



To: Mayor and City Council
From: Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator
Subject: Highway 150 Work Session #2
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On May 11, 2026, the city council held a work session with the Iowa DOT District Engineer Nick Humpal and Mary Kelly, Assistant District Engineer. Nick informed the council that the Highway 150 and 14th St SE intersection did not meet their level of accidents to warrant intervention. Nick explained that the two intersections south, Highway 150 and 20th St. SE and Highway 150 and Highway 281, were at a higher level of incidents over the last five years.

The city council asked several questions and learned about what changes could be made. The DOT reviewed a four to three lane conversion and discussed roundabouts. Humpal discussed timing and when improvements or changes could be made. Nick stated that the council would need to provide them direction on the improvements as the DOT prefers to work with the local jurisdiction.

The city council must discuss the following so that a final vote can be made at a city council meeting:

- Request the DOT to change the current four lane to a three lane at the earliest time for the Iowa DOT.
- Determine the future of the light at Highway 150 and 20th St. SE
- Discuss the future and possible changes to the traffic signal at Highway 3 and 8th Ave



The following was provided to the city council at a previous work session:

The city council must have a shared goal when working with the Iowa DOT on the future of transportation in the community. This will ensure the best possible outcomes for Highway 150 and Highway 3. The city council is starting discussions on Highway 150 because the Highway 150 and 14th St SE intersection has seen an increase in incidents over the last year. City staff has provided the following goals that the city council should consider when approaching the Iowa DOT:

- Safer intersections on Highway 150
 - Highway 150 and 14th St SE
 - Highway 150 and 20th St. SE
 - Highway 150 and Highway 281
 - Discussion on roundabouts
- Slower Speeds
 - This will increase response times for drivers to reduce crashes
 - Lower crash speeds reduce severity of crashes
- Right size for traffic flow
 - Four to three lane conversion
- Long term goals
 - Give back right of way to adjacent homeowners
 - More room for snow, less snow on sidewalks
 - Walkability and cross ability