

**MEETING NOTES #1**


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DATE **11/27/18**      TIME **1:00 PM**      PROJECT **21418013**

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PLACE      **Iowa DOT District 5 Office, Fairfield**

PURPOSE      **Transfer of Jurisdiction, US/State Highways in City of Oskaloosa**

ATTENDEES      **James Armstrong/Iowa DOT  
Mark Van Dyke/Iowa DOT  
Michael Schrock, Jr./City of Oskaloosa  
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The following meeting notes summarize the discussions and decisions made at the meeting.  
Please inform *Bhooshan Karnik (bkarnik@mecresults.com)* of any additions, corrections, or clarifications to these notes.

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A meeting was held with the aforementioned participants to discuss the possible Transfer of Jurisdiction of US63, IA92 and IA23 within the City of Oskaloosa limits in a partnering approach between the City of Oskaloosa and the Iowa DOT. The intent of the meeting was to understand the goals and expectations of the parties involved and establishing a path forward to reach an mutually acceptable solution in view of the proposed NW US 63 bypass currently in development and a possible future SE US63 bypass. This document presents a brief summary of the issues discussed and action items resulting from the discussions.

- Iowa DOT will proceed with the NW US 63 bypass with the understanding that US 63 within the City and Mahaska County jurisdictions will be transferred to the City and County.
- Currently, the DOT is proposing ROW acquisition starting in FY 2023 followed by Design and Construction in subsequent years for the next Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
- District 5 will consider moving ahead with the US 63 SE Connector once the NW Connector is programmed.
- Tentatively, the DOT anticipates that the TJ of US 63 will be tied to the construction of the NW US 63 Connector while the TJ of IA 92 and IA 23 will be tied with the SE connector project development.
- The City of Oskaloosa expressed their commitment and desire to enter in to a Transfer of Jurisdiction (TJ) agreement with the Iowa DOT for all highways within the City limits.
- The main concern of the City is to ensure that the construction of the bypasses does lead to significant reduction in truck traffic that is currently using State and City roads.
- The City has performed a TEAP study and is considering coordinated signal timings along the US 63 and IA 92 corridors. The City will send the proposed information to the DOT for review prior to making changes.
- The City is interested in making structural changes to the Highways through town for traffic calming and discouraging truck traffic. This includes reducing the width of existing

- IA 92 for a true 2 lane with a center TWTL and a separated bike path, possible roundabouts, etc.
- City will develop a few concepts and preliminary costs at various locations along the highways in coordination with the Iowa DOT District staff to present at the Commission meeting likely to be held sometime in October 2019.
  - District Engineer, District 5 expressed willingness to consider speeding up the SE Connector study for an early TJ for IA 92.
  - The timing of the TJs will depend primarily on the programming of the projects in the STIP.
  - All parties agreed to work in a spirit of partnership and cooperation towards successful programming of the projects and associated TJs.
  - District 5 informed the City of willingness to consider a possible 3R project along IA 92 and include restriping the road to a two lane with a center TWTL in FY 2021. District is willing to reimburse the City for the 3R costs if the City wishes to do the project District will need to know direction City wishes to proceed by early June 2019. District will support requests for TSIP/USTEP funding if requested by the City for improvements.
  - District indicated that they would be willing to consider TJ of 63 and 23 at the same time since IA 23 currently terminates at the IA 92 intersection.

Action Items:

- City will develop concepts for US63, IA 92 and IA 23
- City will set up a meeting with Commission member(s) and the Mahaska County Development Group to brief them on the vision, the discussions, and convey the willingness of the City and DOT to work in partnership.
- City to develop a presentation with Iowa DOT to present during Commission tour.
- City to coordinate with Mahaska County to include them in future TJ discussions.

CC: Attendees  
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