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Pete Ricketts, Governor

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Media Advisory: NDOT to Host Event Celebrating Opening of the Lincoln South Beltway

December 2, 2022 (Lincoln, Neb.) —The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT), with Governor Pete Ricketts and other invited guests, will host an event on December 14, to celebrate the opening of Lincoln South Beltway to all traffic. Hawkins Construction Company has completed major construction on the mainline of the Lincoln South Beltway, one of the largest projects NDOT has undertaken.

Construction of the 11-mile, east-west, four-lane freeway will reduce congestion on Nebraska Highway 2 through Lincoln and improve regional mobility. Work began in February of 2020, and this project had a total cost of \$352 million. Thanks to the [Build Nebraska Act](#) and TIGER Grant funding, NDOT was able to commit the resources required to build the Lincoln South Beltway. While the Lincoln South Beltway will be open to traffic, all final construction is anticipated to be completed in fall 2024.

The existing portion of Nebraska Highway 2 that runs through Lincoln will be relinquished to the City and renamed Nebraska Parkway.

Governor Pete Ricketts, NDOT Director John Selmer, Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird and Chris Hawkins will make brief remarks. **This event is open to credentialed media. Parking is limited.**

What: State and local dignitaries to celebrate the opening of the Lincoln South Beltway to public traffic

When: 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Where: TBD

Who:

- Pete Ricketts, Governor of Nebraska
- John Selmer, Director of Nebraska Department of Transportation
- Leirion Gaylor Baird, Lincoln Mayor
- Chris Hawkins, COO Hawkins Construction

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