## Appendix L

## Documentation of the Public Information Meeting

## Nebraska Department of Roads

Highway Design Public Information Meeting Open House Format

385-3(118)<br>JUNCTION L62A to ALLIIANCE<br>CN 51432



May 3, 2011, 4:00-6:00 P.M. MST The Knight Museum and Sandhills Center 908 Yellowstone Avenue

Alliance, Nebraska

## CERTIFICATION

I, Greg A. Weinert, Public Hearings Officer for the Communication Division of the Nebraska Department of Roads, do hereby certify that on

> May 3, 2011, 4:00-6:00 P.M. MST

The State of Nebraska Department of Roads and the Nebraska State Highway Commission, under authority of Section 39-1110, Nebraska Revised Statues, Reissue of Volume III, 1993, did conduct a Public Design Informational Meeting, in an Open House Format, at:

# The Knight Museum and Sandhills Center 908 Yellowstone Avenue Alliance, Nebraska 

 for the following project:
## 385-3(118)

JUNCTION L62A to ALLIIANCE

## CN 51432

I certify that, to the best of my abilities, the accompanying material describes an accurate record of the public proceedings; that all materials provided to the public, or accurate duplicates, are documented in this report. All materials received from the public, including citizen comments received by the public hearings office within two weeks subsequent to the proceedings, are the actual documents as received or accurate duplicates or transcripts.

Witnessed by my hand and the official seal of the Nebraska Department of Roads affixed this May 20, 2011:


Greg A. Weinert
Public Hearings Officer
Nebraska Department of Roads


## APPENDIX

## ADVERTISING

VENUE

## SUPPORT MATERIALS

ATTENDANCE

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

This Public Information Meeting was held in an "Open House" format. No prescribed presentation was given.


## ADVERTISING

# Legal Notice of Public Meeting - Request for Publication <br> - Affidavit of Publication <br> - The Alliance Times-Herald <br> - April $\mathbf{1 2}^{\text {th }}$ \& $\mathbf{2 6} \mathbf{6}^{\text {th }}, 2011$ <br> - The Bridgeport News-Blade <br> - April $13^{\text {th }} \& 27^{7 \prime}, 2011$ <br> <br> Project Notification Information Sheet 

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Mailing Database

## Official News Release

Flyer
(Hand distributed to project area property owners \& businesses)

## Temporary Roadway Signs

NDOR Website Page

The Bridgeport News-Blade
Attn: John
PO Box 400
801 S. Main St.
Bridgeport, NE 69301
news@newsblade.net
Re: Notice of Public Meeting-

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\text { NDOR Project 385-3(118) Jct. L62A/US-385 to Alliance; C.N. } 51432
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Please publish the accompanying text as a standard legal notice, on or prior to April 13, 2011, and again on April 27, 2011.

Upon publication please send two copies of a notarized proof of publication, including fee, to:

Greg Weinert<br>NDOR Communication Division<br>P.O. Box 94759<br>Lincoln, NE 68509-4759

If you have any questions concerning this notice, call (402) 479-4871. Please confirm receipt to greg.weinert@nebraska.gov. Thank-you.


Greg A. Weinert
Public Hearings Officer,
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Nebraska Department of Roads

> NEBRASKA DEPARTKENT OF DADS NOTICE OF HIGHWAY PUBLIC MEETING Tues., May 3, 2011 4:00-6:00 p.m. NDOR Project: $385-$ 3(118) Jct. L-62A/US-385 to Alliance
> Design Information Open House
> Knight Museum \& Sandhills Center 908 Yellowstone, Allance, NE 69301

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) will hold a public information open house regarding the reconstruction of a portion of U. S. Highway 385 (US-385) from the junction of Nebraska Link 62A (L-62A) to the city of Alliance. The meeting will be held in the theatre of the Sandhills Center in Allance, Tuesday, May 3, 2011, 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Design information will be displayed and NDOR personnel and consultants will be present to answer questions and receive comments about the proposed project. The "information open house" format allows the public to come, gather pertinent information about the project, speak one-on-one with project design and environmental staff and leave as they wish. All materials will be in English and Spanish and a Spanish language interpreter will be available as required under Federal Title VI guidelines.

Identified as $385-3(118)$ Jct. L-62A/US-385 to Alliance; C.N. 51432, construction would be entirely in Morrill and Box Butte Counties in Ne-


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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 27TH day of APRIL, 2011.


The Alliance Times-Herald
Attn: Sally
PO Box G
114 East Fourth St.
Alliance, NE 69301
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classified@alliancetimes.com
Re: Notice of Public Meeting-
NDOR Project 385-3(118) Jct. L62A/US-385 to Alliance; C.N. 51432
Please publish the accompanying text as a standard legal notice, on or prior to April 12, 2011, and again on April 26, 2011.

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Greg A. Weinert
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mately 250 acres of new ROW required to complete the project, with access con trol restrictions for the coml dor. Relocations/acquisitions would be required as part of this project. A Heartland Expressway Corridor DevelopMent and Management Plan is currently being prepared for the Hearlland Coridor from Colorado to South Dakota, and extending west to the Wyoming state Ine. Preparation of a comprehen sive analysis of comidor cost and benefits is a primary out come of this stidy. Future public meelings tegarding this stway are expected. The public meeting is being held to provide information and receive input regarding this project. All citizens are in vited to attend and present relevant comments and questions. NDOR will make every reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility for all persons. Appropriate provi sions for the hearing and visually challenged or persons with limited Enclish proficiency (I.EP) will be made if the Department is notified by April 20, 2011 Notification should be submitted to: Greg Weinert, Public Hearings Officer, Ne. braska Department of Roads PO. Box 94759. Lincoln. NE 68509-4759:
greg.weinert@nebraska.gov voice: telephone (402 479.4871, TDD telephone $(402) 479-3834$. Fax (402) 479.3989. Informalion regarding the project is avail able on the NDOR website at Www transportation inbraska gov/projects! by clicking on gov projects by clicking on
the $I \mathrm{Ict}$. $\mathrm{I} 62 \mathrm{~A} / \mathrm{US}-385$ to Aliance" link, For further in formation regarding the proposed project, contact Nathan Sorben. NDOR R oadwa Design, (402) 479-4601, na than.sorben@ nebraska.gov: or Craig Lind, NDOR District Five Engineer, (308) 436-6587.cralg.lind@nebraska.gov PUBIISH: April 12, and 26. 2011

Fred G. Kuhlman, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Publisher of the Alliance Times-Herald, a legal newspaper, under the statutes of the State of Nebraska, published in Box Butte County, and that to his personal knowledge, the notice, a true copy of which is here to annexed, was published in said newspaper for $\qquad$ weeks on the following dates, to wit:

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\text { April 12, 26, } 2011
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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this
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Federal 1.D. Number 47-0368289


# NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS <br> NOTIICE OF HIGHWAY PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING 

Tuesday, May 3, 2011; 4:00 - 6:00 PM MST<br>NDOR Project 385-3(118) Jct. L-62A/US-385 to Alliance<br>Design Information Open House<br>Knight Museum \& Sandhills Center, 908 Yellowstone, Alliance, NE

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) will hold a public information open house regarding the reconstruction of a portion of U. S. Highway 385 (US-385) from the junction of Nebraska Link 62A (L62 A ) to the city of Alliance. The meeting will be held in the theatre of the Sandhills Center in Alliance, Tuesday, May 3, 2011, 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Design information will be displayed and NDOR personnel and consultants will be present to answer questions and receive comments about the proposed project. All materials will be in English and Spanish and a Spanish language interpreter will be available.

