

City of Council Bluffs Public Works
209 Pearl Street
Council Bluffs, IA 51503



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EASTERN HILLS DRIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PROJECT NEWSLETTER	
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How You Can Participate:

Written public comments may be mailed to: City of Council Bluffs Public Works
209 Pearl Street
Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Attend the Public Hearing

March 27, 2012
5:00pm to 7:00pm
Community Hall
205 South Main Street
Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503

At the public hearing, we will provide an opportunity for comments on the alternatives.

The project schedule and additional information may be viewed on the project website.

Please visit the Eastern Hills Drive EIS project website for more information:
<http://publicworks.councilbluffs-ia.gov/engineering.asp?page=11>

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Eastern Hills Drive is located within the City of Council Bluffs, in Pottawattamie County, Iowa. The study area extends between US 6 and IA 92 (See Exhibit-Page 3). The proposed action is to improve the transportation network within the study limit.

The purpose of the project is to improve the transportation network east of Council Bluffs by completing Eastern Hills Drive between US 6 and IA 92, while providing improved connections to developments along Greenview Road, Steven Road, and Cottonwood Road (L43). The project's stated needs include:

- Provide local system transportation system continuity
- Support planned land development in Council Bluffs and Pottawattamie County
- Increase the capacity of existing roads to accommodate future traffic demands
- Improve safety and emergency access
- Use Congressionally-Directed Funding

The No Build and Build Alternatives will continue to be analyzed and screened to determine alternatives to be studied further in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The alternatives carried forward must satisfy the Purpose and Need Statement because the statement outlines why the project should be completed. If an alternative cannot satisfy the needs outlined in the Purpose and Need Statement, it does not fulfill the project's goals and should not be considered further.

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING
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A Public Hearing will be held on March 27, 2012, between 5 and 7 pm. at the Community Hall, 205 South Main Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa, to discuss the preliminary design.

This public hearing will be conducted utilizing a combined open forum and formal format. Project team members will be present with plans, displays and related information to discuss the project informally between 5 and 6 pm. Individuals are encouraged to attend the hearing anytime during the informal session to express their views and ask questions about the proposed improvement.

A formal presentation will be made at 6 p.m. followed by a formal question and answer session. There will be a three minute limit per speaker during the question and answer session. Persons wishing to make a formal presentation will need to so designate at the time of registration. Oral and written statements will be accepted during both the open forum and the formal sessions. A copy of the DEIS will be available for inspection at the hearing and is also available for viewing at the Council Bluffs Public Library 400 Willow Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA, and at the Council Bluffs City Hall, 209 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, IA.

A review deadline of April 10, 2012, has been established for receipt of comments on the document. All comments received on the DEIS by that date will be considered by the City of Council Bluffs and the Federal Highway Administration in their evaluation of the environmental impacts of the project. Comments on the DEIS should be submitted to Greg Reeder, City of Council Bluffs, 209 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503.

No Build Alternative: The No Build Alternative does not connect Eastern Hills Drive between Cedar Lane and the Hills of Cedar Creek subdivision. The No Build Alternative does not connect Steven Road to Eastern Hills Drive.

Build Alternatives:

Segment A

- Build Alternative 1: Widen Eastern Hills Drive from 2 to 4-lanes from US 6 to McPherson Avenue.

Segment B

- Build Alternative 2: Widen Eastern Hills Drive from McPherson Avenue to Cedar Lane.

Segment C

- Build Alternative 3: New Alignment between Steven Road and Eastern Hills Drive using existing Cedar Lane.
- Build Alternative 4: New Alignment between Steven Road and Eastern Hills Drive without using existing Cedar Lane.

Segment D

- Build Alternative 5: Widen existing State Orchard Road between Eastern Hills Drive and Concord Loop.
- Build Alternative 6: New Alignment between State Orchard Road and IA 92.
- Build Alternative 7: New Alignment between State Orchard Road and IA 92.
- Build Alternative 8: New Alignment between State Orchard Road and IA 92.
- Build Alternative 9: New Alignment between Eastern Hills Drive and IA 92 from the Hills of Cedar Creek Subdivision to existing 214th Street. Includes widening existing 214th Street.

Greenview Road

- Build Alternative 10: Widen existing Greenview Road from Glen Oaks Drive to County Road L43.

