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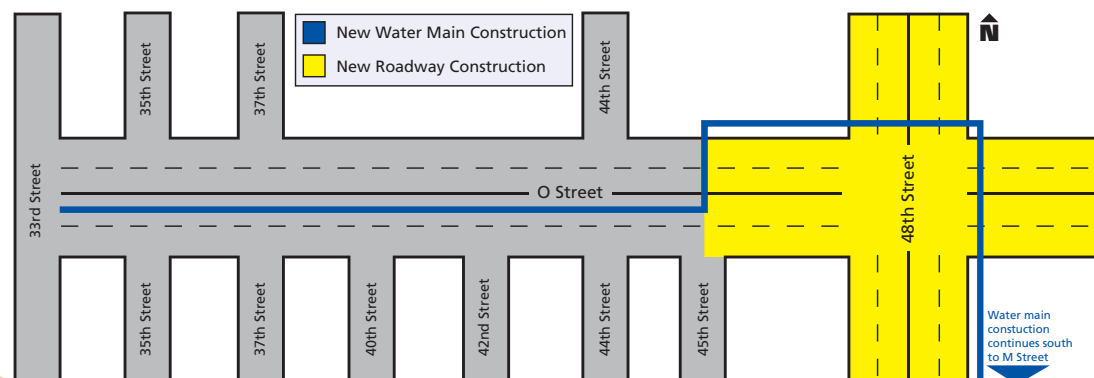
O Street Water Main

As part of the O Street project, a new water main will be built along O Street from 33rd Street to 48th Street, and along 48th Street from O Street to M Street.

Due to the corrosive nature of the soils and the age of the water main, the existing pipe has experienced failures in recent years that have impacted not only water service to area businesses and residences, but have also resulted in closure of portions of O Street to traffic to allow the water main to be repaired.

Water main work will begin in February 2006, and is anticipated to be complete in early July. During this time, traffic along O Street between 31st and 44th Streets will be restricted to two lanes—one eastbound and one westbound with center left-turn lanes provided at key intersections.

This work will require short-term closures on 33rd Street and at 40th Street to complete portions of this work. During construction of the water main between 33rd and 45th Street, access to properties and businesses will be maintained from either O Street or the adjacent side streets.



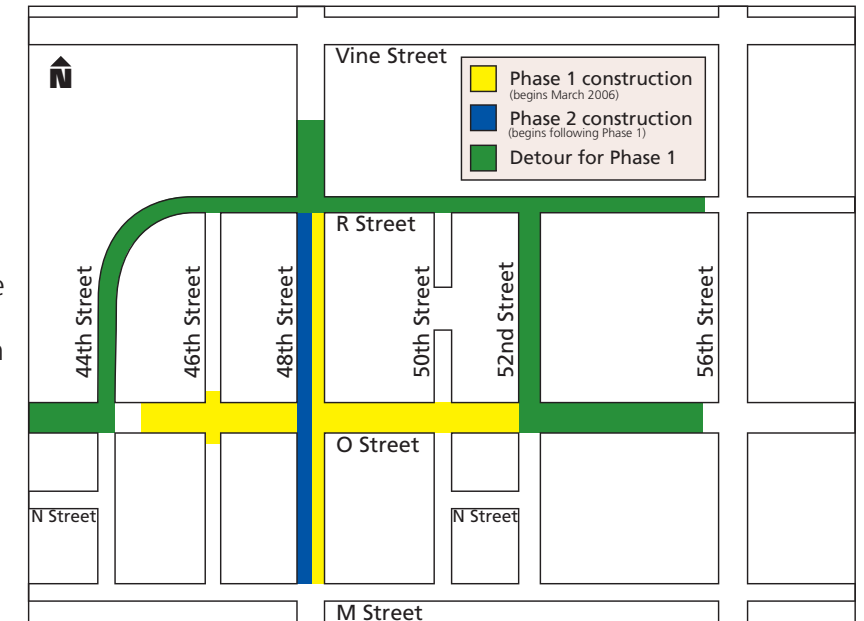
O STREET DESIGN COMPLETE; CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN SOON

