

In Ogallala & South STP-NH-26-2(155); C.N. 61632

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LOCATION

Identified as *In Ogallala & South*, the proposed project would improve segments of U.S. Highway 26 (US-26) and Nebraska Highway 61 (N-61) in the city of Ogallala in Keith County. The US-26 segment would begin at the east junction of US-26 with U.S. Highway 30 (US-30) & N-61, at approximately mile marker (MM) 149.95, and extend south to the grade separation over Interstate 80 (I-80) at approximately MM 150.73. The N-61 segment would begin about 0.79 miles south of the south corporate limits of Ogallala, at approximately MM 85.21, and extend north to approximately MM 86.69 including the grade separation over I-80. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 500 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement.

PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of the proposed project is to preserve the 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 condition of the existing pavement and bridges.

SCOPE OF WORK

Proposed improvements would consist of concrete pavement repairs, crack and joint sealing, placing concrete sealer and bridge repairs. The following four bridges would be repaired.

- **S026 15009L** and **S026 15009R** over Union Pacific Railroad
- **S026 15046** over the Platte River
- **S080 12669** US-26 and N-61 over I-80

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Construction could begin as early as summer of 2024 and be completed in the winter of 2024.

TRAFFIC VOLUMES

US-26/N-61

Year	2024	2034
Vehicles Per Day	6,695	7,535
% Trucks	13%	13%

ACCOMMODATION OF TRAFFIC

This project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices. Short term night-time work would be required for overhead sign replacements.

RIGHT-OF-WAY

The proposed project would not require the acquisition of additional property rights. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to traffic phasing requirements.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS

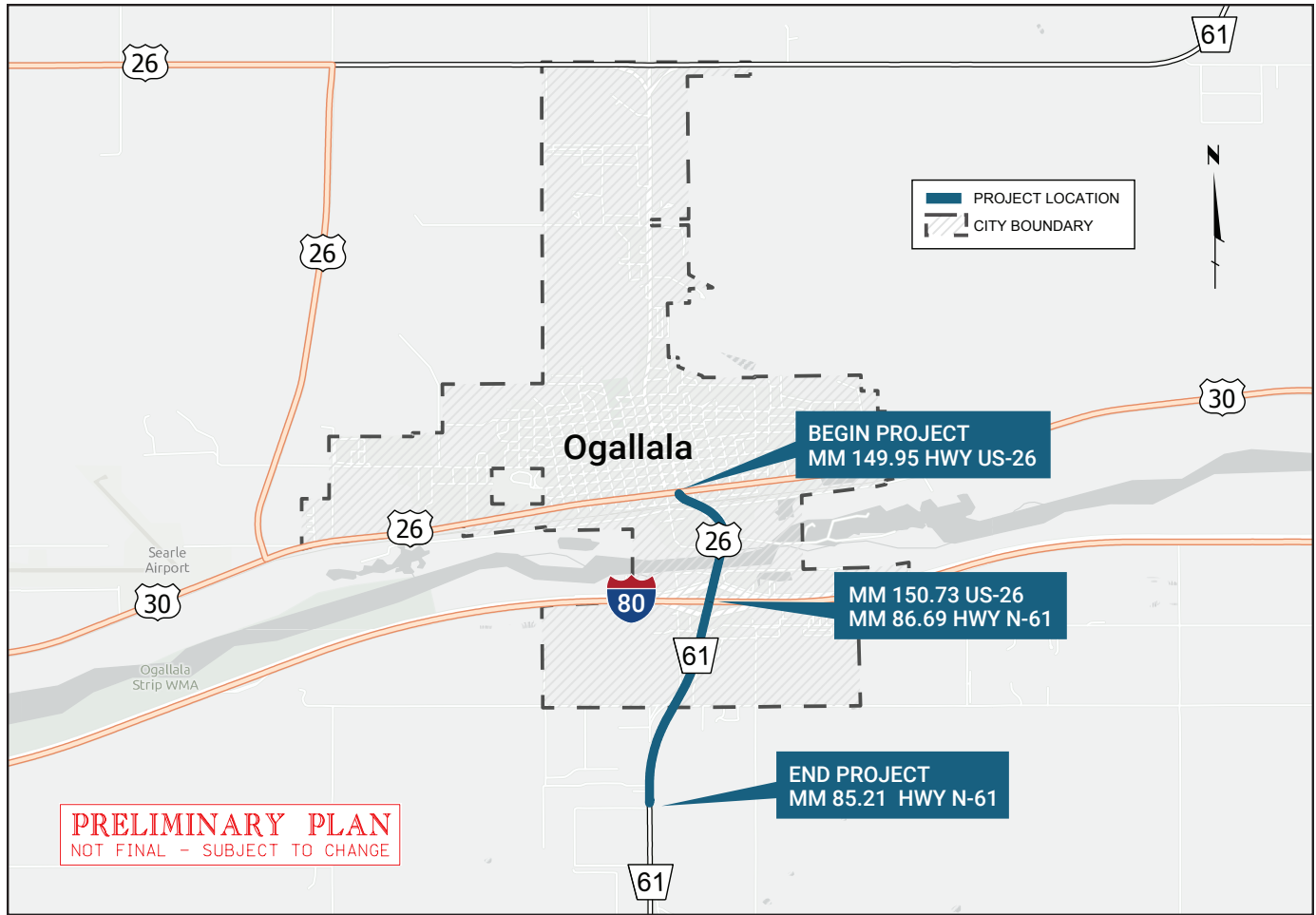
Short-term closures of the existing sidewalks at bridge locations would be necessary to accommodate construction activities. The project would be phased to provide accommodations for pedestrians during construction. No wetland and/or other water resource impacts are anticipated.

ESTIMATED COST

The estimated cost of this project is approximately \$4.6 million and would derive from federal and state funding sources.

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