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**DEPARTMENT OF ROADS**

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January 11, 2013

The Honorable Dave Heineman  
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and

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, and  
Members of the Legislature  
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Dear Governor Heineman and Members of the Legislature:

According to the provisions of *Section 39-1392 R.R.S. 1998*, I am submitting One-Year and Five-Year Programs of anticipated design, construction, maintenance and improvements for our State's recreation roads. This includes exterior access roads as well as interior service roads.

*Section 39-1392, R.R.S. 1998* provides that only projects certified by the Game and Parks Commission may be included in the Recreation Roads One-Year and Five-Year Programs. The attached programs and projects do comply with that provision.

The following documents are attached for your review:

1. One (1) Year Program (for calendar year 2013): This report includes both certified (capital improvement) and maintenance (resurfacing and restoration) projects anticipated for the next calendar year.
2. Five (5) Year Certified Program (for calendar years 2014 through 2018): This is a report of anticipated capital improvement projects which have been identified and certified by the Game and Parks Commission. Many of these projects have not yet been programmed.
3. Five (5) Year Maintenance Program (for calendar years 2014 through 2018): This is a report of anticipated resurfacing and restoration projects. Some have not yet been programmed. Additional projects will be added as future maintenance needs are identified.
4. Certified Recreation Road Construction Plan: This is a long-term listing of capital improvement priorities, as identified by the Game and Parks Commission.

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5. Financial Status of the Recreation Road Fund - Fund Number 2672: This report shows the current and future financial status of the State Recreation Road Fund, as reported by our Controller Division.

The Department of Roads pays close attention to resurfacing, restoring and maintaining the State's existing recreation roads. After annual inspections, we prioritize the required maintenance projects, carefully considering the condition of each road and the available recreation road funding. Our Five (5) Year Maintenance Program for recreation roads currently identifies an estimated \$8.4 million of maintenance needs.

As you can see, the estimated cost for the projects shown in our Five (5) Year Certified Program alone greatly exceeds the anticipated fund accrual during that same period, based upon approximately \$3.6 million per year accruing into the Recreation Road Fund. This capital improvement plan will change as maintenance needs arise and the priorities of the Game and Parks Commission shift. We work diligently to balance these capital improvement goals with the maintenance needs of our existing recreation roads.

The Department of Roads wishes to acknowledge excellent cooperation from the Game and Parks Commission during the planning, design and construction of these important projects.

If additional detail or explanation of our stewardship of the State Recreation Road Program is desired, we will be pleased to provide it upon request. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



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Attachments

cc: Roger Kuhn, Game & Parks Commission  
Craig Wacker, Game & Parks Commission

One (1) Year Program  
 Nebraska Department of Roads  
 State Recreation Road Program

Summary of Anticipated Lettings  
 for Calendar Year 2013

| <u>Project No.</u> | <u>Type</u> | <u>Recreation Area</u> | <u>County</u>  | <u>(miles)<br/>Length</u> | <u>Recreation<br/>Road Funds</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| SRR-13(39)         | M           | E.T. Mahoney SP        | Cass           | 3.00                      | \$ 300,000                       |
| SRR-74(28)         | N           | Indian Cave SP         | Nemaha         | 10.6                      | \$ 5,200,000                     |
| SRR-58(10)         | N           | Calamus SP             | Loop/Garfield  | 2.00                      | \$ 4,500,000                     |
| Helmer Slide       | M           | Lewis & Clark SP       | Knox           | 0.10                      | \$ 127,753                       |
| SRR-TBD            | M           | Swanson SRA            | Hitchcock      | 2.00                      | \$ 30,000                        |
|                    |             |                        |                | -----                     |                                  |
|                    |             |                        | <u>Totals:</u> | 17.7                      | \$10,157,753                     |

N = New Construction  
 M = Maintenance Project

Five (5) Year Certified Program  
 Nebraska Department of Roads  
 State Recreation Road Program

Summary of Capital Improvements Project Priorities  
 Anticipated for Calendar Years 2014 – 2018<sub>(1)</sub>

| <u>Project No.</u> | <u>Type/ Yr.</u> | <u>Recreation Area</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>(miles)<br/>Length</u> | <u>Recreation<br/>Road Funds</u> |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| SRR-               | N/14             | Platte River SP        | Cass          | 0.50                      | \$ 500,000                       |
| SRR-               | N/14             | Mormon Island SP       | Hall          | 2.010                     | \$ 1,056,000                     |
| SRR-               | N/15             | Fort Kearney           | Buffalo       | 3.30                      | \$ 3,200,000                     |
| SRR-               | N/16             | Lake Ogallala          | Keith         | 5.50                      | \$ 2,500,000                     |
| SRR-               | N/16             | Fremont North SRA      | Dodge         | 2.00                      | \$ 1,600,000                     |
| SRR-               | N/16             | Summit Lake SRA        | Burt          | 3.00                      | \$ 2,400,000                     |
| SRR-16(3)          | N/17             | Merritt SRA            | Cherry        | 9.00                      | \$ 5,900,000                     |
| SRR-               | N/18             | Weigand/Burbach        | Knox          | 2.00                      | \$ 900,000                       |
| SRR-               | N/18             | Lake Maloney           | Lincoln       | 3.40                      | \$ 1,800,000                     |
| SRR-               | N/18             | Wagon Train SRA        | Lancaster     | 1.600                     | \$ 1,600,000                     |
| <u>Totals:</u>     |                  |                        |               | 32.30                     | \$21,456,000                     |

