

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE MEETING
STP-HSIP-1-7(110) US-34 - Murdock; C.N. 13469

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) will hold a public information open house meeting regarding proposed improvements along Nebraska Highway 1 (N-1) and Nebraska Spur 13C (S-13C) in Cass County, Nebraska. The meeting will be held at the Elmwood Fire Hall, 601 N. 4th Street, Elmwood, NE 68349 on Thursday, September 4, 2025, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Identified as **US-34 – Murdock**, the proposed project would improve approximately 7.33 miles of N-1 starting at the junction of N-1 and U.S. Highway 34 (US-34), at approximately mile marker (MM) 0.00 and extending to about 0.05 miles west of the junction of N-1 and Nebraska Spur 13A (S-13A), at approximately MM 7.33. The segment on S-13C is approximately 1.04 miles in length beginning at the junction of S-13C and US-34, at approximately MM 0.00, and extending to the corporate limits of Avoca, at approximately MM 1.04. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 500 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning to the pavement.

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

The proposed improvements for the project would consist of milling, resurfacing, and widening N-1 and S-13C, upgrading lighting at the junction of N-1 and US-34, culvert work, replacing guardrail, and adding a beveled edge at the edge of the widened roadway. Within Elmwood, the roadway would be improved by replacing the center 28 feet of the existing pavement, repairing curb & gutter, and resurfacing the parking areas. From B Street to the MoPac Trail, a stormwater sewer system would be constructed and would include new curb inlets and new curb and gutter. One existing bridge (over Stove Creek, Structure Number S001 00166) along the project would be repaired and two existing bridges (over Weeping Water Creek, Structure Number S001 00266; and over Beaver Creek, Structure Number S001 00479) would be replaced.

This project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices, except for the pavement replacement within Elmwood, where a detour would be utilized. The proposed detour route for through traffic would utilize N-1, Nebraska Highway 50 (N-50), and US-34. The detour would only be in place during the reconstruction of N-1 within Elmwood. Local traffic within Elmwood would use adjacent local roads as needed during construction. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements. Temporary closures of driveways would occur within Elmwood during the reconstruction work. On-street parking along N-1 would be restricted during the work within Elmwood. No parking stalls are anticipated to be

removed or added with this proposed project and access would return to normal following construction.

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.

Construction could begin as early as spring of 2027 with completion as early as fall of 2028.

MoPac Trail and Elmwood Park are located within the project vicinity. Property rights may need to be acquired from the MoPac trail. Access to the MoPac Trail would be maintained during construction. Temporary easements would be required at Elmwood Park for grading purposes. Minor wetland and/or other water resource impacts are anticipated. No mitigation would be required. Pedestrian accommodations across N-1 within Elmwood would be provided during construction.

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 presentation is 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 August 28, 2025.

The public is encouraged to provide input regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through September 19, 2025.

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; 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/13469. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOT Headquarters, 1500 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, NE 68502. For further information, contact Brandon Varilek, NDOT District 1 Engineer, at brandon.varilek@nebraska.gov or 402-471-0850.