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EASTERN HILLS DRIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PROJECT NEWSLETTER	
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How You Can Participate:

Submit comments about the DEIS document by May 7, 2012. All comments received on the DEIS by that date will be considered by the City of Council Bluffs and the Federal Highway Administration in their evaluation of the environmental impacts of the project. Comments on the DEIS should be submitted to:

Greg Reeder
City of Council Bluffs
209 Pearl Street
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The project schedule and additional information 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. 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

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.

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
PUBLIC HEARING**

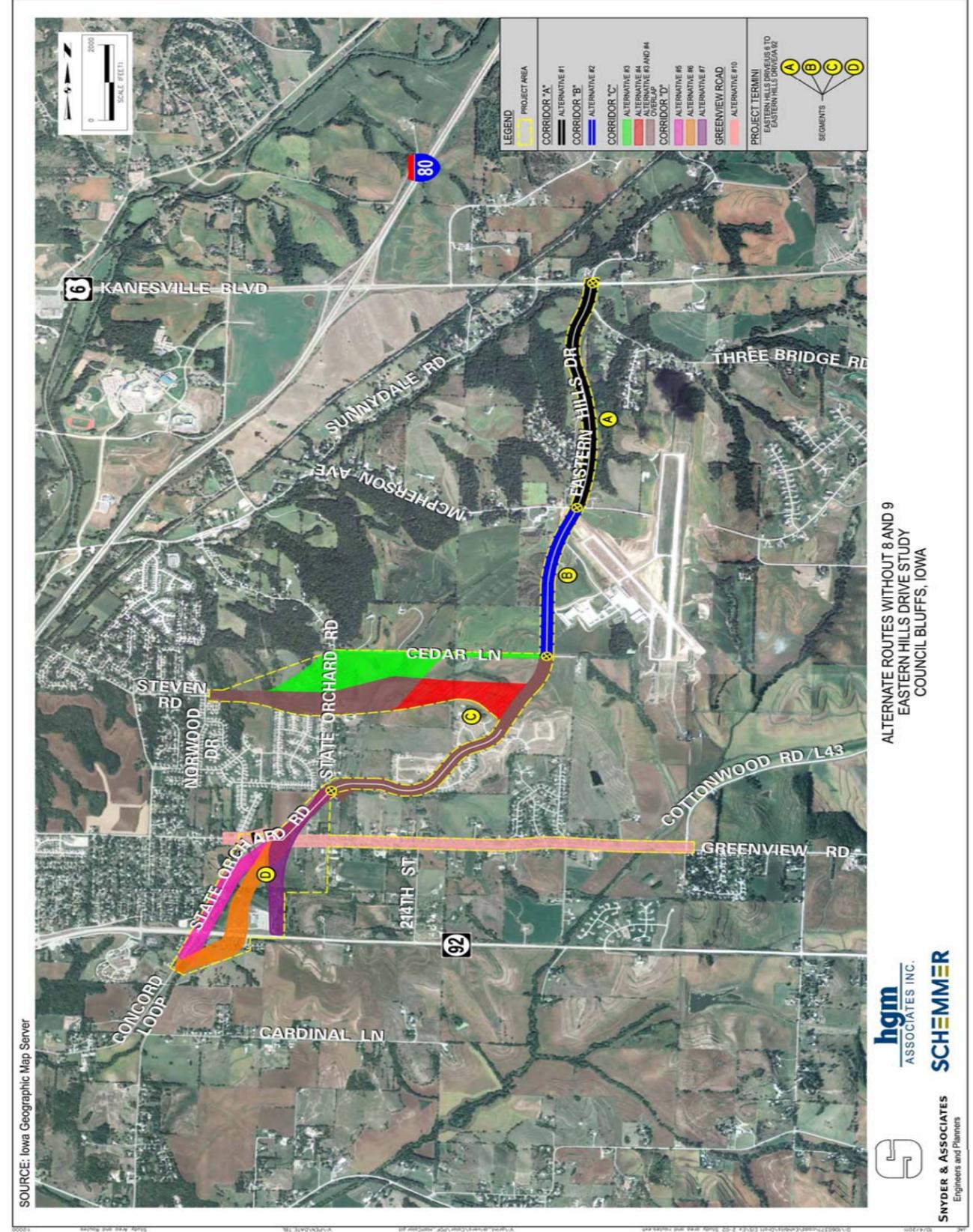
The public hearing was conducted on March 27, 2012 utilizing a combined open forum and formal format. Project team members were present with plans, displays and related information to discuss the project informally between 5 and 6 pm. Individuals were encouraged to attend the hearing during the informal session to express their views and ask questions about the proposed improvement.