Identified as 385-3(118) Jct. L-62A/US-385 to Alliance; C.N. 51432, construction would be entirely in Morrill and Box Butte Counties in Nebraska. This portion of US-385 is part of the "Heartland Expressway." The proposed project would include constructing a four-lane expressway from the junction of L-62A/US-385 to Alliance.

This project is currently under contract for preliminary engineering and environmental study and evaluation. Several alternates are being considered for the junction of L-62A and US-385, through and around Angora, and at Alliance. Different roadway typical sections and alignments are being considered at Alliance. NDOR is seeking public input on these proposed plans.

Proposed construction would be built "under traffic," or without a detour. Appropriate traffic control may be necessary, at the junction of L-62A and US-385 and in the city of Alliance, to maintain traffic during construction.

The proposed construction is not currently scheduled. The project schedule is subject to change based on available funding. Currently, the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) process and preliminary engineering is scheduled to be complete sometime in spring of 2012. Another public meeting would follow this process.

Acquisition of new right-of-way (ROW) and temporary and permanent easement rights would be required. It is estimated that there would be approximately 250 acres of new ROW required to complete the project, with access control restrictions for the corridor. Relocations/acquisitions would be required as part of this project.

A Heartland Expressway Corridor
Development and Management Plan is currently being prepared for the Heartland Corridor from Colorado to South Dakota, and extending west to the Wyoming state line. Preparation of a comprehensive analysis of corridor costs and benefits is a primary outcome of this study. Future public meetings regarding this study are expected.

The public meeting is being held to provide information and receive input regarding this project. All citizens are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions.

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 April 20, 2011. Notification should be submitted to: Greg Weinert, Public Hearings Officer, Nebraska Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; greg.weinert@nebraska.gov; voice telephone (402) 479-4871, TDD telephone (402) 479-3834, Fax (402) 479-3989.

Project information is available on the NDOR website, www.transportation.nebraska.gov/projects/ by clicking the "Jct. L62A / US-385 to Alliance" link.

For further information regarding the proposed project, contact Nathan Sorben, NDOR Roadway Design, (402) 479-4601, nathan.sorben@nebraska.gov; or Craig Lind, NDOR District Five Engineer, (308) 436-6587, craig.lind@nebraska.gov.

## JUNCTION OF L62A/US-385 TO ALLIANCE 385-3(118)

C.N. 51432

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| Dan Kusek |  |
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| Rich McCune 1429 Bel Air Ave Alliance NE 69301 | McCune |
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| Roy \& Steve Swanson | Swanson |
| 3030 CR \#63 |  |
| Alliance NE 69301 |  |
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April 19, 2011

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Information Open House May 3 for U.S. Hwy. 385 improvements near Alliance

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold an Information Open House Tuesday, May 3, regarding the reconstruction of a portion of U.S. Highway 385 from the junction of Nebraska Link 62A to the city of Alliance. The open house will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center, 908 Yellowstone, in Alliance.

This portion of US-385 is part of the "Heartland Expressway." The proposed project, in Morrill and Box Butte counties, would include constructing a four-lane expressway from the junction of L-62A/US-385 to Alliance.

Several alternates are being considered for the junction of L-62A and US-385, through and around Angora, and at Alliance. Different roadway typical sections and alignments are being considered at Alliance.

Proposed construction would be built "under traffic," or without a detour. Appropriate traffic control may be necessary, at the junction of L-62A and US-385 and in the city of Alliance.

The National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) process and preliminary engineering is scheduled to be complete sometime in spring of 2012. Another public meeting would follow this process.

Acquisition of new right-of-way (ROW) and temporary and permanent easement rights would be required. Access control restrictions would be needed. Relocations/acquisitions would be required as part of this project.

A Hearlland Expressway Corridor Development and Management Plan is currently being prepared for the Hearlland Corridor from Colorado to South Dakota, and extending west to the Wyoming state line. Preparation of a comprehensive analysis of corridor costs and benefits is a primary outcome of this study. Future public meetings regarding this study are expected.

Personnel from the State Department of Roads will be available to answer questions, receive comments and discuss any aspect of the proposed highway improvement project.

Information regarding the project will be available after the meeting on the NDOR website at www.transportation.nebraska.gov/projects/ by clicking on the "Jct. L62A/US-385 to Alliance" link.
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# Public Meeting Improvements on U.S. Highway 385 In Alliance area 

The Nebraska Department of Roads invites the public to an Information Open House regarding the proposed reconstruction of a portion of U.S. Highway 385 from the junction of Nebraska Link 62A to the city of Alliance.

## Date: $\quad$ Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Time: $\quad$ 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Place: Knight Museum and Sandhills Center 908 Yellowstone Alliance, Nebraska

This portion of US-385 is part of the "Heartland Expressway." The proposed project, in Morrill and Box Butte counties, would include constructing a four-lane expressway from the junction of L-62A/US-385 to Alliance.

Several alternates are being considered for the junction of L-62A and US-385, through and around Angora, and at Alliance. Different roadway typical sections and alignments are being considered at Alliance.

Proposed construction would be built "under traffic," or without a detour. Appropriate traffic control may be necessary, at the junction of L-62A and US-385 and in the city of Alliance.

Acquisition of new right-of-way (ROW) and temporary and permanent easement rights would be required. Access control restrictions would be needed. Relocations/acquisitions would be required as part of this project.

Personnel from the Department of Roads will be present from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. to answer questions, receive comments and discuss any aspect of the proposed highway improvement project. The public is urged to attend.

This flier is a public service reminder.


# Junction L 62A/ US 385 to Alliance <br> 385-3(118); Control \#51432 

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Open house set on Heartland Expressway project
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ALLIANCE - The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information open house regarding the reconstruction of a portion of U.S. Highway 385 from the junction of Nebraska Link 62A to Alliance.

Construction of the four-lane expressway would be entirely in Morrill and Box Butte Counties. This portion of US-385 is part of the Heartland Expressway.

The meeting will be held in the theatre of the Sandhills Center in Alliance, Tuesday, May 3, from 4 to 6 p.m. Design information will be displayed and NDOR personnel and consultants will be present to answer questions and receive comments about the proposed project.

This project is currently under contract for preliminary engineering and environmental study and evaluation. Several alternates are being considered for the junction of L-62A and US-385, through and around Angora, and at Alliance. Different typical roadway sections and alignments are being considered at Alliance. NDOR is seeking public input on these proposed plans.

Proposed construction would be built "under traffic," or without a detour. Appropriate traffic control may be necessary, at the junction of L-62A and US-385 and in the city of Alliance, to maintain traffic during construction.

The proposed construction is not currently scheduled and is subject to change based on available funding. Currently, the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) process and preliminary engineering is scheduled to be complete sometime in spring of 2012. Another public meeting would follow this process.

Acquisition of new right-of-way (ROW) and temporary and permanent easement rights would be required. It is estimated that there would be approximately 250 acres of new ROW required to complete the project, with access control restrictions for the corridor.

