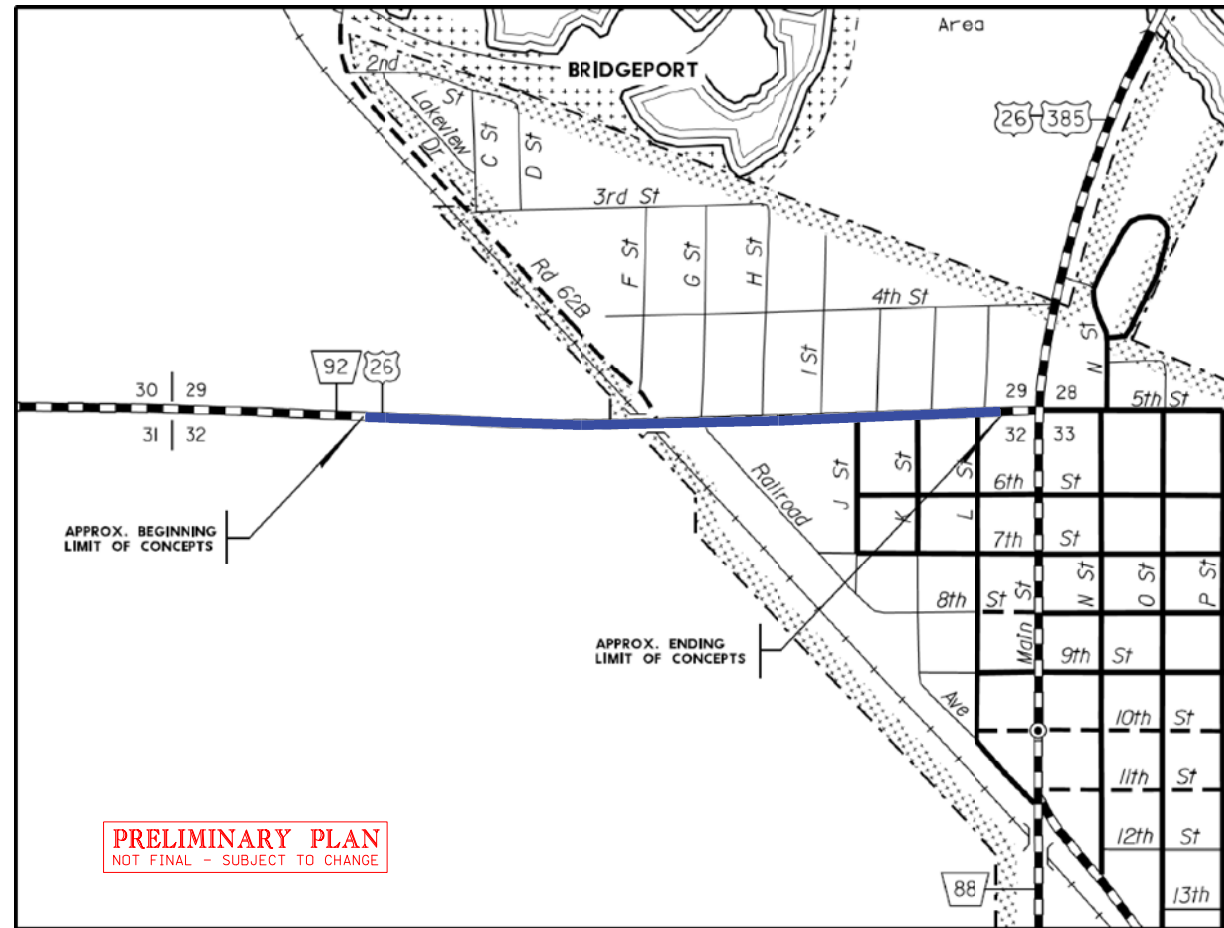


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NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF HIGHWAY PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Thur., March 26, 2015; 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Information Open House Public Meeting

Prairie Winds Community Center, 428 Main St., Bridgeport, NE

NH-26-1(161) BNSF RR AT BRIDGEPORT; C.N. 51299

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) will hold a public information open house regarding a proposed improvement of U.S. Highway 26 (US-26) and Nebraska Highway 92 (N-92) in the city of Bridgeport, in Morrill County. The meeting will be held at the Prairie Winds Community Center, 428 Main St., in Bridgeport, on Thursday, March 26, 2015, 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Identified as **BNSF, Bridgeport**, the proposed project would close the existing Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway at-grade crossing on US-26 and N-92, and would construct a new grade separation structure.

