NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NH-20-3(114) LONG PINE BRIDGE; C.N. 80967

Information Open House Public Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019; 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. CST Long Pine Palace, 485 N Main Street, Long Pine, NE 69217

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) will hold a public information open house meeting regarding proposed improvements to a US Highway 20 (US-20) bridge over Long Pine Creek in Brown County. The meeting will be held at the Long Pine Palace, 485 N Main Street, Long Pine, NE 69217 on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. CST.

Identified as Long Pine Bridge, the proposed project would repair the US-20 bridge located at approximately MM 250.11, 1.70 miles west of the Brown/Rock county line. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 200 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement.

The purpose of this project is to preserve the transportation asset, improve the reliability of the transportation system, and ensure the mobility of the traveling public. The need for this proposed project is based on the condition of the existing bridge.

The improvements on this project would consist of reconstructing the bridge abutments and the abutment spread footings. A portion of the bridge deck on each end would be removed and replaced to accommodate this work. The bridge approach sections would be reconstructed, and the guardrail would also be replaced with surfacing underneath. Additional work would include replacement of bearings and construction of drain inlets and runoff controls.

Acquisition of right-of-way is not anticipated for this project. Access to adjacent properties, including Long Pine Recreational Area, would be maintained during construction. However, access may be limited at times due to phasing requirements. Within the project area there is a perennial stream, identified as Long Pine Creek. No wetlands were identified within the project area. No wetland or channel impacts are anticipated.

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin as early as summer 2021 and could be completed by fall 2021. The proposed project would not be constructed under traffic and would require detouring US-20 traffic for the duration of the project to accommodate the proposed work. A designated detour would be provided and would utilize US Highway 183 (US-183) and Nebraska Highway 7 (N-7).

This public open house 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 projects, speak one-on-one with project personnel, and leave as they wish. No formal presentations are planned for this meeting.

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 November 25, 2019.

The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through December 18, 2019. Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Sarah Soula, Public Involvement Manager, Nebraska Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; sarah.soula@nebraska.gov; voice telephone (402) 479-4871; fax (402) 479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOT website at https://dot.nebraska.gov/ projects/future-projects/ by clicking on the "Long Pine Bridge" link. 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 Mark Kovar, NDOT District 8 Engineer, Nebraska Department of Transportation, mark.kovar@nebraska.gov; voice telephone (402) 387-2471.