

Hwy 7 in Ainsworth

STP-7-4(112); C.N. 80804

PROJECT INFORMATION FACT SHEET

May 2023

*Red text denotes updated information.

LOCATION ▶ The proposed project would reconstruct approximately 0.5 miles of Nebraska Highway 7 (N-7) beginning near the southern corporate limits of Ainsworth at approximately mile marker (MM) 43.10, and extending north to the west junction of N-7 and U.S. Highway 20 (US-20) in Ainsworth, at approximately MM 43.60. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 500 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement.

PURPOSE AND NEED ▶ The purpose of the proposed project is to preserve the transportation asset, improve the reliability of the transportation system, and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for this project is based on the condition of the existing roadway.

SCOPE OF WORK ▶ Proposed improvements would consist of removing the existing pavement and replacing it with doweled concrete pavement with integral curb, reconstructing curb inlets and storm sewer, reconstructing pedestrian facilities, and replacing roadway lighting. Sanitary sewer and water utilities would be reconstructed or relocated as needed. Additional work would include reconstruction of driveways and intersections on N-7 and grading.

RIGHT-OF-WAY ▶ 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 a property is impacted by this proposed project, the property owner would be contacted by an NDOT representative once the design footprint has been established. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ▶ There are four historic properties located on N-7 within the project area: 215 S Main Street (Skinner's Motor Court), 159 N Main Street (Ainsworth Flowers & Gifts), 310 N Main Street, and 375 N Main Street (U.S. Post Office). **There are also two historic properties located on the preferred detour: the property at 406 E 4th Street and the property located on the northwest corner of E 4th Street and Walnut Street. These historic properties will not be adversely affected by the project as proposed.** Comments related to historic properties will be accepted during the public comment period. The Cowboy Trail would be reconstructed across N-7. Temporary surfacing would be required to maintain access to the Cowboy Trail. Brown County Park is located in the vicinity of the proposed project; no impacts are anticipated. No wetland impacts are anticipated on the proposed project.

CONSTRUCTION ▶ Construction could begin as early as spring of 2024 with completion anticipated by winter of 2024.

ESTIMATED COSTS ▶ The estimated cost of this project is approximately \$4.3 million. Funding would derive from federal, state, and city sources.

ACCOMMODATION OF TRAFFIC ▶ The proposed project would be constructed using segmented construction with a detour controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices. Local traffic would be able to utilize segments of the project that are not under construction. Pedestrian access to adjacent properties would be maintained.

DETOUR ▶ **The preferred detour for highway traffic would now utilize 877th Road, Cemetery Road/Pine Street, and US-20/N-7.**

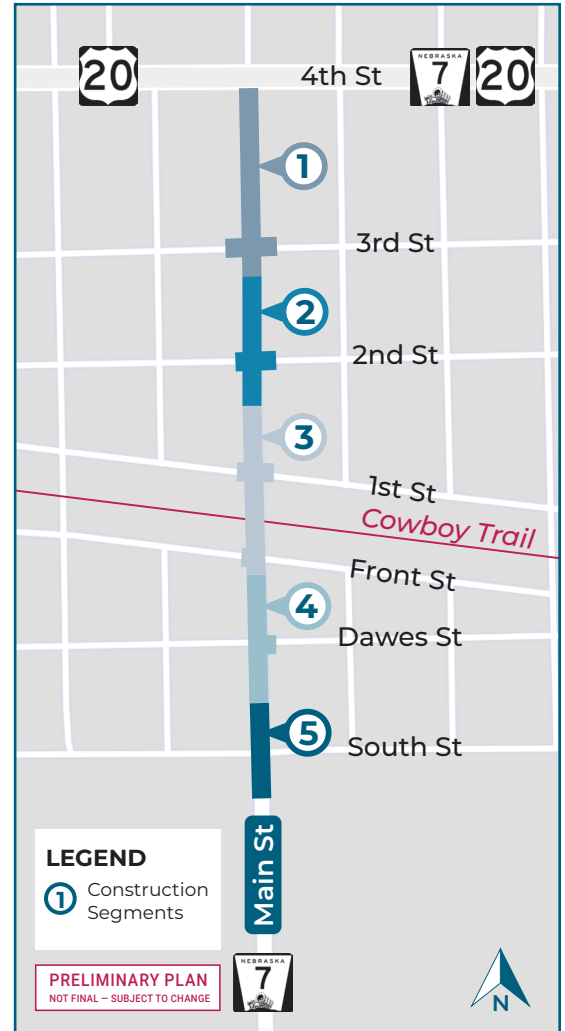
NDOT has worked to develop this project to minimize inconvenience and hardships. We are committed to improving Nebraska's highway system and with your help we can achieve this goal.

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Updated Proposed Construction Detour



Updated Proposed Construction Phasing



The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through **May 31, 2023**.

Written comments or requests should be submitted to:

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Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOT website at ndot.info/80804.