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Information Open House June 12 for Six-Lane Expansion of I-80 in Lincoln

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House Tuesday, June 12, regarding the six-lane expansion of I-80 between NW 56th Street and US-77 South in northwest Lincoln. The open house will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Harley Davidson Meeting Room, 205 NW 40th Street, in Lincoln.

These three proposed projects, NW 56th St. to US-77 S., Lincoln; NW 48th St. Bridge, Lincoln; and NW 56th St. Bridge Lincoln, will be constructed entirely within the city limits of Lincoln, in Lancaster County. The projects consist of reconstructing I-80 to six lanes with three in each direction, starting in 2014 with estimated completion in the spring of 2016. The existing West "O" St. on and off ramps would be removed. The NW 48th St. Bridge and Interchange and the NW 56th St. Bridge would be rebuilt to accommodate the wider I-80.

It is proposed that the NW 48th St. interchange be built as a Diverging Diamond, in which traffic is braided to reduce the traffic timing needed to allow left turns to occur. NW 48th St. would be widened to ~~five~~ **six** lanes through the interchange from West "O" St. to north of the I-80 interchange.

Access to the local businesses would remain open at all times. I-80 and NW 48th St. would be closed and detoured on several occasions at night for removal of the existing bridges and placement of girders. NW 56th St. Bridge would be closed throughout the project.

Current designs require the acquisition of new right-of-way and temporary construction easements around the intersection of West "O" St. and NW 48th St., as well as some right-of-way along NW 56th St. No relocations are anticipated.

Personnel from the State Department of Roads will be available to answer questions, receive comments and discuss any aspect of the proposed highway improvement projects.

Information regarding the projects will be available after the meeting on the NDOR website at www.transportation.nebraska.gov/projects/ by clicking on the "Lincoln NW 48th Bridge" link.

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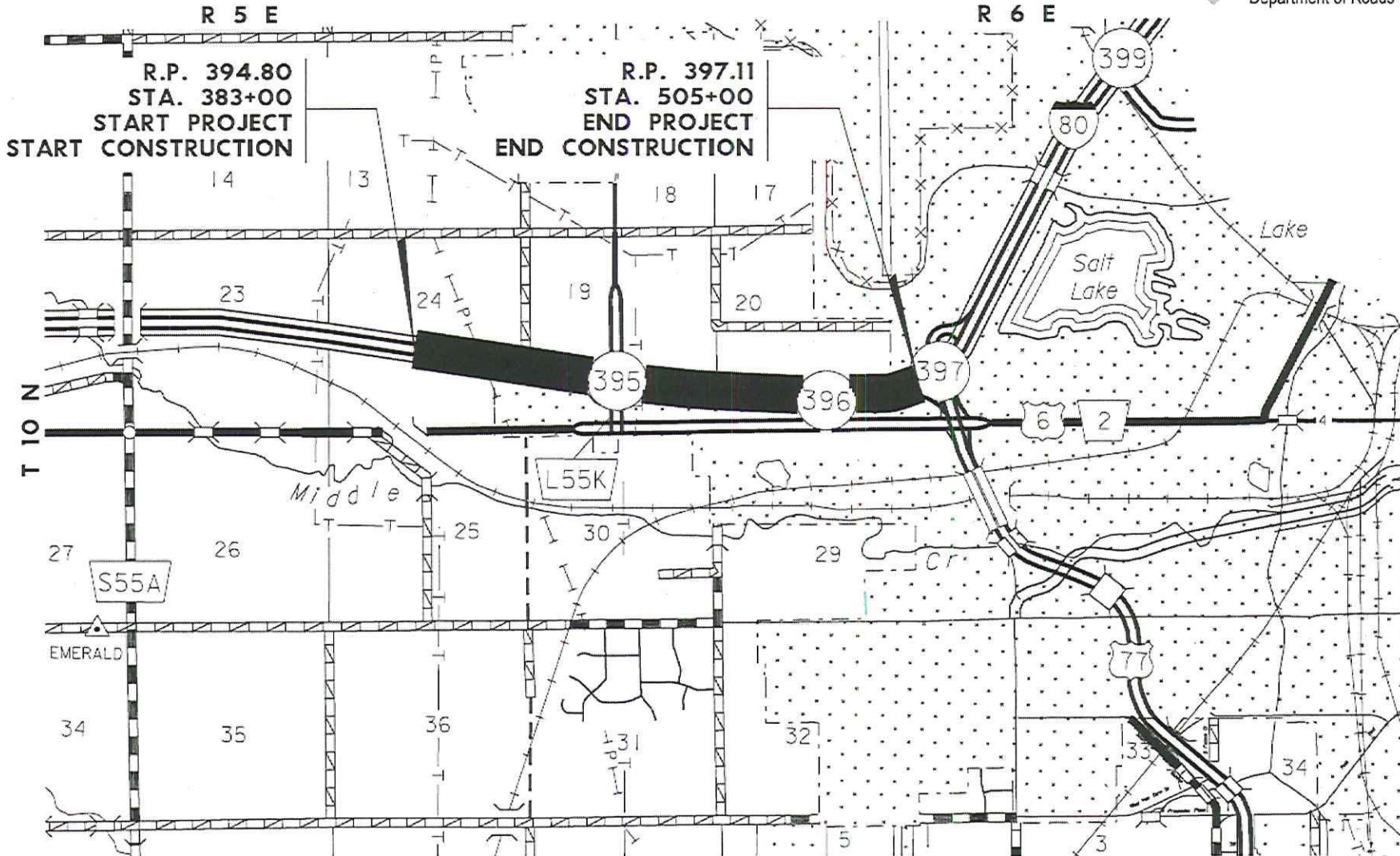
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