

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Public Information Open House Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 2024; 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. CST

Nebraska Department of Transportation Headquarters, 1500 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, NE 68502

S-77-2(1074) LINCOLN WEST BELTWAY; C.N. 12552A

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) will hold a public information open house meeting to present the preferred alternative and proposed improvements to U.S. Highway 77 (US-77) within the city of Lincoln in Lancaster County. The meeting will be held at the Nebraska Department of Transportation Headquarters, 1500 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, NE 68502 on Thursday, April 18, 2024, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Identified as **Lincoln West Beltway**, the proposed project includes approximately 4.68 miles of US-77 beginning at Rokeby Road and extending north to Calvert Street and would construct a new interchange at the intersection of US-77 and Warlick Boulevard; construct a new interchange at the intersection of US-77 and Pioneers Boulevard; and close the existing intersections at US-77 and Yankee Hill Road and US-77 and Old Cheney Road. The work at the Warlick Interchange would include approximately 1.06 miles of pavement reconstruction along Warlick Boulevard/West Denton Road from Folsom Street to the Salt Creek Bridge. In addition, the work at the Pioneers Interchange would include approximately 0.63 miles of pavement construction along Pioneers Boulevard from approximately 1000 feet west of Folsom Street to 300 feet west of South 1st Street.

The need for the project is based on the Lincoln West Beltway Corridor Study (2022). The full purpose and need statement for the proposed project will be made available at the public information open house meeting.

The proposed improvements on this project would consist of pavement reconstruction and resurfacing, interchange construction, and roadway lighting along Warlick Boulevard, Pioneers Boulevard, and at the new interchanges. The project would also install new signage at the interchanges, where warranted.

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.

Potential impacts to environmental resources are being evaluated for this project. Resources being reviewed include, but are not limited to: cultural resources, wetlands and water resources, hazardous materials, farmland, threatened and endangered species, parks including Wilderness Park, and more. Impacts to these resources are to be determined.

Construction could begin as early as spring 2025 and be completed by fall 2028. Along US-77, this project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices.

Temporary crossovers and head-to-head traffic would be utilized at times to maintain traffic along US-77. The side roads may be closed and traffic detoured while the new interchanges are being constructed. Comments related to potential side road closures and detours will be taken at this meeting.

This meeting is being held to provide information regarding the project 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. No formal presentations are planned for this meeting.

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 April 11, 2024.

The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through May 4, 2024.

Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Samantha Huebner, NDOT Public Involvement, Nebraska Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; samantha.huebner@nebraska.gov; voice telephone 402-479-4303; fax 402-479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOT website at ndot.info/12552A. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOT Headquarters, 1500 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, NE 68502.

For further information, contact Brandon Varilek, NDOT District 1 Engineer in Lincoln at: brandon.varilek@nebraska.gov or voice telephone 402-471-0850.