



PRESS RELEASE

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Overnight ramp closure and new interstate lane shifts at South Expressway and I-80 westbound/I-29 northbound

(Council Bluffs, IA.- June 15, 2015) — Over the last year, Iowa DOT has been working on improving the I-80 westbound and I-29 northbound lanes and ramps at South Expressway/Iowa 192 in Council Bluffs. On Tuesday, June 16, the I-80 westbound/I-29 northbound entrance ramp from South Expressway/Iowa 192 will close overnight, from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., weather permitting. Traffic is urged to use an alternate route.

Following the closure of the on-ramp, interstate traffic will shift onto the new I-80 westbound/ I-29 northbound lanes east of Indian Creek. Merging traffic from South Expressway will also begin to use the new on- and off-ramps for I-80 westbound/I-29 northbound located north of the existing ramps. Motorists are urged to use caution while becoming accustomed to shifting onto these new lanes.

When completed, construction of the I-80/I-29 dual, divided freeway will physically separate through traffic on I-80 from traffic on I-29 destined for Council Bluffs, creating I-80 express lanes and I-80/I-29 local lanes. The dual, divided freeway will offer greater flexibility to travelers and will improve the overall efficiency of the transportation network.

Iowa DOT is working hard to keep the public informed of construction impacts and will actively seek opportunities to update the public regarding the project. Sign up to receive traffic alerts for the interstate routes that you use via Iowa DOT's 511 Traveler Information site.

Iowa DOT is in the process of reconstructing I-80, I-29 and I-480 in the Council Bluffs metropolitan area as part of the Council Bluffs Interstate Improvement Program. This comprehensive interstate redesign, which will be delivered over the next eight to 10 years, will modernize the highway system and improve mobility and safety of approximately 18 miles of interstate.

