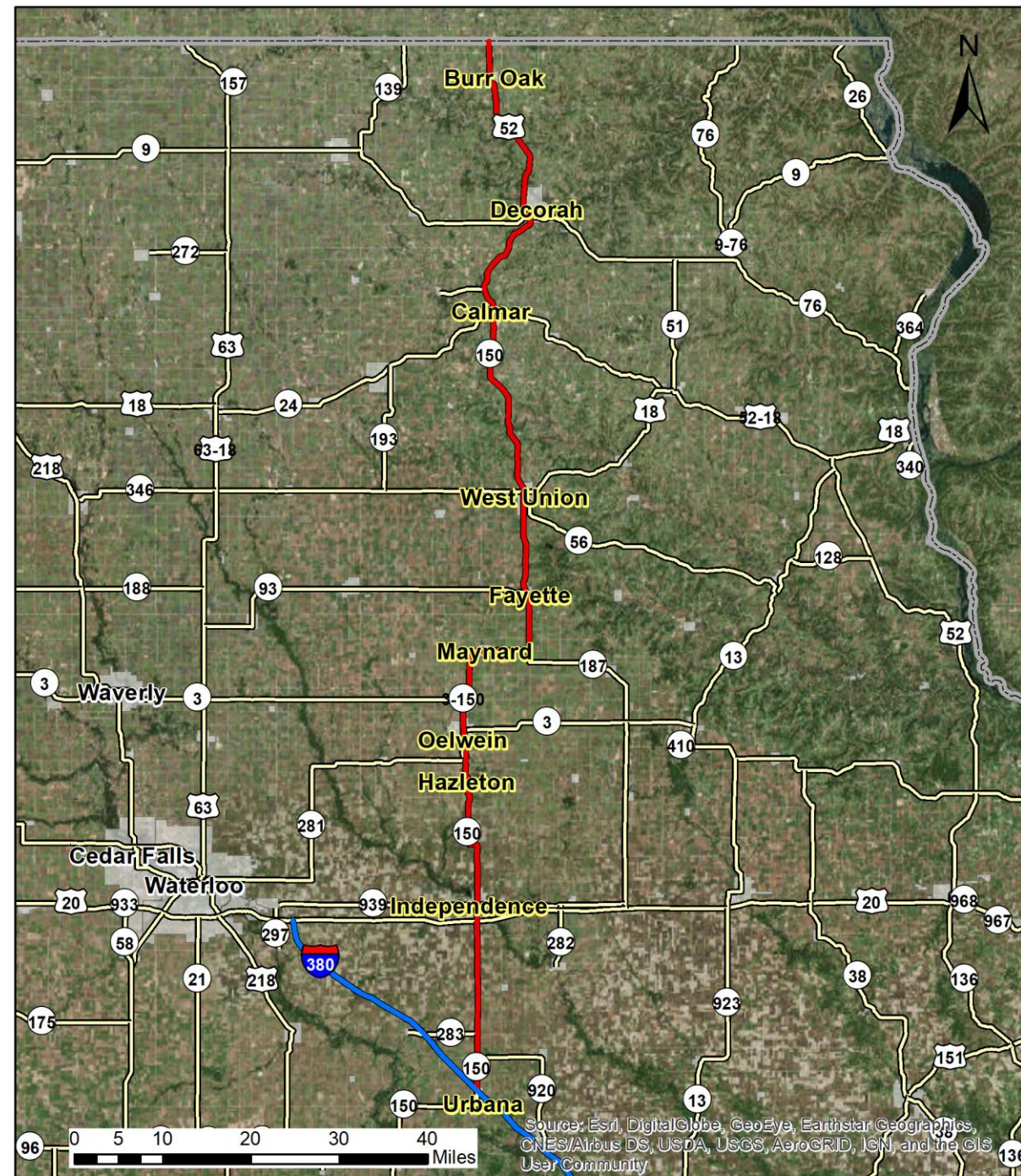




Highway 150
Coalition

Our Mission

The Highway 150 Coalition is determined to bring improvements to the transportation issues along Highway 150, specifically within the City of Independence, a critical point along Highway 150.



What North East Iowa Needs

- The IA 150 Coalition envisions an efficient and safe corridor as the North/South corridor serving all North East Iowa to I-380 and Minnesota.
- We ask to work with the Iowa DOT to determine solutions for operational needs along the corridor.



