

## US 20 Corridor Association Recognizes Heroes and Honor Roll

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The first miles of four-lane US 20 in Iowa were built near Merville in Woodbury County and opened in 1958. Since then, individuals, organizations, businesses, and legislators have advocated for completion of statewide four-lane US 20.

In the 1960s, the Siouxland Chamber hired E.M. Schill to advance the cause and his work was aided with support from along the corridor. In 1975, Ed Augustine of Fort Dodge chaired a very informal organization dedicated to developing a four-lane road from Fort Dodge to Chicago. From there, the US 20 Corridor Association was launched, filing with the Iowa Secretary of State in 1983 to become an officially organized entity.

The merger of the US 20 Corridor Association with the US 20 West Association took place in 1997 and since that time, countless hours of volunteer and paid staff time have gone into advocacy for Iowa's second statewide four-lane roadway. In 2015, those efforts were rewarded when the Iowa DOT Commission programmed the final 40 miles for grading and paving to be complete by the end of calendar year 2018.

No one person can claim responsibility for the highly anticipated completion of statewide four-lane US 20. "As an Association, we have worked with hundreds of people in the effort to achieve our goal," remarked Shirley Phillips, president of the US 20 Corridor Association. "It is only due to persistence, passion, and undeniable need we were able to see statewide four-lane US 20 scheduled for completion."

To recognize some of the persons most invested in the work of the US 20 Corridor Association, they are announcing their US 20 Corridor Association Honor Roll of activists for the project who have passed away as well as their Heroes, those who have contributed to the project's success, focusing on the Association's activity since 1997.

"We want to recognize these people for their contribution to the US 20 Corridor Association and ultimately to the completion of statewide four-lane US 20," Phillips explained. "We will maintain these lists on our website ([www.4lane20.com](http://www.4lane20.com)) and certainly invite all our Heroes to attend the final ribbon cutting for statewide four-lane US 20 to be held at the end of 2018." She also said the Association will accept nominations for additional Heroes who may not be included in this first publication of the list.

The Association's Honor Roll and Heroes include state and federal legislators, representatives of business, industry, economic development and chamber organizations, municipalities, and individuals. In addition, the Association is including key DOT Commission members, DOT Directors, as well as numerous DOT staff members who have been instrumental in the process.

"As an Association, we continue to meet four times a year, remain in contact with DOT for updates on construction and related projects, and look forward to being part of planning the biggest celebration you can imagine for the completion of a road construction project in Iowa," Phillips concluded.

The Association will hold their Annual Meeting on Friday, July 8, 2016, in Sioux City. The meeting will begin at 10 am and be held at the Sioux City Public Library. In addition to regular business of the Association, officers and board members will be elected.

### **US 20 Association Honor Roll**

*Remembering those who contributed to the Association and its advocacy though have passed away before seeing the project completed*

Leonard Andersen	State Legislator - Woodbury County
VH "Buck" Boekelman	Fort Dodge
Lorna Burnside	Buena Vista County
Glen Duncan	City of Sac City
Mary Lou Freeman	State Senator - Buena Vista County
Joanne Grueskin	City of Sioux City
Darwin Hartnett	Martin Marietta
Jim Kruse	Sioux City
Floyd Magnusson	Webster County
Ruhl Maulsby	State Representative - Calhoun County
Norm Mundie	State Representative - Webster County
E.M. Schill	Sioux City Chamber
H.F. "Gus" Schroeder	City of Wall Lake
Maurice Welte	Woodbury County

### **US 20 Association Heroes**

*Honoring those whose work for the Association, in state and federal government, and on the ground have contributed to the completion of statewide four-lane US 20*

Ed Augustine	Fort Dodge
Daryl Beall	State Senator - Webster County*
Bob Bergendoff	Storm Lake
Suzan Boden	DOT Commissioner*
Michelle Bostinelos	SIMPCO
Terry Branstad	Governor
Marion Burns	MidAmerican Energy*
Mark Buschkamp	Cherokee Area Economic Development Corporation
Barry Cleveland	DOT Commissioner*
Chet Culver	Governor*
Jeff Danielson	DOT Commissioner*/State Senator – Black Hawk County
Marty Daugherty	City of Sioux City
Marliss DeJong	Senator Grassley's Staff*
Gary Dudley	Rockwell City/Twin Lakes
Debi Durham	Siouxland Chamber*/DOT Commissioner*/Iowa Economic Development Authority
Dave Ehler	City of Holstein*/Congressman King's Staff*
Rita Frahm	Ida County Economic Development
John Frank	Waterloo

Marcella Frevert	State Representative - Palo Alto County*
Chuck Grassley	US Senator
Mary Gross	Mayor of Holstein*
Rod Halvorsen	State Senator - Webster County*
Joyce Hammen	Calhoun County Economic Development*
Tom Harkin	US Senator*
Shirley Helgevold	MIDAS
Steve Hoesel	MIDAS*
Rick Hunsacker	Region XII
Dan Huseman	State Representative - Cherokee County
Sharon Irwin	City of Early
Fred Kesten	Region XII
Steve Kettering	State Legislator - Sac County*
Steve King	US Congressman
Dave Kwikkel	Storm Lake
Bill Lanphere	Storm Lake Chamber*
Tom Latham	US Congressman*
Wayne Lewis	Sioux City
Sharon Mayo	Sac City
Jim Meyer	State Representative - Sac County*
Mark Monson	Woodbury County
Gary Nicholson	Calhoun County
Tom Padgett	City of Sioux City*
Jim Patrick	City of Storm Lake
Jim Patton	Iowa Central Community College*
Roger Pease	Waterloo/Cedar Falls
Shirley Phillips	Sac County Economic and Tourism Development*/Western Iowa Tourism
Darrell Rensink	DOT Director*
Nancy Richardson	DOT Director*
Mark Rodvold	SIMPCO*
David Rose	DOT Commissioner
Doug Schmidgall	Hancock Concrete*
Marlo Schoer	City of Holstein
Bob Scott	City of Sioux City
Mark Segebart	State Senator - Crawford County
Mike Sexton	State Legislator - Calhoun County
Clarence Siepker	Pocahontas County
Bob Singer	Webster County
Barbara Sloniker	Siouxland Chamber
Dave Tjepkes	State Representative - Webster County*
Vince Triggs	Pocahontas County*
Ann Trimble-Ray	HMG, Inc.
Paul Trombino	DOT Director
Tom Vilsack	Governor*
Jill Wanderschied	City of Sioux City
Mark Wandro	DOT Director*
Daryl Watts	Eagle Grove
Chris Whitaker	Region XII

Don Wiley	DOT Commissioner*
Gary Worthan	State Representative - Buena Vista County
Charese Yanney	DOT Commissioner
	Iowa DOT Staff

\* Denotes retirement or moving on from position listed

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