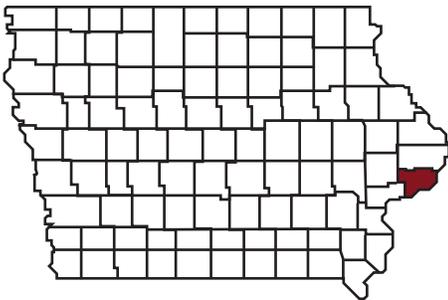




PUBLIC MEETING

SEPTEMBER 23, 2021
SCOTT COUNTY
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Interstate 80 Improvements in Scott County

Welcome to the Iowa Department of Transportation's (Iowa DOT) Public Information Meeting for Interstate 80 (I-80) in Scott County, proposing potential alternatives for the corridor.

Iowa DOT is preparing a Location Study and undergoing the Environmental Assessment (EA) process as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Iowa DOT will identify a range of conceptual alternatives and evaluate prior to selecting the preferred alternative. The purpose of this meeting is to gather input, discuss alternatives, listen to your thoughts and ideas, and answer any questions regarding the project.

STUDY OBJECTIVE

The intent of this study is to evaluate improvement alternatives for I-80 from just west of the I-280 interchange beginning near the 80th Avenue bridge over I-80 to just east of the Southwest 35th Street overpass, in order to improve safety and operations. This project is a Location Study and Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate potential alternatives for this segment of I-80 including:

- Roadway widening
- Interchange configurations
- Cross street configurations
- Rest area access and layout
- Integrated Corridor Management (ICM): which coordinates multiple transportation modes and jurisdictions to provide a safe, reliable, convenient, and affordable system for all users.

PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of the proposed project is to enhance the mobility of the I-80 corridor in Scott County and accommodate future traffic demands generated from current and future development along this corridor. The need for the proposed project is based on a combination of factors, which are the need to:

- Improving access, connectivity, and safety
- Improving the condition of existing infrastructure
- Alleviating forecasted future traffic congestion.

BACKGROUND

The I-80 study area is approximately 17-miles in length and remains a four-lane divided interstate within the city limits of Davenport, Bettendorf, LeClaire and portions of Scott County. Several studies on I-80 have been completed in recent years. In 2014, the City of Bettendorf, working with the Iowa DOT completed an Interchange Justification Report (IJR) and a Categorical Exclusion (CE) document



PROJECT SCHEDULE

We are currently in the conceptual alternatives phase. Next, we will reduce the number of alternatives that will be carried forward for further study and refinement. We will present the refined alternatives for additional public feedback prior to developing the final environmental document, the Environmental Assessment (EA). The study is expected to be completed in late 2023 with the EA to assess potential environmental impacts under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Construction along the corridor will be completed over a period of time where improvements are prioritized into smaller projects. Once funding becomes committed for improvements, the Iowa DOT can develop design plans so these projects can be constructed. Currently, the only improvements along the corridor that are included in the 2022 to 2026 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) are rehabilitation projects.

as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process to assess the potential environmental impacts at the I-80 and Middle Road interchange. Those improvements are still recommended and are currently awaiting funding.

In 2016, the Iowa DOT completed a review of this urban section of I-80. This provided a broad perspective on corridor issues and needs and evaluated a range of conceptual improvements and updates. The findings of the 2016 study provided necessary information on the corridor to move into this phase of the planning process. In 2018, Iowa DOT completed the Statewide I-80 Planning Study to evaluate the rural portions of the corridor. Urban sections, including this corridor, were not included in that study since they are unique and should be evaluated independently. The 2018 study evaluated road and bridge conditions, crashes, and congestion to identify ways to improve the movement of goods and people across the interstate system. The 2018 traffic volumes on I-80 through this area range from 33,900 vehicles per day (vpd) to 53,000 vpd with a truck percentage range of 19 to 33 percent.

A public information meeting was held (on-line) in Spring 2021 to introduce this study, and to notify the public of environmental field studies associated with the project.

ALTERNATIVES EVALUATION CRITERIA

As part of the EA, Iowa DOT will consider and evaluate a variety of natural and built environmental impacts.



RIGHT OF WAY

As part of the proposed improvements, additional right-of-way may be required. The following paragraphs provide information regarding the right-of-way process followed by the Iowa DOT. Please keep in mind, specific right-of-way needs have not been identified at this time.

Iowa DOT policy provides for appraisal of property and/or property rights needed for each project. Professional techniques and methods are used to determine “just compensation” in accordance with federal and state constitutions, laws and regulations. Appraisals are prepared to assure fair treatment for both the property owner and the public.

