

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE MEETING
S-77-2(1083) Wahoo-Fremont South; C.N. 13519

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) will hold two public information open house meetings to present proposed improvements to portions of U.S. Highway 77 (US-77) in Saunders and Dodge counties. One public meeting is planned at the Keene Memorial Library, 1030 N Broad Street, Fremont, NE 68025, on Tuesday, July 28, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and one is planned at the Mead Fire Hall, 220 E. 4th Street, Mead, NE 68041 on Thursday, July 30, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Identified as **Wahoo – Fremont South**, the proposed project would begin approximately 0.40 miles east of the US-77/Nebraska Highway 109 (N-109) west junction, the east end of the existing four-lane Wahoo Expressway and would extend east and north for approximately 16.30 miles to join the existing four lanes approximately 0.50 miles north of the junction of US-77 and N-109. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 0.8 miles ahead of and 500 feet beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement.

The purpose of the project is to fulfill legislative intent to continue the development of the expressway system identified in the 1988 Nebraska Highway Needs Study. The completion of the expressway system will improve regional connectivity for vehicles in this area of Nebraska, including commercial vehicles, by providing important expressway connections with Nebraska Highway 92 (N-92), Nebraska Highway 64 (N-64), and N-109; maintain convenient highway access for communities in the area; improve the conditions of the existing pavement and infrastructure; and maximize the cost-effectiveness of the project. The need for the project is to advance the Lincoln to Fremont expressway.

The proposed project would expand the existing two-lane highway to a four-lane divided highway with a depressed median. The 2+2 approach would be utilized at the beginning of the project and would continue east and north for about 12 miles, to approximately 2.30 miles north of the US-77 and N-64 junction. The 2+2 strategy would construct new lanes on the south and east of US-77 and mill and resurface the existing lanes. A new four-lane divided highway would be constructed off-alignment east of the existing alignment beginning at the end of the 2+2 approach and would extend north for approximately 4 miles, for the rest of the project corridor. Additional improvements would include new paving, milling and resurfacing existing lanes, concrete repair, culvert work, new guardrail, removing and replacing guardrail, lighting, new bridges, improved intersections, access relocations, and side road modifications.

This project would be constructed primarily under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices; however, some county roads would be temporarily closed during construction and would require local detours utilizing adjacent county roads or State highways. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements.

Potential impacts to environmental resources are being evaluated for this project. Resources for review include, but are not limited to cultural resources, wetlands and water resources, hazardous materials, farmland, threatened and endangered species, parks, and more. Impacts to these resources are to be determined.

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 would be completed in segments and could begin as early as spring of 2029 and be completed by fall of 2033. Actual construction schedule will be determined based on availability of funds.

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.

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 July 20, 2026.

The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through August 14, 2026. Written comments or requests should be submitted to Brian Beach, NDOT Public Involvement, Nebraska Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759, brian.beach@nebraska.gov, voice telephone (402) 479-4994, fax (402) 479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOT website at ndot.info/13519. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOT Headquarters, 1500 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, NE. For further information, contact Brandon Varilek, NDOT District 1 Engineer, (402) 471-0850, brandon.varilek@nebraska.gov.