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Public Open House Nov 19 for Improvements to US-77, In Beatrice

Nov. 4, 2026 (Lincoln, Neb.) — The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) will hold a public open house regarding proposed improvements to U.S. Highway 77 (US-77) within the city of Beatrice in Gage County. The meeting will be held at the Beatrice Senior Center, 101 N 25th Street, in Beatrice on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026, from 5 to 7 p.m. The open house will provide information about the proposed roadway configuration, bridge replacement and repairs, and construction phasing. There will be no formal presentation.

Identified as ***US-77, In Beatrice***, the proposed project would improve approximately 3.4 miles of US-77, beginning just north of the southern city limit and extending north to just beyond the intersection of Industrial Row and US-77. The purpose of the proposed project is to repair the aging roadway and provide reliable travel for the community.

Proposed improvements include reconfiguring the existing four-lane roadway south of Lincoln Street, replacing the Big Blue River Bridge, and repairing the viaduct over the BNSF Railway and the bridge over Indian Creek. Additional improvements include asphalt pavement resurfacing, concrete repairs, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant pedestrian upgrades, guardrail and lighting replacements.

Construction could begin as early as spring 2028, with completion anticipated by winter 2029. The project would be constructed under traffic, with no highway detour. During construction, access to some nearby intersections and driveways would be temporarily modified to accommodate replacement of the Big Blue River Bridge. Additional details will be available online and at the information open house.

Details regarding the project will be provided at the public open house and personnel from NDOT will be available to answer questions, receive comments, and discuss the proposed highway project. For those unable to attend, meeting materials will be available on the NDOT website at ndot.info/13569 at the time of the meeting. Feedback and comments on the project can be submitted on the NDOT website now through Dec. 4, 2026.

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