

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING – NOVEMBER 15, 2012

BLACK HAWK COUNTY NHSX-63-6(88)--3H-07

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The Iowa Department of Transportation wishes to thank you for attending this Public Information Meeting regarding the proposed reconstruction of U.S. 63 in Waterloo from Newell/Conger Street to Donald Street. The improvement would provide a four-lane divided roadway with a raised median and left-turn lanes. The purpose of this meeting is to present details of the proposed improvement and to answer your questions.

PROJECT HISTORY

Due to the age of the existing roadway, traffic volumes and safety concerns, the city of Waterloo initiated a Planning Study in 2003 to evaluate the U.S. 63 corridor and analyze potential alternatives for improvement. A corridor plan for U.S. 63 from U.S. 218 to Donald Street was completed in 2004. This plan recommended construction of a five-lane roadway with a continuous center left-turn lane. Based on this recommendation and upon further investigation as part of the environmental process, the Preferred Alternative was determined to be a four-lane divided roadway with left-turn lanes.

A location design 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. The EA concluded that the proposed project is necessary for safe and efficient travel within the project corridor and that the project will have no significant social, economic or environmental impacts of a level that would warrant an environmental impact statement. A Finding of No Significant Impact was signed by the Federal Highway Administration on April 16, 2009.

Public involvement has been extensive for this project. During the Corridor 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. The public was also kept informed during the Environmental Assessment phase of the project when a public information meeting was held March 20, 2007. 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. The first meeting of the Advisory Committee was held June 7, 2007. Other meetings were held September 20, 2007, and January 31, 2008. In addition, Public Involvement Unlimited has met, on behalf of the city of Waterloo, with individuals, neighborhood groups, and businesses regarding the U.S. 63 project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed improvement would generally follow the existing alignment of U.S. 63 and would consist of a four-lane divided highway with left-turn lanes at selected intersections.

From Newell/Conger Street to Parker Street the roadway would be reconstructed on the existing alignment. Between Parker Street and the Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad the centerline of the new lanes would be constructed approximately 35 feet east of the centerline of the existing roadway. At the railroad, the alignment would transition to the west side of the existing facility and continue to Dale Street. Between the railroad and Dale Street the centerline of the new roadway would be approximately 35 feet west of the existing centerline. At Dale Street the roadway would curve slightly east to tie-into the existing alignment and continue to Donald Street.

Left-turn lanes would be provided at Newell/Conger, Parker, Arlington, Esther, Louise, Dale and Donald streets. A ten-foot recreational trail would be added to the west side of U.S. 63 and a five-foot sidewalk would be added along the east side of the roadway from Parker Street to Donald Street.

PRESENT FACILITY AND TRAFFIC VOLUMES

Existing U.S. 63 was originally constructed as a two-lane roadway and widened to a four-lane facility in the 1960's. The 2011 average annual daily traffic using this segment of U.S. 63 ranged between 13,500 and 14,300 vehicles per day (vpd) and is projected to increase to 21,400 vpd by the year 2025.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

This improvement will be completed over two construction seasons beginning in 2013. The road will remain open except for short-term closures during placement of utility crossings and will be open to four lanes of traffic over the winter.

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.

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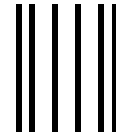
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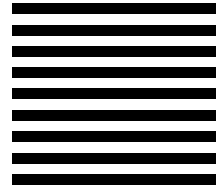
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