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## Build Nebraska Act (BNA) Regional Public Meetings Begin This Week

Starting this week, the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) is holding a series of regional public meetings to begin discussions on how to best invest \$600 million in state highway improvement projects under the next cycle of the Build Nebraska Act (BNA). Specifically, these meetings will focus on capital improvements, which include projects like adding new lanes or building new expressways or viaducts.

NDOR is updating and expanding its project prioritization process to better consider economic impacts and include more stakeholder input. To that end, the public is invited to attend one of four regional meetings where NDOR will introduce the expanded project prioritization process concept and ask for feedback. In addition, the agency will present the current list of candidate projects and give attendees the opportunity to suggest additional projects for consideration. Each of the public meetings will be held from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on their respective dates. The meetings will be an open house format with no scheduled presentations by NDOR or the public. Attendees are welcome to come and go at any point during the meeting where they can review displays, talk with NDOR representatives and share their feedback online or through a comment form.

The public is encouraged to attend any of the following meetings.

- **Meeting 1:** Alliance | January 12, 2016 Knight Museum & Sandhills Center 908 Yellowstone Alliance, NE 69301
- **Meeting 2:** Lexington | January 14, 2016 Lexington Public Library 907 N Washington Lexington, NE 68850
- **Meeting 3:** Columbus | January 19, 2016 Holiday Inn Express & Suites Columbus 524 E 23rd Street Columbus, NE 68601
- **Meeting 4:** Ashland | January 21, 2016 ConAgra Theatre - Strategic Air & Space Museum 28210 W Park Hwy Ashland, NE 68003

Based on feedback from the meetings, NDOR staff will refine the expanded prioritization process and begin scoring projects. Additional meetings will be held in spring 2016 to discuss specific projects; announcement of the next round of BNA projects is planned for summer 2016. For those unable to attend the meetings, the information presented will be available online, along with a comment form to provide feedback, at: <http://roads.nebraska.gov/projects/bna/next10>.

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