

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-326
AUGUST 5, 1996 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RELOCATED IOWA 5 DESIGN CONCEPT	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JIM THOMPSON TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS —

On the August 5, 1996 City Council agenda is a resolution supporting the design concept of the Relocated Iowa 5 project between Southwest 9th Street and U.S. 65/69. Also included is a request that the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) expedite the design and construction of the remainder of Relocated Iowa 5 west to Iowa 28 and beyond to Interstate 35.

FISCAL IMPACT —

N/A

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

At the July 15, 1996 City Council meeting, by Roll Call No. 96-2513, Council received and filed a notification from IDOT concerning a public hearing on Relocated Iowa 5 from Southwest 9th Street east to U.S. 65/69. This hearing was scheduled for July 30, 1996.

Attached is a copy of the Project Statement that was presented to the attendees at this public hearing. As part of the public hearing process, written comments concerning this project will be incorporated into the hearing transcript if received by August 12, 1996.

The proposed project provides for the relocation of Iowa 5 in Warren County beginning at the SW 9th Street interchange and extending east on a new alignment to U.S. 65/69, a distance of approximately 2.4 miles. A four-lane, divided freeway facility is proposed, with construction scheduled for 1997-1999.

IDOT conducted a corridor public hearing for Relocated Iowa 5 from U.S. 65/69 to I-35 on February 18, 1993. The City commented and supported this project by Roll Call No. 93-515 on February 15, 1993.

Attachment

PROJECT STATEMENT

FOR THE OPEN FORUM PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
PROPOSED RELOCATION OF IOWA 5 FROM THE
SW 9TH STREET INTERCHANGE EAST 4.0 KM
(2.4 MILES) TO 1 KM (0.6 MILE) WEST OF U.S. 65/69

PROJECT NUMBER: WARREN COUNTY
NHS-500-1(78)--19-91

HEARING LOCATION:

TERRACE ROOMS
BEST WESTERN DES MOINES INTERNATIONAL
1810 ARMY POST ROAD
DES MOINES, IOWA

JULY 30, 1996

Prepared by
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING & PROGRAMMING DIVISION

OPEN FORUM PUBLIC HEARING

WARREN COUNTY

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DATE OF HEARING: JULY 30, 1996

HARRY S. BUDD, DIRECTOR

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INTRODUCTION

The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) is conducting this Open Forum Public Hearing to acquaint the people of Des Moines, Norwalk, West Des Moines and vicinity with the proposed relocation of Iowa 5 from the SW 9th Street interchange east 4.0 km (2.4 miles) to 1.0 km (0.6 mile) west of U.S. 65/69. This public hearing 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 hearing. Written statements and exhibits will also be accepted at the hearing or may be mailed to Harry S. Budd, Director, Office of Project Planning, at the above address. Deadline for receipt of statements or exhibits for inclusion in the printed transcript is August 12, 1996; however, all correspondence received after

this date will be included in the project file and reviewed as the project is developed. Information regarding the proposed project is available for inspection.

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

PUBLIC HEARING 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 hearing. 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 hearing.

(Those received by August 12, 1996, will become a part of the public hearing transcript.)

Hearing transcripts are provided to Iowa DOT staff and Commissioners and to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for their review before project plans are completed. A copy will be available to you if you send a written request to the Office of Project Planning, Iowa DOT, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa, 50010.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Environmental and location studies for relocated Iowa 5 began in the early 1970's and four information meetings were held between 1973 and 1975. A Corridor Public Hearing was held February 13, 1975, to discuss project alternatives, with Commission approval of the selected alternative on October 16, 1976. The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was signed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on May 18, 1977, and they gave Corridor approval on May 22, 1978.

In September 1991, the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) requested that the Iowa DOT reexamine the Approved Corridor and in July 1992, the Iowa 5 Advisory Committee requested that an Alternate Alignment within the Approved Corridor be evaluated. A Public Information Meeting was held on February 18, 1993, to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the Alternate Alignment. The Iowa DOT Commission approved the Alternate Alignment on August 10, 1993. FHWA approval of the Reevaluation of the FEIS was given on September 24, 1993.

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

The proposed project provides for the relocation of Iowa 5 in Warren County beginning at the SW 9th Street interchange and extending easterly on new alignment to 1 km (0.6 mile) west of U.S. 65/69, a total length of 4.0 km (2.4 miles). See the attached map for project location.

The improvement as proposed involves construction of a four-lane divided highway beginning approximately 500 m (1650 feet) west of SW 9th Street. The alignment crosses SW 9th Street approximately 150 m (500 feet) north of Beardsley Street and proceeds in an easterly direction crossing Cloverhill Avenue

approximately 80 m (265 feet) north of Beardsley Street. The alignment then turns northeasterly passing on the north side of the sanitary lift station to 1 km (0.6 mile) west of U.S. 65/69.

The completed facility would provide two 7.2 m (24 foot) wide pavements with 1.8 m (6 foot) wide inside and 3.0 m (10 foot) wide outside paved shoulders and a 17.2 m (57 foot) wide grass median.

Beardsley Street would be relocated to intersect SW 9th Street approximately 140 m (460 feet) south of the existing intersection. The intersection of Cloverhill Avenue and Beardsley Street would be moved 50 m (165 feet) south to accommodate the improvement. An interchange would be provided at SW 9th Street and a bridge would be constructed on Cloverhill Avenue carrying traffic over relocated Iowa 5. Drainage structures would be constructed as necessary.

Access rights would be acquired as a part of this improvement. Access to this section of relocated Iowa 5 would be by interchange only.

Existing Iowa 5 would remain open to through traffic during the construction period.

