

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HIGHWAY PROJECT INFORMATION

NDOT PROJECT:

S-77-2(1087) **Fremont Southwest Bridge**; C.N. 13394B

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) is currently soliciting public input on the proposed improvements of U.S. Highway 77 (US-77) in Saunders County.

Identified as ***Fremont Southwest Bridge***, the proposed project would remove and replace a bridge on U.S. Highway 77 (US-77) in Saunders County. The bridge is located at about mile marker (MM) 111.44 over Elm Creek. 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 proposed project is to preserve the US-77 transportation asset, improve the reliability of the transportation system, and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for this proposed project is based on the current condition of the bridge.

The proposed improvements on this project would consist of removing and replacing the existing bridge, grading the foreslopes, and removing existing guardrail. Pavement would be replaced ahead of and beyond the bridge to accommodate the bridge replacement. The bridge over Elm Creek (Structure Number S077 11144) would be replaced with a bridge-sized concrete box culvert.

The proposed 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.

Wetland and channel impacts are anticipated due to culvert work and would be mitigated as necessary.

Construction for the proposed project could begin as early as spring of 2024 and be complete as early as fall of 2024.

The project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices; however, the construction of the concrete box culvert would require a shoo-fly to maintain traffic.

The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Materials can be provided in alternative languages or formats. Comments will be collected through May 5, 2023. Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Lucas Nelsen, Public Involvement Specialist, Nebraska Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; lucas.nelsen@nebraska.gov; voice telephone (402) 479-3890, fax (402) 479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOT website at ndot.info/13394B. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOT Headquarters, 1500 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, NE. For further information, contact Thomas Goodbarn, NDOT District 1 Engineer, (402) 471-0850, thomas.goodbarn@nebraska.gov.