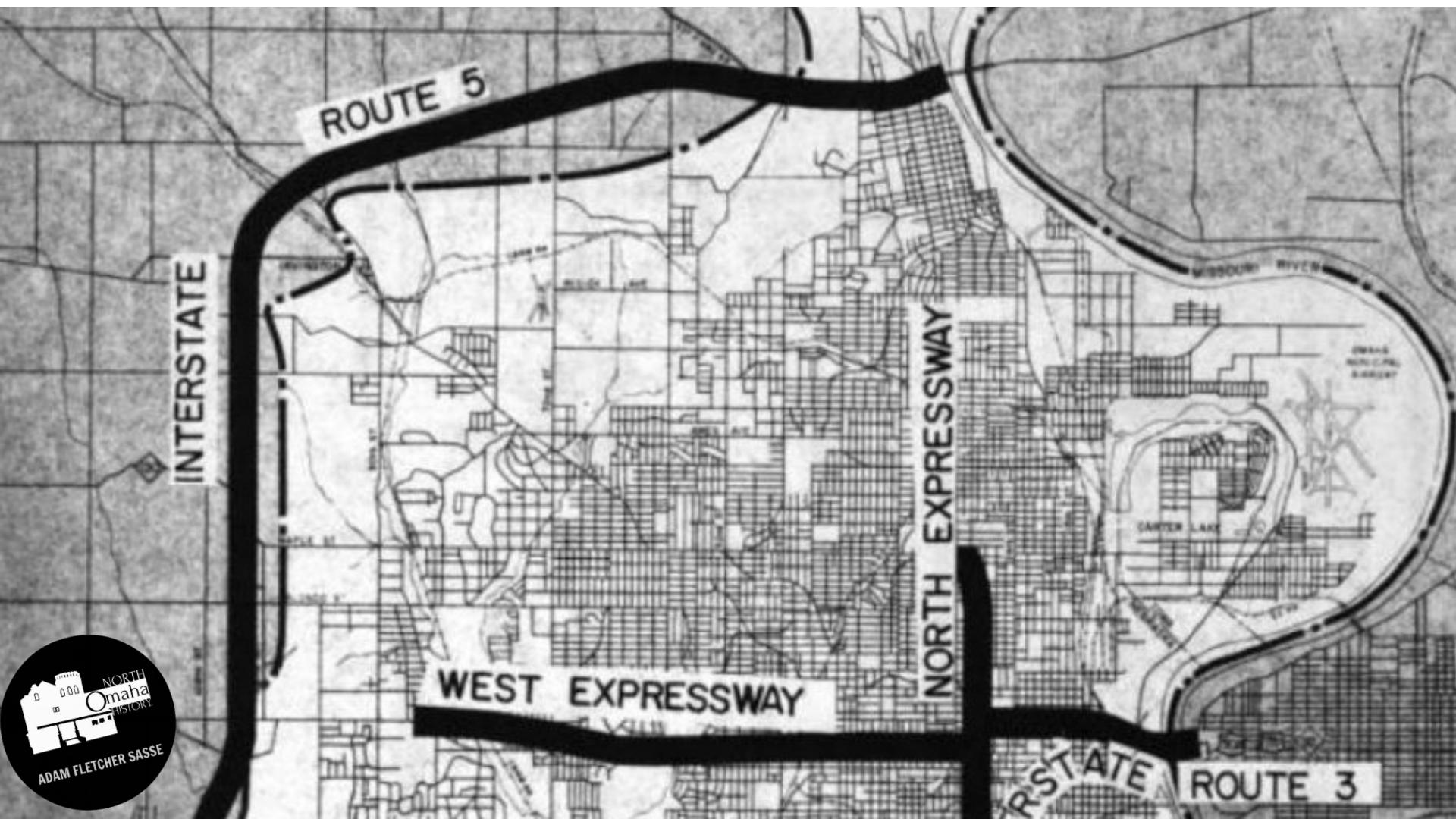




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ROUTE 5

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WEST EXPRESSWAY

INTERSTATE ROUTE 3



Timeline of the North Freeway Construction in Omaha

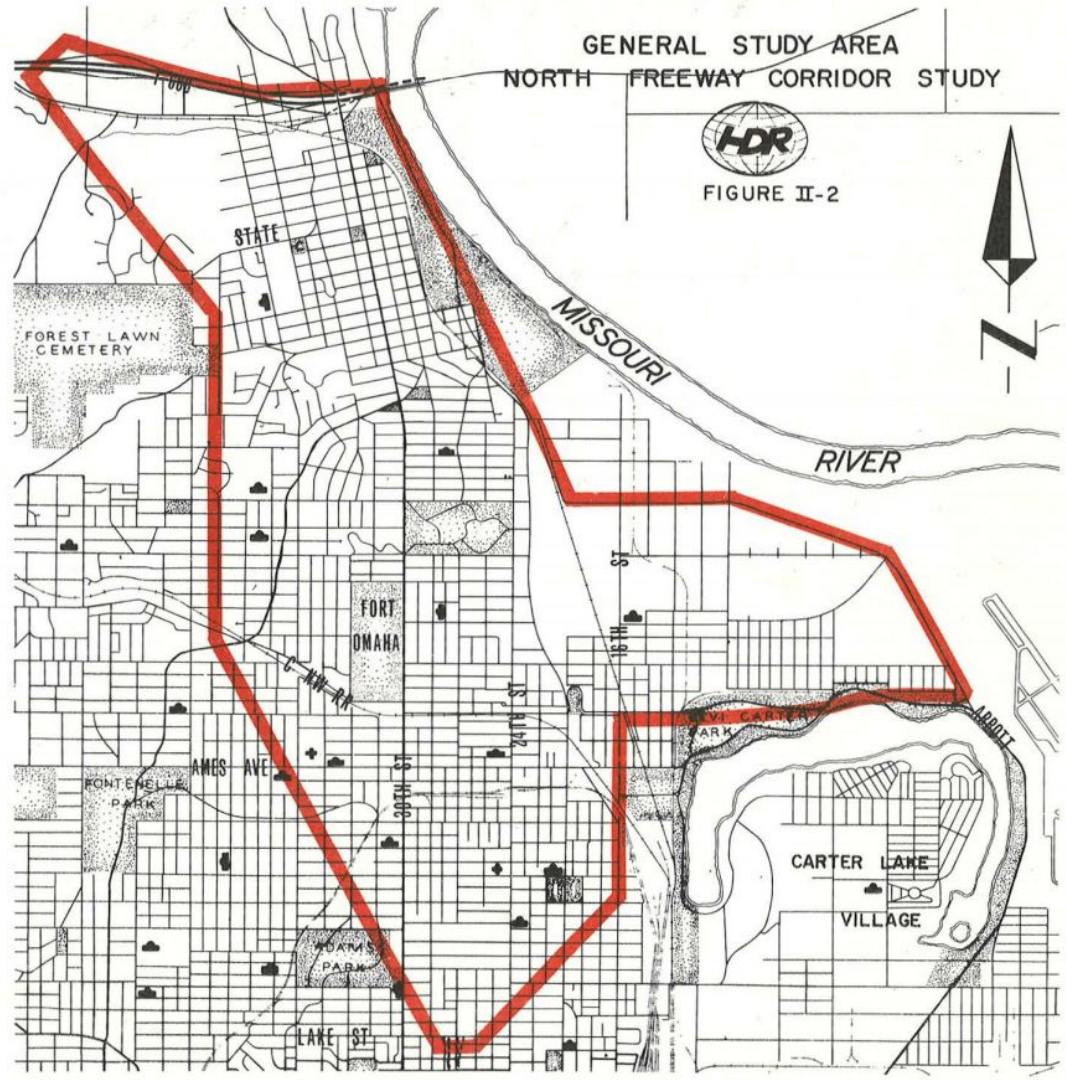
- **1944:** Federal Highway Act of 1944
- **1956:** National Interstate and Defense Highways Act
- **1960:** Phase One construction begins: Dodge to Hamilton. Protests fail
- **1973:** Phase Two construction begins: Hamilton to Lake. Protests fail
- **1976:** North Freeway designated as Interstate 580
- **1977:** Phase Three construction begins: Lake to Ames. Protests succeed
- **1979:** City of Omaha requests removal of I-580 designation. Completed in 1980
- **1980:** City of Omaha and State of Nebraska route money from interstate construction to development of the Sorenson Parkway and Storz Expressway
- **1981:** Phase Four construction begins: Ames to major interchange
- **1989:** North Freeway construction complete



