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**Construction begins on U.S. Highway 65/69 North of Indianola**  
*Expect Delays Starting Tuesday After Memorial Day*

**INDIANOLA, Iowa** — May 23, 2014 — As the busiest travel weekend of the year kicks off, motorists going north and south from Indianola need to take note. Road construction begins Tuesday, May 27 on the U.S. Highway 65/69 corridor improvement project. For nearly 20,000 cars each day, that means drivers can expect delays during peak travel times early in the morning and late in the afternoon.

The project affects Hillcrest Avenue (east) and U.S. Highway 65/69 north of Indianola. Improvement plans call for correcting geometry and profile deficiencies by reconstructing the northbound lanes to more closely match southbound lanes, improving traffic signals at Hillcrest Avenue and constructing new traffic signals at future intersections. Construction is expected to last until early December.

“We strongly urge commuters to seek alternative routes,” said Chuck Burgin, director, City of Indianola’s Community Development. “We are anticipating delays during peak travel times each day, so having an alternate route will help drivers avoid headaches and traffic congestion.”

“The safety and welfare of motor vehicle traffic is of utmost concern,” said David Moeller, project engineer, Snyder and Associates. “We want to make travelers aware of traffic changes and keep disruption to a minimum, but drivers need to realize there will be a change in their morning and evening commute and to plan accordingly.”

Motorists are encouraged to check the city website, [indianolaiowa.gov](http://indianolaiowa.gov) and the Iowa Department of Transportation’s [511.org](http://511.org) website featuring traveler information for frequent updates.

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**About Indianola**

A 15-minute drive to Des Moines, Indianola has a population of nearly 15,000 and is home to Simpson College, a private four-year liberal arts college, the National Balloon Classic, Bike Night and the Des Moines Metro Opera. *U.S. News and World Report* ranks Indianola High School among the “Best High Schools in America” based on state assessments and college readiness.

**Editor’s note:** See attached fact sheet for more background.

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