

PROJECT PROFILE:
US 81 from York north



QUICK FACTS

Category: Design

Project: US 81 from York north,
4-lane divided expressway

Estimated project cost: \$214M

Length of project: 43 miles

WHY IT WAS SELECTED

Completes a Gap in the Expressway System: This 43-mile stretch on US 81 is the only two-lane section of the corridor from Columbus to York. This four-lane expansion project, which begins at York and goes north, will fill the gap and make progress towards completing the Expressway System. NDOR will begin design work now so that this project will be ready for future construction.

Improved Connectivity and Economic Opportunity: US 81 is part of the Pan American Highway, which stretches from Laredo, Texas to Winnipeg, Canada. It's a significant freight route for the nation. Nebraskans will benefit greatly from the enhanced connectivity to I-80 that this project would provide.

Regional and Local Support: There's been long-term support for the continued expansion of this expressway. Over a decade ago, York celebrated when the four-lane expansion from the south reached the City and stakeholders have been longing to see it extended north. At NDOR's recent stakeholder meetings, participants identified this project as a top priority for the region. Stakeholders would like improved safety where the mixture of faster moving cars and slower agriculture equipment travel along the route. There is substantial truck traffic as well. Stakeholders noted the strong economic potential that could be gained by completing the corridor. This project ranked in the top 25 percent for economic performance, according to NDOR's prioritization process, which is consistent with stakeholder input.

QUESTIONS?

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