

2026 Legislative Update

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2026 NDOT Policy Priorities

- LB 594 – Hands Free Distracted Driving Enforcement
- LB 600 – Automated Work Zone Speeding Reduction

LB X: Omnibus Modernization Bill

- Innovative Finance and Alternative Delivery Enhancements
- Streamline Crash Reporting
- Permit & Procurement Modernization

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2025 Carry Over Bills: Highway Safety

LB 594 – Hands Free Distracted Driving
-Primary enforcement
Senator Prokop
• In T&T Committee
• Senator Bosn and Prokop Collaborating on Amendment

LB 600 - Nebraska Automated Work Zone Speeding Reduction Act
-Work zone speed safety cameras
Senator DeBoer
• In Judiciary Committee
• Portions of bill amended into LB 530 (2025)
• NDOT working with legal scholars on criminal vs. civil enforcement of automated speed violations.

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Fiscal Year 2026 Proposals

1. Innovative Finance & Alternative Delivery Enhancements

- Authority to operate and capitalize a state infrastructure bank with either state or federal funds such as rural TIFIA
 - Borrowing authority extended to locals only due to constitution
- Clean up LB 1016 to expressly allow availability payments and asset concessions under current P3 authorization.
- Removal of “historical reasonableness” from progressive design build statutes
- Authorization for unsolicited public private partnerships

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Fiscal Year 2026 Proposals

2. Streamline Crash Reporting and update Rules of the Road

- Remove the redaction requirement from crash reporting forms as introduced by NDOT in 2021.
- Update current monetary threshold for when property damage only crashes must be reported, from current limit of \$1500 to \$2k.
 - Based on inflation from last update
- Define bicycle traffic signal in statute 60-6123.

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Fiscal Year 2026 Proposals

3. Permit & Procurement Modernization

- Update overweight and over dimension [permit application fees](#) (\$25) to be in line with other states – create new weight categories with increased fees for ‘super loads’
- Remove prequalification requirements from maintenance contracts within ROW but outside of the paved surface of a highway, which may discourage small vendors from competing/limit number of bids and raising prices.

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Questions?

