

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NH-81-2(145), In Stromsburg and North; c.N. 42782

Tuesday, July 30, 2019; 4:00 – 6:00 PM CST

Viking Center, 118 East 3rd Street, Stromsburg, Nebraska 68666

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) will hold a public information open house meeting regarding the proposed improvement of U.S. Highway 81 (US-81) in Polk County. The meeting will be held at the Viking Center, 118 East 3rd Street, Stromsburg, NE on Tuesday, July 30, 2019, from 4:00 – 6:00 PM CST.

Identified as ***In Stromsburg and North***, the proposed project would repair or reconstruct approximately 4.85 miles of US-81 beginning 0.09 miles north of the southern corporate limits of Stromsburg, at mile marker (MM) 78.26, and extending north through the junction with Nebraska Highway 92 (N-92), to MM 83.11. The project would also include N-92 from MM 395.65 to MM 395.90 and the ramp to the right. 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 the proposed project is to preserve the transportation asset, improve the reliability of the transportation system, and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for this project is based on the current condition of the roadway.

The improvements on this project consist of removing the existing pavement and reconstructing the roadway from MM 78.26 to MM 79.00. The proposed reconstruction would have pavement markings for a three-lane section, with two twelve-foot through lanes and a fourteen-foot shared center turn lane, that would utilize the same footprint of the current roadway. US-81 from MM 79.00 to MM 83.11 and N-92 from MM 395.65 to MM 395.90 would be milled and resurfaced with asphalt. Additional work would include installation of a storm sewer system with curb inlets, area inlets, and outlets at the location of the current system and construction of earth retaining walls at various locations in the reconstruction portion. On-street parking would be reconstructed at its current location; however, the parallel parking stalls along the west side of City Square Park would be eliminated.

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in the spring of 2022 with completion by the fall of 2022. Highway traffic would be detoured during the project. The detour would utilize U.S. Highway 34 (US-34), Nebraska Highway 69 (N-69), and N-92 to the east or Nebraska Highway 66 (N-66), Nebraska Highway 14 (N-14), and U.S. Highway 30 (US-30) to the west. One lane (southbound) of local traffic would be maintained through the reconstruction portion of the project (MM 78.26 to MM 79.00), while northbound local traffic would be detoured east two blocks to Exchange Street. The resurfacing portion of the project (US-81 MM 79.00 to MM 83.11 and N-92 MM 395.65 to MM 395.90) would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices.

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.

Minor wetland impacts are anticipated and would be mitigated as necessary. The bike trail along US-81 from the Nebraska Central Railroad to 1st Street would be disturbed and reconstructed. Bicycle and pedestrian trail traffic would be detoured to the existing sidewalk on the west side of the highway.

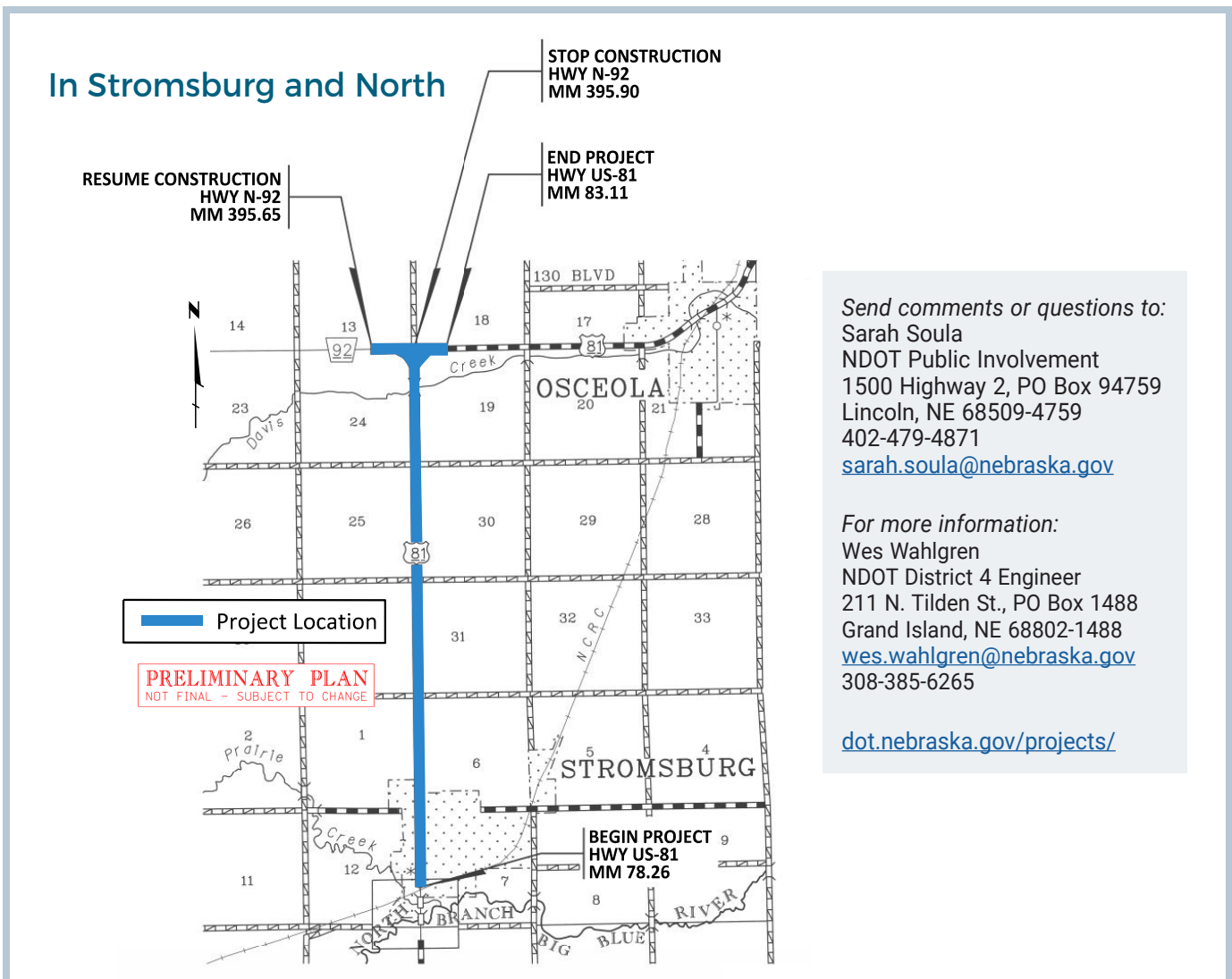
This public open house meeting is being held to provide information regarding the project, which is currently in the design stage, and to receive the public's input. All interested persons are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions. Design information will be displayed and personnel 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 July 20, 2019. The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through August 14, 2019. Written comments or requests should be submitted

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Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOT website at <http://dot.nebraska.gov/projects/future-projects/> by clicking on the “In Stromsburg and North” 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 Wes Wahlgren, NDOT District 4 Engineer, wes.wahlgren@nebraska.gov; voice telephone 308-385-6265.



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