N = New Construction

Notes:

(1) The Game and Parks Commission identifies these projects as their set Priority

Five (5) Year Certified Program  
 Nebraska Department of Roads  
 State Recreation Road Program

Summary of Resurfacing & Restoration Needs  
 for Calendar Years 2014 – 2018<sup>(1)</sup>

| <u>Project No.</u> | <u>Type/Yr.</u> | <u>Recreation Area</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>(miles)<br/>Length</u> | <u>Recreation<br/>Road Funds</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| SRR-54(19)         | M/14            | Niobrara SP            | Knox          | 6.12                      | \$ 3,500,000                     |
| SRR-48(21)         | M/14            | Rock Creek Sta. SP     | Jefferson     | 2.73                      | \$ 2,225,000                     |
| SRR-               | M/14            | Alliance Cemetery      | Box Butte     | 2.00                      | \$ 600,000                       |
| SRR-               | M/15            | Dist. 5 Joint Repair   | Dist. Wide    | 0.00                      | \$ 200,000                       |
| SRR-               | M/15            | Dist. 6 Joint Repair   | Dist. Wide    | 0.00                      | \$ 200,000                       |
| SRR-               | M/16            | Dist. 7 Joint Repair   | Dist. Wide    | 0.00                      | \$ 200,000                       |
| SRR-               | M/16            | Dist. 8 Joint Repair   | Dist. Wide    | 0.00                      | \$ 200,000                       |
| SRR-               | M/17            | Dist. 4 Joint Repair   | Dist. Wide    | 0.00                      | \$ 200,000                       |
| SRR-               | M/17            | Dist. 3 Joint Repair   | Dist. Wide    | 0.00                      | \$ 200,000                       |
| SRR-               | M/18            | Dist. 2 Joint Repair   | Dist. Wide    | 0.00                      | \$ 200,000                       |
| SRR-               | M/18            | Dist. 1 Joint Repair   | Dist. Wide    | 0.00                      | \$ 200,000                       |
| <u>Totals:</u>     |                 |                        |               | 10.85                     | \$7,952,000                      |

M = Maintenance Project

Notes:

(1) Does not include minor maintenance work, such as crack seal and patching.