A formal presentation was made at 6 p.m. followed by a formal question and answer session. Each person attending was afforded the opportunity to speak for three minutes during the question and answer session. Oral and written statements were also accepted during both the open forum and the formal sessions.

A copy of the DEIS was available for inspection at the hearing. The DEIS is also available for viewing at the Council Bluffs Public Library 400 Willow Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA, and at the Council Bluffs City Hall, 209 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, IA. An electronic copy of the DEIS is available at: <http://publicworks.councilbluffs-ia.gov/documents/Signed-DEIS-120302.pdf>

A review deadline of May 7, 2012, has been established for receipt of comments on the document. All comments received on the DEIS by that date will be considered by the City of Council Bluffs and the Federal Highway Administration in their evaluation of the environmental impacts of the project. Comments on the DEIS should be submitted to Greg Reeder, City of Council Bluffs, 209 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503.

	Alt 1	Alt 2	Alt 3	Alt 4	Alt 5	Alt 6	Alt 7	Alt 10	No Build
Community Facilities	No community facilities would be impacted	No community facilities would be impacted	No community facilities would be impacted	No community facilities would be impacted	No community facilities would be impacted	No community facilities would be impacted	No community facilities would be impacted	No community facilities would be impacted	No community facilities would be impacted
Public Lands and Facilities	No public lands or facilities would be impacted	No public lands or facilities would be impacted	No public lands or facilities would be impacted	No public lands or facilities would be impacted	No public lands or facilities would be impacted	No public lands or facilities would be impacted	No public lands or facilities would be impacted	No public lands or facilities would be impacted	No public lands or facilities would be impacted
Contaminated Sites	One site	One site	One site	None	None	None	None	None	None
Noise	The FHWA NAC would not be exceeded	The FHWA NAC would not be exceeded	The FHWA NAC would not be exceeded	The FHWA NAC would not be exceeded	The FHWA NAC would not be exceeded	The FHWA NAC would not be exceeded	The FHWA NAC would not be exceeded	The FHWA NAC would not be exceeded	The FHWA NAC would not be exceeded
Wetland	No wetlands would be impacted	No wetland would be impacted	Approximately 0.58 acres will be impacted.	Approximately 0.49 acres will be impacted.	Approximately 0.03 acres will be impacted.	Approximately 0.03 acres will be impacted.	No wetland would be impacted	Approximately 0.09 acres will be impacted.	No wetland would be impacted
Woodlands	No woodlands would be impacted	No woodlands would be impacted	Approximately 3.7 acres will be impacted	Approximately 3.4 acres will be impacted	No woodlands would be impacted	No woodlands would be impacted	No woodlands would be impacted	No woodlands would be impacted	No woodlands would be impacted
Threatened and endangered species	No known threatened or endangered species or sites would be impacted.	No known threatened or endangered species or sites would be impacted	No known threatened or endangered species or sites would be impacted	No known threatened or endangered species or sites would be impacted	No known threatened or endangered species or sites would be impacted	No known threatened or endangered species or sites would be impacted	No known threatened or endangered species or sites would be impacted	No known threatened or endangered species or sites would be impacted	No known threatened or endangered species or sites would be impacted
Fill in 100-year floodplains	The 100-year floodplain would not be impacted.	The 100-year floodplain would not be impacted.	The 100-year floodplain would not be impacted.	The 100-year floodplain would not be impacted.	The 100-year floodplain would not be impacted.	The 100-year floodplain would not be impacted.	The 100-year floodplain would not be impacted.	The 100-year floodplain of Pony Creek will be impacted.	The 100-year floodplain would not be impacted.
Stream crossings	There are no stream crossings.	There are no stream crossings.	One stream will be crossed.	Two streams will be crossed.	Little Mosquito Creek will be crossed twice.	Little Mosquito Creek will be crossed twice.	Little Mosquito Creek would be crossed twice.	Two streams will be crossed.	There are no stream crossings.
Number of homes displaced	0	0	3	1	15	5	2	0	0
Number of acres required for construction	0	0	28	25	30	15	20.5	0	0
Farmlands	No significant impact to farmland.	No significant impact to farmland.	No significant impact to farmland.	No significant impact to farmland.	No significant impact to farmland.	No significant impact to farmland.	No significant impact to farmland.	No significant impact to farmland.	No prime farmland would be impacted.
Cost estimate	Not calculated	Not calculated	\$6,433,000	\$5,839,000	\$9,212,000	\$7,852,000	\$7,140,000	\$4,200,000	\$0



SOURCE: Iowa Geographic Map Server

ALTERNATE ROUTES WITHOUT 8 AND 9
EASTERN HILLS DRIVE STUDY
COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA

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