

Next Meeting:  
Thu, October 28  
7 - 8:30 p.m.  
Franklin School

# Northwest Neighborhood

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## Volunteer needed

A story this summer about traffic-calming solutions prompted a neighbor to contact Fred about a pair of signs that might fill the bill. We are in need of someone with welding skills to mount them on a portable stand. A possible design for the stand will be available at Thursday's meeting.

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## Sight of 39th St Bridge a welcome thing (or not) to NW, Lincoln and Fruit Valley

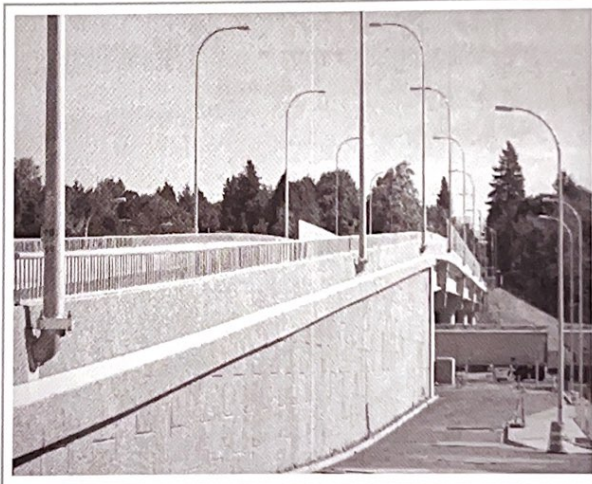
By Leonard Bauhs

In one sense, our perspective on the 39th St Bridge hasn't changed all that much over the last two years (can it really have been so long?). We still look forward to the day when it is complete and we can "cross" the tracks without impediment!

**But, after looking at photos** of before and after construction, we see that the change in our perspective is huge! A functional, visually attractive bridge now rests where bare tracks once rattled car and occupants alike. And, within a few short months, we will sail up or down the slope of 39th Street without concern that a burly Burlington

Northern Santa Fe Railroad freight train of unimaginable length will keep us on one side of the tracks or the other for an inordinate amount of time.

**First responders** are looking forward to the day when they can speed to the emergency-of-the-moment using this totally invaluable new structure. Likewise, residents of the Fruit Valley neighborhood



will welcome the return of the shorter route to their nearest local grocery store.

**The impending challenge** for residents of Lincoln and Northwest neighborhoods will be to ensure that the city successfully manages truck traffic to and from the new bridge, and that it remodels the length of 39th Street with the safety of cars, bicycles and pedestrians clearly in mind.

We will begin to look at this issue early next year.