A Heartland Expressway Corridor Development and Management Plan is currently being prepared for the Heartland Corridor from Colorado to South Dakota, and extending east to the Wyoming state line.
Preparation of a comprehensive analysis of corridor costs and benefits is a primary outcome of this study. Future public meetings regarding this study are expected.

Project information is available on the DFOR website, www.transportation.nebraska.gov/preojects/ by clicking the "Jct. L62A / US-385 to Alliance" link.

For more information regarding the proposed project, contact Craig Lind, NDOR District Five Engineer, (308) 436-6587.

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# Public Meeting Provides <br> On Highway Project 

route.
From there, the design process will continue, Egelhoff said, details will be filled out, and a construction plan determined. As of

Tuesday, he said, the proposed project is currently at the point where the purpose of the project is determined, as well as the needs.

Joan Darling, senior scientist with Olsson Associates, explained more about the need for an environmental impact study. Because

By MARK DYKES
Asst. Managing Editor
ALLIANCE -
afternoon, the $\begin{array}{r}\text { Tuesday } \\ \text { Knight }\end{array}$
Museum and Sandhills Center hosted a Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) public information meeting regarding a proposed 27 -milelong highway improvement project from the West Third Street connection to Highway 385 in Alliance, south to the L-62A junction. The portions of highway are part of the Heartland Expressway - part of the Ports to Plains trade corridor that will run north to south through the U.S. from Canada to Mexico.

The purpose of the project is to improve Highway 385 and the L-62A junction, to fulfill the intent of the Intermodel Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, which calls for development of high priority corridors on the National Highway System, including Heartland Expressway. The project is also intended to improve efficiency of commerce and transportations, reduce frequency and severity of crashes and promote economic development of the area.

Though there have been numerous meetings regarding the improvement project, Tony Egelhoff - one of the project engineers with Olsson Associates, a consulting firm for the project - said last night's meeting was geared toward looking at the environmental impact. In that vein, he said, public feedback is important. The feedback will be taken into consideration when identifying the preferred


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the project is federally funded, she said, there must be compliance shown with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). for those federal funds to be released. She noted that the study also helps provide information on ways to minimize or mitigate the impact the improvements will have - not only on the natural environments, such as plant and wildlife habitats, but also the social and economic environment of people living in the impacted areas.

The meeting, she said, helps provide a volce for those who live here, and who know the issues.

Looking at the project as a whole, Randall EiDorado. planning and location studies engineer with the Planning and Project Development Department of NDOR, said once the environmental analysis is completed, the next step is to go into making final decisions, putting construction plans together, appraising and purchasing right-of-way.

As for when construction might actually begin on the highway, EIDorado said he has heard questions in that regard, could not give a specific date. He explained that $\$ 21.5$ million has been earmarked, but the money will not fund the entire project, as it also has to fund items such as studies and right-of-way purchases. He estimated that it would take $\$ 65$ to $\$ 75$ million for the project, depending on which route is chosen.

And there are a few options. As with previous meetings maps were available showing the proposed route. However, rather than one line showing where the improvements would be made, alternate routes were highlighted as well.

Among them: alternate turning routes at the L-62A
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junction: alternate routes regarding Angora, whether to go straight through or bypass to the west: and alternative roadways around Alliance, with possibilities of etther a flve-lane road with a common left turn lane, a four lane with a ralsed median or a four-lane with a depressed median. In addition, the location of Highway 385 at Alliance will be studied to determine if the highway should be widened or offiset to the west.

Looking again at the start date, and how much can be completed, ElDorado sald it would depend on what fundIng is available following items such as the environmental analysis, preliminary design and nght-of way purchases.

Part of last night's meeting, he sald, is to get feedback on the alternate routes. He sald the public meetings are very valuable, as the public can provide information that might not be included in the plan.

Nebraska Department Of Roads District 5 Engineer Craig Lind sald there was a
good turnout at the meeting, and the comments he heard at the meeting were mostly posittve, though he did hear some concern from property owners who would be affected by the project and right-ofway purchases necessary for it. Lind sald when a preliminary design for the determined route is completed it would be presented, to let people know the full effect on neighboring property. He noted that property owners affected by the project would recetve compensation.

Lnd also encouraged the use of the comment forms available, as each comment would be taken into consider-
ation in forming the preliminary plan.

Those who would like to comment on the project can also e-mail comments to NDOR Public Hearings Officer Greg Weinert at greg.weinert@nebraska.gov. More detailed project information can be found at www.roads.nebraska.gov/pro jects/jct-L62a-US385

## VENUE

# The Sandhills Center Theatre Room Floor Plan 

ADA Accessibility Checklist

Photos of Venue

# The Sandhills Center Theatre Room <br> Floor Plan (not to scale) 



NDOR Public Involvement
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## MATERIALS PRESENTED

## Design Handouts distributed to the Public English and Spanish

## Alternatives Map Displays

- Junction L62A-Alternatives 1,2 \& 3
- Angora-Alternatives 4 \& 5
- Alliance-Alternatives A, B, C, D, \& E


# Public Information Meeting Knight Museum \& Sandhills Center, 908 Yellowstone, Alliance NE Tuesday, May 3, 2011 Open House, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm MST 

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed 27-mile-long project includes improvements to Nebraska Highway Link 62A (L-62A) and U.S. Highway 385 (US-385). The project begins on L-62A, 2.19 miles west of the junction with US-385 in Morrill County, and continues north on US-385 into the City of Alliance in Box Butte County, ending just north of the intersection with Nebraska Highway 2 ( $\mathrm{N}-2$ ), also known as West 3rd Street, for a distance of 24.75 miles on US385. These portions of L-62A and US-385 are part of the "Heartland Expressway."

The project is proposed to include widening the roadway from an existing 2-lane highway to a 4-lane highway. The new lanes are generally planned to be constructed along the west side of the existing lanes.

Alternatives are being evaluated along various segments of the project, including:

- The existing T-intersection at the junction of L-62A and US-385 will be evaluated to determine if the intersection should be reconstructed to make the Heartland Expressway corridor the priority movement.
- Alternative roadway alignments will be studied in the vicinity of Angora to determine if the highway should remain on existing alignment, or if a bypass to the west around the town should be considered.
- In Alliance, between Rock Road and N-2 (West 3rd Street), alternative roadway cross sections will be studied to determine the preferred roadway configuration. Alternatives considered include a 5 -lane roadway with a center 2-way left-turn lane, a 4-lane roadway with a raised median, and a 4-lane roadway with a depressed median. The location of the highway will also be studied to determine if the highway should be widened on the existing alignment, or if it should be offset to the west and utilize the existing lanes as a frontage road.


## PURPOSE OF PROJECT

This project is intended to improve US-385, including the junction with L-62A, and extending into the City of Alliance, for the following purposes:

- To fulfill the legislative intent of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), which calls for the development of High Priority Corridors on the National Highway System, including the Heartland Expressway.
- To improve the efficiency of commerce and travel by providing for increased transportation demand resulting from new regional sources of energy development, expanding agricultural markets, and commercial development; and for increased intermodal transportation by improving links between roadway, railway and airport facilities.
- To reduce the frequency and severity of crashes through modifications that better enable passenger cars and oversize trucks to share the road, and that facilitate maintenance and operations.
- To promote economic development of the region, the opportunity for which is directly linked to the accessibility of the region.


