QUICK FACTS

**Category:** Construction

**Project:** US 275 from Scribner to West Point, 4-lane divided expressway with a bypass around Scribner

**Estimated project cost:** $90M

**Length of project:** 25 miles

**Why It Was Selected**

**Progress on the Expressway System:** This project makes progress towards completing the state’s Expressway System, and the US 275 corridor had the highest overall performance score of all the candidate projects on the Expressway System.

Expanding the US 275 corridor to four lanes will help support development in the area, improve connections to I-80 and I-29, and reduce travel times.

US 275, Scribner to West Point, will advance as the State’s first design-build project right away because it fits the design-build criteria established in partnership with NDOR’s industry partners. It is a large, complex project (approx. $90M), and an accelerated timeline will help the region realize the safety and economic benefits sooner than our traditional methods. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2019.

**Builds on Previous Investments:** Preliminary design work has been done and some of the right-of-way has been purchased for the southern half of the project, including the bypass around Scribner. As a way to stretch limited resources, NDOR plans to construct the majority of this project using a 2+2 approach. A 2+2 highway project involves using the existing two-lanes of highway and adding two new lanes to make a four-lane divided highway. The existing two lanes are resurfaced to give all four lanes a smooth ride. This approach saves money and reduces the time it takes to construct the project.

**Regional and Local Support:** This project has long been a priority in the area. At NDOR’s recent stakeholder meetings, participants identified it as a top priority in the region. Understanding that NDOR has limited funds available for construction, stakeholders said that it would make the most sense to start construction in Scribner and work north. Stakeholders also said they prefer that NDOR not construct a bypass around West Point. The remaining section of the corridor between West Point and Pilger was selected for design work.

**Questions?**

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