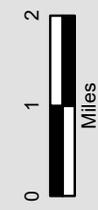
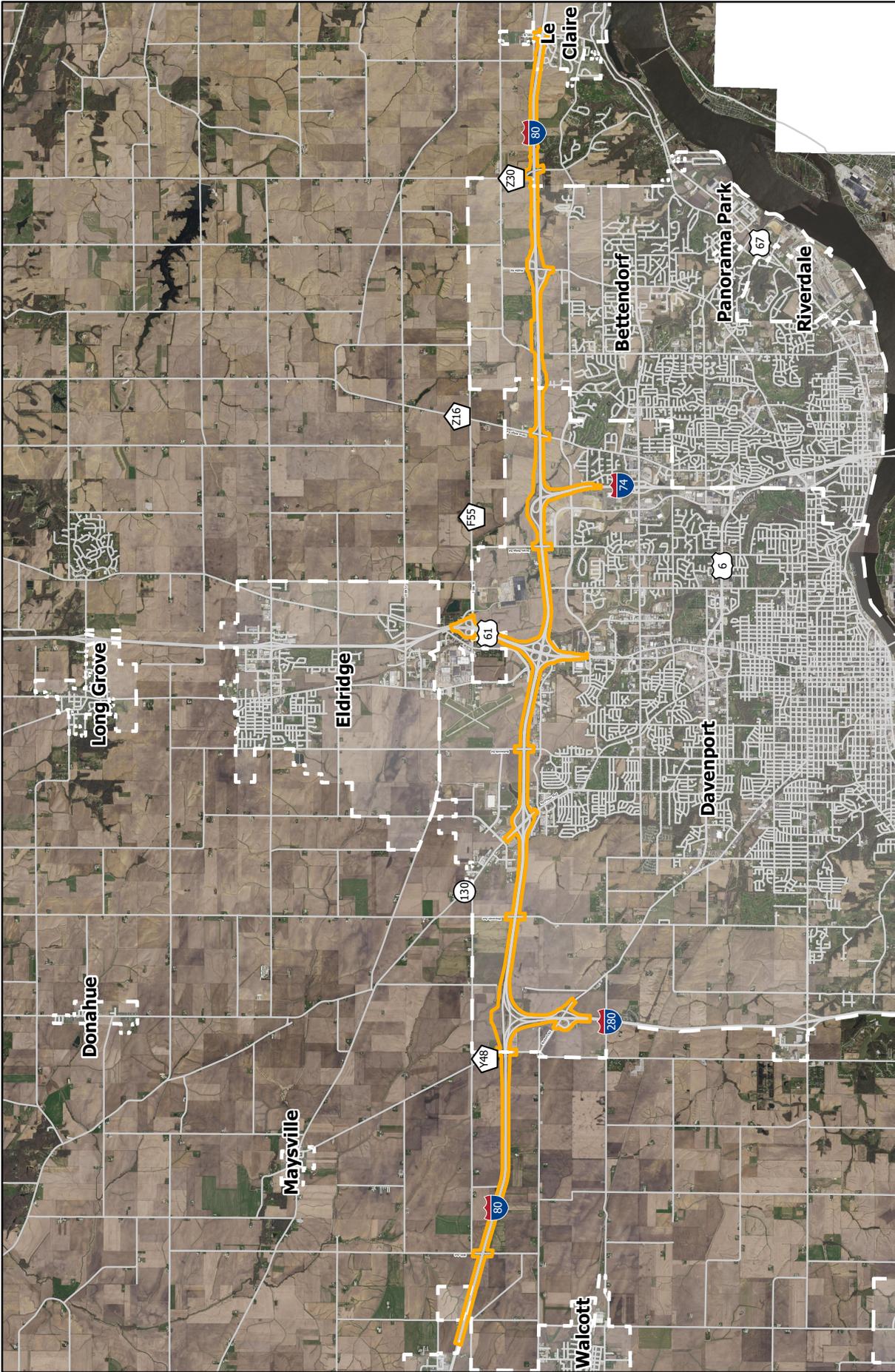
After completing the appraisal, a right-of-way agent contacts each owner to explain the plans and appraisals and negotiate for the acquisition of the required right-of-way. If an agreement cannot be reached through negotiations, the required right-of-way may be acquired through eminent domain.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Department of Transportation appreciates your attendance today. We encourage you to share your ideas concerning this project with us. If you prefer, you may submit them electronically using the following website: www.bit.ly/iowadot4325, by the attached comment form (self-addressed and pre-paid for your convenience), or by emailing your comments to Sam Shea, the District Planner at sam.shea@iowadot.us. All comments and information provided will be given consideration as the project development process continues. Other opportunities for input will be provided throughout the project development process.

Thank you very much for your participation in this meeting.





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-  Corporation Limits
-  Roads
-  County Routes
-  State Highways
-  US Highways
-  Interstates

Project Study Area
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West of I-280 to Just East of the
SW 35th St. Bridge in Scott County



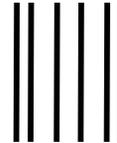
The study area outline on the map is the area that Iowa DOT is using to evaluate conditions surrounding this segment of the I-80 corridor, it is not an outline of additional right-of-way needs or properties impacted by this project.



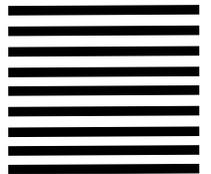
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