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# Neighbor Notes

*A discussion of project issues of importance to your neighborhood.*

## Work begins on SE 9th – SE 15th

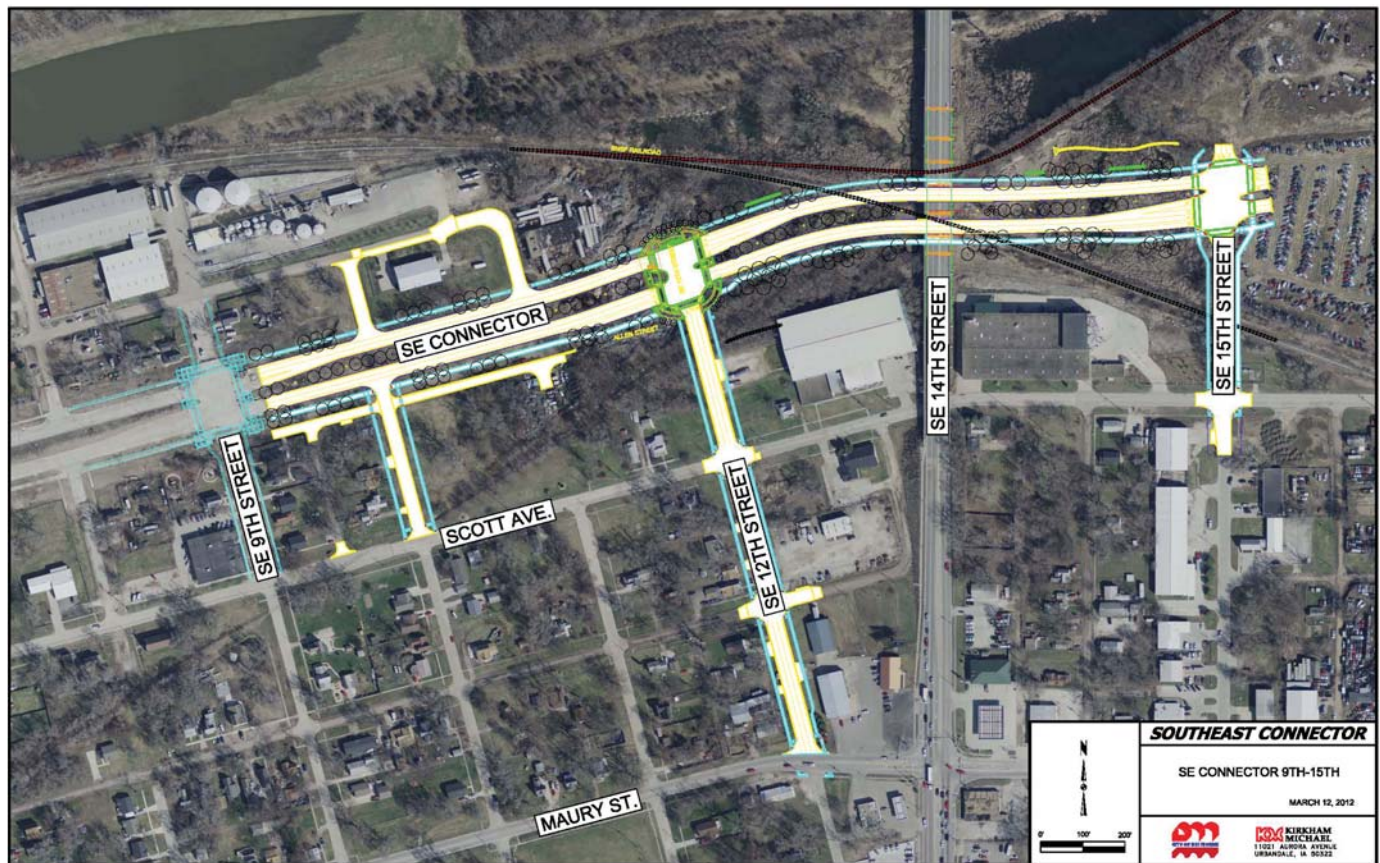
A demolition and clean-up project has begun for the next SE Connector project, SE 9th – SE 15th Street. The work area can be seen from the SE 14th Street Viaduct, and the project includes the removal of all buildings, trees, and rubbish in conflict with the proposed roadway. This portion of the project also passes over two non-jurisdictional wetlands, so these areas had to be specially prepared with a layer of engineering mat and special rock backfill to create a stable base. This project will also surcharge these areas with soil embankment to help these areas settle prior to roadway construction.

Design on the roadway from SE 9th to SE 15th is nearly complete and is pending final negotiations with the Norfolk Southern Railroad. This section of roadway will connect to the existing roadway at SE 9th Street, and will be constructed just past a new intersection at

SE 15th Street. There will be signalized intersections at SE 12th Street and at SE 15th Street. This project will also construct new sections of SE 12th Street from SEC down to Maury Street, and a new section of SE 15th Street from SEC to Scott Avenue (See Map Below).

