

# NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

## Public Information Open House Meeting

Thursday, September 29, 2022; 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. CST  
Community Center, 142 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Red Cloud, NE 68970

### STP-281-1(117) IN RED CLOUD; C.N. 42619

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) will hold a public information open house meeting to present the preliminary preferred alternative and proposed improvements to U.S. Highway 281 (US-281) & U.S. Highway 136 (US-136) within the city of Red Cloud in Webster County. The meeting will be held at the Community Center, 142 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Red Cloud, NE 68970 on Thursday, September 29, 2022, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. CST.

Identified as ***In Red Cloud***, the proposed project would reconstruct or resurface approximately 0.68 miles of US-281 starting near 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, at mile marker (MM) 5.82, and extending north to 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, at MM 6.55. It would also reconstruct or resurface approximately 0.15 miles of US-136, starting west of Cedar Street, at MM 75.22, and extending east to Elm Street, at MM 75.39.

The purpose of this 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 proposed project is based on the current condition of the roadway.

The proposed improvements on this project would consist of pavement reconstruction and resurfacing. New pavement could include bricks or concrete pavers. Additional work would include replacement or installation of storm sewers, underdrains, sidewalks, curb ramps, lighting, utilities, and permanent pavement markings.

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. On-street parking would be restricted at times due to construction phasing.

No wetland and/or other water resource impacts are anticipated. Red Cloud City Park is within the project area; impacts are anticipated due to sidewalk and curb work. Effects to historic properties are being evaluated and the proposed project is seeking ways to avoid adversely affecting historic properties. Comments related to historic properties would be taken at the open house public meeting.

Construction could begin as early as summer 2025 and be completed by summer 2026. The proposed project would not be constructed under traffic and would require detouring traffic for the duration of the project to accommodate the proposed work. A designated detour would be provided along the state highway system. A final detour determination would be made during final design.

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.

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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 September 22, 2022.

The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through October 15, 2022.

Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Sarah Fisher, NDOT Public Involvement, Nebraska Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; [sarah.fisher@nebraska.gov](mailto:sarah.fisher@nebraska.gov); voice telephone 402-479-3832; fax 402-479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOT website at [ndot.info/42619](http://ndot.info/42619). For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOT Headquarters, 1500 Hwy 2, Lincoln, NE 68502.

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For further information, contact Wes Wahlgren, NDOT District 4 Engineer in Grand Island at: [wes.wahlgren@nebraska.gov](mailto:wes.wahlgren@nebraska.gov) or voice telephone 308-385-6265.