

## US-275 NORFOLK - WISNER

# Public Information Meeting

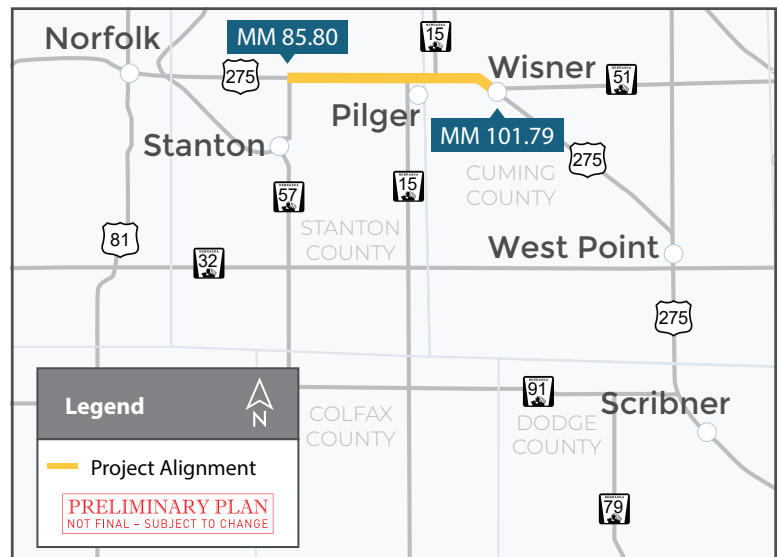
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S-275-6(1052) Norfolk – Wisner; C.N. 32319

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are developing an Environmental Assessment per the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and are seeking input on proposed improvements on approximately 16 miles of U.S. Highway 275 (US-275) in Stanton and Cuming Counties, Nebraska.

## PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project, known as Norfolk – Wisner, would expand the existing two-lane highway to a four-lane expressway. The project begins 8.5 miles east of Norfolk, approximately 0.30 mile west of the intersection of US-275 and Nebraska Highway 57 (N-57) at mile marker (MM) 85.80 and extends east and south to the west side of Wisner, Nebraska at MM 101.79, where it ties into the existing US-275 four-lane roadway.



## PROJECT PURPOSE

- Fulfill legislative intent to continue development of the expressway system identified in the 1988 Nebraska Highway Needs Study.
- Improve regional connectivity for vehicles in northeast Nebraska, including commercial vehicles, by providing important expressway connections with N-57, Nebraska Highway 15 (N-15) & Nebraska Highway 51 (N-51), while maintaining convenient highway access for communities within the area.
- Reduce the annual corridor delay of 477,300 vehicle hours between Norfolk and Wisner, which is expected to worsen as traffic volumes increase in this area.
- Maximize use of existing transportation infrastructure, including connecting highways, and existing right-of-way (ROW) and improve the reliability and condition of existing facilities.

## SCOPE OF WORK

The improvements would expand the existing two-lane highway to a four-lane expressway by constructing a new, parallel two-lane roadway, including drainage structures, adjacent to the existing US-275. The existing two lanes of US-275 would be resurfaced and bridges would be repaired or replaced as needed. In addition to mainline US-275 construction, the project may include improvements at the US-275 intersections with N-57, N-15 and N-51, as well as various county roads.

## IMPACTS

This 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 traffic phasing requirements.

Wetland impacts are anticipated and would be mitigated at appropriate sites. The project may impact two potentially historic properties: the former NDOT rest area, located on the north side of US-275 between 571st Avenue and 570th Avenue, and the Sharpe Homestead site, located along US-275 in Stanton County. Impacts to these sites would be handled in accordance with Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act. The Wisner-Pilger High School track and athletic fields are also within the project area and would likely not be impacted.

## ACCOMMODATION OF TRAFFIC

The project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices. Temporary surfacing may be required to accommodate phased construction. A US-275 detour would not be required.

## SCHEDULE & COST

Project costs are estimated at \$63 million. NDOT has applied for additional federal funding through a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant. The project would be constructed in two segments, the first of which would be US-275 from N-57 to the east intersection of N-15, the second of which would be US-275 from N-15 to Wisner. Construction of the proposed project is based on the availability of funding.

## FEEDBACK

Comments will be collected through September 25, 2019 and should be submitted to:

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Information regarding the proposed project is available on the NDOT website at <https://dot.nebraska.gov/projects/future-projects/> by clicking on "Norfolk - Wisner".

For those without internet access, information may be obtained at NDOT Headquarters, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, NE, or by contacting:

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