Design of the O Street project is complete and construction is scheduled to begin early next year. In October, Mayor Coleen Seng announced that the construction phasing for O Street will be the one-year construction phasing option. This means that O Street will be closed from 45th Street to 52nd Street during construction of the improvements. Closing this portion of O Street during construction will enable the contractors to substantially complete the project in one construction year. Keeping O Street open to traffic would have required the work to extend over two construction seasons.

The one-year construction plan was developed after receiving requests from businesses, Witherbee neighborhood residents, and the traveling public to look for ways to shorten the construction schedule. Prior to making the construction phasing decision, the project team held focus group meetings with adjacent business and property owners, an informational meeting, a public meeting, and went door-to-door in the area. The majority of businesses in the area favored the one-year construction option.

"This project will improve both traffic flow and safety on this busy stretch of O Street and it will be done in half the time of the previous project," Mayor Seng said, referring to the widening of East O Street.

These improvements are included in the City of Lincoln's



Phase 2 will remain open while Phase 1 is under construction. Then, Phase 1 will open while Phase 2 is under construction.

current capital improvements program and are scheduled to begin in February 2006. O Street, from 45th to 52nd Street, is anticipated to open in September 2006. Although open to traffic, lanes may be closed periodically through the day as the contractors complete work outside the traffic lanes. These closures may continue up to Thanksgiving. Access will be maintained for businesses during construction.

Since R Street will be used as the detour route, the City made improvements to R Street between 48th and 52nd Streets that will improve traffic flow and accommodate additional traffic during the O Street construction. The R Street improvements have been completed and the roadway opened to traffic ahead of the busy Thanksgiving weekend.

Detoured traffic going eastbound will be directed to R Street at 44th Street, and then return to O Street at 52nd Street and vice versa for westbound traffic.

"The number of vacant businesses along O Street and the built-in detour route on R Street made this project a good candidate for total closure on O Street during construction," said Holly Lionberger, City of Lincoln project manager.

The O Street improvement project includes addition of lanes on O Street from 46th to 52nd Street, and on 48th Street from O to R. Additional improvements will be made to 48th Street from M to O. Safety improvements are included throughout the project area, along with a water main improvement project.

How your comments have made a difference . . .

Comment: Need to construct the project in less time.

Response: Evaluated alternatives and presented O Street total closure during construction as one of the alternatives for feedback.

Comment: Concern about closure of the Super Saver drive near the O Street intersection along 48th Street.

Response: An extra lane was added along the entire length of 48th Street on the west side. This enables the drive to remain open.

Comment: Nine lanes of traffic make it difficult for pedestrians to cross.

