

PROJECT FACT SHEET

Merritt Reservoir North STP-97-4(110); C.N. 80731

LOCATION

Identified as **Merritt Reservoir North**, the proposed project would resurface approximately 5.05 miles of Nebraska Highway 97 (N-97) in Cherry County. The project would start approximately 39.9 miles north of the Hooker-Cherry County Line at mile marker (MM) 110.35, and extend north to MM 115.40, approximately 25.7 miles south of the southern corporate limits of Valentine. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 200 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement.

PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of this proposed project is to preserve the N-97 transportation asset, improve the reliability of the transportation system, and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for this proposed project is based on the current condition of the roadway.

SCOPE OF WORK

The proposed improvements on this project consist of milling and resurfacing the roadway with asphalt, widening of the roadway, and improving highway drainage in spot locations. Asphalt patching would be made prior to the resurfacing. Existing non-surfaced accesses to the Nebraska Game and Park Commission (NGPC) recreational areas would be surfaced. Existing surfaced accesses to the NGPC recreational areas would be resurfaced. To improve sight distance, the Hoffman Flat and Lone Tree Area & Campground entrances would be slightly relocated.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Construction for the proposed project could begin as early as spring of 2024 and be complete by the winter of 2024.

TRAFFIC VOLUMES

N-97

Year	2024	2034
Vehicles Per Day	260	260
% Trucks	6%	6%

ACCOMMODATION OF TRAFFIC

The proposed project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices.

RIGHT-OF-WAY

The 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. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS

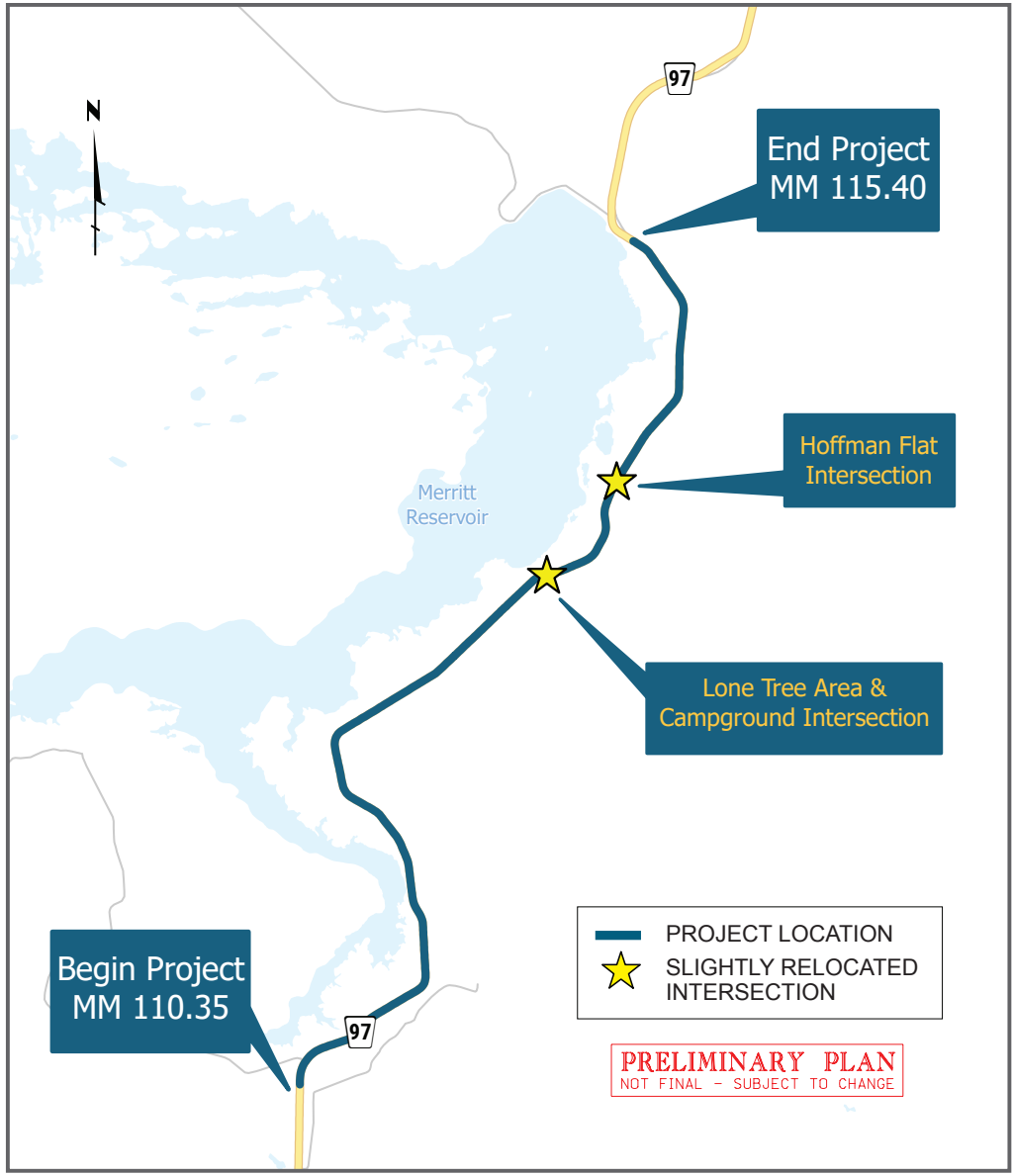
This project would occur within the Merritt Reservoir State Recreation Area and near the Merritt Reservoir Wildlife Management Area. Wetland impacts are anticipated and would be mitigated as necessary.

ESTIMATED COST

The cost of the proposed project is approximately \$4.3 million and would be derived from federal and state funding sources.

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Comments will be collected through May 5, 2023

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