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- 1. Statement of compliance with Open Meetings Act and roll call.**
- 2. Highway 30/64 Connector Feasibility Study request.**
- 3. Adjournment.**

From: "Domogalla, Kevin" <Kevin.Domogalla@nebraska.gov>
Subject: Columbus East By-pass
Date: 27 November 2019 13:11
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Rick :

Thank you for the phone call regarding the feasibility study which you are considering for an alternate route east of Columbus to connect Highway 64 and Highway 30. As always, I am very appreciative of our partnership and look forward to help in any way we can.

This project was brought forward during the discussion and selection process for the BNA and TIA program. As you may remember, while there are many benefits to this project, there were possible obstacles to the project also. For the Department to take this into the State Highway System, it would need to offset the additional miles added to the system by relinquishing a similar amount to the local jurisdictional entity, as directed by Title 428 of the Nebraska Administrative Code. Determining a suitable portion of the Highway 64 or Highway 30 to be relinquished to the local jurisdiction is also problematic. This project was not selected for inclusion in the BNA or TIA design or planning program so would either have to wait until the next selection process for FY's 2033 and beyond, if funding remains available, or would have to compete with other Capital Improvement projects. Currently, the Needs Assessment indicates over \$3.2 billion in capital improvement needs. Consequently, a bypass around Columbus will be very difficult to fund based on needs.

Pursuing this as a strictly local project may be an option to explore.

Thank You,

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