

**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**Public Information Open House Meeting**

Thursday, July 18, 2024; 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. CST;  
Community Center, 142 W 3rd Avenue, Red Cloud, NE 68970

***STP-281-1(117) IN RED CLOUD; C.N. 42619***

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) will hold a public information open house meeting to present the preferred alternative and proposed improvements to U.S. Highway 281 (US-281) & U.S. Highway 136 (US-136) within the city of Red Cloud in Webster County. The meeting will be held at the Community Center, 142 W 3rd Avenue, Red Cloud, NE 68970 on Thursday, July 18, 2024, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Identified as ***In Red Cloud***, the proposed project would reconstruct approximately 0.71 miles of US-281 starting near 1st Avenue, at approximately mile marker (MM) 5.84, and extending to just north of 11th Avenue, at approximately MM 6.55. It would also reconstruct approximately 0.22 miles of US-136, starting west of Cedar Street, at approximately MM 75.23, and extending to just west of Locust Street, at approximately MM 75.45. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 500 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement.

The purpose of this proposed project is to preserve the 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.

The proposed improvements on this project would consist of pavement reconstruction. Additional work would include replacement or installation of storm sewers, underdrains, sidewalks, curb ramps, lighting, utilities, and permanent pavement markings.

The proposed 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.

No wetland and/or other water resource impacts are anticipated. Red Cloud City Park is within the project area; impacts are anticipated due to sidewalk and curb work. Effects to historic properties are being evaluated and the proposed project is seeking ways to avoid adversely affecting historic properties.

Construction could begin as early as spring 2026 and be completed in spring 2027. The proposed project would not be constructed under traffic and would require detouring traffic for the duration of the project to accommodate the proposed work. A designated detour for US-136 would utilize Nebraska Highway 10 (N-10), Nebraska Highway 4 (N-4), and Nebraska Highway 78 (N-78). A designated detour for US-281 would utilize N-4, N-78/Kansas Highway 128 (K-128) and U.S. Highway 36 (US-36). A designated detour for local traffic on US-136 would utilize Elm Street, 3rd Avenue, and Seward Street. A designated detour for local traffic on southbound US-281 would utilize W 11th Avenue, Seward Street, and 1st Avenue. Northbound local traffic on US-281 would be maintained but phased half at a time. On-street parking would be restricted at times due to construction phasing.

This 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 project, 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 July 8, 2024.

The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through August 4, 2024.

Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Sarah Fisher, NDOT Public Involvement, Nebraska Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; [sarah.fisher@nebraska.gov](mailto:sarah.fisher@nebraska.gov); voice telephone 402-479-3832; fax 402-479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOT website at [ndot.info/42619](http://ndot.info/42619). For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOT Headquarters, 1500 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, NE 68502.

For further information, contact Wes Wahlgren, NDOT District 4 Engineer in Grand Island at: [wes.wahlgren@nebraska.gov](mailto:wes.wahlgren@nebraska.gov) or voice telephone 308-385-6265.