

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Public Information Open House Meeting

Tuesday, July 25, 2023; 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Hastings City Auditorium, 400 North Hastings Avenue, Hastings, NE 68901

S-6-4(1022) HASTINGS SOUTHEAST; C.N. 41086

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) will hold a public information open house meeting regarding proposed improvements to U.S. Highway 6 (US-6), in Adams County. The meeting will be held at the Hastings City Auditorium, 400 North Hastings Avenue, in Hastings, on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, from 4:00-6:00 PM. **No formal presentation is planned.** The option to view all meeting materials will be made available on the NDOT website at ndot.info/41086.

Identified as *Hastings Southeast*, the proposed project would reconstruct approximately 2.38 miles of U.S. Highway 6 (US-6) beginning approximately 0.77 miles east of the junction of US-6 and U.S. Highway 281/U.S. Highway 34 (US-281/US-34) at mile marker (MM) 212.71, and extending north on Elm Avenue, then east on South Street to MM 215.05, approximately 0.24 miles east of Showboat Boulevard. Construction would begin and/or end approximately 1,000 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate temporary surfacing for phased construction. The project would include work at adjacent roadways.

The purpose of this project is to improve safety, reduce congestion, improve the reliability of the transportation system, and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for the project is based on the condition of the existing roadway.

Proposed improvements on this project would include removing the existing pavement and subgrade and constructing doweled concrete pavement with new curb and gutter on a foundation course over a prepared subgrade. The new pavement section would consist of a three-lane roadway including a center two-way left turn lane. The existing curve would be removed between "B" Street and 1st Avenue and US-6 would be realigned to a new roundabout intersection at Elm Avenue and South Street. The existing signalized intersection at US-6 and Showboat Boulevard would be reconstructed to include additional right turn lanes on US-6 and dedicated left turn lanes on Showboat Boulevard. A new storm sewer collection system would be constructed on the urban portion of the project. New sidewalks and retaining walls would be constructed, along with curb ramps built to current federal and state standards. Additional work would include resurfacing or reconstructing existing surfaced driveways and intersections. Permanent pavement markings would be applied to new surfacing. Pedestrian crossing beacons would be built, and existing street lights would be removed and replaced where warranted.

The proposed project would require the acquisition of additional property rights, which could include new right-of-way (ROW), control of access (CA), temporary easements (TE), and/or permanent easements (PE). Multiple commercial and residential relocations are anticipated. If your property is impacted by this project, you will be contacted by a representative once the design footprint has been established. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements.

Construction could begin as early as spring of 2026 with completion anticipated in the summer of 2028. A portion of this project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices. Other portions of the project would be constructed under total closure with traffic detoured. Temporary surfacing would be required.

A designated detour route would be in place for through traffic on US-6 during construction of the project. The detour route would utilize J Street and Showboat Boulevard.

During reconstruction of the curb ramps, pedestrians would be detoured using sidewalks and crossings at adjacent streets. Potential impacts to Duncan Field, Harm Park, and the Good Samaritan Society are being evaluated. Historic properties have been identified along this project, but they would not be adversely affected by the project as proposed. Impacts to wetlands are anticipated and would be mitigated as necessary.

This public information open-house meeting is being held to provide information regarding the project, currently in the design phase, and to receive the public's input. All interested persons are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions. Design information will be displayed and personnel from NDOT 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.

NDOT 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 July 15, 2023. The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through August 9, 2023. Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Sarah Fisher, NDOT Public Involvement, Nebraska Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; sarah.fisher@nebraska.gov; voice telephone 402-479-3832, fax 402-479-3989. Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOT website at ndot.info/41086. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOT Headquarters, 1500 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, NE 68509. For further information, contact: Wes Wahlgren, NDOT District 4 Engineer, wes.wahlgren@nebraska.gov; voice telephone 308-385-6265.