

# NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF HIGHWAY PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

**Thurs., Aug. 7, 2014; 4:00 – 6:00 PM**

*Information Open House Public Meeting*

American Legion Hall, 705 Main St., Herman, NE

## **STPD-75-3 (107) HERMAN SOUTH; C.N. 21704**

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) will hold a public information open house regarding a proposed improvement of U.S. Highway 75 (US-75) in and south of the Village of Herman, Washington County. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall, 705 Main St., in Herman, on Thurs., Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Identified as *Herman South*, the proposed project would reconstruct about three-quarters of a mile of US-75 at the New York Creek Bridge, including repairing the New York Creek Bridge and replacing the Herman Creek Bridge, to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Herman.

The purpose of this project is to preserve the US-75 transportation asset, improve the reliability of the transportation system and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for this project is based on the condition of the existing bridges. The most recent inspections of the condition of the existing Herman Creek Bridge indicate that the bridge requires rehabilitation up to and including replacement of the bridge. The need for the additional bridge work on the project is to meet current standards for hydraulic adequacy (the volume of water able to flow under the roadway).

This project was in development until 2007 when it was shelved for lack of identified funding. The project is now being redeveloped and is back in the planning stage. Federal environmental standards require an updated alternatives analysis. The public is being asked to comment on one proposed alternative.

The alternative designs re-examined included “no build” (do nothing and continue to maintain the deficient bridge structure), build to the west of the existing US-75, build on the current alignment, build directly east of the existing US-75, and build far east of the existing US-75. The Far East alternative was chosen by NDOR as the preferred alternative.

The proposed scope of work includes repairs to the New York Creek Bridge, replacement of the Herman Creek Bridge, and the construction of two new overflow structures. In addition, the grade of the roadway would be raised approximately seven feet to prevent overtopping of the roadway. Guardrail would be updated throughout the project and sidewalk curb ramps, compliant with state and federal regulations, would be constructed where required.

This project would require the acquisition of additional property rights including new right-of-way (ROW), control of access (CA), and temporary easements for construction throughout the project area. No relocations are anticipated.

There would be permanent and temporary wetland impacts associated with the project. Permanent wetland impacts would be approximately 0.44 acres, with additional temporary impacts anticipated. Mitigation would occur either on-site or at a local wetlands bank.

Construction could begin as early as fall of 2016 and be completed as early as fall of the following year. The proposed project would be built “under traffic,” meaning without detouring traffic; however, this may result in temporary traffic delays in the construction areas where the new roadway would be tied into the existing US-75. Temporary roadways may be utilized.

This public open house meeting is being held to provide information regarding the project, currently in the design phase, and to receive the public’s input. All interested persons are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions. Design information will be displayed and personnel from NDOR will be present to answer questions and receive comments. The information “open house” format allows the public to come at any time during the advertised hours, gather pertinent information about the project, speak one-on-one with project personnel, and leave as they wish.

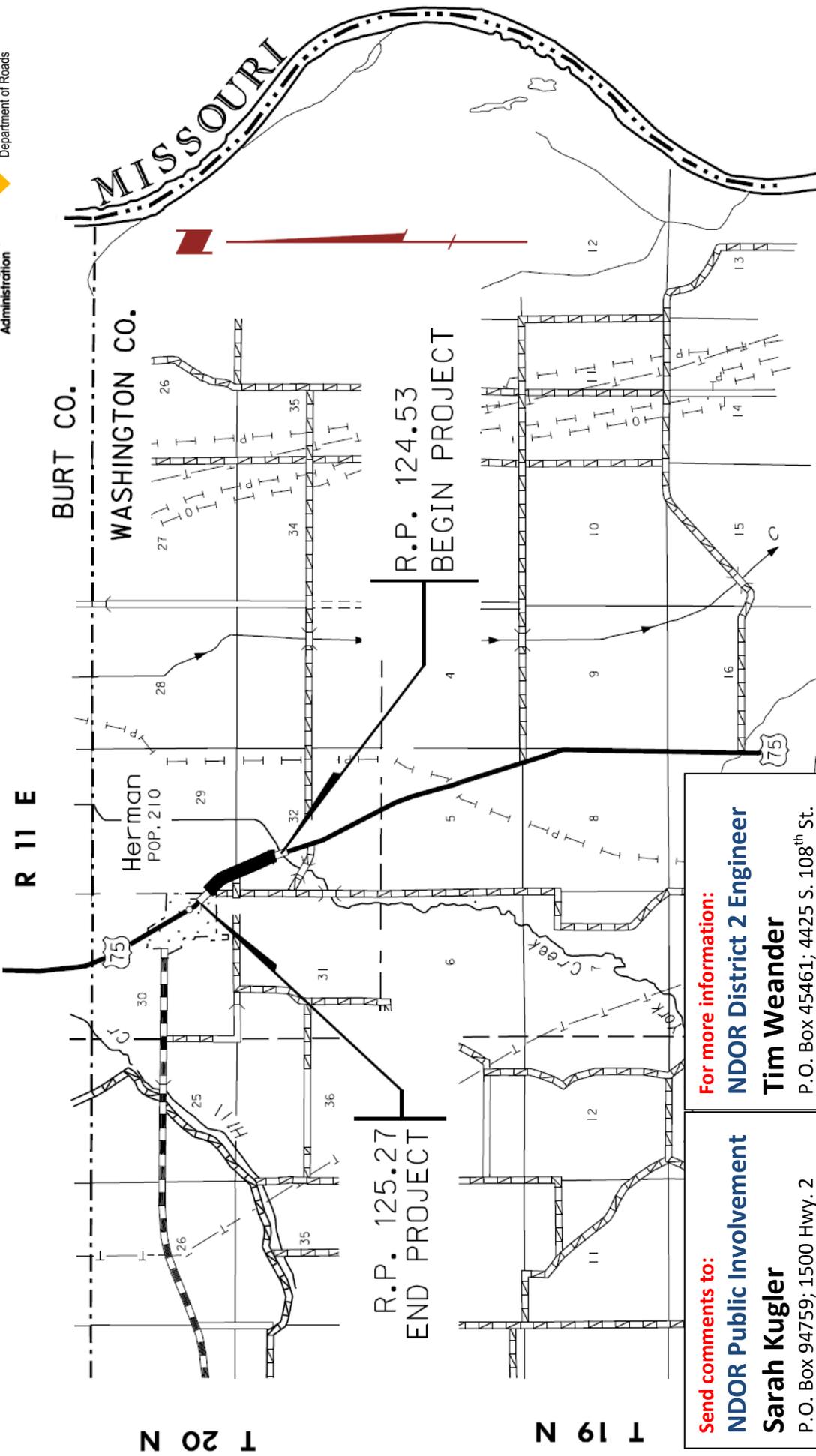
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NDOR will make every reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility for all persons. Appropriate provisions for the hearing and visually challenged or persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) will be made if the Department is notified by July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Notification should be submitted to: Sarah Kugler, Public Involvement Coordinator, Nebraska Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; [sarah.kugler@nebraska.gov](mailto:sarah.kugler@nebraska.gov); voice telephone (402)479-4871, TDD telephone (402)479-3834, Fax (402)479-3989.

Information will be available on the NDOR website [www.transportation.nebraska.gov/projects/](http://www.transportation.nebraska.gov/projects/); click on the “Herman South” link. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOR Headquarters, 1500 Hwy 2, Lincoln, NE. For further information, contact Tim Weander, NDOR District Two Engineer, (402)595-2534, [tim.weander@nebraska.gov](mailto:tim.weander@nebraska.gov).

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