

**Priority Corridor Program  
Status Report  
Avenue Of The Saints**

# **Status Report** February 2001



**T**he Avenue of the Saints corridor is a major transportation link connecting St. Paul, Minn., and St. Louis, Mo. The route is intended to boost economic development in Iowa, Missouri and Minnesota, and also to provide a major north-south corridor for neighboring Illinois and Wisconsin. The total length of the Avenue of the Saints is 536 miles, with 270 of those miles in Iowa.

In 1996 the Iowa Transportation Commission designated the Avenue of the Saints corridor as a "high priority" corridor. In doing so, the commission placed an emphasis on improving and completing a four-lane highway in this corridor by the year 2004. This corridor is included in the state's Commercial and Industrial Network (CIN). Highways in the CIN are considered vital links for services and the movement of raw materials and consumer goods. The goal in designating a highway as part of this network is to make travel more convenient, safe and efficient; improve the flow of commerce; and better connect Iowa with regional, national and international markets.

# Development Status of Projects Avenue of the Saints

## **CERRO GORDO/FLOYD/CHICKASAW/BREMER COUNTIES**

### **1. From I-35 to south end of Charles City bypass**

This section is completed and open to traffic.

### **2. From Charles City bypass to Bremer County line (includes Nashua bypass)**

Grading for this section is planned for \*FY2002. Paving is planned for FY2003.

### **3. From Bremer County line to north end of Waverly bypass (includes Plainfield bypass)**

Grading is programmed for FY2001 and FY2002. Paving is planned for FY2002 and FY2003.

## **BREMER TO HENRY COUNTY**

### **4. From Waverly bypass to north of Mount Pleasant**

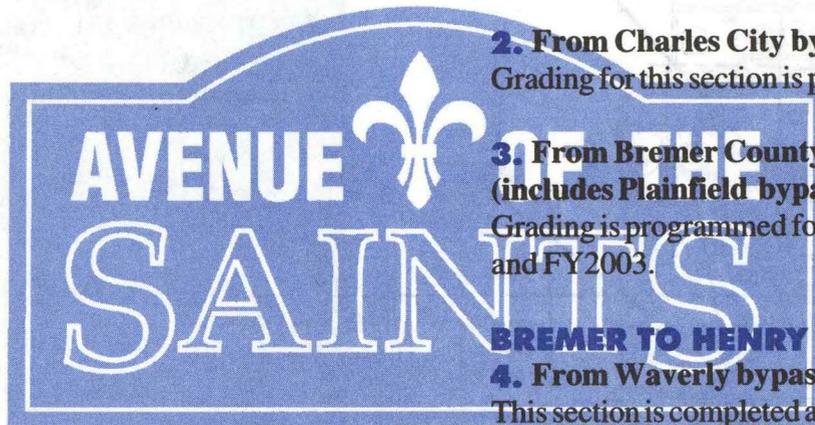
This section is completed and open to traffic.

