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NDOT Provides Update on I-80 Projects, Urges Nebraskans to Drive Safely in Work Zones

Dec. 3, 2025 (Lincoln, Neb.) – Across Nebraska, major projects are well underway or nearing completion along Interstate 80 (I-80). Construction on these projects – stretching from Ogallala to Omaha – began in spring of 2024 and 2025. The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) is providing the following project updates for drivers:

I-80 Westbound, Q Street to Giles Road

Covering 1.2 miles in Douglas and Sarpy counties, this project includes the repair of the I-80 bridge over West Papillion Creek, Eastport Parkway, and Harry Anderson Blvd., repair of the Harrison Street bridge over I-80, and widening of westbound I-80 from Q Street to Giles Road. The project is substantially complete with minor nighttime work scheduled for early December, weather permitting. This project is part of the [MTIS](#) program.

I-80, N-50 Ramp, Omaha

This project covers 1.54 miles of I-80 in Sarpy County to repair the bridges over West Giles Road and South Papillion Creek, and to widen westbound I-80 from the bridges to 144th Street (Nebraska Highway 50). The project is substantially complete with minor nighttime work scheduled for early December, weather permitting.

The completion of these mark the first projects resulting from the Metro Area Travel Improvement Study (MTIS), a comprehensive, long-range transportation plan for the Omaha-Council Bluffs metropolitan area. MTIS was a collaborative effort conducted by NDOT and the Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) between 2014 and 2019.

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I-80, Dawson County Line to Odessa

This project will rebuild 8.44 miles of I-80 in Buffalo County to replace deteriorated pavement and maintain the transportation system. Work includes reconstruction of the ramps at the Elm Creek-Holdrege interchange at Exit 257. Head-to-head traffic returned to normal on Nov. 3, 2025. Lane closures will remain for pavement marking and remedial work. The project is expected to be completed in spring 2026.

I-80, Ogallala to Roscoe

This rebuild of 7.24 miles of I-80 is located in Keith County. The asset preservation project includes the removal and replacement of the pavement and bridge work. A separate project is underway at the Ogallala westbound rest area, which will feature a new building, and expanded parking.

The project is approximately 50% complete. Eastbound lanes have been completed, and westbound lanes are scheduled to be replaced in 2026. Estimated completion date is late fall 2026.

I-80, Pleasant Dale to NW 56th Street

Located in Lancaster and Seward counties, this modernization project includes pavement and bridge replacement, expanding I-80 to six lanes, median barrier construction, and reconstruction of the on and off ramps at Nebraska Highway 103/NW 154th Street interchange at Exit 388.

This project will increase traffic capacity while supporting and maintaining safe and efficient travel. Construction is currently in the second of three phases and is anticipated to be completed in 2027.

"I'd like to thank Nebraskans for their patience as we work to improve roadways across the state and the vital I-80 corridor," NDOT Director Vicki Kramer said. "Tens of thousands of Nebraskans drive through these work zones every day. NDOT urges drivers to continue to be patient, and to drive carefully in work zones so we can all get home safe."

As of Nov. 30, 2025, there have been 108 crashes year to date in these I-80 work zones, and 451 crashes in work zones statewide. In 2024, distracted driving was a factor in at least 2,740 crashes in Nebraska. There have been 1,797 distracted driving crashes as of Nov. 30, 2025, year to date.

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