GENERAL STUDY AREA
NORTH FREEWAY CORRIDOR STUDY



FIGURE II-2



Facts About North Freeway

- 3 miles long
- 1,000 Structures
 - 850 houses
 - 57 Public Housing Units
 - 75 commercial
 - 50 religious
 - 25 miscellaneous
- 10,000 people affected
- 12 neighborhoods

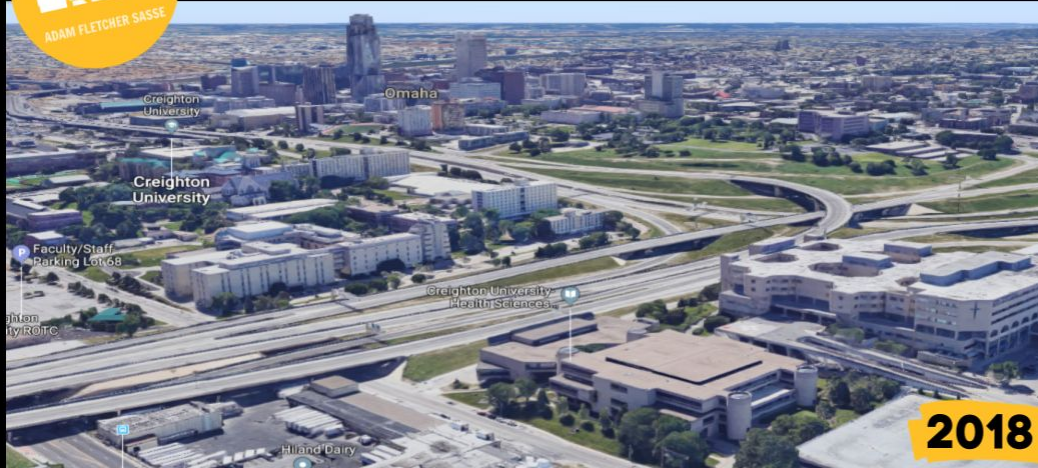


- Opposition included...
 - Ernie Chambers, State Senator
 - Fred Conley, City Councilmember
 - Rev. Wilkinson Harper,
Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance
- 20 community-based organizations opposed it
- 50 North Omaha businesses opposed it
- 4,000 residents signed a petition against it

NORTH FREEWAY AND CUMING STREET



1966



2018

Direct Winners

- High speed commuters
- Big businesses and corporations
- Gifford Park
- Gold Coast
- Miller Park
- Minne Lusa
- Florence
- Metro Community College

Directly Challenged

- Pedestrians, bicyclists, others
- Small businesses
- Near North Side
- Long School
- Montclair
- Highlander
- Kountze Place
- Saratoga



LEGEND

INTERCHANGES
AIRPORT CONNECTORS



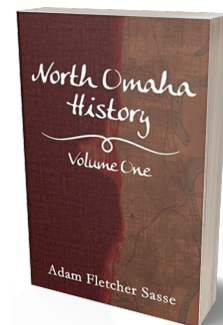
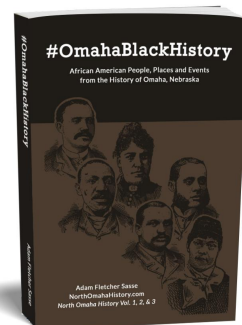
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