

Central City Viaduct PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE MEETING

Thursday, November 17, 2016; 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Central City Elementary School - Cafeteria, 1711 15th Avenue, Central City, NE

RRZ-TMT-14-2(123); CENTRAL CITY VIADUCT; C.N. 42013

LOCATION

The proposed project would construct a highway viaduct over the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) mainline within the city of Central City, located in Merrick County. 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 project features would facilitate safe vehicular and pedestrian crossing over the railroad and improve connectivity.

PURPOSE & NEED SUMMARY

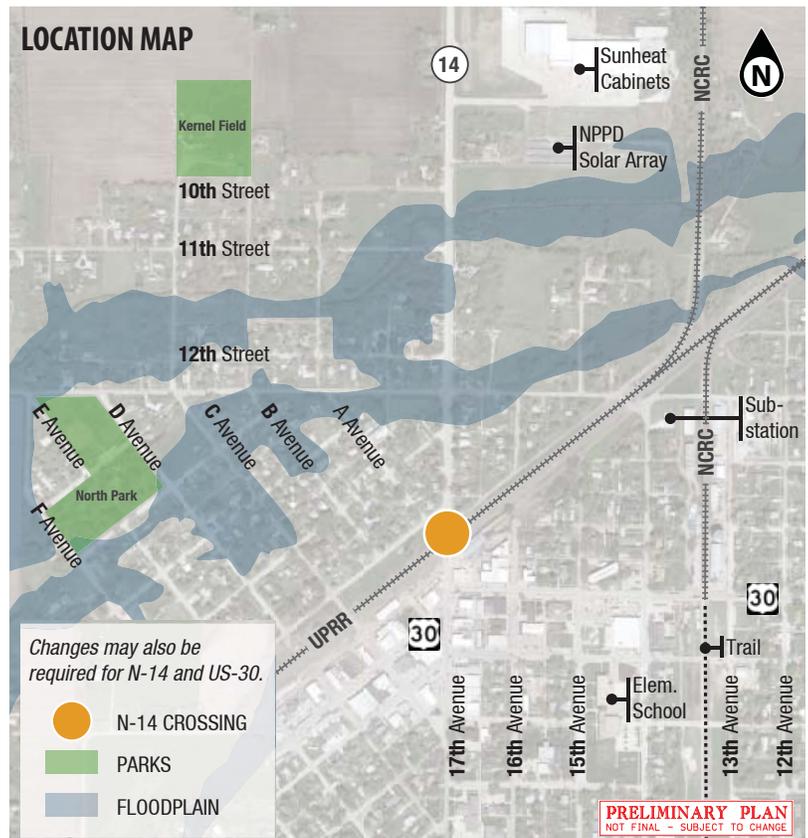
The purpose of this project is to improve local and regional mobility by enhancing the vehicular transportation system and improving connectivity, reducing driver delays, and improving safety along the Nebraska Highway 14 (N-14) corridor in Central City. Additionally, the project is intended to provide opportunities for improved pedestrian access across the railroad tracks. This project is needed due to conflicts between trains and vehicles, unacceptable traffic delays and inadequate pedestrian facilities at the highway-rail crossing of N-14 and the UPRR mainline.

PROJECT HISTORY

In 1996, the City of Central City requested NDOR perform a study to determine if building a viaduct to carry vehicular/pedestrian traffic over the UPRR mainline tracks would be justified. In 2007, a Categorical Exclusion (CE) was approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for the realignment of N-14 and the construction of a viaduct over the UPRR tracks. The project was originally proposed to begin just north of the Platte River and continue north to a point just north of 10th Street where it would tie back in to the existing N-14. The original project included realigning N-14 approximately four blocks east through Central City utilizing right-of-way (ROW) from an existing north-south oriented Nebraska Central Railroad Company (NCRC) rail corridor. This project also included the construction of a viaduct north of U.S. Highway 30 (US-30) over the existing UPRR mainline tracks.

RIGHT-OF-WAY

The proposed project may require the acquisition of additional property rights including new right-of-way (ROW) and temporary easements (TE) for construction throughout the project area. Residential and/or commercial relocations may be required depending on the alternative selected.