## KEY PROJECT ELEMENTS

The proposed project would include constructing a 4-lane expressway from the junction of L-62A/ US-385 to Alliance. Construction would be entirely in Morrill and Box Butte counties. Some of the key elements of the project include:

## Alternative Concepts

Several alternates are being considered on some sections of the project, including:

- The junction of L-62A and US-385
- Through and around Angora
- Near Alliance, from Rock Road through N-2 (West $3^{\text {rd }}$ Street).

Displays illustrating these alignment alternatives are provided at the various stations at the public meeting, and can be found on-line at:
www.roads.nebraska.gov/projects/jct-L62a-US385

## Signing and Lighting

The junction of L-62A / US-385 and the urban portion in Alliance will be evaluated for the necessary lighting and appropriate signage.

## Accommodation of Traffic

Proposed construction would be built "under traffic," or without a detour. Appropriate traffic control may be necessary at the junction of L-62A and US-385, and in the City of Alliance to maintain traffic during construction.

## Right-of-Way

Acquisition of new right-of-way (ROW) and temporary and permanent easement rights would be required. It is estimated that there would be approximately 250 acres of new ROW required to complete the project, with access control restrictions for the corridor. Some relocations and acquisitions would be required as part of this project.

## Potential Environmental Impacts

An Environmental Assessment is being prepared to determine the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project. Environmental resources to be evaluated include wetlands, threatened and endangered species, cultural resources, environmental justice, noise impacts, aesthetics, and required property acquisitions and relocations.


Alternative typical sections and alignments will be evaluated near Alliance.


Alternative concepts will be evaluated to determine if the intersection of L-62A with US-385 should be reconfigured to make the L-62A to US-385 north the primary movement.


Alternative roadway alignments will be considered near Angora to determine if the highway should be widened through town or bypassed to the west.

## Traffic Counts and Forecasts

|  | US -385-south of N-2 |  |  |  | US -385-north of L-62A | L-62A - west of US -385 |  |
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| Year | 2010 | 2035 | 2010 | 2035 | 2010 | 2035 |  |
| Vehicles per Day | 3840 | 5420 | 3340 | 4800 | 2280 | 3180 |  |
| $\%$ Trucks | $12 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $14 \%$ |  |

## Estimated Cost

The construction cost estimate in current dollars is between $\$ 65$ and $\$ 75$ million, depending upon the final alternative selected.

## Additional Corridor Studies

A Heartland Expressway Corridor Development and Management Plan is currently being prepared for the Heartland Expressway from Colorado to South Dakota, and extending west to the Wyoming state line. Preparation of a comprehensive analysis of corridor costs and benefits is a primary outcome for that study. Separate public meetings will be held to discuss that Corridor Development Management Plan.

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

The current project schedule is subject to change based on available funding. Currently, the NEPA process and preliminary engineering is scheduled to be complete in February of 2012. Another public meeting will be held near the end of the NEPA process. The proposed construction is not currently scheduled.


## PROJECTLOCATION

## JUNCTION L-62A/US-385 TO ALLIANCE Project No. 385-3(118), CN 51432

BOX BUTTE/MORRILL COUNTIES


We would appreciate your feedback on the proposed project. Please provide us with your written comments or suggestions on the public comment form. You may leave it at the sign-in table or mail comments to:

Greg Weinert, NDOR
1500 Highway 2, P.O. Box 94759
Lincoln, NE 68509-4759
greg.weinert@nebraska.gov
E-mail comments are also welcome!

More detailed project information can be found at: www.roads.nebraska.gov/projects/ict-L62a-US385

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# Reunión de Información Pública 

Knight Museum \& Sandhills Center, 908 Yellowstone, Alliance NE

Martes, 3 de mayo de 2011<br>Casa Abierta, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm MST

Numero de Proyecto 385-3(118) Unión de la L-62A/US-385 hasta Alliance Numero de Control 51432

## DESCRIPCION DEL PROYECTO

El proyecto de 27 millas propuesto incluye mejoramiento al vínculo de la Carretera de Nebraska (L-62A) y la Carretera USA 385 (US-385). El proyecto empieza en la L-62A, 2.19 millas al oeste de la unión con la US-385 en el Condado Morrill. Continua hacia el norte en la US-385 dentro de la cuidad de Alliance en el Condado de Box Butte y termina justo al norte de la unión con la Carretera Nebraska 2 (N2). La N2 también se conoce como Calle 3 Oeste. Sigue por una distancia de 24.75 millas en la US-385. Estas secciones de la L-62A y la US-385 son parte de la Carretera Expresa Heartland.

El proyecto propuesto incluye la ampliación de la carretera de 2-carriles existentes a 4-carriles. Por lo general se planea la construcción de los carriles nuevos al lado oeste de los carriles existentes.

Se están evaluando alternativas en varios segmentos del proyecto incluyendo:

- Se evaluará el cruce-T existente en la intersección de la L62A y la US-385 para determinar si debe reconstruirse para que el corredor de la Carretera Expresa Heartland sea el movimiento prioritario.
- Se estudiarán alineaciones de carreteras alternativas alrededor de Angora para determinar si la carretera debe seguir en la alineación existente o si debe considerarse una carretera de circunvalación al oeste del pueblo.
- En Alliance, entre Rock Road y la Carretera 2 (Calle 3 Oeste) se estudiarán las secciones de uniones alternativas para determinar la configuración de carreteras preferidas. Las alternativas en consideración incluyen una carretera de 5carriles con un carril central de doble vía para voltear a la izquierda; una carretera de 4-carriles con una zona verde elevada y una carretera de 4 -carriles con una zona verde deprimida. Se estudiará la ubicación de la carretera para determinar si la carretera debe ampliarse en la alineación existente ó si debe desplazarse hacia el oeste para utilizar los carriles como una calle secundaria.


## RAZON DEL PROYECTO

La intención es la de mejorar la US-385, incluyendo la unión con la L-62A y extendiendo dentro de la cuidad de Alliance por las siguientes razones:

- para cumplir con la intención legislativa del Ley Intermodal Superficie de Transporte Eficiente del 1991. Esta ley requiere el desarrollo de corredores de alta prioridad en el Sistema Nacional de Carreteras, incluyendo la Carretera Expresa.
- mejorar la eficiencia de comercio y viaje para mantener un aumento de demanda de transporte como resultado de los nuevos origines regionales de desarrollo de energía, mercados agriculturales y desarrollo comercial; para un aumento de transporte intermodal para mejorar los vínculos entre las carreteras, las carrileras y los aeropuertos
- Para disminuir la frecuencia y severidad de choques por medio de modificaciones que permiten que carros de pasajeros y camiones extra-grandes compartan la vía y que faciliten el mantenimiento y el funcionamiento
- para fomentar el desarrollo económico de la región. Esta oportunidad esta directamente conectada con el acceso a la región.


