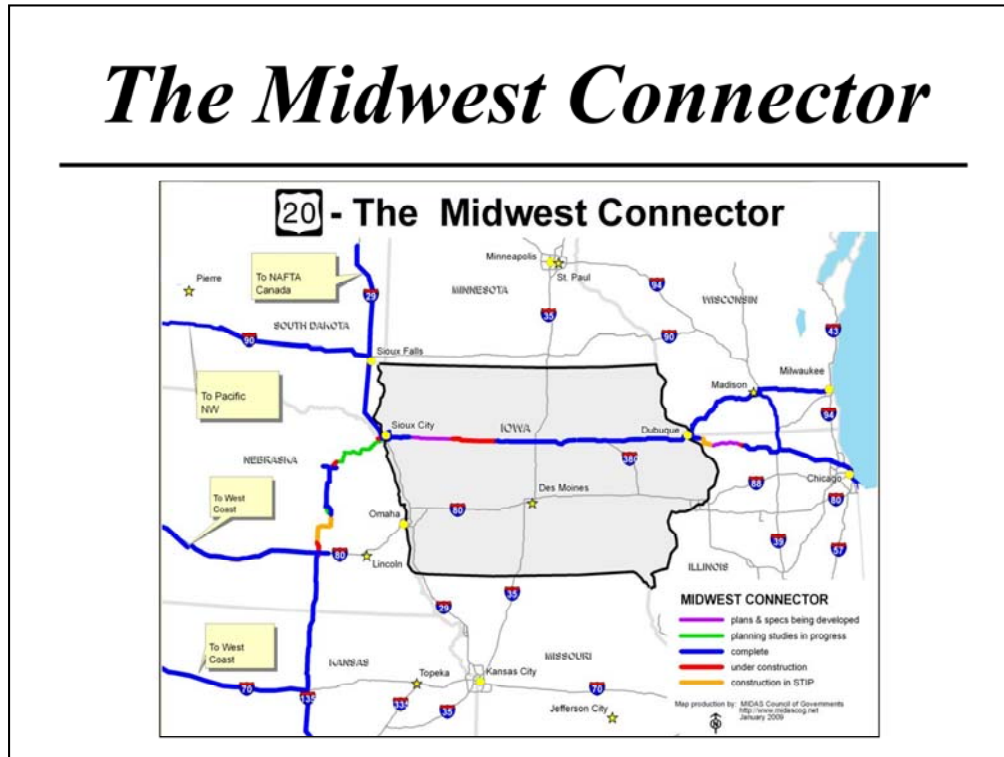

Four-lane US 20

***Presentation to the
Iowa DOT Commission
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The Midwest Connector



- The US 20 Corridor Association has long promoted four-lane US 20 as “The Midwest Connector.”
- Our efforts always emphasize the benefits of completing this project for the entire Upper Midwest.
- In Wisconsin, US 151 is finished as a four-lane from Dubuque to Milwaukee and passes through Madison.
- Illinois continues work on expanding US 20 there. Work is going on now around Galena and while their project has a much higher price tag and longer timeline, they are committed to making this route four-lanes from Dubuque to Chicago.
- From Sioux City, US 20 connects to I-29 which is a truly international interstate reaching into Canada.
- In Nebraska, state highway 35 is being studied for expansion to four-lane status as well.

Nationally Significant



US Highway 20 was the first coast-to-coast highway in the United States. Starting in downtown Boston, it travels through Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, Idaho, and Oregon.


US 20 is a direct route from Iowa's manufacturing and food processing industries to the northeastern United States, one of the world's largest and wealthiest markets. US Highway 20 is also a direct route for Iowa's exports to the seaports of the Northwest.

National Crisis



According to a study released in July by the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials, we can expect 1.8 million trucks on our roads in 10 years. In 20 years, for every two trucks today, another one will be added. In releasing this information, AASHTO also said, "Already bottlenecks on major highways used by truckers every day are adding millions of dollars to the cost of food, goods, and manufacturing equipment for American consumers. Those millions of dollars come at a time when our economy struggles to improve."

