QUICK FACTS

Category: Design

Project: US 30 from Kearney to Grand Island, Super 2

Estimated project cost: $62M

Length of project: 36 miles

WHY IT WAS SELECTED

Reduces Congestion: Travelers are experiencing delays in this area due to slow-moving trucks and agriculture equipment. Hills in the area also impact drivers’ sight-lines, which can limit passing opportunities. NDOR will begin design work for a Super 2 highway on US 30 from Kearney to Grand Island. A Super 2 is a two-lane roadway with paved shoulders and additional passing lanes approximately every five miles.

Economic Growth Potential: Grand Island and Kearney have both experienced steady population growth over the last decade. A Super 2 upgrade on this roadway would support future development along the corridor, which is important to Nebraska’s south central region.

Regional and Local Support: This project was identified as a top regional priority at NDOR’s recent stakeholder meetings. Stakeholders listed safety improvement and slow-moving truck traffic as their primary reasons for prioritizing this project. NDOR’s prioritization process ranked this project in the top 25 percent for both engineering and economic performance. Stakeholders did not think that this 36-mile stretch of road needed to be expanded to a four-lane highway. They stated that a Super 2 would make the necessary improvements and be the most cost effective option.