**TABLE II**  
Game and Parks Commission  
DECEMBER 2012 REPORT

**CERTIFIED RECREATION ROAD CONSTRUCTION PLAN**

| Priority     | Area                           | Project Number      | Miles of Road |              | Type     | Estimated Cost      |
|--------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------|----------|---------------------|
|              |                                |                     | Interior      | Exterior     |          |                     |
| 1            | Niobrara State Park            | SRR-54(19)          | 6.12          |              | New/Main | \$3,500,000.00      |
| 2            | Rock Creek Station             | SRR-48(21)          | 1.25          | 1.48         | New/Main | \$2,225,000.00      |
| 3            | Platte River SP                | SRR-                | 0.50          |              | New      | \$500,000           |
| 4            | Mormon Island SRA              | SRR-                | 2.00          |              | New      | \$1,056,000         |
| 5            | Alliance Cemetary              | SRR-                | 0.00          | 2.00         | Main     | \$600,000           |
| 6            | Fort Kearny SRA                | SRR-                | 3.30          |              | New      | \$3,200,000         |
| 7            | Lake Ogallala SRA              | SRR-                | 5.50          |              | New/Main | \$2,500,000         |
| 8            | Fremont north SRA              | SRR-                | 2.00          |              | New      | \$1,600,000         |
| 9            | Summit Lake SRA                | SRR-                | 3.00          |              | New      | \$2,400,000         |
| 10           | Merritt SRA                    | SRR-16(3)           | 2.00          | 7.00         | New/Main | \$5,900,000         |
| 11           | Wiegand/Burbach                | SRR-                | 2.00          |              | New      | \$900,000           |
| 12           | Lake Maloney                   | SRR-                | 2.40          | 1.00         | New      | \$1,800,000         |
| 13           | Wagon Train SRA                | SRR-                | 1.60          |              | New      | \$1,600,000         |
| 14           | Sherman SRA *                  | SRR-1940 (4) & STPE |               | 9.00         | New      | \$265,000           |
| 15           | Sherman SRA *                  | SRR-82 (12)         | 0.50          |              | New      | \$400,000           |
| 16           | Lewis and Clark Bloomfield SRA | SRR-                | 2.00          | 1.00         | New      | \$2,640,000         |
| 17           | Smith Falls SP                 | SRR                 | 0.50          | 4.00         | New      | \$3,200,000         |
| 18           | Eugene T. Mahoney SP           | SRR-                | 3.00          |              | New      | \$2,640,000         |
| 19           | Ponca SP Elk Bend              | SRR-                | 1.00          | 7.00         | New      | \$5,600,000         |
| 20           | Bridgeport SRA                 | SRR-                | 2.00          |              | New      | \$1,600,000         |
| 21           | Memphis SRA                    | SRR-                | 1.00          |              | New      | \$1,000,000         |
| 22           | Conestoga SRA                  | SRR-                | 1.50          | 1.00         | New      | \$1,600,000         |
| 23           | Stagecoach SRA                 | SRR-55(145)         | 1.50          |              | New      | \$1,000,000         |
| 24           | Alexandria SRA                 | SRR                 | 1.00          | 1.00         | New      | \$1,000,000         |
| 25           | Swanson SRA                    | SRR-                | 6.00          |              | New      | \$4,000,000         |
| 26           | Enders Reservoir SRA - Area B  | SRR-                | 2.10          |              | New      | \$1,600,000         |
| 27           | Olive Creek SRA                | SRR-                | 1.00          |              | New      | \$880,000           |
| 28           | Rockford SRA                   | SRR-                | 1.50          |              | New      | \$880,000           |
| 29           | Box Butte SRA                  | SRR-                | 2.00          |              | New/Main | \$1,600,000         |
| 30           | Walgren Lake SRA               | SRR-81(2)           |               | 3.30         | New      | \$3,000,000         |
| 31           | Elwood WMA                     | SRR-                | 2.10          |              | New      | \$1,600,000         |
| 32           | Victoria Springs SRA           | SRR-                | 2.00          |              | New      | \$1,600,000         |
| 33           | Keller SRA                     | SRR-                | 2.00          |              | New      | \$1,600,000         |
| 34           | Johnson Lake SRA               | SRR-                | 3.00          |              | New/Main | \$4,800,000         |
| 35           | Gallagher Canyon SRA           | SRR-                | 1.00          | 1.00         | New      | \$1,600,000         |
| 36           | Sutherland SRA                 | SRR-                | 3.00          |              | New      | \$2,640,000         |
| 37           | Riverview Marina SRA           | SRR-                | 1.00          |              | New      | \$880,000           |
| 38           | Dead Timber SRA                | SRR-                | 1.60          |              | New      | \$900,000           |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |                                |                     | <b>73.97</b>  | <b>38.78</b> |          | <b>\$76,306,000</b> |

\* Projects waiting on Federal dollars and County match.

**FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE RECREATION ROAD FUND  
FUND NUMBER 2672**

CALENDAR YEAR 2013

**RESOURCES**

|  |                  |            |
|--|------------------|------------|
| Anticipated Fund Balance January 1, 2013     | 13,137,299       |            |
| Estimated Motor Vehicle Registration Revenue | <u>3,639,000</u> |            |
| Total Resources                              |                  | 16,776,299 |

**OBLIGATIONS/EXPENDITURES**

|  |                  |                     |
|--|------------------|---------------------|
| Required to Liquidate Current Obligations                | (1,451,083)      |                     |
| Required for Certified Program/Resurfacing & Restoration | (10,157,753)     |                     |
| Required for Emergency Maintenance & Contingencies       | (150,000)        |                     |
| Anticipated Administration Costs                         | <u>(278,000)</u> |                     |
| Total Obligations/Expenditures                           |                  | <u>(12,036,836)</u> |

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|--|----|-------------------------|
| Anticipated Fund Balance December 31, 2013 | \$ | <u><u>4,739,463</u></u> |
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CALENDAR YEAR 2014

**RESOURCES**

|  |                  |           |
|--|------------------|-----------|
| Anticipated Fund Balance January 1, 2014     | 4,739,463        |           |
| Estimated Motor Vehicle Registration Revenue | <u>3,990,000</u> |           |
| Total Resources                              |                  | 8,729,463 |

**OBLIGATIONS/EXPENDITURES**

|  |                  |                    |
|--|------------------|--------------------|
| Planned Program/Resurfacing & Restoration          | (7,881,000)      |                    |
| Required for Emergency Maintenance & Contingencies | (150,000)        |                    |
| Anticipated Administration Costs                   | <u>(190,000)</u> |                    |
| Total Obligations/Expenditures                     |                  | <u>(8,221,000)</u> |

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|--|----|-----------------------|
| Anticipated Fund Balance December 31, 2014 | \$ | <u><u>508,463</u></u> |
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|--|----|------------|
| Total Projected Resources Available<br>For Five Year Program CY-2015 through CY-2019 | \$ | 19,950,000 |
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