Environmental Resources:

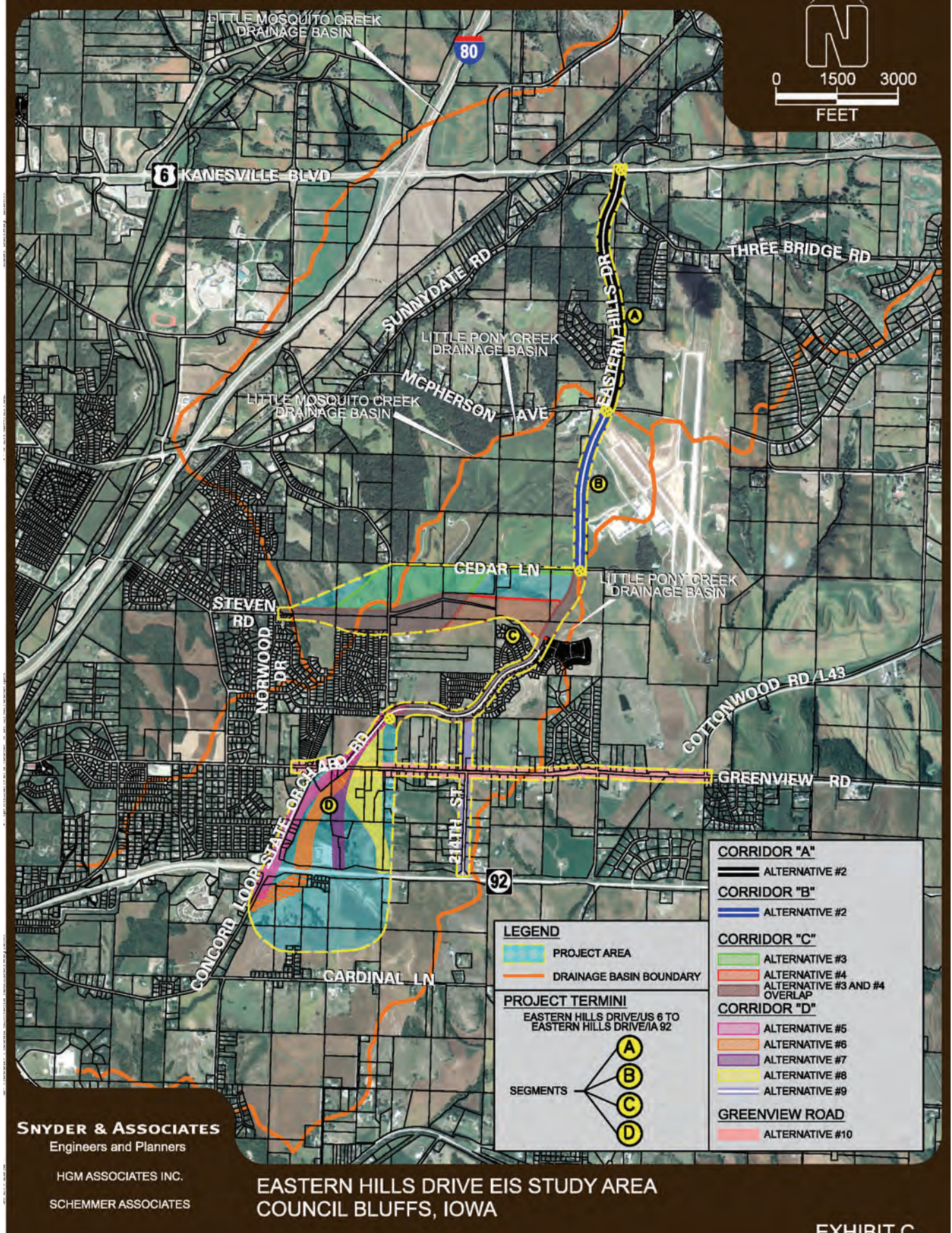
- Wetland/streams
- Cultural resources
- Hazardous materials
- Property/ROW
- The Loess Hills
- Rare, threatened and endangered species

Project Status: Agency Concurrence

The alternatives screening analysis found that of the entire range of alternatives, only Alternatives 8 and 9 should be removed from consideration. Alternatives 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 and 10 will be carried forward for additional evaluation.

Alternative No.:	Initial Screening	Secondary Screening							Conclusions
	Purpose and Need	Wetlands/Streams	Cultural Resources	Hazardous Materials	Property Impacts	Floodplain Impacts	RTE Species	Loess Hills Impacts	
No Build	X								Carry forward for comparison purposes.
Segment A									
1									This alternative should be considered further.
Segment B									
2									This alternative should be considered further.
Segment C									
3									This alternative should be considered further.
4									This alternative should be considered further.
Segment D									
5									This alternative should be considered further.
6									This alternative should be considered further.
7									This alternative should be considered further.
8								X	Do not consider further.
9	X								Do not consider further.
Greenview Rd.									
10									This alternative should be considered further.

SOURCE: Aerials Courtesy of Iowa Geographic Map Server



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EASTERN HILLS DRIVE EIS STUDY AREA
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EXHIBIT C