Independence downtown along Highway 150

Study Needed

- A study is needed for the entire corridor to alleviate
 - Safety and congestion concerns in Independence
 - Narrow and steep shoulders
 - Higher truck traffic between Oelwein and Independence
 - Shadowing at intersections, especially near Oelwein and Decorah
 - Planning for future expansion of the communities along 150



150 entering Oelwein

Committed

- \$100,000 in Regional Planning Agency funding is programmed for a Planning Study of IA Hwy 150
- FY 2022 (October 1, 2021).



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Progress To Date

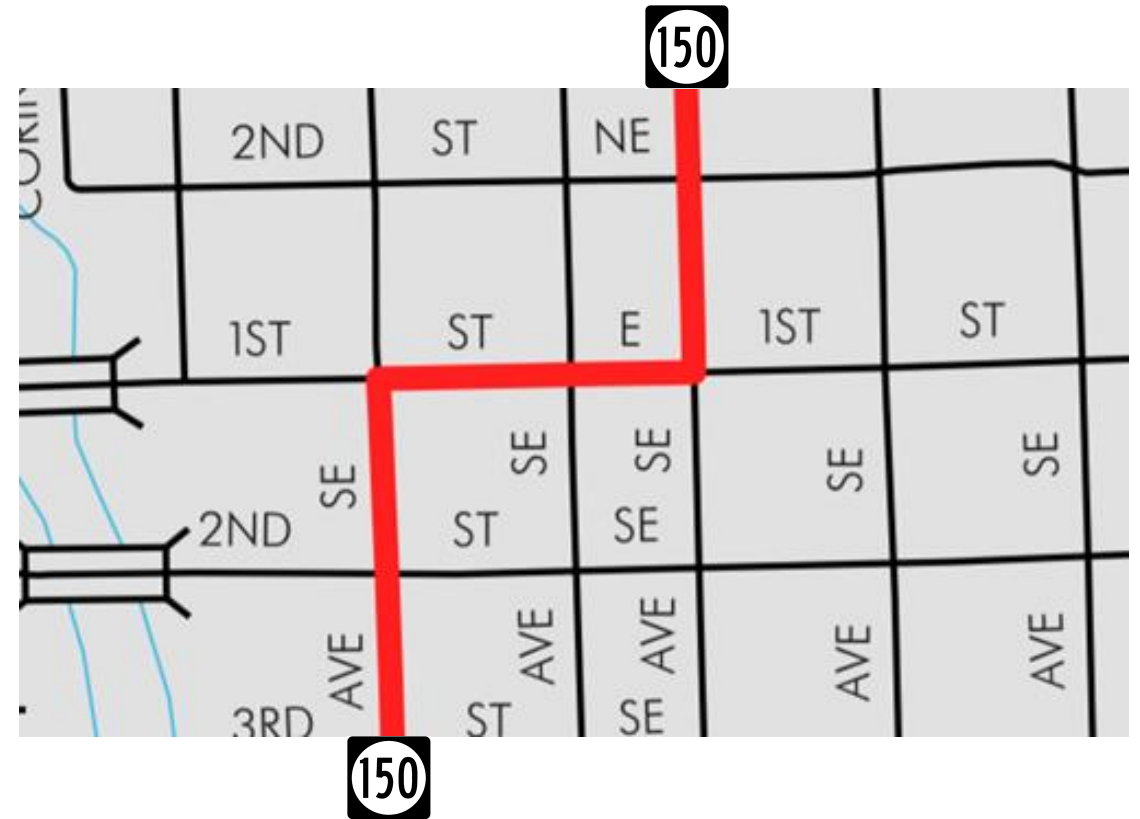
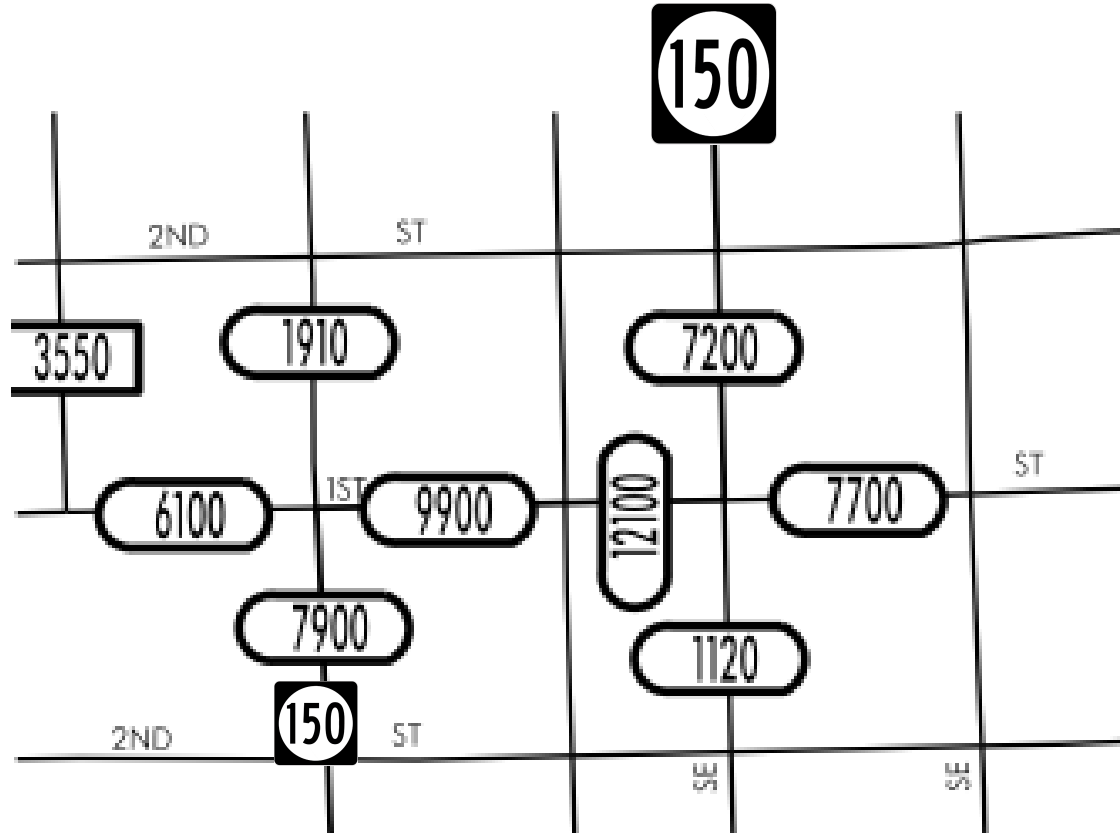
- Independence has been awarded a Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP)
 - provides traffic engineering expertise to local units of government
 - identify cost-effective traffic safety and operational improvements through a congested section of Independence
- Shoulder widening on 150 for maintenance, safety and bicycle traffic
 - West Union to Calmar will see 6-foot paved shoulders with rumble strips, an improvement for drivers and riders

