

Questions or Comments? Contact Our Project Team.



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Why Is This Study Needed?

This Project will use federal funding and requires federal permitting and approval. As such, the responsible federal agency (Corps) must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). Based on the Project's potentially-significant impacts to wetlands, waters of the US, and other environmental impacts, an EIS was determined to be necessary to best evaluate impacts on the human and natural environment.

The EIS will be used by the Project team to make an informed decision about which Project option is the least environmentally-damaging practicable alternative that is in the public's interest.

ANTICIPATED STUDY SCHEDULE

2008

- Public Scoping Meeting
- Data Collection
- Alternatives Screening
- Draft EIS Development

2009

- Alternatives Impact Evaluation
- Finalize Draft EIS

2010

- Public Information Meeting
- Complete Final EIS
- Prepare Record of Decision
- Corps Issues Section 404 Permit

Preparing an EIS is a multi-step process that includes public input throughout.



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N-12 NIOBRARA EAST & WEST PROJECT



Public Meeting - Thank You for Attending

Meeting Purpose

The purpose of this meeting is to introduce this phase of the Project to the public, present the preliminary Purpose and Need, present preliminary alternatives, and gather information from the public about important issues and local concerns.

**GET INVOLVED!
OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT**

Early and ongoing public participation is very important for this Project. Information from the public will help guide the environmental study and alternatives analysis.

The Project team welcome and encourage your input throughout the study process.

Forms are available at this meeting for you to submit written comments. You may also discuss the Project and provide input to any of the Project team members.

Project team contact information is provided on the back of this handout.

Project Description

Two segments of the existing Nebraska Highway 12 (N-12) roadway east and west of Niobrara, Nebraska have experienced flooding and damage due to high water levels associated with the Missouri River. The US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) propose to improve or relocate N-12, or implement other measures to eliminate damage from flooding.

A detailed Project location map is provided within this handout. The overall Project purpose is to provide a reliable and safe roadway that meets existing and projected traffic needs for the region.

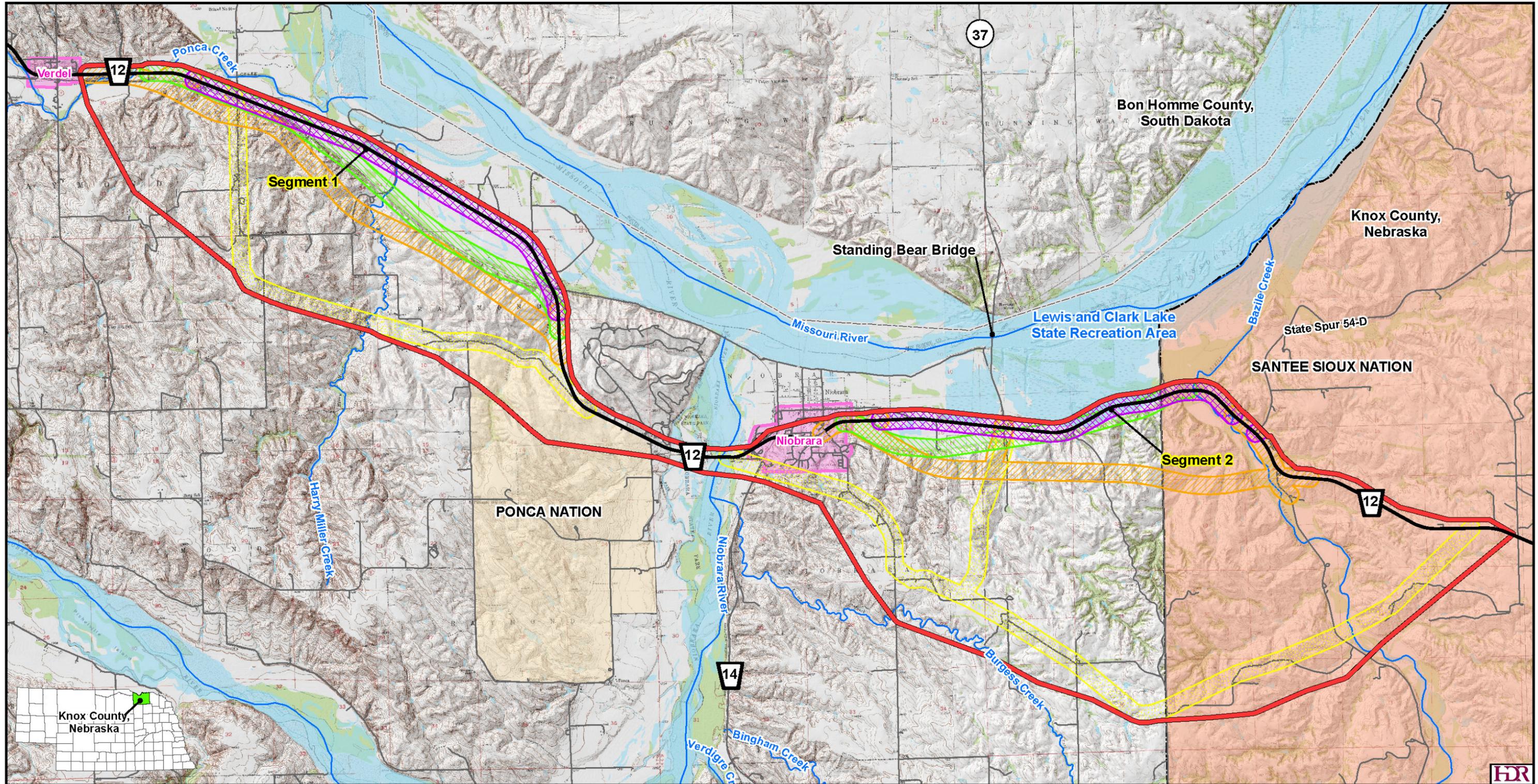
The next Project step is development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS will be used to evaluate options to ensure that the implemented Project is the least environmentally-damaging, practicable alternative that is in the public's interest.

Visit the Project Website:

www.transportation.nebraska.gov/projects/niobrara-N12



PROJECT LOCATION MAP



Preliminary Alternative Study Corridors

- Alternative 1 Study Corridor
- Alternative 2 Study Corridor
- Alternative 3 Study Corridor
- Alternative 4 Study Corridor

Legend

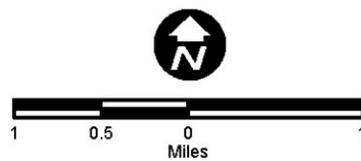
- Nebraska Highway 12
- Roads
- Rivers / Streams

- National Wetland Inventory
- Study Area

- Corporate Limits
- Counties

Reservation

- Ponca Nation
- Santee Sioux Nation



Project Location Map

Nebraska State Highway 12
Knox County, Nebraska
Environmental Impact Statement

