**Nebraska Department of Transportation**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE MEETING**

*Public Information Meeting*

*Thursday,* *July 20, 2023; 5:00 PM-7:00 PM*

*Buena Vista High School*

*5616 L St, Omaha, NE 68117*

NH-275-7(194) US 275/72ndSt Interchange, Omaha; C.N. 22469

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) will hold a public information open house meeting regarding the reconstruction of US Highway 275 (US-275/L Street) and 72nd Street interchange in Omaha, Douglas County, NE. The meeting will be held at Buena Vista High School, 5616 L St, in Omaha on Thursday, July 20, 2023, from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM. The option to view materials from the meeting will be available on the NDOT website at ndot.info/22469.

Identified as ***US-275/72nd St Interchange, Omaha***, this proposed project would make improvements to the existing interchange of US-275/L Street and 72nd Street in Omaha. Total reconstruction along US-275/L Street would be approximately 0.4 miles, beginning at approximately mile marker (MM) 185.05, just west of the ramp connections, and extend east to approximately MM 185.45, just east of the ramp connections.

The purpose of this project is to preserve the transportation asset, improve the safety and reliability of the transportation system, and to accommodate future traffic volumes at the US-275/L Street and 72nd Street intersection. The need for the project is based on information from the NDOT Bridge Division based on the deteriorating condition of the existing bridge and crash rates that are higher than similar types of interchanges in Omaha.

This project would improve the existing interchange of US-275/L Street and 72nd Street. The planned improvements would include new pavement, raised median, driveway reconstruction, minor road reconstruction, curb and gutter, turn lane improvements, sidewalk reconstruction, and storm sewer improvements. Anticipated construction activities may include bridge work, utility work, ADA improvements, paving, grading, and overhead lighting, as well as improvements to traffic signage, signalization, and striping.

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

The Big Papio Trail and Keystone Trail South are within the project area, but no impacts are anticipated. No wetlands have been identified; however, Big Papio Creek is adjacent to the project and impacts to the floodplain will be evaluated.

Construction could begin as early as 2027 with completion anticipated in 2028. The majority of the project would be phased and constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled with appropriate traffic control devices and practices; however, short-term, temporary closures on US-275/L Street are anticipated. A detour route would be provided.

This meeting is being held to provide information regarding the proposed 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. No formal presentation is planned.

Si usted necesita interpretación o traducción de los materiales del proyecto, comuníquese con la División de Comunicación de NDOT por teléfono al 402-479-4512.

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 10, 2023. A Spanish interpreter will be available at the meeting.

NDOT hará posible dentro de lo razonable la utilización de un espacio de reunión accesible para todas las personas. Se tomarán medidas apropiadas para aquellas personas con incapacidades auditivas y visuales o con Dominio Limitado del Inglés (LEP), siempre y cuando se notifique al Departamento con anterioridad al día 28 de julio de 2023.

The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through August 7, 2023. Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Sierra Luhn, Public Involvement Specialist, Nebraska Department of Transportation, PO Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; sierra.luhn@nebraska.gov; voice telephone 402-479-3103, fax 402-479-3989. Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOT website at ndot.info/22469. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOT Headquarters, 1500 Hwy 2, Lincoln, NE 68509. For further information, contact: Dawn Knott, NDOT Project Development Division, dawn.knott@nebraska.gov; voice telephone 402-479-4414.