## ELEMENTOS CLAVES DEL PROYECTO

El proyecto propuesto se incluye la construcción de una carretera expresa de 4-carriles desde la unión de la L-62A/US-385 hasta Alliance. La construcción será totalmente en los condados de Morrill y Box Butte. Algunos de los elementos claves del proyecto incluyen:

## Conceptos Alternativos

Se están considerando varias alternativas en algunas secciones del proyecto:

- La unión de la L-62A y la US-385
- A través y alrededor de Angora
- Cerca a Alliance desde Rock Road a través de N2 (Calle 3 Oeste)

En las reuniones publicas se han proporcionado varias exhibiciones de alternativas de alineación y se pueden encontrar en:
www.roads.nebraska.gov/projects/ict-L62a-US385

## Avisos y Luces

Se evaluaran la unión de la L62A/US-385 y la porción urbana de Alliance para las luces necesarias y avisos apropiados.

## Propuesta de Modificación del Trafico:

La construcción propuesta se debe construir "bajo trafico" o sin desvío. El control apropiado del trafico puede ser necesario en la unión de la L-62A/US-385 y en la cuidad de Alliance se puede mantener el trafico durante la construcción.

## Derecho de Vía:

Sería necesario adquirir derechos de vías secundarios (DVS), así como derechos temporales de servidumbre necesaria de construcción. Se calcula que se requerirían aproximadamente 250 acres de DVS nuevos para completar el proyecto con restricciones de control de acceso para el corredor.

## Impactos Ambientales Potenciales:

Se está preparando una evaluación ambiental para determinar los impactos potenciales al ambiente relacionados con el proyecto propuesto. Los recursos ambientales que se evaluarán incluyen los humedales, especies amenazadas o en peligro de extinción, recursos culturales, justicia ambiental, impactos de ruido, estética y adquisiciones y reubicaciones de propiedad adquiridos.


Se evaluará secciones y alineaciones alternativas típicas cerca a Alliance.


Se evaluará conceptos alternativos para determinar si la intersección de la L-62A y la US-385 se debe reconfigurar para hacer la L-62A a US-385 Norte el movimiento prioritario.


Se estudiarán alineaciones de carreteras alternativas alrededor de Angora para determinar si la carretera debe seguir en la alineación existente o si debe considerarse una carretera de circunvalación al oeste del pueblo.

Cuenta y Prognóstico de Tráfico

| US -385 - south of N-2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Año | 2010 | 2035 | 2010 | 2035 | 2010 | 2035 |
| Vehículos diarios | 3840 | 5420 | 3340 | 4800 | 2280 | 3180 |
| \% de camiones | $12 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $14 \%$ |

## Costo Estimado:

El costo estimado de la construcción es actualmente entre $\$ 65$ y $\$ 75$ millones dependiendo en la alternativa final seleccionada.

## Estudios Adicionales del Corredor

Se esta preparando un Plan de Desarrollo y Administración del Corredor Expresa Heartland para la Carretera Expresa Heartland de Colorado a Dakota del Sur y se extiende hacia el oeste a la línea de estado de Wyoming. Un resultado primario de este estudio es la preparación de un análisis comprensiva de los costos y los beneficios del corredor. Habrá reuniones publicas separadas para conversar sobre ese Plan de Administración del Desarrollo del Corredor.

## HORARIO DEL PROYECTO

El horario actual del proyecto se puede cambiar basado en la disponibilidad de fondos. Actualmente está programado que el proceso de NEPA y la ingeniería preliminar se completen para febrero de 2012. Habrá otra reunión pública hacia el final del proceso de NEPA. La construcción propuesta aún no tiene horario.


## Ubicación del Proyecto

## JUNCTION OF L62A/US-385 TO ALLIANCE 385-3(118)

C.N. 51432

BOX BUTTE/MORRILL COUNTIES


Apreciaríamos sus comentarios acerca del proyecto propuesto. Por favor déjenos sus comentarios o sugerencias en el formulario de comentarios públicos. Lo puede dejar en la mesa de registro o mandarlo a:

Greg Weinert, NDOR<br>1500 Highway 2, P.O. Box 94759<br>Lincoln, NE 68509-4759<br>greg.weinert@.nebraska.gov

También se aceptan comentarios por correo electronico!
Más detalles e información del proyecto se encuentra en: www.roads.nebraska.gov/projects/ict-L62a-US385

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5-LANE/RAISED MEDIAN OFFSET TO THE WEST


4-LANE/DIVIDED MEDIAN OFFSET TO THE WEST
existing right of way
existing rallroad right of way
overlay of existing concrete new surfaced roadways \& drives

## LEGEND

obliterate roadways \& drives
potential relocation / acquisition




alternativa b
5-CARRILES/Zona VERDE ELEVADA, No CAMBIOS EN LA ORILLA ESTE DEL PAVIMENTO


CONVENCIONES
derecho de vía existente derecho de vía carrilera existente
superposición de la carretera existente
carreteras y entradas con nuevas superficies
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4-CARRILES/ZONA VERDE DIVIDIDA DESPLAZADA ALTE

CONVENCIONES

ISTENTE
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## ATTENDANCE

## Sign-In Sheets

## Photos of Public Meeting

Your attendance and participation is appreciated．The following information will be used for future meeting notifications and affirmative action purposes，as specified by law．

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## Sample Citizen Comment Sheets <br> English and Spanish

## Written Citizen Comments received or postmarked by May 18,2011

NDOR Participant's Notes

NDOR Responses

## Citizen Comments District 5 Information Meeting

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$N D O R$ Formulario de Comentarios para el Público Reunion de Información del Distrito Cinco

Por favor envie sus preguntas y comentarios por escrito acerca de este proyecto hasta el dia: 18 de Mayo, 2011. al correo: Greg Weinert

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escribir con letra de imprenta por favor

El departamento de caminos y la Comisión de carreteras del estado aprecian su participación.
Sus comentarios y preguntas serán tomados en cuenta por el personal respectivo y apropiado del departamento.

Gracias por participar.

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| Larry Miller | 5/3/11 | written | project needs to be top priority for economic development of the region |
| Doreen Powers | 5/3/11 | written | Why do we not get on board...; Alt 1 at Angora |
| John A. Powers | 5/3/11 | written | S.D. only 28 miles left; get it done! |
| Brenda McDonald | 5/3/11 | written | strong support; don't worry about prairie dogs; 4-lane S.D. to Sidney, truckers at 450/load |
| Tim McDonald | 5/3/11 | written | support; continue to S.D. |
| Dave Bolen | 5/6/11 | mailed | very impressed $\mathrm{w} / \mathrm{mtg}$; south-bound traffic a concern; wants it done. PS--economic development to region |
| Bill Longacre | 5/6/11 | mailed | (w/ Alt A map from hand-out attached \& his property highlighted) Prefers Alt A; now use old highway as frontage but city/county doesn't remove snow |
| David Briggs, CEO \& President of WESTCO | 5/12/11 | mailed | Prefers Alt A, 5-lane flush median centered for ease of access to WESTCO's business "Terry's Corner" |
| George \& Martha Leeper | 5/17/11 | email | property owner; frequent near misses; against Alt A, B \& C; likes D \& E except for access to properties; limit access to Kansas St. \& north of Rock Rd. |
| Dixie Nelson | 5/17/11 | mailed | Prefer Alt 1, 5, \& B; resiliant prairie dogs will repopulate; looks forward to project |
| Pamela Miller | 5/18/11 | mailed | like to see Alt 1, 4, A |
| William Miller | 5/18/11 | mailed | Alt 1 best but believes 3 less expensive; Alt 4; Alt 4 best option; incident of near accident --need for four-lane |
| Charles Mulloy | 5/19/11 | phone | found blank comment sheet-is it too late to comment? Doesn't believe project will bring the economic impact many locally believe i will because front range to Rapid City S.D. uses WY due to increased speed limits and cheaper gas |
| Charles Mulloy | 5/19/11 | email | if (Angora) roadside park closed would like the land returned but preferrs to leave it open. Prefers Alt 3; Alt 4 best but would like to know more about Alt 5 access; advantage to 4 -lane would be ability to pass |



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Western Cooperative Company (WESTCO) prefers Alternative A w/ a 5-Lane/Flush Median Centered as our selection for ease of access to our business Terry's Corner.

