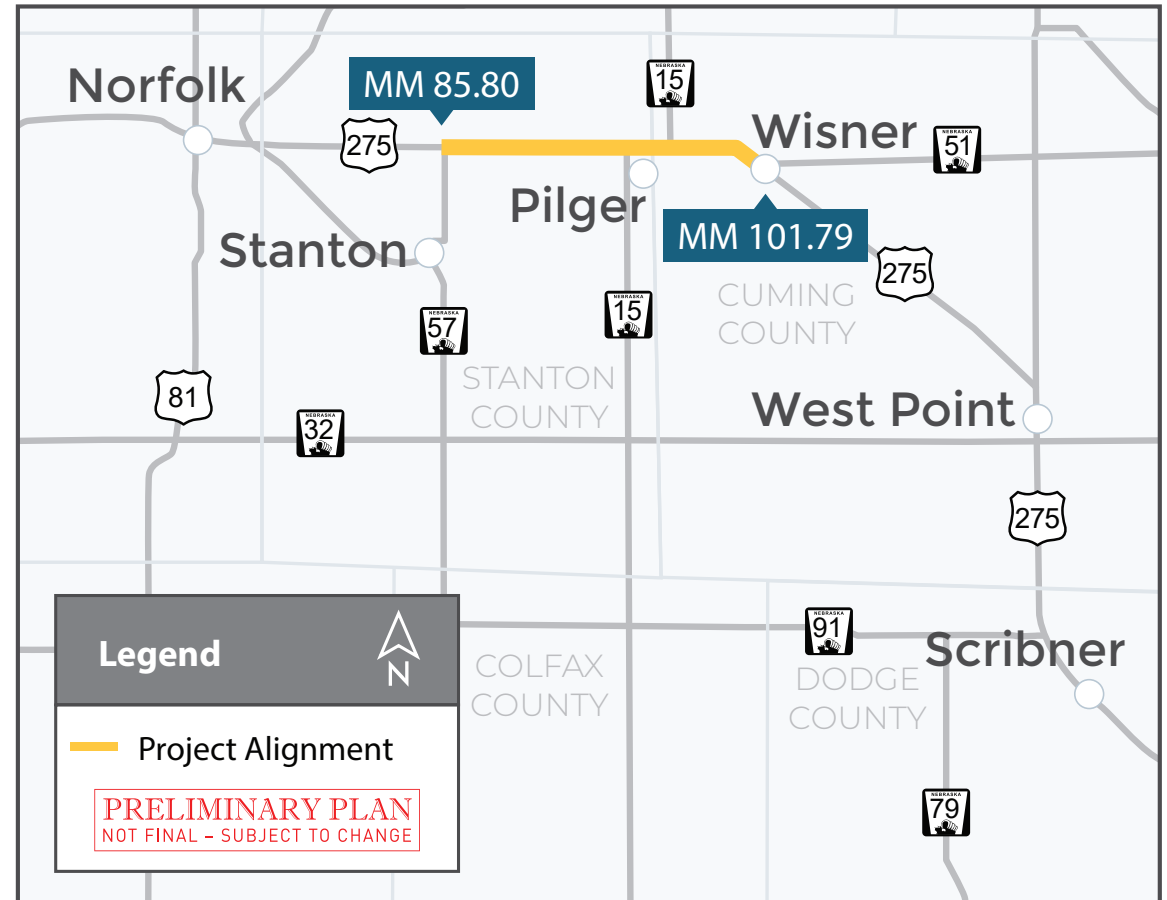


# PROJECT DESCRIPTION & LOCATION

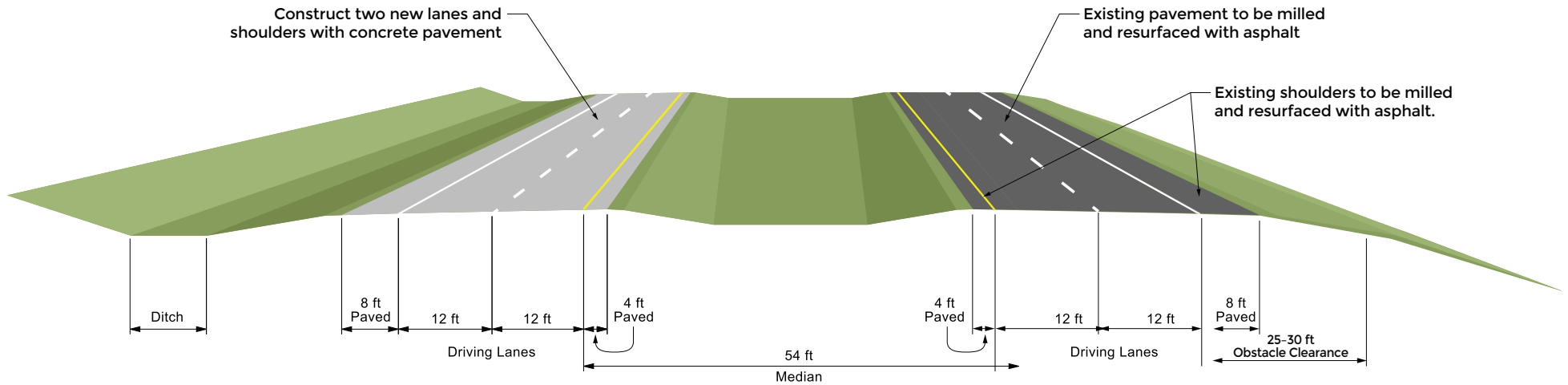
The proposed project, known as Norfolk – Wisner, would expand the existing two-lane highway to a four-lane expressway. The project begins 8.5 miles east of Norfolk, approximately 0.30 mile west of the intersection of U.S. Highway 275 (US-275) and Nebraska Highway 57 (N-57) at mile marker (MM) 85.80 and extends east and south to the west side of Wisner, Nebraska at MM 101.79, where it ties into the existing US-275 four-lane roadway.



