

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
& U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Thursday, August 11th, 2022; 5:00-7:00 PM

Public Information Open House Meeting

**American Legion Hartman Post 84 – 2263 3rd Ave Columbus, NE
NH-30-5(134) 23rd Street, Columbus; C.N. 32234;
10th Street Superfund Site**

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a pre-construction public information open house meeting regarding the proposed improvements of U.S. Highway 30 (US-30) in Columbus, NE. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Hartman Post 84, 2263 3rd Ave in Columbus, on Thursday August 11th, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. A formal presentation will be given at 5:15 PM, followed by an open house until 7:00 PM.

This pre-construction public information open house meeting is being held to present an overview of the schedule, phasing, and upcoming traffic impacts and closures associated with the EPA mitigation site. All interested persons are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions. There will be a formal presentation at 5:15 p.m. and personnel from NDOT, EPA, and the construction contractor will be present to answer questions and receive comments. The “open house” format follows the presentation and 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.

Identified as **23rd St, Columbus**, the proposed highway project would improve approximately 2.69 miles of US-30. The project would begin just east of the north junction of U.S. Highway 81 (US-81) and US-30 at mile marker (MM) 379.44, and extending east to MM 382.10, just east of the East 11th Ave intersection and includes EPA mitigation, identified as the 10th Street Superfund Site. Construction could begin and/or end approximately 800 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement or the need for crossovers for phasing.

The purpose of the proposed project is to preserve the US-30 transportation asset, improve the reliability of the transportation system, and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for the project is based on the condition of the existing roadway.

The proposed construction would consist of removing and replacing pavement. Curb inlets and storm sewer will be reconstructed. New pedestrian facilities will be constructed. Based on Traffic recommendations, four turn lanes (one right, three left) would be extended and five right turn lanes would be added. Driveways would be consolidated where possible. Roadway lighting and traffic signals will also be updated with this project. The need for MS4 mitigation requires an offsite detention & infiltration basin.

The initial phase of construction in 2022 will focus on the EPA superfund site mitigation, identified as **10th Street Superfund Site**, and would consist of removing pavement, excavating contaminated soils, and hauling them off site to be treated. Site project information is available to the public at web repositories. To view cleanup documents, please visit the EPA's Site Profile Page at: www.epa.gov/superfund/10thstreet (see Site Documents & Data).

If you don't have internet access, you can view these documents online at this location: Columbus Public Library, 2410 14th Street, Columbus, NE 68601; 402-564-7116.

If you have questions about the 10th Street Superfund Site, please contact Pamela Houston, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, at houston.pamela@epa.gov or Toll-free: 1-800-223-0425. EPA is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities. For reasonable accommodations at the Public Meeting, please contact Euleashia Embry at 1-800-223-0425 or embry.euleashia@epa.gov.

Construction relating to the EPA mitigation will begin in August of 2022 and is scheduled to be completed in November of 2022. Mitigation will occur on 23rd Street (US-30) between 26th Ave and 25th Ave.

The highway project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by approved temporary traffic control strategies and devices. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements. Access to 23rd Street (US-30) would be temporarily closed at 25th Ave. and 26th Ave during the EPA mitigation phase.

The remaining highway improvement work will begin in the Spring of 2023 and be complete in the fall of 2025. A separate public information open house meeting will be held in early 2023 to provide more detail and work schedule for the remaining construction.

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 NDOT is notified by July 28th, 2022. A Spanish interpreter will also be available at the meeting. The public is being encouraged to attend and learn more of the upcoming construction project and temporary traffic impacts. Comments or requests should be submitted to: Lucas Nelsen, Public Involvement Specialist, Nebraska Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; lucas.nelsen@nebraska.gov; voice telephone (402) 479-3890; fax (402) 479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOT website at ndot.info/32234. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOT Headquarters, 1500 Hwy. 2, Lincoln, NE. For further information, contact Kevin Domogalla, NDOT District 3 Engineer, (402) 370-3470, kevin.domogalla@nebraska.gov.