

Date: May 31, 2024
To: Underwood Community Businesses and Residents
From: John Rasmussen, County Engineer
RE: Magnolia Road (G30) Reconstruction

The Mosquito Creek Bridge on Magnolia Road has deteriorated to a "poor" rating and will soon be posted with weight restrictions impeding semitruck traffic. Magnolia Road is within the City of Underwood but is also a Farm-to-Market extension making the City and County partners on this project.

The Secondary Roads Department worked with the City of Underwood to apply for and receive a \$1,000,000 statewide competitive grant for the Bridge Replacement. As you have likely experienced the bridge is currently less of an issue than the roadway condition and congestion.

To resolve the roadway condition the Secondary Roads Department applied for and was awarded a Federal RAISE grant in the amount of \$4,400,000 to reconstruct the roadway from Railroad Highway to the Interstate, with turning lanes and staged construction to maintain access though the project as much as possible.

We will face challenges near the ends of the project to tie the new roadway into the existing roadways. This will require total closure to traffic; but we have worked to minimize the time of those closures as much as possible.

The project team would like to invite you to an informal public meeting on June 19, 2024, from 4 P.M. to 6 P.M. at the Secondary Roads Department Office, 17501 Eastern Hills Drive, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503. No formal presentation will be made, staff will be on hand with preliminary plans to answer questions and hear concerns regarding the project.