



Iowa Department of Transportation



Scott Suhr from the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on February 28. He talked about the Silver Creek bridge replacement, the Y interchange at L55 and highway 6, and the Council Bluffs Interstate changes. The DOT has a five step plan for Interstate work in

Council Bluffs. The stages are:

- 1 – bridges
- 2 – additional lanes and off-ramps on I-80
- 3 – South I-29 changes
- 4 – I-480 and Broadway interchange
- 5. – Madison Avenue I-80 interchange

HDR is the lead for the project. It has been in the planning stage for 10-15 years. The total cost is \$874 Million. \$130M has been spent, \$523M has been committed, and \$351M is left.

The DOT found that they could save \$28M by cutting three years off the schedule. They do a lot of work at night to minimize traffic impacts.

Some of the bridges look like they are rusting. They used weathered steel which will not corrode further and doesn't need paint.

Calendar

Mar 29 – Cub Scout Blue and Gold banquet

Birthdays

Feb 12 – Richard Vorthmann (recognized)
 Feb 13 – Gary Funkhouser (recognized)

Anniversaries

Feb 6 – Jon & Debra Jacobsen
 Feb 23 – Richard & LuEtta Vorthmann (recognized)

Speakers

March 7 - State Senate Majority Leader, Mike Gronstal from Council Bluffs (he is not our senator, so I am surprised he was willing to come out here).
 March 14 - Brian Shea - President of the Pottawattamie Co. Trails Association, telling us of the bike trail plans

Today the interstate handles about 90,000 vehicles per day. By 2040 they expect to see 150,000 vehicles per day.

Further information can be found at:
<http://councilbluffsinterstate.iowadot.gov/>.

Work on the Silver Creek bridge will begin in June. The bridge will be built offsite to minimize traffic impact. The bridge is expected to be closed a few weeks in September or October.

Work on the Y intersection at L55 and Highway 6 North of Treynor will begin this Spring. It will be converted to a T intersection with a stop sign. They will add new turn lanes on Highway 6 to minimize traffic impacts for people heading South at the intersection.

Meeting Minutes

Dee Gutttau opened the meeting and gave the opening prayer. There were 15 members and 5 guests at the meeting. The visitors included Bill Boner, Robin Volkins, and Roger and Ann Vorthmann.

No one provided humor, but we still had a good meeting. Dale Willenborg contributed to the Youth Fund because he is from Manning and will win no matter who is the winning team in the boys basketball game against IKM-Manning.

Jim Clausen won the 50/50. Bob Abbott won the attendance award, but did not collect.

Gary Funkhouser, Gary Gutttau, Chad Gutttau, and Ken Graham helped the Dance Team with can kennel sorting. They had 10 bags of cans, 9 of plastic, and 500 bottles.

going on around the county and which could someday include Treynor. He is from Crescent, IA.

March 21 - Susan Miller - Carson Dreamland Theater. She will outline the history of our closest movie house and the plans for the near future. Also she will outline how the decisions are made on which movies to select. She may bring some free movie passes to give away.

March 28 - Josh Bintz, Doctor of Physical Therapy with Flex Physical Therapy in CB and currently in Treynor at the Fitness Center. However, with Casey's buying that building he will hopefully be moving the Treynor location elsewhere in town. His plans should be definite by March 28.

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenaline flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

I may have been in Continent, but I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.