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Changes Planned for N-22, US-281 Intersection near Wolbach

April 21, 2017 (Grand Island, Neb.) — A group of Wolbach-area residents, calling itself “Concerned Taxpayer Citizens of Nebraska” delivered a petition with more than 300 signatures to the Nebraska Department of Roads on Wednesday, April 19. The petition requests removal of a recently installed raised median island at the intersection of Nebraska Highway 22 and US Highway 281 near Wolbach.

In response, the Department of Roads has re-evaluated its plan and reasons for modifications to the intersection. Department officials stated, “We previously widened the right-turn lane on the south approach and added the island nose to improve sight distance and intersection operations. There was not a specific crash need for the change, but we have installed raised islands at several locations throughout the state and the improvements have operated successfully. However, at this location the layout is not typical because the west approach is offset and does not line up directly across from the east highway approach. As a result, our plan needs to be modified to operate properly.”

The Nebraska Department of Roads plans to remove the raised median island. They will make plan modifications so that the intersection will operate the way it used to before the raised island was installed. District 4 Engineer Wes Wahlgren stated, “We appreciate the input from the community and respect their efforts and opinion.” Area residents with additional questions may contact Wahlgren by phone at 308-385-6265 or by email at Wes.Wahlgren@nebraska.gov.

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