The purpose of this project is to preserve the US-26 and N-92 transportation asset, improve the reliability of the transportation system and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for this project is based on the current conflicts between trains and vehicles, vehicular delays, and the anticipated growth in the rate of trains that utilize the US-26/N-92 crossing per day.

As a result of the information gathered at the July 2014 open house, two of the five alternatives have been eliminated from further evaluation. The alternative designs being carried forward include “no build” (do nothing and continue to maintain the crossing), build on the current alignment and build on a new alignment to the south of the existing highway. As part of the development of this project, the NDOR has looked at different configurations for connecting side streets and drives, including Recreation Road, to the reconstructed highway. NDOR has developed more detailed information regarding the roadway location, profile and access for the “build” alternatives.

This project may require the acquisition of additional property rights including new right-of-way (ROW) and easements for construction throughout the project area. Relocations may be required depending on the alternative selected. Access to Bridgeport State Recreation Area (SRA) would be maintained at all times during construction. Occasional short-term use of the local roads may be necessary to facilitate construction of temporary pavement.

An Environmental Assessment is being prepared to determine the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project. Environmental resources to be

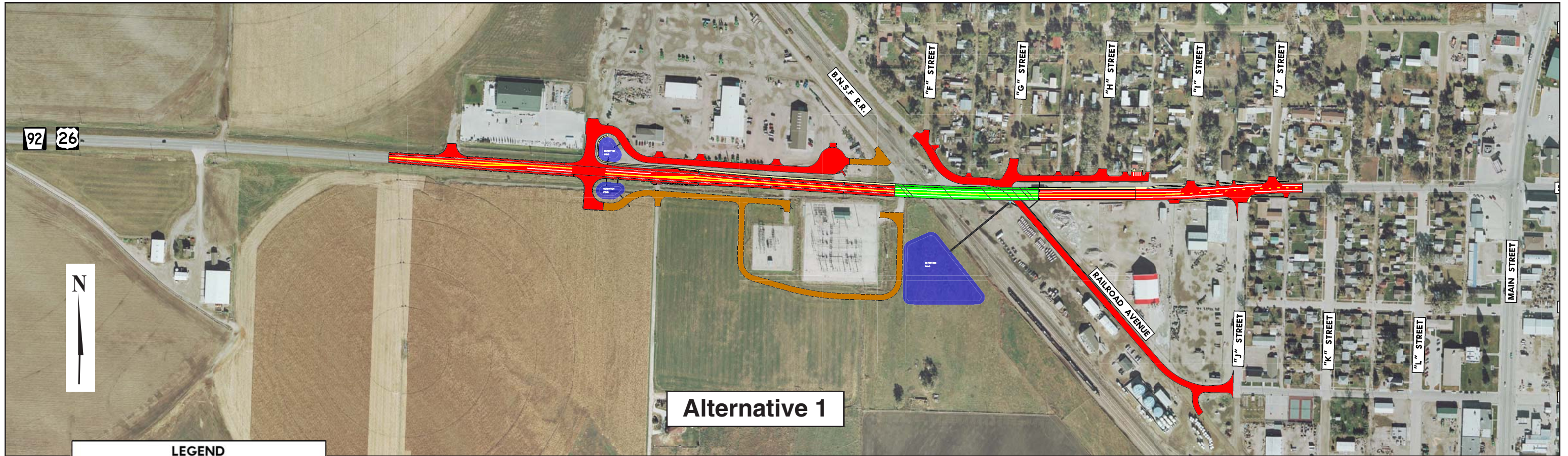
evaluated include wetlands, threatened and endangered species, cultural resources, environmental justice, noise impacts, aesthetics, and any required property acquisitions.