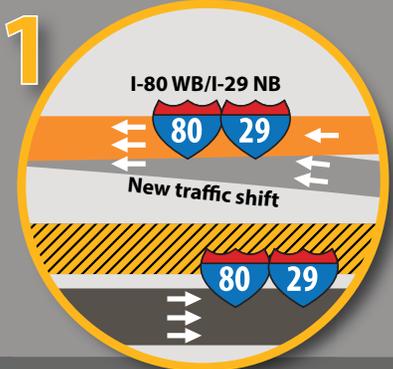
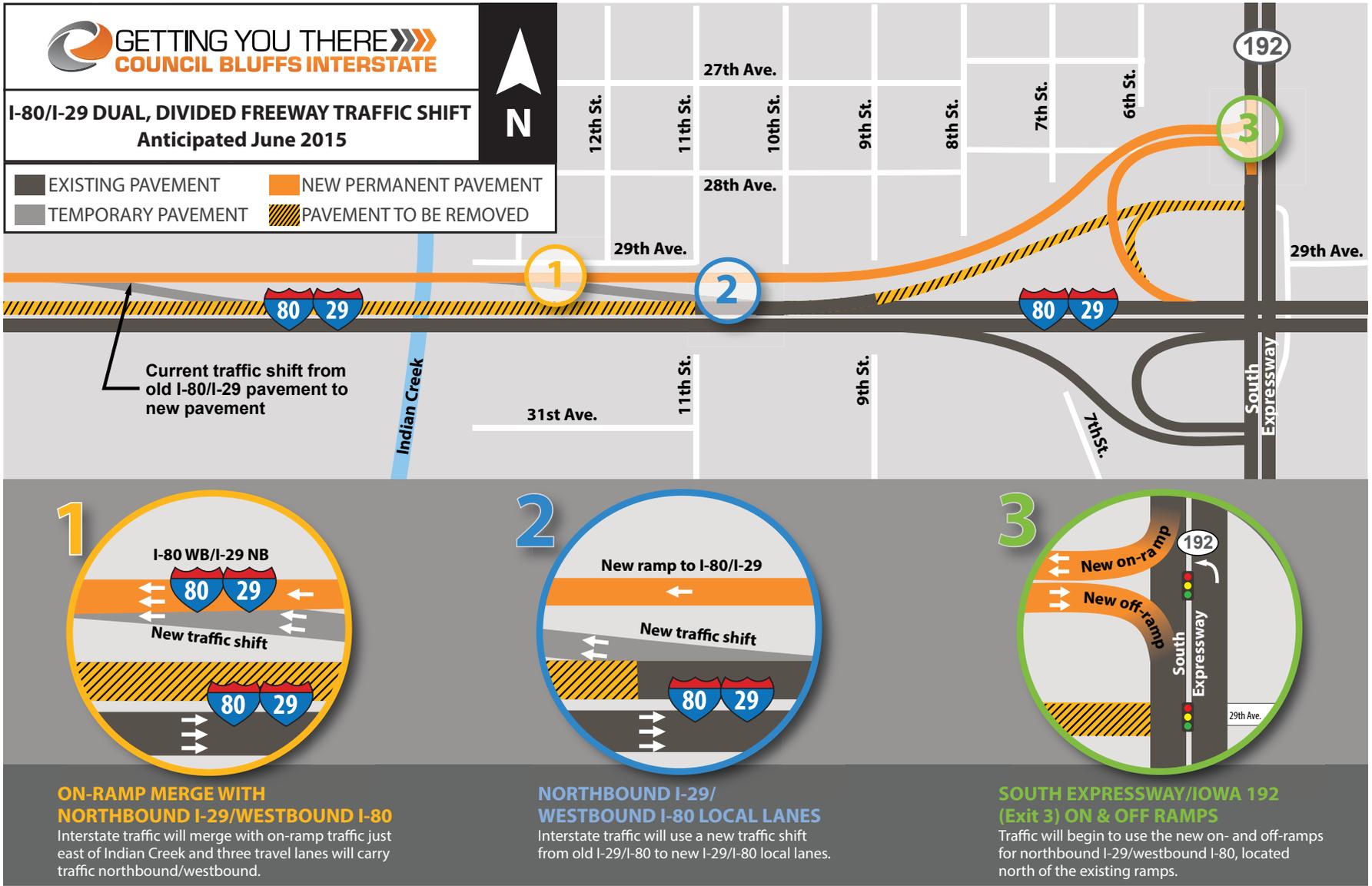
For more information, and to sign up for traffic alerts, visit www.CouncilBluffsInterstate.IowaDOT.gov, email info@CouncilBluffsInterstate.com or call 712-326-3712 for additional information.

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[Attachments: I-80/I-29 DUAL, DIVIDED FREEWAY Traffic Movements Map]

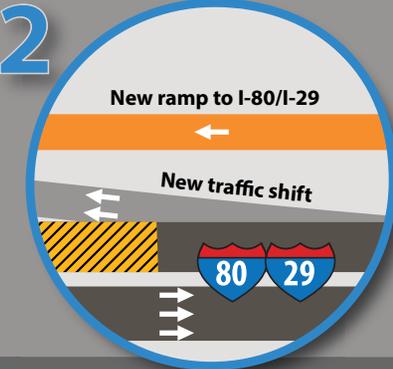
I-80/I-29 DUAL, DIVIDED FREEWAY

2015 TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS



ON-RAMP MERGE WITH NORTHBOUND I-29/WESTBOUND I-80

Interstate traffic will merge with on-ramp traffic just east of Indian Creek and three travel lanes will carry traffic northbound/westbound.



NORTHBOUND I-29/WESTBOUND I-80 LOCAL LANES

Interstate traffic will use a new traffic shift from old I-29/I-80 to new I-29/I-80 local lanes.



SOUTH EXPRESSWAY/IOWA 192 (Exit 3) ON & OFF RAMPS

Traffic will begin to use the new on- and off-ramps for northbound I-29/westbound I-80, located north of the existing ramps.