







## **QUICK FACTS**

Category: Design

**Project:** US 30 Grand Island East Bypass, 4-lane divided highway

**Estimated project cost**: \$42M

**Length of project:** 6 miles

## WHY IT WAS SELECTED

Stakeholder Support: There is support for moving US 281 from the west side of Grand Island to the east side to provide a more direct route from I-80 to the Central Nebraska Regional Airport. Additionally, the relocation of the highway would provide a better connection for existing businesses that rely heavily on transportation. This project ranked in the top 25 percent for both engineering and economic performance, according to NDOR's prioritization process. NDOR will begin design work now so that this project will be ready for future construction.

Economic Growth: In 2015, Grand Island had the 19<sup>th</sup> fastest growth rate out of 81 similar-sized U.S. cities. The City has included this project in its long range transportation plan as a key opportunity to support the economic growth on the east side of town. Some key businesses that would benefit and have the opportunity to expand include: JBS Swift & CO, a livestock processing company that employs about 3,400 people, and the Grand Island facility of Omaha Trans Load, a business that warehouses and ships products through a multimodal facility with access to both the BNSF and UP railroads. Additionally, the Central Nebraska Regional Airport, which houses the National Guard, would benefit greatly from the improved connectivity to I-80.

**QUESTIONS?** 

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