NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Public Information Open House Thursday, April 27, 2023; 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Wahoo Public Library, 637 N Maple Street, Wahoo, NE 68066

MISC-77-6(1080) Wahoo Intersection; CN 13502

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) will hold a public information open house meeting regarding proposed improvements to the intersection of US Highway 77 (US-77) and Nebraska Highway 109 (N-109) in Saunders County. The meeting will be held at the Wahoo Public Library, 637 N Maple Street, in Wahoo on Thursday, April 27, 2023, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Identified as *Wahoo Intersection*, the proposed improvements would build a roundabout at the intersection of US-77 and N-109 near the Wahoo Airport at mile marker (MM) 95.06.

The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes at the junction of US-77 and N-109, improve the reliability of the transportation system, and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for this project is based on current crash trends present at the intersection of US-77 and N-109.

The proposed project would require the acquisition of additional property rights, which could include new right-of-way (ROW), control of access (CA), permanent easements (PE), and/or temporary easements (TE). 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. Lake Wanahoo and the Wahoo Airport are located in the vicinity of the proposed improvements; no impacts are anticipated.

Construction could begin as early as spring of 2024 with completion anticipated by fall of 2024.

Construction of the proposed project would be phased with segments closed and traffic detoured. US-77 would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices. N-109 would be temporarily closed and traffic detoured. A designated detour for N-109 would be provided using US-77. A designated detour for local traffic would be provided utilizing Old Highway 77, E 12th Street and N Chestnut Street.

This public information open house meeting is being held to provide information regarding the project, 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. No formal presentation is planned for this meeting.

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 April 17, 2023.

The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through May 12, 2023. Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Lucas Nelsen, Public Involvement Specialist, Nebraska Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; lucas.nelsen@nebraska.gov; voice telephone 402-479-3890; fax 402-479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOT website after the meeting at: ndot.info/13502. 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 Thomas Goodbarn, NDOT District 1 Engineer, 402-471-0850, thomas.goodbarn@nebraska.gov.