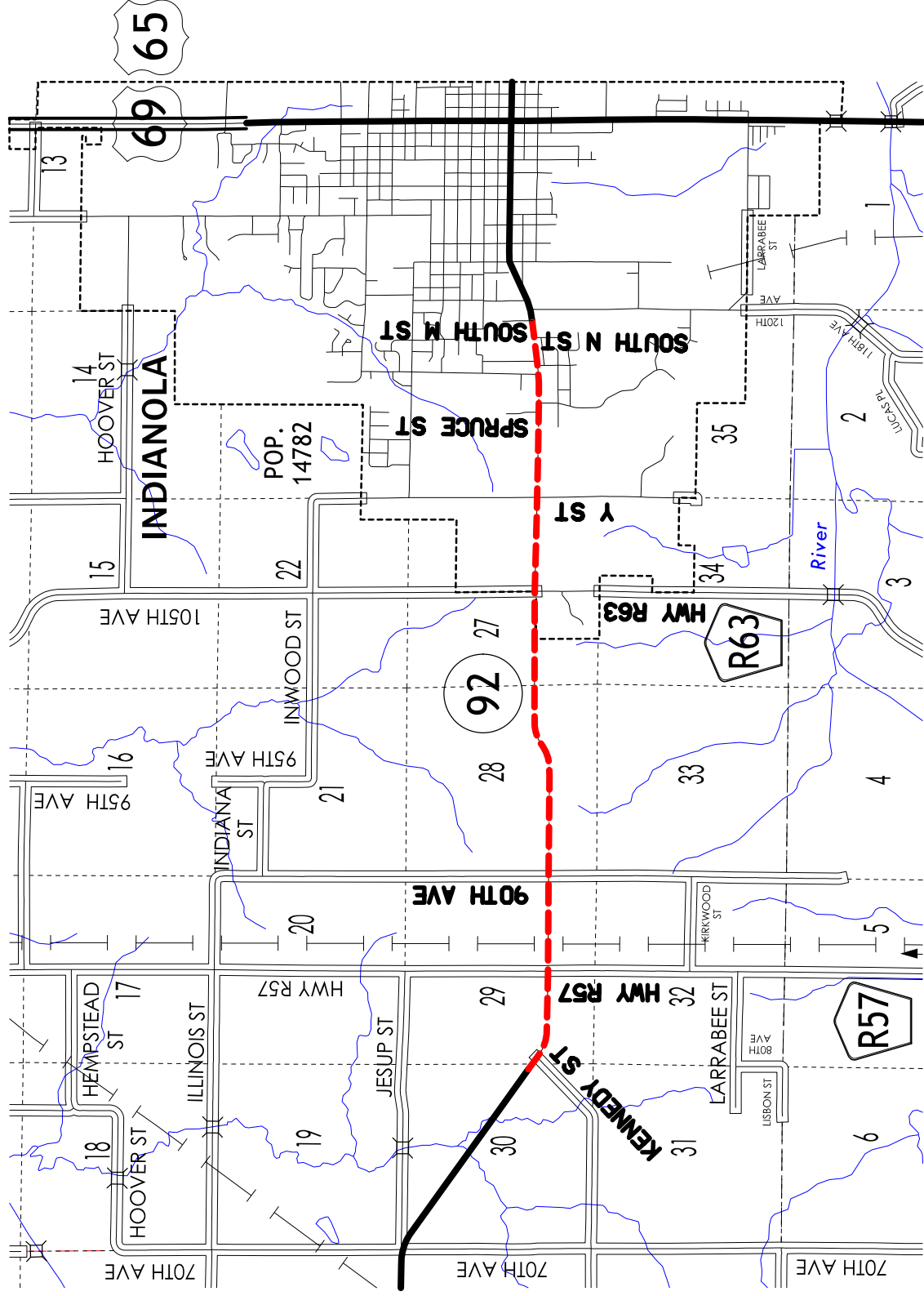
Thank you for your participation in this meeting.

Federal and state laws prohibit employment and/or public accommodation discrimination on the basis of age, color, creed, disability, gender identity, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or veteran's status. If you believe you have been discriminated against, please contact the Iowa Civil Rights Commission at 800-457-4416 or Iowa Department of Transportation's affirmative action officer. If you need accommodations because of a disability to access the Iowa Department of Transportation's services, contact the agency's affirmative action officer at 800-262-0003.



Proposed improvement of IA 92 from just west of County Road R-57 east to just east of South N Street in Indianola

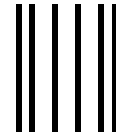
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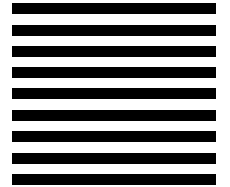
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