National Crisis

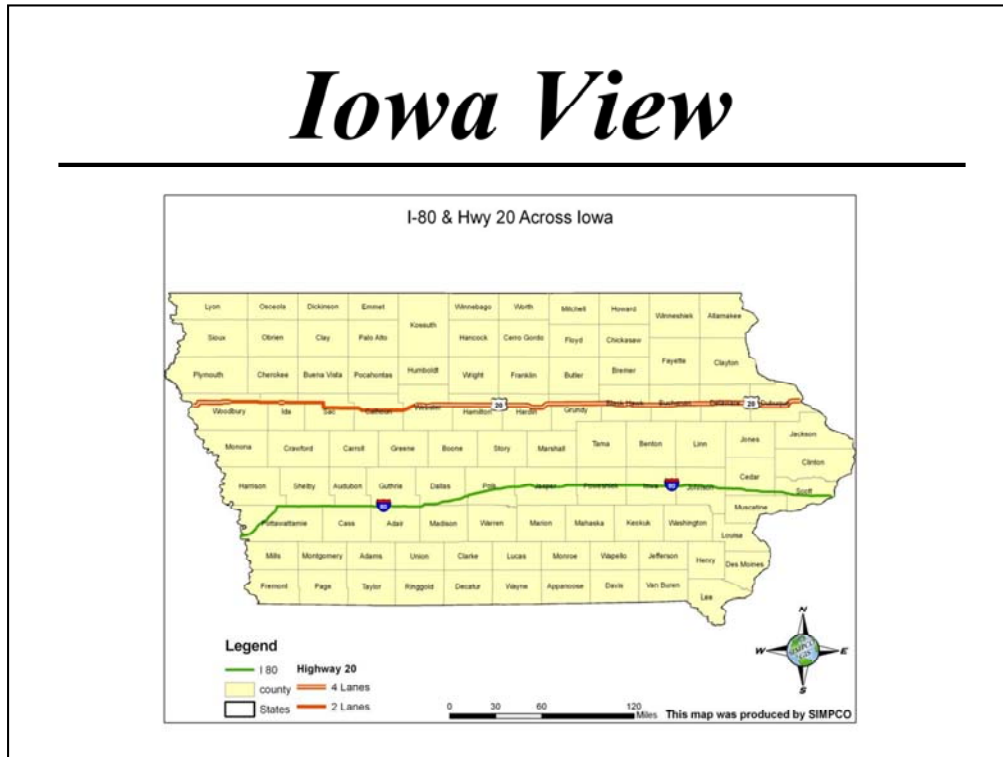


The simple fact is: no transportation, no economy. They are inseparable. We must invest to maintain and strengthen the American 'transeconomy.'

Larry L. "Butch" Brown
AASHTO President and Mississippi DOT Executive Director

In Iowa, this observation echoes true as well. To serve our many and varied industries, as well as to attract new, we must recognize the essential nature of transportation infrastructure investment.

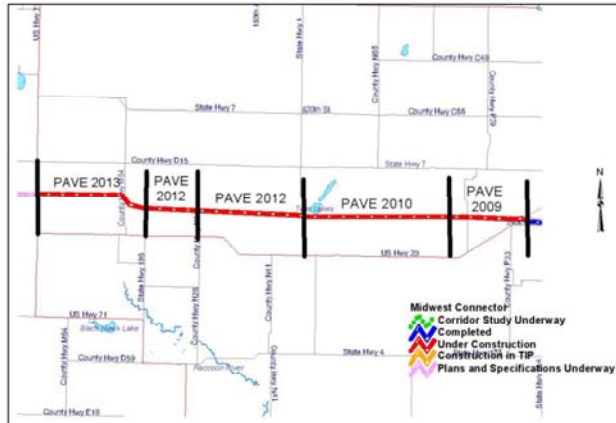
Iowa View



Right now Iowa has just one four-lane east-west route – overcrowded and dangerous Interstate-80 in southern Iowa.

When completed, four-lane US 20 will be a much needed relief valve for business and personal travelers. It will effectively divide Iowa into thirds and provide modern, safe, four-lane transportation in northwestern Iowa which has been underserved.

Four-Lane US 20 by 2013



This graphic shows a section of US 20 being built as a four-lane on new alignment between Moorland in Webster County, and US 71 at Early in Sac County. These improvements are happening right now and we look forward to seeing the four-lane road reach Early by the end of calendar year 2013!

Sac County Groundbreaking



The US 20 Association held a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the beginning of excavation in Sac County on June 21. While rain prevented us from being at the construction site, we were pleased to see a big crowd come out to support the progress of this project in western Iowa.

We are all appreciative of the commitment of this Commission to completing this project and will continue to support your efforts through our lobbying at the state and federal level.

2010 Resurfacing



In addition to the investment the Iowa DOT is making on four-lane US 20 in the Five Year Plan, resurfacing existing two-lane US 20 in portions of Sac and Ida Counties in 2010 is much appreciated.

