

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Information Open House Public Meeting

Tuesday, October 27, 2020; 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

North Bend Auditorium, 741 Main Street, North Bend, NE 68649

STP-79-3(108) North Bend – US-30; C.N. 22752

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) will hold a public information open house meeting regarding proposed improvements to Nebraska Highway 79 (N-79) in Dodge County. The meeting will be held at the North Bend Auditorium, 741 Main Street, in North Bend, on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. To accommodate those who do not wish to attend in person, a pre-recorded presentation, as well as all meeting materials will be available on the NDOT website at <https://dot.nebraska.gov/projects/future-projects/> by clicking on the "North Bend – US-30 link. There will be no formal presentation at the public meeting.

Identified as **North Bend – US-30**, the proposed project would improve approximately 2.08 miles of N-79 beginning at mile marker (MM) 42.44, just north of the Platte River Bridge, and extending north to MM 44.56, about 0.10 miles north of County Road S. The project also includes the bridge over the Platte River at MM 42.29. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 500 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement.

The purpose of this project is to preserve the transportation asset, improve the reliability of the transportation system, and ensure the mobility of the traveling public. The need for this proposed project is based on existing roadway and bridge conditions.

The improvements on this project would consist of asphalt milling and resurfacing in the rural segments and reconstructing concrete pavement in the urban segment. Additional work would include storm sewer improvements, utility relocations, curbs, gutters and sidewalks. Bridge repairs would include expansion joints, guardrail, and supports prior to being resurfaced with asphalt.

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. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements.

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in spring 2022 and could be completed by 2023. The rural segments of this project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices. The urban reconstruction segment would require temporary highway closures and a detour for through traffic. Some side streets may be

temporarily closed; closures through North Bend would be done one block at a time to minimize disruptions. The detour for through traffic would utilize Old US-30, County Road 4, and future US-30.

Minimal wetland impacts are anticipated; no mitigation would be required. The North Bend Auditorium and Memorial Park are located within the project vicinity; access impacts are expected for sidewalk and storm sewer improvements. The proposed project would remove 13 of the existing 60 on-street parking stalls in downtown North Bend. Comments related to these impacts would be taken at the public open house meeting.

This meeting is being held to provide information regarding the project, currently in design phase, 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.

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 20, 2020.

The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through November 5, 2020. Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Sarah Soula, External Affairs Manager, Nebraska Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; sarah.soula@nebraska.gov; voice telephone (402) 479-4871, fax (402) 479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOT website at <https://dot.nebraska.gov/projects/future-projects/> by clicking on the "North Bend – US-30" link. 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:
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