



PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE MEETING

Baright Public Library

5555 South 77th Street, Ralston, Nebraska

Tuesday, November 3, 2015; 4:00 - 6:00 PM

NH-85-2(111) *RALSTON VIADUCT*; C.N. 22203

LOCATION: The proposed project would involve approximately 0.2 mile of Nebraska Highway 85 (N-85), also known as 84th Street, located in Douglas County. The proposed project would be located over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad tracks from mile marker (MM) 3+94 to MM 4+14, about 0.52 mile north of the south corporate limits of Ralston.

PURPOSE AND NEED: The purpose of the proposed project is to preserve the N-85 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 current conditions of the roadway and bridge.

SCOPE OF WORK: Proposed improvements on this project would include removing and replacing the current bridge structure with a grade raise. A raised median and sidewalks would be constructed. The bridge would be shortened, from its existing length of approximately 312 feet, to approximately 142 feet. Pedestrian fencing would be built adjacent to steep slopes. The adjacent pavement would be removed and reconstructed as necessary to accommodate the bridge construction. There would be grading for a new vertical alignment and work on the storm sewer system to match the new grades. Additional improvements would include removing and replacing the guardrail and construction of retaining walls.

TRAFFIC VOLUMES:

| | N-85 | MM 3+94 – MM 4+14 |
|------------------------|------|-----------------------------|
| Year | | 2016 2036 |
| Vehicles Per Day (ADT) | | 34,970 36,850 |
| % Heavy Trucks | | 4% 4% |

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE: Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin spring of 2017 with completion by the late fall of 2018.

ACCOMMODATION OF TRAFFIC: This proposed project would be constructed under traffic with crossovers and head to head traffic controlled with approved temporary traffic control.