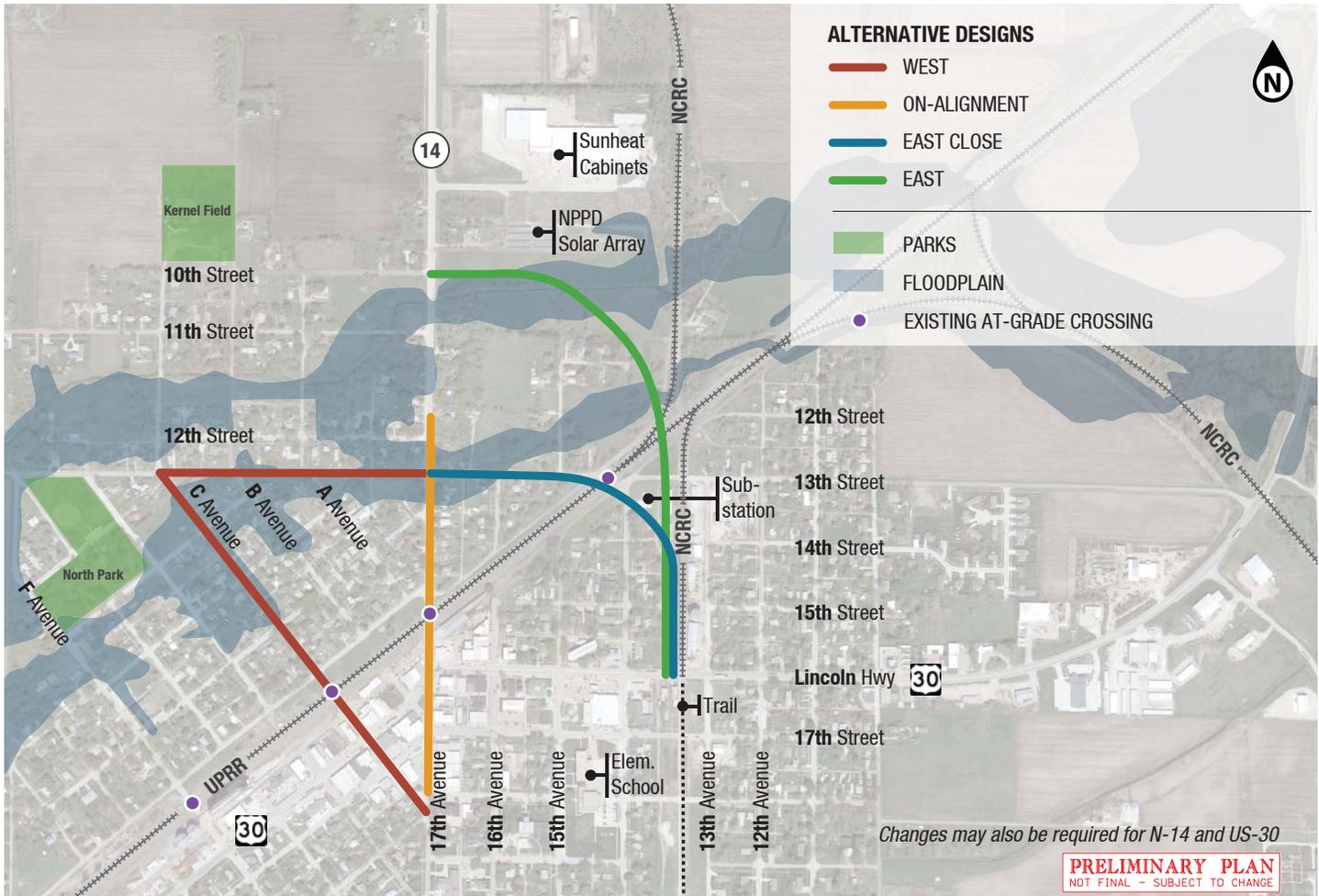
POTENTIAL IMPACTS

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. Environmental Resources to be evaluated include wetlands, threatened and endangered species, cultural resources, environmental justice, noise impacts, aesthetics and any required property acquisitions.

NEXT STEPS

As of this date, construction has not been scheduled. At the conclusion of the alternatives analysis, the 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.

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PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES

The proposed project would close the at-grade crossing and construct a new grade separation structure. The alternative designs being evaluated include:

- **No-Build** - Do nothing and continue to maintain the existing roadway and/or structures.
- **On Alignment** - Reconstruct N-14 on existing alignment and construct viaduct over UPRR.
- **West** - Reconstruct C Avenue and 13th Street, and construct viaduct over UPRR.
- **East Close** - Construct new roadway along NCRC rail corridor (between 13th Avenue and 14th Avenue). Construct viaduct over UPRR and reconstruct 13th Street north of the UPRR.
- **East** - Construct new roadway along NCRC rail corridor (between 13th Avenue and 14th Avenue). Construct new roadway north of new viaduct to reconnect with N-14.

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