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<b>EASTERN HILLS DRIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PROJECT NEWSLETTER</b>	
<b>Issue 3</b>	<b>Fall 2010</b>

**How You Can Participate:**

**Written public comments may be mailed to:** City of Council Bluffs Public Works  
209 Pearl Street  
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**Attend the next Public Information Meeting**

November 16, 2010  
6:00pm to 8:00pm  
Council Bluffs Public Library  
400 Willow Avenue  
Council Bluffs, Iowa 51530

**At the public information meeting, we will provide an opportunity for comments on the alternatives.**

**The Project Schedule may be viewed on the project website.**  
Please visit the Eastern Hills Drive EIS project website for more information:  
<http://publicworks.councilbluffs-ia.gov/engineering.asp?page=11>

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Eastern Hills Drive is located within the City of Council Bluffs, in Pottawattamie County, Iowa. The study area extends between US 6 and IA 92 (See Exhibit-Page 3). The proposed action is to improve the transportation network within the study limit.

The purpose of the project is to improve the transportation network east of Council Bluffs by completing Eastern Hills Drive between US 6 and IA 92, while providing improved connections to developments along Greenview Road, Steven Road, and Cottonwood Road (L43). The project's stated needs include:

- Provide local system transportation system continuity
- Support planned land development in Council Bluffs and Pottawattamie County
- Increase the capacity of existing roads to accommodate future traffic demands
- Improve safety and emergency access
- Use Congressionally-Directed Funding

The No Build and Build Alternatives will continue to be analyzed and screened to determine alternatives to be studied further in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The alternatives carried forward must satisfy the Purpose and Need Statement because the statement outlines why the project should be completed. If an alternative cannot satisfy the needs outlined in the Purpose and Need Statement, it does not fulfill the project's goals and should not be considered further.

**Alternatives Screening by Purpose and Need Statement**

First, the alternatives are analyzed by the project Purpose and Need Statement. Screening criteria was developed for each need statement to analyze the project alternatives.

- Does the alternative provide local system continuity between IA 92 and US 6?
- Will the alternative support planned land development in Council Bluffs and Pottawattamie County?
- Will the alternative improve emergency response times to serve homes within the Little Pony Creek Drainage Basin?
- Will the alternative use congressionally-directed funding in the manner it was intended?

The range of alternatives included the alternative offered at the August 2008 public meeting. This alternative was referenced as Alternative 9 and extended in a north-south direction (214<sup>th</sup> Street) between Eastern Hills Drive and IA 92.

Following the August 2008 public meeting and upon receiving concurrence from local, state and federal agencies, each of the ten alternatives were evaluated. The ten project alternatives are described below and shown on the enclosed map exhibit.

**Secondary Screening-Environmental Resources**

The 10 project build alternatives were also screened by several environmental resources. Technical memorandums were prepared to determine if the build alternatives may cause a disproportionate impact on the resources listed on Page 2:

**No Build Alternative:** The No Build Alternative does not connect Eastern Hills Drive between Cedar Lane and the Hills of Cedar Creek subdivision. The No Build Alternative does not connect Steven Road to Eastern Hills Drive.

**Build Alternatives:**

**Segment A**

- Build Alternative 1: Widen of Eastern Hills Drive from 2 to 4-lanes from US 6 to McPherson Avenue.

**Segment B**

- Build Alternative 2: Widen Eastern Hills Drive from McPherson Avenue to Cedar Lane.

**Segment C**

- Build Alternative 3: New Alignment between Steven Road and Eastern Hills Drive using existing Cedar Lane.
- Build Alternative 4: New Alignment between Steven Road and Eastern Hills Drive without using existing Cedar Lane.

**Segment D**

- Build Alternative 5: Widen existing State Orchard Road between Eastern Hills Drive and Concord Loop.
- Build Alternative 6: New Alignment between State Orchard Road and IA 92.
- Build Alternative 7: New Alignment between State Orchard Road and IA 92.
- Build Alternative 8: New Alignment between State Orchard Road and IA 92.
- Build Alternative 9: New Alignment between Eastern Hills Drive and IA 92 from the Hills of Cedar Creek Subdivision to existing 214<sup>th</sup> Street. Includes widening existing 214<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Greenview Road**

- Build Alternative 10: Widen existing Greenview Road from Glen Oaks Drive to County Road L43.