Lobbying

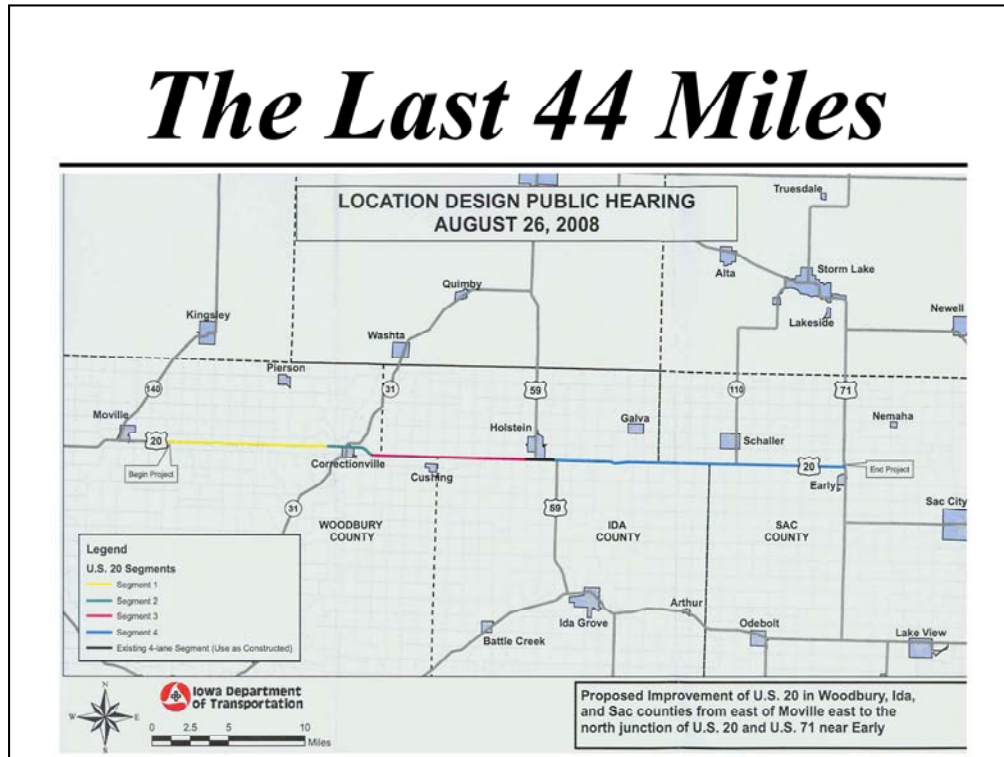
- Congressionally directed spending requests submitted to:
 - Senator Grassley
 - Senator Harkin
 - Congressman King
- Transportation Day at the Capitol in Des Moines
 - January 27, 2010
 - **January 26, 2011**

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The US 20 Association has made a concentrated effort to seek federal funds for four-lane US 20 in Iowa. This year, as in the past, we submitted funding requests to members of the Iowa delegation. We also meet with each member and their staff many times each year to emphasize the need for their support which we believe we have unanimously.

Our efforts also take us to Des Moines when we work with other highway coalitions and associations to lobby legislators for their continued support for transportation infrastructure spending. We were instrumental in passage of TIME-21 and remain committed to seeing this legislation fully funded. Transportation Day 2011 is set for January 26, 2011, and we will again join our voices in support of our cause and Iowa's transeconomy.

The Last 44 Miles



In August 2008, DOT staff held a public hearing on the Early to Movable section. It illustrates the vision for completing four-lane US 20 in four segments.

Segment 1 stretches from Movable to Correctionville. We are grateful and actually excited to see this segment included in the present Five Year Plan for grading. As additional funds become available to the Commission for programming, achieved through a variety of savings and other means, we greatly and strongly encourage you to allocate them to paving of this segment. As we get closer and closer to completion of this four-lane roadway, the remaining 2-lane sections will become dangerous bottlenecks we must address.

Segment 2 will be the Correctionville area with a plan for going through town on the existing alignment, building a five-lane road with a center turning lane. The Iowa Highway 31 interchange with US 20 is scheduled to be moved so it won't come into town at Pronto where it does now, but, extend west to the county road with the new bridge and go south from there.

Segment 3 then goes from Correctionville to Holstein.

And last, Segment 4, will connect Holstein to Early with four-lane US 20 becoming a statewide road at that point.

Thank You

