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### New I-29 northbound ramp opening next week

(Council Bluffs, IA — November 11, 2016) Over the last year, Iowa DOT has been working on improving the I-80/I-29 lanes just east of the Missouri River in Council Bluffs. On Monday, November 14, construction crews will shift traffic overnight on I-80 westbound/I-29 northbound between 24<sup>th</sup> Street and the Missouri River Bridge, weather permitting. Beginning at 9:00 p.m., the two left lanes of I-80 westbound and the 24<sup>th</sup> Street on-ramp to I-80 westbound will be closed. I-80 westbound will be detoured from 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. while crews complete final signing and painting. I-29 northbound will never be closed during the traffic shift, but it will be restricted to one lane. Construction crews will open all impacted lanes and ramps by 5:00 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Following the traffic shift, I-80 westbound/I-29 northbound traffic will use the new ramp to I-29 northbound just west of the exiting ramp. The new ramp will result in improved safety for all motorists because I-80 eastbound to I-29 northbound traffic merging with I-29 northbound traffic will enter from the right side. Motorists are urged to use caution while becoming accustomed to shifting onto these new lanes.

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.

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*[Attachments: I-29 Traffic Shift Map]*

 New Roadway  Closed Roadway

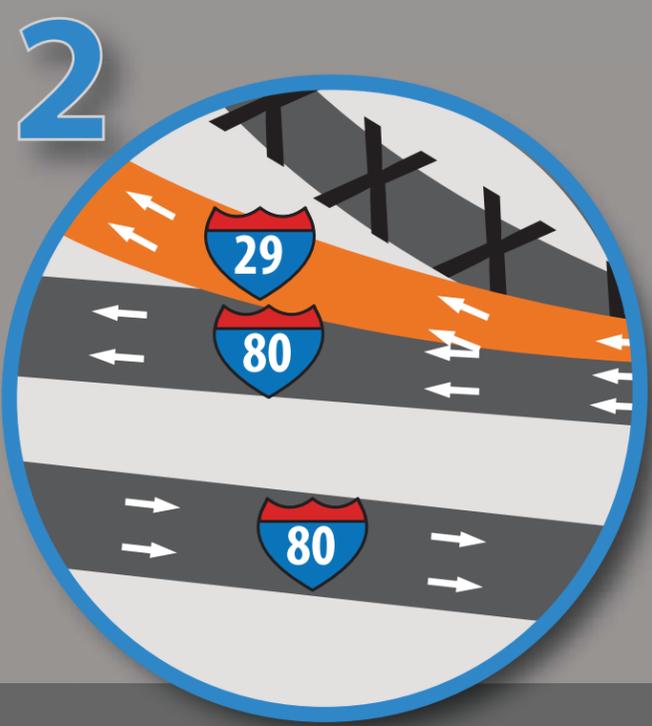


# I-80/I-29 NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC SHIFT

November 2016



**I-80 EASTBOUND TO I-29 NORTHBOUND**  
Traffic will be shifted into a safer configuration. I-80 eastbound to I-29 northbound motorists will merge from the right with I-29 northbound traffic.



**I-29 NORTHBOUND**  
I-80 westbound/I-29 northbound traffic will use the new ramp to I-29 northbound.