# PROJECT PURPOSE

- Fulfill legislative intent to continue development of the expressway system identified in the 1988 Nebraska Highway Needs Study.
- Improve regional connectivity for vehicles in northeast Nebraska, including commercial vehicles, by providing important expressway connections with Nebraska Highway 57 (N-57), N-15 & N-51, while maintaining convenient highway access for communities within the area.
- Reduce the annual corridor delay of 477,300 vehicle hours between Norfolk and Wisner, which is expected to worsen as traffic volumes increase in this area.
- Maximize use of existing transportation infrastructure, including connecting highways, and existing right-of-way (ROW) and improve the reliability and condition of existing facilities.

# TYPICAL SECTION



## Expressway Section

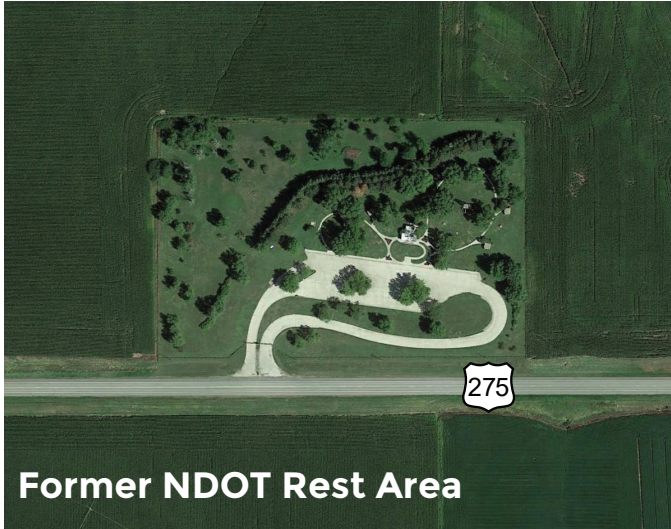
(Existing lanes may be either EB or WB)

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# POTENTIAL PROJECT IMPACTS

- Project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices. A US-275 detour would not be required.
- Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction, but may be limited at times due to traffic phasing requirements.
- This 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.
- Wetland impacts are anticipated and would be mitigated at appropriate sites.
- The project may impact two potentially historic properties: the former NDOT rest area, located on the north side of US-275 between 571st Avenue and 570th Avenue, and the Sharpe Homestead site, located along US-275 in Stanton County. Impacts to these sites would be handled in accordance with Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act.
- The Wisner-Pilger High School track and athletic fields are also within the project area and would likely not be impacted.

# POTENTIAL HISTORIC PROPERTIES



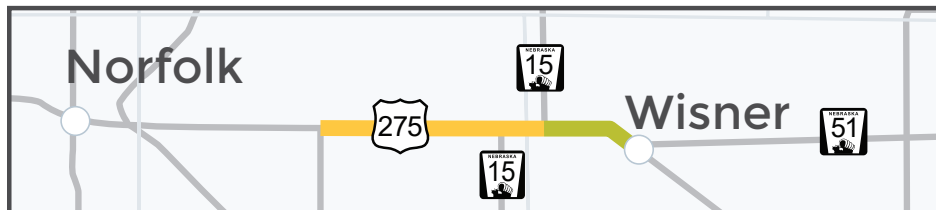
- Rest area constructed in mid-1960s.
- Privately owned.
- Currently used for farmer's market and other uses.






- First homestead in Stanton County.
- Dates to 1865.

# SCHEDULE & COST

Project costs are estimated at \$63 million. NDOT has applied for additional federal funding through a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant. The project would be constructed in two segments, the first of which would be US-275 from N-57 to the east intersection of N-15, the second of which would be US-275 from N-15 to Wisner. Construction of the proposed project is based on the availability of funding.



**Legend** 

-  Norfolk to N-15
-  N-15 to Wisner

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# NEXT STEPS

\*Tentative. Subject to Change

## Public Comments

- Until September 25, 2019.

## NDOT Responses

- October and November 2019.

## Draft Environmental Assessment & Public Hearing

- Late 2019 / Early 2020.

## Environmental Decision Document

- Summer 2020.

## Right-of-Way Activities

- Not Scheduled

## Construction

- Not Scheduled