Congressman King commends efforts leading to today's reopening of flood-damaged highway

Washington, D.C.- Congressman Steve King (R-IA) released the following statement celebrating today's reopening of I-680 in Pottawattamie County. I-680 is being reopened to traffic after only 34 working days of construction.

Congressman Steve King (right) and Iowa DOT District Engineer Troy Jerman discuss the reopening of I-680 during King's October 28th visit to the I-680 construction site.

"I am impressed with the work that has been done to reopen all four lanes of I-680 to traffic, and I can't wait to drive this stretch of interstate again" said King. "As someone who spent his career in construction, I understand the challenges associated with repairing this flood-damaged roadway. Governor Branstad and his team should be commended for putting a plan in place that would allow I-680 to be reopened quickly, and the contractors and crews who worked on this project should be applauded for their around-the-clock repair efforts. The reopening of I-680 is one more important step forward as Iowans continue to recover from the damage caused by the flood."

On September 21, Iowa DOT Director Paul Trombino presented Congressman King with the state's proposal for reopening stretches of flood damaged highways in the state. After reviewing the plan, King expressed optimism that the state would meet its goal of opening I-680 this fall. A press release associated with the September 21 meeting can be found by clicking this link .

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