

Legal Notice

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Tuesday, November 2, 2021; 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Presentation at 5:15 p.m.
North Bend Municipal Auditorium, 741 N Main St, North Bend, NE 68649

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) will hold a public information meeting regarding proposed roadway improvements at the U.S. Highway 30 expressway (US-30) and Nebraska Highway 79 (N-79) intersection in Dodge County. The public information meeting will be held at the North Bend Municipal Auditorium at 741 N Main St, North Bend, NE 68649 on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with a presentation at 5:15 p.m.

Identified as **US-30 Expressway/N-79 Intersection Improvement**, NDOT is proposing to construct a restricted crossing U-turn intersection, otherwise known as an RCUT, at US-30 expressway and N-79. On US-30 expressway, the project begins 0.25 miles west of the junction and extends east 0.5 miles. On N-79, the project extends north and south of the junction. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 500 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement.

At an RCUT intersection, motorists approaching divided highways from a side road are not allowed to make left turns or cross traffic; instead, they are required to turn right onto the highway and then make a U-turn at a designated median opening. This reduces potential conflict points and enhances safety. Generally, delay caused by waiting to cross both sets of lanes or by a traffic signal is greater than the delay caused by the RCUT movement. Traffic will still be able to turn left onto side roads from the highway directly.

The purpose of the project is to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes at the intersection of US-30 expressway and N-79, improve the mobility of the traveling public and improve the reliability of the transportation system. The need for this project is based on information from the NDOT Safety Committee, Strategic Safety Infrastructure Project Teams, Traffic Engineering Division and District 2.

The improvements required include construction of eastbound and westbound left-turn lanes and bulb-outs on US-30 expressway to allow the U-turns and construction of a right-turn lane for westbound US-30 expressway to northbound N-79. Modifications to the existing raised islands at the US-30 expressway/N-79 intersection will also be required and modifications to the N-79 geometry on the north and/or south side may be included. Any existing street lighting would be modified as necessary. Additionally, work will include grading, earth work and new permanent pavement markings.

Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements. This project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices.

Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2022. Total cost for the project is estimated to be less than \$500,000 and funding would come from state sources.

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 October 26, 2021.

For those unable to attend the November 2, 2021 meeting in-person, a recorded presentation containing all information from the public meeting will be posted on the NDOT website on November 3.

Comments will be collected through November 19, 2021 and should be submitted to:

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Information regarding the proposed project will be available on the NDOT website at ndot.info/20626. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above.