



March 21, 2011

Citizens of Grimes

You are urged to attend an IA 44 Improvements Project Open House on March 29, 2011 between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., at Grimes City Hall, 101 North Harvey Street, Grimes, Iowa, to discuss construction of the improvements of IA 44 from the west corporate limits of Grimes east to North Circle Drive in Grimes. Work is also being completed on North and South James Street, North and South Main Street, North Jacob Street, North Harvey Street and South Trail Ridge Road.

Representatives from Reilly Construction, Concrete Technologies Inc., Halbrook Excavating, City of Grimes and Fox Engineering will be available during this time to answer questions regarding the improvement. Note that project representatives will discuss the traffic control plan along IA 44 during construction. Areas of IA 44 will be one-way westbound for most of the construction season and will affect many motorists and nearby land and business owners.

A formal presentation will begin at about 6:30 p.m.

Starting on Wednesday April 6, 2011 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and thence every Wednesday thereafter until further notice, a time period has been set aside at Grimes City Hall for the public to meet with FOX Engineering and representatives from Reilly Construction to discuss the progress of the project and construction issues.

The contractor has scheduled to start construction during the week of April 4, 2011. It is anticipated that the construction of the project will take most of the spring and summer to get the paving completed and have all lanes of traffic functional to the travelling public. The contract time period has 55 of 110 working days remaining. As defined by IDOT, working days do not include Saturdays and Sundays, rain days or days when the grade is too wet. With this in mind, the contract period may continue until August 2011.

Additional work by Mediacom, Qwest, Black Hills Energy, and MidAmerican to relocate utilities will also take place within the construction area.

More information about project phasing and designated detour routes will be available on this web site after the contractor has refined his project schedule. Should you have any questions or concerns about this project, please call HWY 44 Project Engineer, Jerry Byg at 515-291-2241. Note that Mr. Byg will be onsite for the duration of the project. There will be a project trailer located north of City Hall, 101 North East Harvey Street.

Sincerely

Jerry Byg, P.E.  
Project Manager