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Public Hearing March 11 on Proposed Revision of Minimum Standards

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public hearing on Friday, March 11, concerning a proposed amended regulation. The hearing will be held from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., at the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters Building, Room 103, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

This public hearing is the second during the rulemaking for this regulation. A number of edits were made following the December 17, 2015 hearing, resulting in reopening the rule for public comment.

This regulation governs minimum design, construction (specifications) and maintenance standards for all new construction, reconstruction and "3R" (Resurfacing, Restoration and Rehabilitation) projects on all county roads, municipal streets and state highways in the state of Nebraska. The rule is authorized under Neb. Rev. Stat. 39-2113 and must be followed by all counties, municipalities and the Nebraska Department of Roads. This revision is a comprehensive update of the Minimum Design Standards, with updates to Minimum Construction Standards, Minimum Maintenance Standards and regulations governing Relaxation of Standards. There is no fiscal impact to the Nebraska Department of Roads or the public.

Interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing. Comments and recommendations may be presented orally or in writing at the hearing. They may also be mailed, faxed or emailed prior to the hearing or by March 21, 2016. Pre-hearing and post-hearing comments should be directed in writing to NDOR's Public Hearings Officer, Tony Bui, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4759; tony.bui@nebraska.gov; voice telephone (402) 479-4994; TDD telephone (402) 479-3834; fax (402) 479-3989. Comments may also be posted online through the Secretary of State's website (see below).

The proposed amended regulation may be viewed, downloaded or commented on at: www.sos.state.ne.us/rules-and-regs/regtrack ("Agency": Roads). To obtain a free paper copy of the proposed changes, the Proposed Regulation Policy Pre-Review Checklists, or the Fiscal Impact Statements, contact NDOR's Government Affairs Office, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4759; voice telephone 402-479-4324; TDD telephone 402-479-3834; fax 402-479-3758; erich.strack@nebraska.gov. Copies may be viewed or picked up in person at the Director's Office, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, NE.

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