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| From: | George Leeper [mleeper@bbc.net] |
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| Sent: | Tuesday, May 17, 2011 8:44 PM |
| To: | Weinert, Greg |
| Subject: | 385-3(118) JCT L62AJUS-385 Alliance; CN51432 |

Mr. Weinert,
I am a resident of Box Butte County and I own a home at 2531 S. Hwy.
385 lot 2. As a property owner, you might say that my husband \& I have a vested interest in this project. I was able to attend the recent open house in Alliance and have a few comments on the 5 preliminary plans. I believe that most of us who live along 385 share a common problem...that would be the issue of frequent "near misses"
we have all had. I would not be surprised to find that there is at least one or two weekly. It is only a matter of time before there is a horrible accident with the real possibility of fatalities.I do not believe that the first 3 alternatives ( $A, B, C$ ) will not provide us with adequate protection and will in fact, only raise the danger of serious accidents. Proposas $D$ \& $E$ are the best alternatives except for one flaw \& that is the 3 points of access to our properties. I would prefer to limit access to the Kansas St. entry and the access pointjust to the north of Rock Rd. That will allow all of us who purchased homes here to keep them as the southern most turn in will not affect anyone's home. I would like to urge you to consider this alternative, as, among other things it will also keep costs down since it will eliminate a costly extra turn lane.
Sincerely, George \& Martha Leeper


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From: Carmen Muiloy [carmenmulloy@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 11:31 AM
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District 5 Information Meeting comments

If you close the roadside park North of Angora I would like to add the land back to our Sec. 14 TS22N R50W, where it came from. But as much as it is used, and being a safe easy turn out, I feel that you should keep the roadside park whether or not the road stays a two lane Hwy, or turns into a four land one.

Of the options you gave us Alternative 3 would be best.
On options 4 \& 5 I need facts on what access would stay and change with each option. Although, without all the facts, I think alternative 4 would be the best.

The only benefit I see to the whole project is being able to pass easily. When I visit with family and business going from Denver to Rapid City they all go through WY. Most say it's shorter, you can drive 75. Fuel is also cheaper.

At the Sidney meeting we learned NE can't afford to maintain the roads it already has. It will cost a lot of Federal and State money which we don't have. It's shorter to go from Kimbal, Bluffs, Crawford or to go Sidney, Alliance, Chadron. You can't drive any faster. But you can pass.

Charles Mulloy
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PUBLIC MEETING PARTICIPANT'S NOTES

Transportation Personnel present at the Public Meeting included:
Craig Lind - (NDOR Gering) District Five - Engineer
Randy ElDorado - (NDOR Lincoln) Project Development Engineer
Len Sands - (NDOR Lincoln) Project Development Environmental Unit Head
Lou Lenzen - (NDOR Lincoln) Roadway Design Division Assistant Design Engineer
Toby Fierstein - (NDOR Lincoln) Roadway Designer Unit
Randy Kaster - (Olsson Associates) Project Manager/Roadway Design
Tony Egelhoff - (Olsson Associates) Roadway Design, south segment
Joan Darling - (Olsson Associates) Environmental
Amy Zlotsky - (Felsburg, Holt, \& Ullevig) Environmental
Matthew B. McFadden - (Felsburg, Holt, \& Ullevig) Roadway Design, north segment
Rick Haden - (Felsburg, Holt, \& Ullevig) Safety Analysis
Efrain Quintanilla - (NDOR Lincoln) Roadway Design, as Spanish language interpreter
Greg Weinert - (NDOR Lincoln) Communications - Public Hearings Officer
Frank Rich - (FHWA Lincoln) Senior Transportation Engineer
Raegan Ball - (FHWA Lincoln) Environmental Specialist

## Olsen Associates staff (Engineering Consultants)-

Randy Kaster, Tony Egelhoff, \& Joan Darling
Comment: Marv Dickinson - Wanted know why we didn't cross railroad to the east to minimized ROW impacts near Angora.
Response: Primary reason for staying on the west was to utilize existing ROW and roadway, as it is difficult and expensive to cross railroad.

Comment: John Blake (U.S. Representative Assistant) - Asked what safety improvements could be added if US 385 stayed a 2-lane roadway.
Response: Widen the surfaced shoulders (Super-two), flatter backslopes to reduce drifting snow, centerline rumblestrips, improve certain vertical curves to aid in sight distance.

Comment: Lee Mason - Wanted to know what gasline impacts would be, if any ROW was being purchased yet, and what the environmental process was for. Also commented that he thought the prairie dogs near the junction had been moved and should no longer be an issue.
Response: Informed him we are working with the gas company to determine where it will be moved. The ROW process won't start until the Environmental process is complete. Explained the basic purpose of the environmental process.

Comment: Rick Lewis - Asked about the overlay section for the interim construction.
Response: Discussed NDOR's general concept of utilizing the existing pavement until such point it no longer is maintainable and must be replaced.

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Comment: Mr. Swanson - Lives just north of County line, and thought Alternative 1 would allow for flatter grades. Noted most of the loads they haul are downhill and empty coming back up L-62A. Also noted he doesn't have any issues with the existing intersection. In reviewing the project near his property, he noted it will likely clip some of his pivots.
Response: Discussed the grades on the sweeping curve will depend on the amount of grading through the hills and valleys NDOR would prefer.

Comment: Craig Barthel (2541 S. Hwy 385) - Too much traffic on the Highway. He noted his house has the original kitchen from the $1^{\text {st }}$ Country Club, club house from the 1920's. The old golf course was just to the east. Also noted he would like the old highway rehabbed so they could enter town without having to access the main highway.
Response: Noted SHPO could look at it to see if there is any historical significance.
Comment: Jim \& Charlotte Moravek - They travel to Scottsbluff 2-3 times a month and have never not had a close call incident. Noted the state will be embarrassed when South Dakota completes their remaining 24 miles to the border before we do anything. When asked what they felt was the biggest "need", they noted safety is primary, as vehicles traveling slowly and trucks passing with no regard for passing zones.

Comment: Steve Erdmann (County Board) - County Road 95 should stay where it is, rather than realigning. There is a big hill that would need to be cut if it is moved. He recommended Alternatives 3 and 4. Suggested not doing County Road 118 concepts, but rather widen the other Angora roads to limit the length of time farm equipment must be on Hwy 385.

Comment: Rachel Gonzales (City Council) - Understood it's a process that needs followed, but wonders why it takes so long. Questioned whether she would ever see it done.

Comment: Mick McCarthy, Rex Trumble - Dinklage Feedlot. Recently spent \$185,000 on upgrades to lagoon system to meet NDEQ. EPA requirements. All drain to those along the road, then pump to center pivot.

