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Media Advisory:

Director Schneweis to Hold Media Conference Call on Lincoln South Beltway Contract

LINCOLN – Today, Kyle Schneweis, Director of the Nebraska Department of Transportation, will host a media conference call to discuss the contract to construct the Lincoln South Beltway.

The official bidding process and analysis for Nebraska’s largest transportation project has been completed. Director Schneweis will discuss the award committee’s findings and provide information on project schedule.

Last December, the NDOT announced completion of the project’s final design and have been working on right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation and vegetation removal over the last year. In February, a new innovative financing approach was announced that will allow the project to be constructed over four years rather than the original eight with the freeway being open to traffic in as little as three years to bring the benefits of the beltway to the region as quickly as possible.

About the Project

The Lincoln South Beltway will improve regional connectivity by creating an east to west four-lane freeway south of Lincoln, linking N-2 and US-77. It is designed to reduce conflicts between local and through traffic, including heavy truck traffic, in Lincoln. The freeway will allow freight trucks to divert from the local urban transportation network, which will help improve safety and increase mobility.

More information on the Lincoln South Beltway project can be found at: <https://dot.nebraska.gov/lincoln-south-beltway>

Director Schneweis will make brief remarks before taking questions. **This event is open to credentialed media.**

What: Lincoln South Beltway Contract

When: 3:00 – 3:15PM CT on Friday, December 20, 2019

Call in Number: 415-655-0003 Meeting Access Code: 924 070 695 (followed by #)

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