



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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WHAT IS THE I-80/I-380 SYSTEMS INTERCHANGE PROJECT?

The I-80/I-380 Systems Interchange project is a comprehensive redesign that will modernize the interchange and improve mobility and safety. The project is in Johnson County at the junction of Interstate 80 (I-80), Interstate 380 (I-380) and United States Highway 218 (U.S. 218). This important regional transportation hub is located within the cities of Coralville and Tiffin and serves the greater Iowa City metropolitan area. This project will reconstruct the interchange, and add lanes, allowing more vehicles to travel safely and smoothly through the area. A new interchange is being constructed on I-380 at Forevergreen Road, approximately 1.5 miles north of the I-80/I-380 interchange. The new Forevergreen Road Interchange is scheduled for completion in fall 2019.

WHAT IS THE PROJECT LOCATION?





WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE I-80/I-380 SYSTEMS INTERCHANGE PROJECT?

This critical project will increase capacity and improve operations within the region, ultimately benefiting the national freight transportation system and regional commuters. The Interchange is a major crossroads for the state of Iowa and the rest of the nation. As one of the busiest interchanges in the state, I-80/I-380 is a vital link in the state and nation's overall connectivity, mobility, freight movement and economic well-being.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF I-80/I-380 SYSTEMS INTERCHANGE PROJECT?

Over 30-years, projected benefits of the Systems Interchange reconstruction effort as compared to the current interchange configuration include fewer crashes and fewer injury and fatal crashes. Approximately sixty-four million fewer hours of traffic delays and the estimated typical trip will be 5-35 percent more reliable or more likely to arrive on time.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT PLANNED CONSTRUCTION IN MY AREA?

This [website](#) will provide up to date information about planned construction. As each component of the project progresses, the website, social media and publications will be utilized to provide regular construction impact information. Public meetings will be held to present details of the proposed improvements. Information regarding those meetings will be available on this website.

WHAT ARE THE OVERALL CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR THE I-80/I-380 SYSTEMS INTERCHANGE?

Interstate 80 will be widened to six lanes (plus auxiliary lanes) with full 12-foot shoulders through the study area. I-380 will be widened to six lanes for approximately three miles to approximately 1 mile north of the Forevergreen Road Interchange. U.S. 218/IA 27 will be widened to six lanes to approximately two miles south of I-80. These I-380/U.S. 218/IA 27 segments will also have full 12-foot shoulders. The current loop ramps cause congestion and safety issues due to weaving traffic, and will be replaced by directional ramps. In fall 2018, the major construction efforts will commence for the project. [\[link to overall design image when developed\]](#)

HOW WILL I KNOW ABOUT TRAFFIC IMPACTS IN MY AREA?

This website will be the program's main means for disseminating construction-related information to the public. Please visit the site often to learn about changes to the highway design. If you have specific questions, please [contact us](#). [Sign up](#) for 511 alerts to stay informed about traffic impacts in your area and visit this website for construction updates.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RIGHT OF WAY PROCESS?

For more information on the right of way process, please visit the [Iowa DOT's Office of Right of Way website](#). You can also download the Iowa DOT's right of way brochure, "[Highways and Your Land](#)."



WHEN WILL CONSTRUCTION BEGIN?

Plans are to begin the main I-80/I-380 Systems Interchange reconstruction effort in the fall of 2018, with construction continuing through 2024. Utility relocation and some smaller projects are in progress in 2017 and 2018. Final erosion control work may take place in 2025.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE FOREVERGREEN ROAD INTERCHANGE PROJECT?

The Forevergreen Road Interchange will reduce congestion at adjacent interchanges and support regional travel needs by allowing for a turn around detour during construction on the I-80/I-380 Systems Interchange while the northbound to westbound traffic movement is closed. Additionally, it will offer a link to a temporary diversion route for incident management.

HOW LONG WILL CONSTRUCTION TAKE PLACE?

Traffic impacts due to construction of the I-80/I-380 Systems Interchange is expected to continue through the 2024 construction season. Minor touch-up and erosion control work may continue in 2025.

IF I AM A BUSINESS IN THE GENERAL AREA OF THE PROGRAM CONSTRUCTION, HOW CAN I STAY INFORMED?

We understand that this interchange is a primary gateway from the west for the Iowa City area and from the South for Cedar Rapids. The Interchange provides direct access between two significant job markets. Nearly 18,000 Johnson and Linn County residents live in one county and work in the other, and an estimated 35,000 daily trips are taken between Iowa City and Cedar Rapids for educational, shopping, and recreation purposes. Additionally, this Interchange is often traveled by visitors, students, and patients of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Iowa DOT is committed to minimizing the impact to the traveling public and local businesses. Business tool kits have been developed to provide materials and information to interested businesses. If you are interested in receiving a business tool kit, please [contact us](#).

IF I AM A MEMBER OF THE MEDIA AND HAVE QUESTIONS, WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

If you are a member of the media and have question about the I-80/I-380 Systems Interchange reconstruction project, please contact Cathy Cutler, District 6 Transportation Planner for Iowa Department of Transportation at (319) 364-0235 or email Catherine.Cutler@iowaDOT.us.

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE OF PLANNED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES?

The Systems Interchange project is tentatively scheduled, however years 2021 and beyond are subject to refinement based on funding and project coordination needs. To view the full schedule, click [here](#).