**Environmental Resources:**

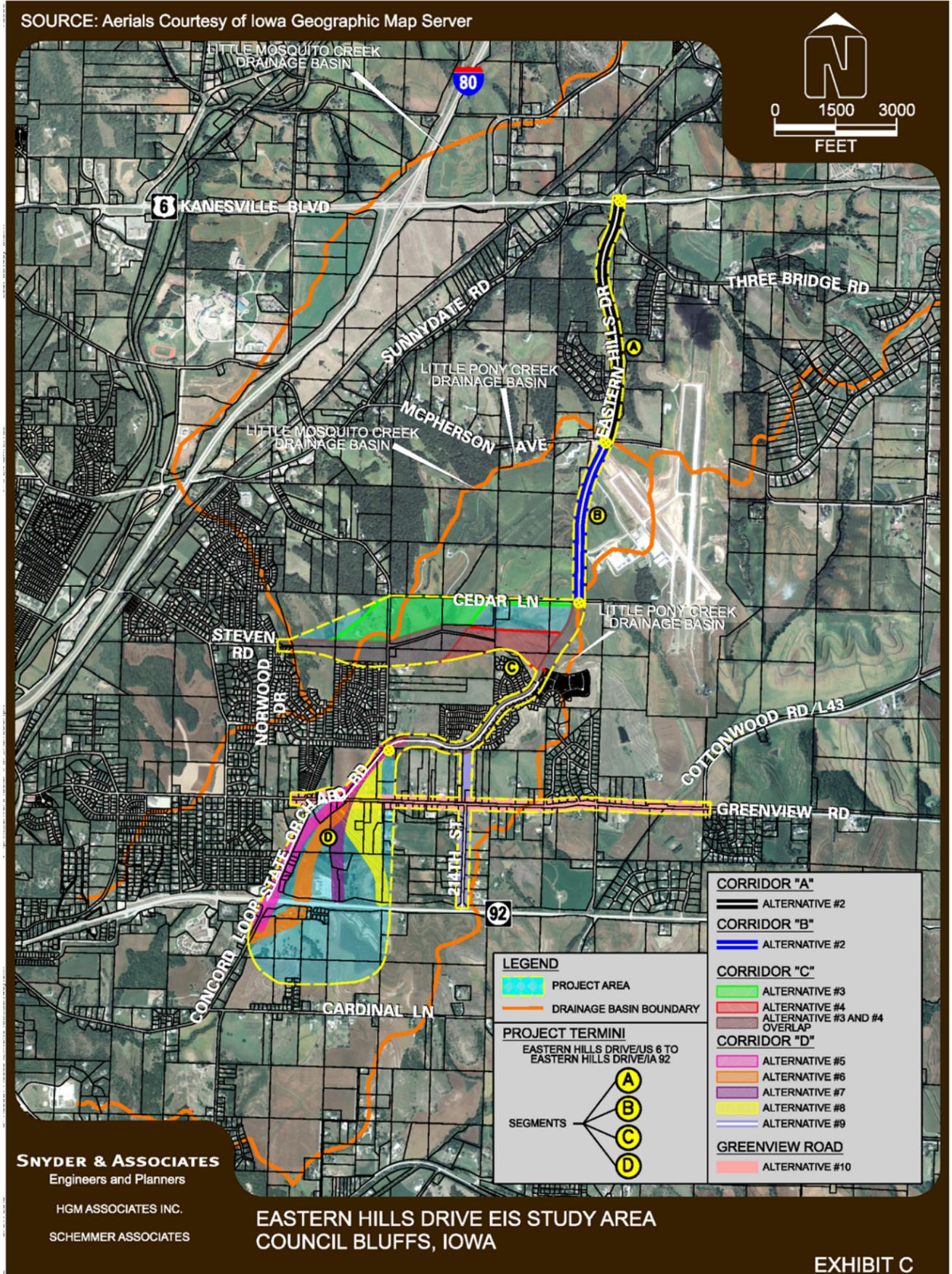
- Wetland/streams
- Cultural resources
- Hazardous materials
- Property/ROW
- The Loess Hills
- Rare, threatened and endangered species

**Project Status: Agency Concurrence**

The alternatives screening analysis found that of the entire range of alternatives, only Alternatives 8 and 9 should be removed from consideration. Alternatives 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 and 10 will be carried forward for additional evaluation.

Alternative No.:	Initial Screening	Secondary Screening							Conclusions
	Purpose and Need	Wetlands/Streams	Cultural Resources	Hazardous Materials	Property Impacts	Floodplain Impacts	RTE Species	Loess Hills Impacts	
No Build	X								Carry forward for comparison purposes.
<b>Segment A</b>									
1									This alternative should be considered further.
<b>Segment B</b>									
2									This alternative should be considered further.
<b>Segment C</b>									
3									This alternative should be considered further.
4									This alternative should be considered further.
<b>Segment D</b>									
5									This alternative should be considered further.
6									This alternative should be considered further.
7									This alternative should be considered further.
8								X	Do not consider further.
9	X								Do not consider further.
<b>Greenview Rd.</b>									
10									This alternative should be considered further.

SOURCE: Aerials Courtesy of Iowa Geographic Map Server



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**EASTERN HILLS DRIVE EIS STUDY AREA  
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**EXHIBIT C**