### **5. Mount Pleasant bypass**

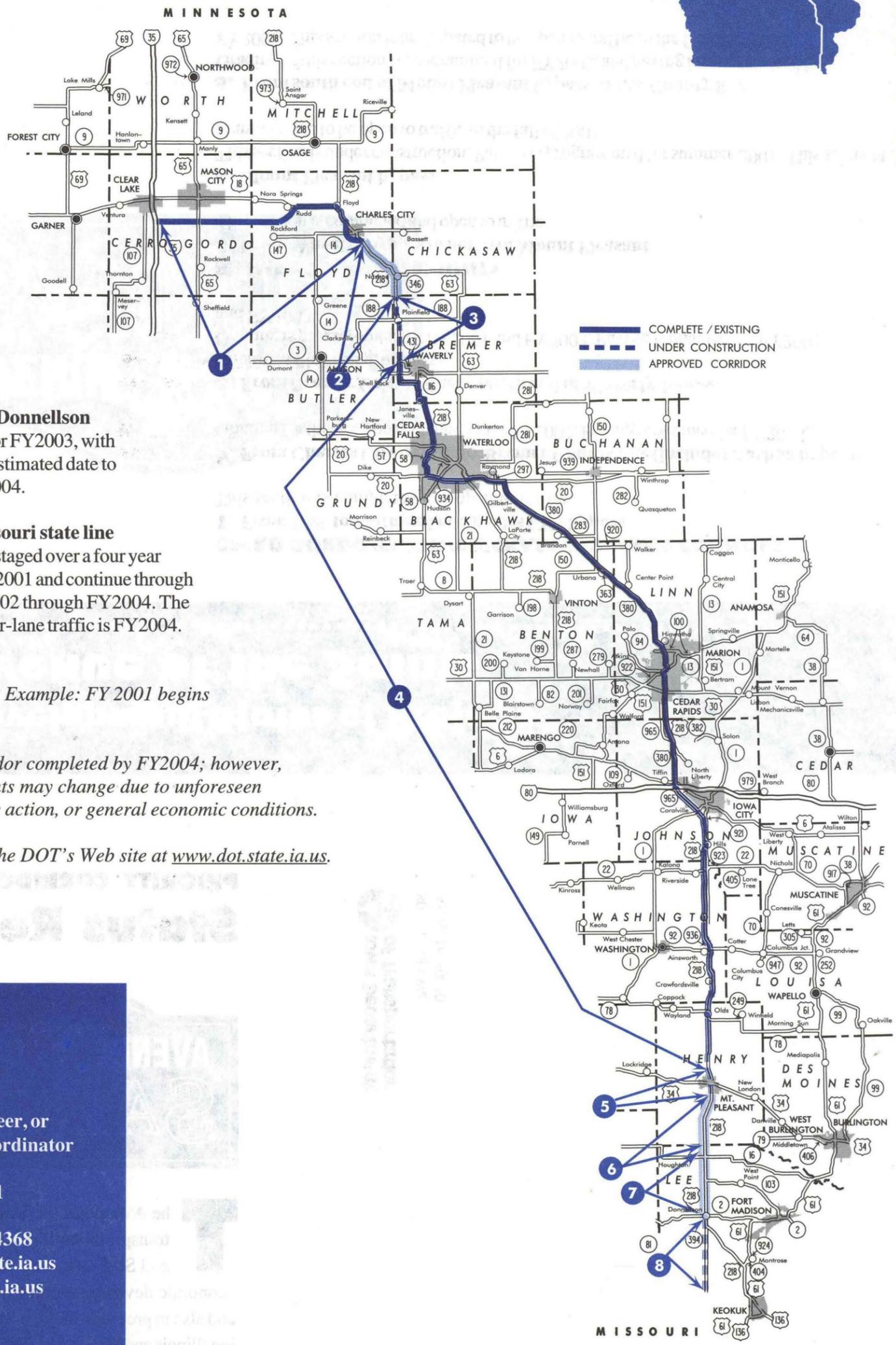
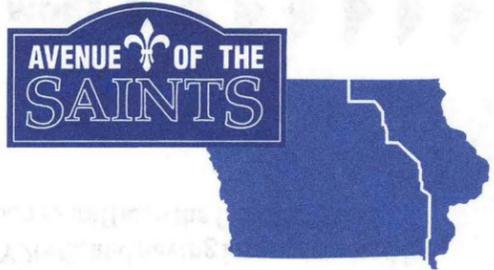
This section is under construction. Paving is programmed for summer 2001. This segment is anticipated to be open to traffic in the fall of 2001.

### **6. From south end of Mount Pleasant bypass to Lee County line**

Grading of this section is programmed for FY2002, and paving is programmed for FY2003. This section is anticipated to be open to traffic in the fall of 2003.



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**LEE COUNTY**

**7. From Lee County line to north of Donnellsen**  
Grading of this section is programmed for FY2003, with paving programmed for FY2004. The estimated date to open this section to traffic is the fall of 2004.

**8. From north of Donnellsen to Missouri state line**  
To maintain traffic, construction will be staged over a four year period with initial grading to begin in FY2001 and continue through FY2004. Paving is scheduled for FY2002 through FY2004. The estimated date to open this section to four-lane traffic is FY2004.

*\*FY - Fiscal Year is July 1 to June 30. Example: FY 2001 begins July 1, 2000, and ends June 30, 2001.*

*It is the DOT's goal to have this corridor completed by FY2004; however, completion dates of individual segments may change due to unforeseen situations, congressional or legislative action, or general economic conditions.*

*Corridor brochures are available on the DOT's Web site at [www.dot.state.ia.us](http://www.dot.state.ia.us).*

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