Comment: Claudia and Gary Benda - own property in Morrill County. Related problems with traffic each time they travel to Scottsbluff, usually see or are in a close call.

Comment: Frank Rich, FHWA, asked questions about Prairie dog habitat, how alternatives would impacts.

Comment: Gentleman (involved with Alliance - implement sales?) Wanted us to look at Big Picture, Heartland Expressway as a while. Asked him if he had any info on oil drilling in Niobrara formation. No drilling yet, but leases are being taken out. He related that one oil well would require 1200 truck trips.

Comment: Jim Douglas - lives in house in Angora that would be between existing alignment and Alt. 5. Does not like Alt. 5. First, it would cut his property. But also concerned about

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increased noise from roadway near house. Related that train whistles are blown three times in Angora - if could reduce crossings, that would help a lot.

Comment: Several People - Get it done.
Comment: J.D. Cox , Alliance - developing an intermodal plan, but just starting. Airport has one of longest runways in state, would be ideal for freight. Combine with highway and Railroad. He has talked to dept of economic development about intermodal. Have received funding to improve airport.

Comment: Amy Cook, Highway Archeologist - works at Ft. Robinson, covers western 2/3 of state. She drives US 385 frequently. I asked her about close calls, she related time when semi turning into side street encroached on on-coming lane, she was coming in opposite direction and just missed it.

Comment: Mr. and Mrs. Mason: -- drive this road every Thursday to doctor in Scottsbluff. Leave at 9:00 and return at 2:30. Doesn't like two-way left turn lane option in Alliance. "Unsafe". They say they encounter at least 100 vehicles coming other direction during trip. Trucks speed a lot. Beet season from September thru February is the heaviest volume for trucks. Trucks run $24 \mathrm{hrs} / \mathrm{day}$, and only stop if weather is very bad. "Unless you're out here you don't understand the impact of the trucks."

Comment: Mr. Meng: -- Lives at southwest corner of US 385 and Sarpy Road. His mother lives next door. He wanted to know if the homes would be acquired. He commented they might like to be acquired. He noted that if they are acquired the intersection skew angle could be improved. He noted there is a water well (domestic quality) that they would like left untouched.

Comment: Mr. Meng's uncle: -- He lives a little further west of Mr. Meng. He said all the houses along Sarpy Road near US 385 are owned by relatives. He farms the ground south of the houses up to US 385. He asked how much land might be acquired and what the process was. Directed him to speak to Greg Weinert about process.

Comment: Jim Jelinek: -- Asked whether a permanent DOT truck scale would be constructed at US 385 and L62A junction. He said the Ag Dept is saying it will be constructed. Mr. Jelinek owns the land west of US 385 between Rock Road and $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ Street. He liked the alternatives being considered. He said the previous ones he saw from many years ago went several hundred feet west into his field and would have had a big impact on him. He also questioned why project was stopping at $3^{\text {rd }}$ Street. He thought it should go to $10^{\text {th }}$ Street. Where the improvements are currently stopping is in a low area that has overtopped several times, including last year.

Comment: J.D. Cox, Alliance City Manager - He mentioned City is in process of developing an intermodal plan. With RR, highway and airport (old Army Air Base) they have a good

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confluence of transportation modes. He said BNSF has been doing a lot of hiring recently. Many are coming from surrounding towns and commuting each day.

Comment: Dan Carnine - owns and farms south of CR 128 on west side of US 385. Concerned that widening will impact his center pivot. He said the center pivot well cannot be moved further west due to some trees. Keep road as far east as possible.

Comment: Steve Petersen - owns and farms on west side of US 385 at about Station 360. Asked about median breaks. He runs cattle across highway to field on east side at Station 345. Would like median breaks at Stations 345 and 360. Likes Alternate \#3 for big sweeping curve.

## Felsburg Holt \& Ullevig Staff (Engineering Consultants)- <br> Matt McFadden, Amy Zlotsky, Rick Haden

Comment: Gentleman access his property located east of the railroad tracks via Sarpy Road. He indicated that when he is southbound on US-385 and stops to turn left onto Sarpy Road, there is a slight hill that makes it hard to see. He also doesn't like to stop to wait to turn for fear that he might get rear ended.
Response: I noted his comment and told him we would review the site distance at that intersection.
Comment: Representatives (Mick McCarthy and Rex Trumbull) from the Dinklage Feed Lot just south of Alliance indicated the expense involved with their lagoons near the highway and what an impact they would have if the new road got into those lagoons. They indicated if the lagoons were impacted, it would require relocating the lagoons and 2 rows of cattle pens (approx. 4000 cattle). The expense would be considerable. They spent $\$ 185,000$ to construct the lagoon facility per NDEQ and EPA requirements. The lagoons are pumped to the adjacent two pivots. They also indicated that they use the Snake Creek crossing to run cattle under the highway and railroad tracks to access land on both sides. Indicated that the creek is a dry creek. They own 18 center pivots on east of the highway as well as land west of the feed yard.
Response: I indicated that we were aware of the potential issues if we impact the lagoons. I told them we didn't know the expense involved, other than it would be significant, to relocate the lagoons. I told them that we were analyzing the severity of the impacts and studying ways to minimize them.

Comment: Gentleman living on the northeast corner of US-385 \& Rock Road was pleased to see that none of the Alliance alternatives involved extending a frontage road through his property. He also indicated that a tremendous amount of BNSF traffic use Rock Road to access the BNSF yard immediately to the east of the project. He asked if there was any way to limit their use of this road.
Response: I acknowledged his comment about the frontage road and told him that because Rock Road was a public road I didn't think there was anything we could do about the BNSF using the road to access their facilities.

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Comment: Three different residents along US-385 between Rock Road and Kansas Avenue all indicated that they did not like the 5-lane alternative with the center two-way-left-turnlane. They thought the alternatives shifting the road to the west and constructing a frontage road to provide them access would be the safest solution. Mentioned one property is an auction house which gets a tremendous number of visitors during an auction. They felt the 5-lane section wouldn't work for him, but the frontage roads could better accommodate the traffic without causing issues on the highway.
Response: I acknowledged their comments and encouraged them to fill out comment sheets identifying there preferred alternative in Alliance.

Comment: Property owner on the northeast corner of US-385 and Kansas Avenue said that he believes there to be sight issues between 3rd Street ( $\mathrm{N}-2$ ) and Kansas Ave. He said the slight vertical curves in combination with the horizontal curves through the intersection with Kansas Avenue tend to make people look pass the intersection and not realize the Kansas Ave intersection is there. He also mentioned that his house is close to the existing ROW so that if any acquisition was needed along US-385, it would probably take his house. He indicated that he felt Kansas Avenue carried a large amount of traffic, both passenger vehicles and large trucks. He mentioned that he would like to see the frontage road that is shown lining up with his drive to be moved about 100' to the east to line up with a proposed drive from the Pepsi distributer.
Response: I acknowledged his comments and encouraged him to fill out a comment sheet identifying his preferred alternative in Alliance and listing the other issues he mentioned. I told him that I thought realigning the frontage road seemed like a reasonable option if the Pepsi distributer is indeed building the new drive. Someone from the area economic development group said they would send me the plat showing the location of the proposed drive.