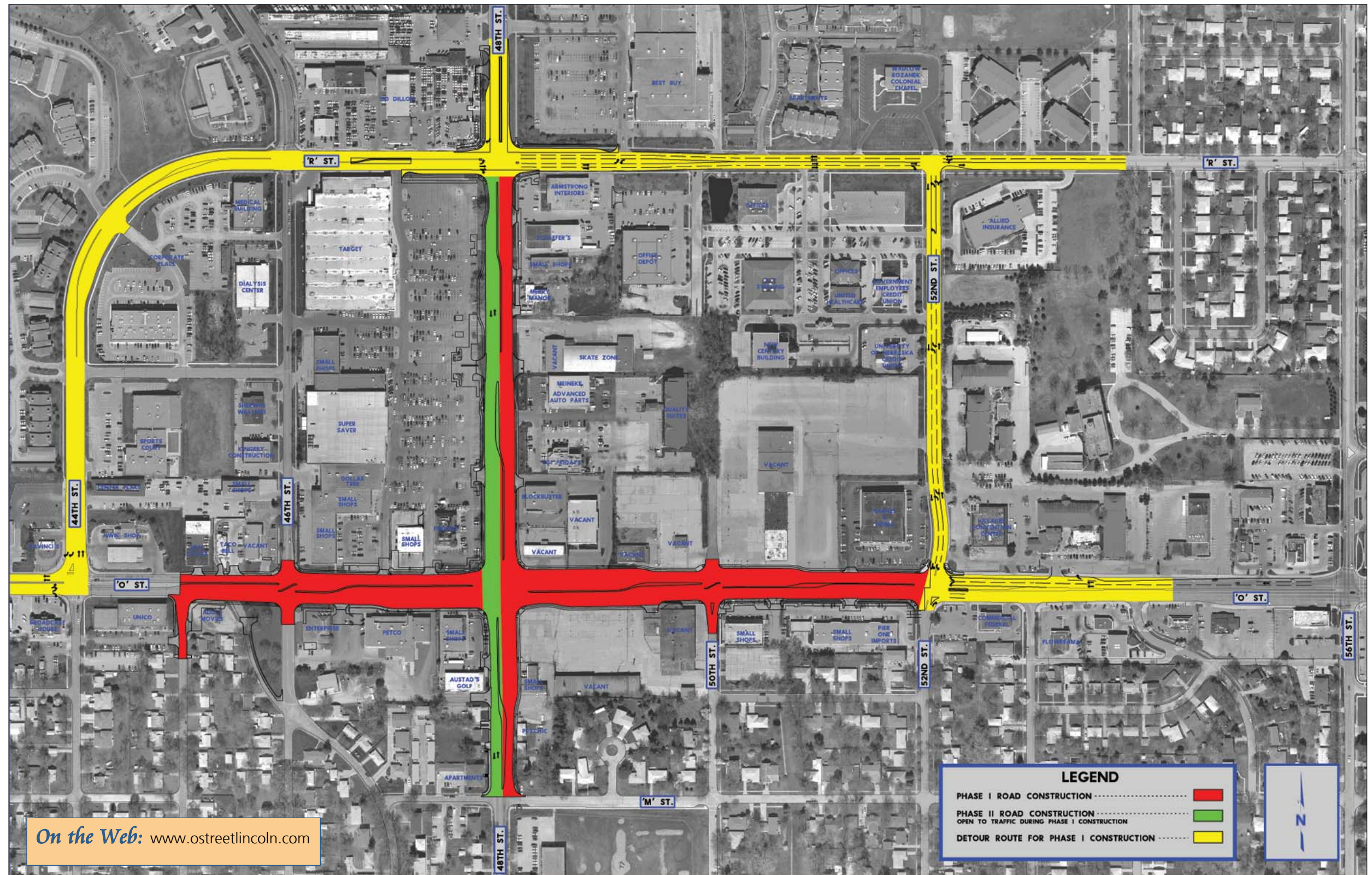
Response: Crossing times will be evaluated at intersections. Crosswalks and cycle lengths will be set to accommodate safe pedestrian crossings.

Comment: It's difficult for left turning vehicles to safely cross at O Street onto 52nd Street.

Response: A traffic study completed as part of the project recommended a protected left turn phase at this intersection.

Comment: Many accidents occur along 48th Street from O to R Street.

Response: Consolidation of driveways along with construction of the raised median and traffic signal at the Target/Super Saver entrance should help reduce the number of accidents along this roadway segment.



Project Timeline

Early 2005 Design Began	Spring 2005 Conceptual Design	April 28, 2005 Public Open House	August 18, 2005 Public Open House	August 2005 City of Lincoln Finalizes Capital Improvements Program	December 2005 Design Complete	October - November, 2005 R Street Construction	February 2006 Construction begins on O Street and 48th Street	Late Fall 2006 Construction is complete and O Street and 48th Street fully open	2007 Construction outside the roadway and landscaping
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