Independence Bottleneck

Independence is a crucial point for Highway 150, and the safety and congestion issues in Independence needs to be addressed.



150 in
Independence
turning north
out of the
downtown



150 in Independence traffic counts



150 in Independence turning east into the downtown

Freight Bottleneck

- The DOT recognizes an improvement is needed for the freight and pavement condition for Independence in their State Transportation Long Range Plan

Route	Counties	Corridor	Miles	Capacity	Freight (out of 94)	Condition	Bridge (out of 216)
IA 146	Mahaska, Poweshiek	US 63 to I-80	18.6		91		
	Poweshiek, Tama, Marshall	I-80 to US 30	24.5				
IA 148	Taylor, Adams	MO border to US 34	30.0		Corridor targeted for stewardship		
	Adams, Cass	US 34 to I-80	36.9				96
IA 149	Wapello	US 34 to US 63	5.9		71		216
	Wapello, Keokuk	US 63 to IA 92	27.3				32
	Keokuk, Iowa	IA 92 to I-80	27.7		Corridor targeted for stewardship		
	Benton	US 218 to I-380	13.0				
IA 150	Benton, Buchanan	I-380 to US 20	14.0				
	Buchanan, Fayette	US 20 to IA 3	16.4		41		
	Fayette	IA 3 to US 18	22.6		Corridor targeted for stewardship		
	Fayette, Winneshiek	US 18 to US 52	16.2		Corridor targeted for stewardship		

Study Needed

The Highway 150 Coalition is requesting to partner with the Iowa DOT on a corridor study to improve the safety and efficiency of the traffic flow on 150



150 in Independence turning north out of the downtown

Highway 150 Coalition Members

- Independence and Buchanan County
- Oelwein, Fayette, West Union, and Fayette County,
- Decorah and Winneshiek County
- Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission and Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments
- Iowa DOT Districts 2 and 6



The Highway 150 Coalition
respectively requests that the
Iowa DOT conduct a study for the
150 to improve safety and
efficiency issues