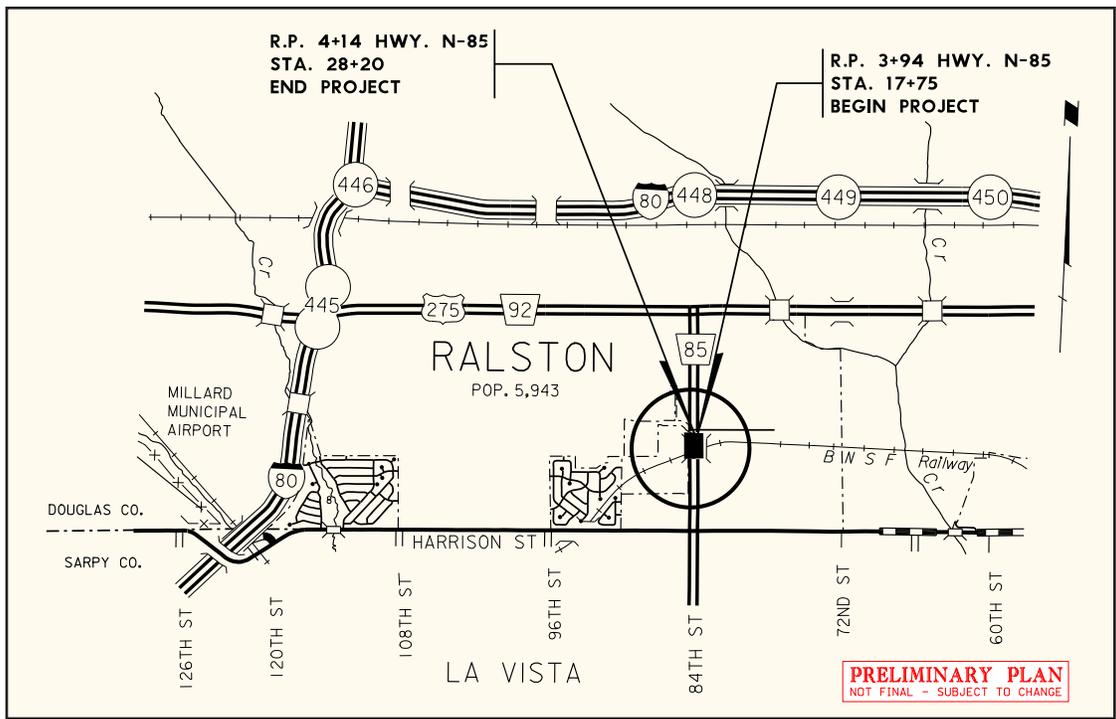
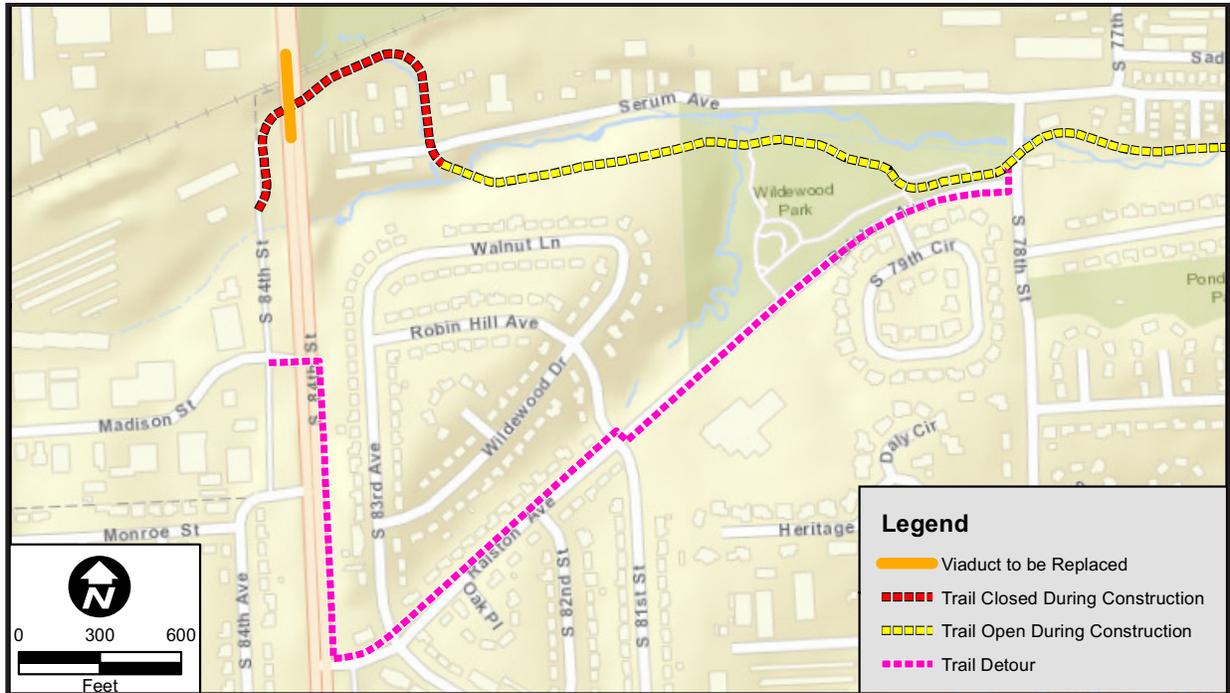
RIGHT-OF-WAY: The proposed project would require the acquisition of additional property rights throughout the area for construction, including new right-of-way (ROW) and temporary easements (TE). Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS: The bikeway under the bridge would be realigned where it would be impacted by bridge construction. An approximately 0.26 mile section of the Ralston Connector Trail, located beneath this structure, would be closed through the duration of the proposed construction. To accommodate pedestrian/bicycle traffic across N-85, a detour would be provided, utilizing 84th Street Frontage Road, Madison Street, N-85, Ralston Avenue, and South 78th Street. Impacts to wetlands are anticipated and would be mitigated off-site.

ESTIMATED COST: The cost of the proposed project is approximately \$6.5 million and would derive from federal, state, and local funding sources. The City of Ralston and the City of Omaha would each participate with 20% of the cost of the portion of the project within its corporate limits.

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