The stop signs at SE 12th and 15th Streets and Scott Avenue will be reversed once the roadway opens, so that traffic on SE 12th and 15th Streets will not have to stop. Connections from SE 14th Street to the connector will be made by accessing either SE 12th Street, or SE 15th Street from Maury Street.

The anticipated construction schedule has roadway and utility work beginning in August 2012, and being completed in the Fall of 2013.



**Anticipated Construction Schedule**

**2012**  
Start SE 9th – SE 15th  
Includes reconstruction of SE 12th from Maury to Scott Ave.  
Expected completion Fall 2013

**2013**  
Start SE 15th – SE 23rd  
Includes reconstruction of SE 18th Street  
Expected completion Fall 2014

Start Bridges over Norfolk Southern and Union Pacific Railroads at SE 21st Streets  
**Expected completion Fall 2014**

**2014**  
Start SE 23rd – SE 30th  
**Expected completion Fall 2015**

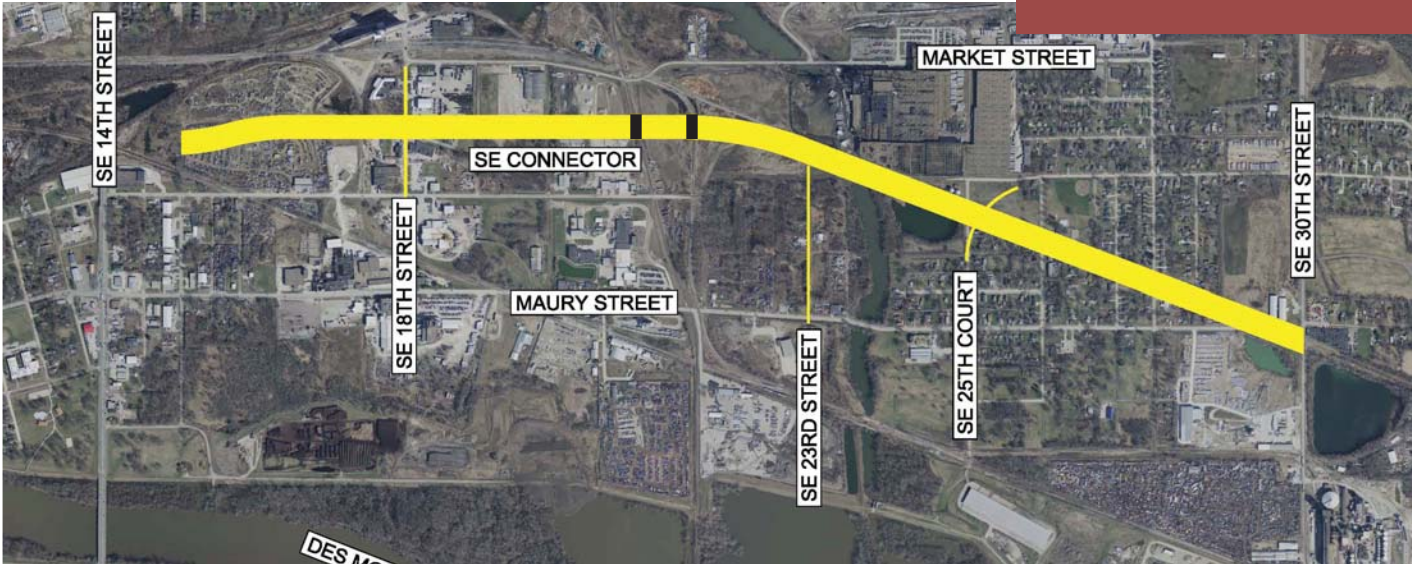
**Future Phases**  
Final Design and Construction of SE 30th – US 65

# Design Begins on SE 15th – SE 30th

The city of Des Moines was recently awarded a \$12.5 million RISE (Revitalize Iowa’s Sound Economy) grant through the State, to fund additional segments of the SE Connector. Thanks to this funding, preliminary design has started on the SE Connector from SE 15th Street to SE 30th Street. Due to the large cost of this segment of roadway, construction will likely be for 2 lanes of the ultimate 4. This will require head-to-head traffic until sufficient funds can be acquired to complete the four-lane construction. This construction however, will provide the much needed east-west connection to downtown that the SE Connector was designed for. The City is also competing for a large federal TIGER grant, which may allow for the construction of all 4 lanes through this corridor.

This section of roadway will travel from SE 15th Street along the yellow alignment, behind Titan Tire, through the Chesterfield neighborhood to SE 30th Street (See Map Below). Two new bridges will be constructed west of Titan Tire over the Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern Railroads. These bridges will eliminate at-grade crossings on these busy railroad tracks. Signalized intersections will be located at SE 18th Street, SE 23rd Street, SE 25th Court, and SE 30th Street.

Construction from SE 15th to SE 23rd Street is schedule to begin in the spring of 2013, and should be completed by the fall of 2014. Construction from SE 23rd to SE 30th is anticipated to start in the spring of 2014, and should be completed by the Fall of 2015.



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