NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Public Information Open House Tuesday, October 26, 2021; 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Milford Fire Station, 612 1st Street, Milford, NE 68405

STP-6-6(163) In Milford; C.N. 13273A

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) will hold a public information open house meeting regarding proposed improvements to U.S. Highway 6 (US-6) in Seward County. The meeting will be held at the Milford Fire Station, 612 1st Street, in Milford on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Identified as *In Milford*, the proposed project would reconstruct approximately 1.02 miles of US-6 starting within the corporate limits of Milford at mile marker (MM) 292.26 and extending east to MM 293.29, just south of the grade separation under the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad crossing. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 500 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement and roadway lighting.

The purpose of the 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 project is based on the condition of the existing roadway.

The planned construction would consist of removing the existing pavement and replacing it with doweled concrete pavement with integral curb, reconstructing curb inlets and storm sewer, constructing new pedestrian facilities and replacing roadway lighting. Existing traffic beacons would be updated as necessary. Existing utilities would be reconstructed or relocated as needed. Additional work would include reconstruction of driveways and intersections on US-6, construction of barrier curbs between sidewalk and parking areas where appropriate, and grading.

The proposed project would require the acquisition of additional property rights, which could include new right-of-way (ROW), 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.

Milford High School is located in the vicinity of the proposed project; no impacts are anticipated. Southeast Community College, located at 600 State Street in Milford, is a historic property. Impacts to the historic property are being considered, and comments related to the historic property will be taken at this meeting. No wetland impacts are anticipated on the proposed project.

Construction could begin as early as spring of 2023 with completion anticipated by winter of 2023. Construction of the proposed project would be phased with segments closed and highway traffic detoured. Temporary closures and detour routes would be controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices. Pedestrian crossings would be maintained during construction at the "F" Street, "D" Street and State Street intersections.

A designated detour for through traffic would be provided and would utilize Nebraska Highway 15 (N-15), Interstate 80 (I-80) and Nebraska Link 80H (L-80H).

This public information open house meeting is being held to provide information regarding the project, currently in the design phase, 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 Language Proficiency (LEP) will be made if the Department is notified by October 18, 2021. The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through November 10, 2021. Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Tony Bui, NDOT Public Involvement, Nebraska Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; tony.bui@nebraska.gov; voice telephone 402-479-4994; fax 402-479-3989

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOT website at ndot.info/13273A.

For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOT Headquarters, 1500 Hwy. 2, Lincoln, NE, 68509. For further information, contact Thomas Goodbarn, NDOT District 1 Engineer in Lincoln, 402-471-0850, thomas.goodbarn@nebraska.gov.