

## NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### HIGHWAY PROJECT INFORMATION

#### NDOT PROJECTS:

NH-80-3(156) Ogallala - Roscoe; C.N. 61586

NH-80-3(157) Ogallala – Roscoe Crossovers; C.N. 61586A

NH-80-3(155) Ogallala WB Rest Area Buildings; C.N. 61371A

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) is currently soliciting public input on proposed improvements to Interstate 80 (I-80) in Keith County.

Identified as **Ogallala – Roscoe**, **Ogallala – Roscoe Crossovers** and **Ogallala WB Rest Area Buildings**, these projects would rebuild 7.24 miles of I-80, starting 1.04 miles west of the Ogallala Interchange, at approximately mile marker (MM) 125.65, and extend east to MM 132.89, 1.08 miles west of the Roscoe Interchange in Keith County. It would include the ramps at the Ogallala Interchange and the Ogallala Westbound Safety Rest Area. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 1500 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement.

The purpose of these projects is to preserve the transportation asset, improve the reliability of the transportation system and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for the proposed projects is based on the current condition of the existing roadway and bridges. The need for a safety rest area is to ensure the traveling public has effective stopping opportunities in an effort to reduce fatigue-related collisions and satisfy federal requirements for maximum safety rest area spacing.

Proposed improvements would consist of grading beyond the hinge point, pavement removal and resurfacing with doweled concrete, earth shoulder construction, shoulder widening and/or surfacing, and adding, removing and replacing or extending culverts. Additional work would include constructing temporary crossovers, removing and replacing guardrail, ramp work, removal and replacement or resetting of ground mounted and overhead signs, and light fixture replacement. Several bridge structures would be included within the scope of the projects:

- S080 12600
- S080 12669
- S080 12691
- S080 12794
- S080 12996 (County Road over I-80)

Additional work would include replacing the westbound safety rest area building and expanding the parking areas to accommodate approximately 60 cars, 60 trucks, and 7 RVs. West Roscoe Service Road would be slightly realigned to accommodate the new safety rest area building and parking areas; access would be maintained.

The proposed projects 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 the projects, 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 based on traffic phasing requirements.

Wetland and/or other water resource impacts are expected; however, no mitigation is anticipated. A historic sculpture located at the Ogallala Rest Area would be preserved in place.

The proposed projects would be constructed in phases and under traffic with lane closures controlled with appropriate traffic control strategies and devices. **No detour would be required;** however, median crossovers would be used to switch traffic head-to-head at either end of the projects and temporary ramps and slip ramps would be used to maintain traffic at the Ogallala interchange.

Construction for the *Ogallala - Roscoe Crossovers* proposed project could begin as early as spring of 2024 and be completed in the summer of 2024. The proposed *Ogallala WB Rest Area Buildings* and *Ogallala – Roscoe* projects could begin as early as summer of 2024 with completion anticipated by winter of 2025.

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The public is encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding these proposed projects. Materials can be provided in alternative languages or formats. Comments will be collected through September 11, 2023. Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Sierra Luhn, Public Involvement Specialist, Nebraska Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; [sierra.luhn@nebraska.gov](mailto:sierra.luhn@nebraska.gov); voice telephone 402-479-3103, Fax 402-479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed projects will be made available on the NDOT website at [ndot.info/61586](http://ndot.info/61586). For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOT Headquarters, 1500 Hwy 2, Lincoln, NE. For further information, contact Gary Thayer, NDOT District 6 Engineer, 308-535-8031, [gary.thayer@nebraska.gov](mailto:gary.thayer@nebraska.gov).