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Information Open House November 17 for Proposed Viaduct in Central City

November 3, 2016 (Lincoln, Neb.) — The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) will hold an information open house November 17 regarding proposed construction of a viaduct in Central City over the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) mainline, known as **Central City Viaduct**. The open house will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Central City Elementary School – Cafeteria, 1711 15th Avenue, in Central City.

In addition to the viaduct, proposed improvements would also include a shared use transportation pathway that would accommodate pedestrians and bicycle traffic along the new roadway and viaduct, and a potential for a separate pedestrian overpass.

The proposed project would close the at-grade crossing on Nebraska Highway 14 (N-14) and construct a new grade separation structure. There are currently five alternative designs being evaluated, including a “no-build” (do nothing and continue to maintain the existing roadway and/or structures.) Details will be available at the public information open house.

As of this date, construction has not been scheduled. At the conclusion of the alternatives analysis, an environmental assessment would be completed on the preferred and the no-build alternatives. A construction letting date would be scheduled based on funding availability and priority.

Because Federal funding would be provided by the Federal Highway Administration, an environmental assessment is being prepared to investigate the social, environmental and economic effects of the proposed project.

Personnel from the 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 <http://roads.nebraska.gov/projects/future-projects/> by clicking on the “Central City Viaduct” link.

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