PRESENT FACILITY

Existing Iowa 5 from SW 9th Street to U.S. 65/69 varies from 4 to 6 lanes. It was originally paved in 1923. This section of Iowa 5 was widened and resurfaced in 1961 and resurfaced again in 1983.

This segment of existing Iowa 5 is classified as Principal Arterial under the state's functional classification system and is part of the State's Commercial and Industrial Network of Highways.

TRAFFIC VOLUMES

Estimated average daily traffic on this section of relocated Iowa 5 is expected to be 26,900 vehicles per day (vpd) by the year 2020. Average daily traffic using the section of existing Iowa 5 between SW 9th Street and U.S. 65/69 in 1992 was 24,000 vpd and is expected to increase to 30,700 vpd by the year 2020.

SUFFICIENCY RATINGS

Sufficiency ratings in Iowa are composed of three 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 sufficiency ratings for this segment of existing Iowa 5 range from 24-42 (poor).

PROJECT SCHEDULE AND COSTS

The 1996 - 2000 Transportation Improvement Program shows the following schedule and costs for this project:

Activity	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Right of Way	\$ 946,000				
Grade		3,896,000			
Bridge - New			446,000		
Pave				4,478,000	
Erosion Control					77,000
Total Programmed:					\$9,843,000

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

A Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was published in February 1977 and a Reevaluation of the Approved Corridor was completed to determine if significant changes had occurred since publication of the FEIS. The Reevaluation concluded that there were no significant changes in the project to warrant further study. The Reevaluation was approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on September 24, 1993.

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 construction 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 hearing and anticipate that no residences, businesses, or people would be displaced as a result of this improvement.

Questions or problems 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 hearing or forward them on the attached self-addressed Citizen Comment form.

Thank you for your participation in this hearing.

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PUBLIC HEARING
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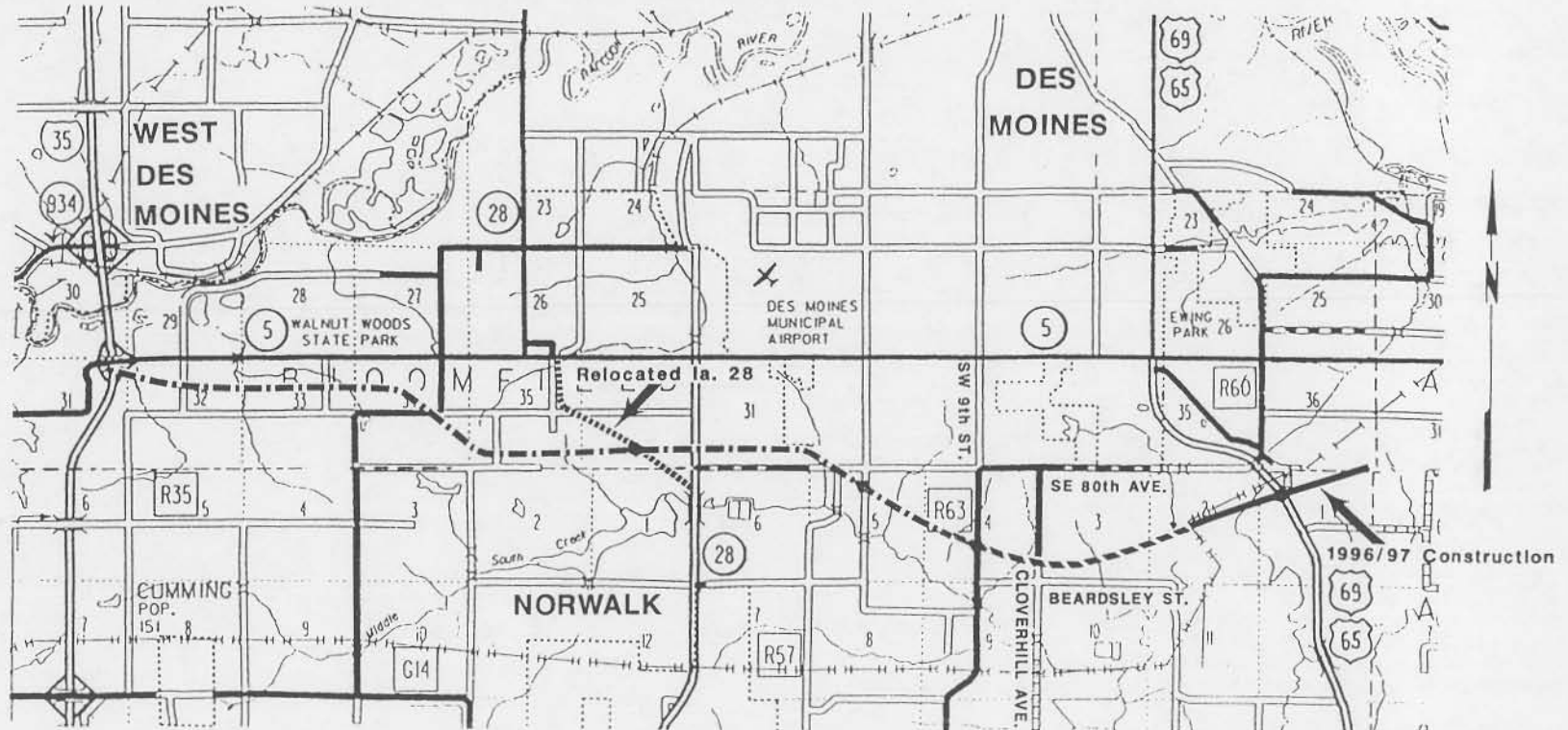


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Future Project

Proposed Improvement - - - - -

Proposed Interchange ◀