

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Tuesday, February 18th, 2020; 5:00-7:00 PM

Information Open House Public Meeting

Randolph High School – 207 North Pierce Street, Randolph, NE

NH-20-5(112) US-81 To Belden; C.N. 31677

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) will hold a public information open house meeting regarding proposed improvements of U.S. Highway 20 (US-20) in Pierce and Cedar counties. The meeting will be held at Randolph High School, 207 North Pierce Street, in Randolph, on Tuesday, February 18th, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. A formal presentation will be given at 5:00 PM, followed by an open house until 7:00 PM.

Identified as **US-81 To Belden**, the proposed project would improve approximately 10.5 miles of US-20. The project would begin at the junction of US-20 and U.S. Highway 81 (US-81) at mile marker (MM) 373.97 and extend east to MM 384.47, 1.03 miles west of the junction of US-20 and Nebraska Highway 57 (N-57). Construction could begin and/or end approximately 200 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement.

The purpose of the proposed project is to preserve the US-20 transportation asset, improve the reliability of the transportation system, and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for the project is based on the condition of the existing roadway and bridges.

The proposed construction would consist of pavement removal and replacement in the curbed section of Randolph, milling and resurfacing the roadway and new asphalt surfaced shoulders in the rural sections, concrete repairs, bridge repairs, replacement of the bridge over Middle Logan Creek (Structure Number S020 38101), removing and replacing guardrail, and culvert extensions.

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). Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction, but may be limited at times due to traffic phasing requirements. Wetland impacts are anticipated and would be mitigated as necessary. Lion Club Park and Randolph High School are located within the project area. No impacts to these properties are anticipated.

Construction could begin as early as spring of 2021 and be complete by fall of 2022.

The project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by approved temporary traffic control strategies and devices. Access for local traffic would be maintained, but may be limited at times due to occasional side street closures during phased construction. Access to US-20 would be temporarily

closed at: 558th Avenue, West Broadway Street, North Washington Street, North Pacific Street, West Jackson Street, North Douglas Street, 558.5 Avenue, North Main Street and Cedar Street at different times during different phases.

Designated detours would be provided for the closures of 558th Avenue, West Jackson Street, and 558.5 Avenue. The detour for 558th Avenue would utilize 558th Avenue and West Jackson Street. The detour for West Jackson Street would utilize West Jackson Street and 558th Avenue. The detour for 558.5 Avenue would utilize 558.5 Avenue, 867th Road, and 557th Avenue.

The construction of new roadway pavement in the urban segment of Randolph would be constructed in multiple segments and phases to maintain critical access points. Temporary traffic signals would be utilized to maintain one lane of traffic. Additional information about phasing would be provided at the public information open house meeting.

This public information open house meeting is being held to provide information regarding the project, currently in the final design and ROW phase, 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 "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.

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 February 3rd, 2020. The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through March 4th, 2020. Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Sarah Soula, Public Involvement Manager, Nebraska Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; sarah.soula@nebraska.gov; voice telephone (402) 479-4871; fax (402) 479-3989.

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 "US-81 To Belden" 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 Kevin Domogalla, NDOT District 3 Engineer, (402) 370-3470, kevin.domogalla@nebraska.gov.