Comment: Gentleman discussed the number of trucks on US-385. He said that it is almost impossible to pass going southbound from Alliance to Angora. He said because of this, he sees a lot of people making dumb decisions to pass when there isn't room. He said he very rarely is able to drive from Alliance south at the posted speed limit due to the slow moving traffic and the limited passing zones.
Response: I acknowledged his comments.
Comment: Motorist asked it the traffic study had been conducted during the harvest season. He said the truck traffic is so bad during the harvest that it makes it difficult to get around.
Response: I told him that I wasn't sure when the traffic study was conducted, but would check to see.
Comment: Motorist indicated that the amount of truck traffic along US-385 was tremendous. He said in addition to the Beet Trucks, they get all kinds of Cattle Trucks from Wyoming and Montana and Pipe trucks delivering pipe to the oil fields in North Dakota.
Response: I acknowledged his comments.
Comment: John Blake, Congressman Smith's Field Representative, Scottsbluff said that the cities and academic institutions were especially interested in the project for bringing economic

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development opportunities to their rural area by being part of something bigger-the Ports to Plains Alliance. He expressed concerns about the truck traffic and asked about safety features that could be added to the 2 -lane roadway. He also asked about project phasing.
Response: I told him I would pass on his comments, and asked Rick Haden to talk to him about safety features.

Comment: Tim Garwood (Heartland Expressway Board) expressed disappointment is how long the project is taking and that it should have been built yesterday. The Board is looking at the big picture not just the L62A junction to Alliance. They feel that it is "mind boggling" what kind of traffic could be here if the expressway facility was in place and they could be linked to Canada and Mexico. He also mentioned how dangerous and congested the road was, especially from Oct. to Feb. when beet traffic is on the road.
Response: I told him I would pass on his comments.
Comment: Jim Douglas (owns farm in Angora area, and works for railroad). Does not like Alternative 5 through Angora as it would put highway noise closer to him and on the opposite side as the rail noise. It would also "curtail his property line".
Response: I told him I would pass on his comments.
Comment: Pam and Bill Miller (live on 385 just south of Alliance and farm near Lutan). They are for the project and are very concerned about truck traffic. They say that they are older, slower, and their reflexes are not as good as they used to be. During harvest season for wheat (July), potatoes (Sept) and beans it's not safe. But during beet season, beginning in October, Pam said that she does not drive.
Response: I told them I would pass on their comments, and I asked Randy ElDorado and Reagan Ball if they would talk to the Millers.

Comment: Amy Cook (Nebraska Highway Archeologist, Fort Robinson). She had also experienced a harrowing near miss accident with a large truck on US 385 south of Alliance.
Response: I would pass on her comment.
Comment: J.D. Cox (Alliance City Manager). He is initiating an intermodal plan for the City to add to their economic development plan. He has met with Richard Beyer with Nebraska Dept of Econ Development. The Alliance airport is one of the longest in the state as it was an Army Air Base during WWII, and they just added an ILS (?) system. Plus they have the BNSF hub/switching facility and US 385.

Comment: Female driver - Making Left turns from US 385 at Sarpy Road intersection is uncomfortable with vehicles coming up behind you and passing on the shoulder.
Response: I acknowledged comment and indicated that any improvements would address left turns.
Comment : John Blake indicated that summer months are most challenging with greater conflicts between locals and tourists.
Response: I acknowledged his comment.

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Comment: Dan Carnine (Sec. 01-T22N-R50W) suggested shifting the road to the east utilizing the old right of way to reduce impacts to center pivot.
Response: I acknowledged his comment and indicated that I would pass it on.
Comment: Dan Carnine also asked if a cattle crossing could be provided under US 385 in the same area since his operation is on both sides of the highway.
Response: I acknowledged his comment and indicated that I would pass it on.
Comment: Casper Brixius, County Commissioner from Alliance expressed general interest and the project schedule.
Response: I referred him to the schedule in the handout.
Comment: Business Owner on the southeast corner of US 385 \& 3rd Street would prefer a full access including left turns on US 385, but indicated that he would accept right turn- in / right turnout if he can maintain his two drives on 3rd Street.
Response: I explained that left turns would be permitted under the flush median alternate but restricted under the other median options.

Comment: Property owner on the southwest corner US 385 Sarpy Road and Sarpy Road indicated that BNSF drives on and off of US 385 anywhere they want on the east side of the highway north of Sarpy Road.
Response: I acknowledged his comment and indicated that I would pass it on.

## Randy EIDorado-

I documented one comment from Bill and Pam Miller. They are concerned about safety conflicts on the highway between passenger vehicles and large trucks carrying wheat, potatoes, beans, corn, and sugar beets from July through October each year.

Lou Lenzen--

| Citizen | Comment | Response |
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| Floyd West | -general support for project <br> -liked left-turn lanes as a feature | Thanked Floyd for <br> comments |
| Wally Wallesen | -lives in Angora, prefers the existing alignment <br> for the location. Does not like the bypass <br> alternate. <br> -concerns about wide farm machinery getting <br> from points west of Angora to points east of <br> the BN Railroad tracks. <br> -did not agree with the District's decision to <br> place delineators along the highway in Angora <br> comments <br> to prevent the illegal use of the public's right <br> of way. | Lives due north of Angora on County Road <br> 120; prefers the alternate that goes through |
| Jim Douglas | Thanked Jim for <br> comments |  |

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|  | Angora. Does not like the shifted alternate <br> because it is too close to his home. |  |
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| Bill and Pat Heitz | General comments | Thanked Bill and Pat for <br> comments |
| Virgil Blakeman | -Lives in the north east quadrant of US-385 <br> and Rock Road. <br> -General comments. <br> -does not like that Rock Road is closed the <br> railroad. | Thanked Virgil for <br> comments |
| Carol West | -likes alternate 1. | Thanked Carol for <br> comment |

## Toby Fierstein--

The owner of Prairie Storage in Alliance owns property along Hwy 385 North of Alliance. He was curious about what would happen with the Hwy north of Alliance. We informed him that the long term plan for the Heartland Expressway was for the four lane to end at Alliance and that the Hwy near his property would remain a two lane with truck passing lanes. He was in favor of the project we showed at the meeting due to the heavy traffic in the corridor and the difficulty in passing. He also mentioned that he preferred Alternate 1 at the L62 junction.

The owner of the property in the Southeast corner of the southwest quarter section of Section 21-T22NR50W (I didn't catch his name at the meeting but the name on the ownership plans is Edward Donnelly) was concerned with the alternate we showed going around Angora as it would move the Hwy to his property line. He preferred that the Hwy stayed on alignment and went through Angora.

I talked to the gentleman who owned the first house north of Kansas St. along Hwy 385 in Alliance. He was concerned with the projects impacts to his property. I directed him to Matt McFadden, so that Matt could explain the different alternatives to him

Peg, the city administrator of Hemingford was in favor of the project and wanted to see it built. She mentioned that she had been on a Heartland committee at one time. She was worried about losing the funding that has been earmarked for the project. She was in favor of whatever alternates were cheapest if it meant we could build more of the four-lane with the money saved.

I talked to a few other people but no one had any specific comments, but everyone was in favor of us building the project. Most people wanted to know when we were going to start.

## Greg Weinert--

Stayed close to sign-in table primarily, but did speak to several land owners about the Right-of Way process


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