As of this date, construction has not been scheduled. At the conclusion of the alternatives analysis, if an alternative other than the “no-build” is selected, the project will proceed into the final design phase. A construction letting date will be scheduled based on funding availability and priority.

This public open house meeting is being held to provide information regarding the project, currently in the planning and environmental phase, and to receive the public’s input. All interested persons are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions regarding the three alternatives being carried forward. Design information will be displayed and personnel from NDOR will be present to answer questions and receive comments. The information “open house” format allows the public to come at any time during the advertised hours, gather pertinent information about the project, speak one-on-one with project personnel, and leave as they wish.

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 March 12, 2015. The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through April 10, 2015. Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Sarah Kugler, Public Involvement Coordinator, Nebraska Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; sarah.kugler@nebraska.gov; voice telephone 402-479-4871; fax 402-479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOR website, the day after the meeting, at www.roads.nebraska.gov/projects/ by clicking on the “Bridgeport” link. For further information, contact Doug Hoevet, NDOR District Five Engineer, 308-436-6587, doug.hoevet@nebraska.gov.

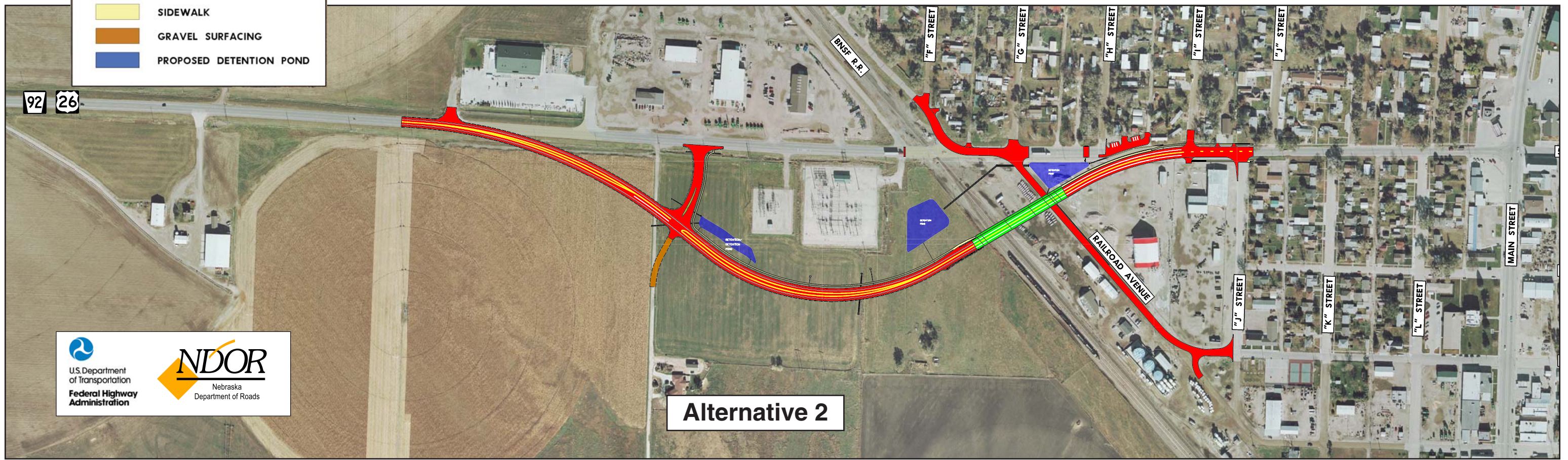


Alternative 1

LEGEND

- PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION
- BRIDGE
- SIDEWALK
- GRAVEL SURFACING
- PROPOSED DETENTION POND

PRELIMINARY PLAN
NOT FINAL - SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Alternative 2

U.S. Department of Transportation
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