

# N-66 Connection in Louisville

STP-66-7(119); C.N. 22795

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) is seeking input on the proposed **N-66 Connection in Louisville** project, which would eliminate the discontinuous section of Nebraska Highway 66 (N-66) in Louisville between the intersection of West 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Main Street on the west side of town to the intersection of Walnut Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street/ Koop Avenue near the town center.

Additionally, the project would include the proposed closure of three at-grade Union Pacific Railroad crossings: the crossing at 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Louisville, the crossing at Mill Road about three miles south of town (see blue inset map below), and the consolidation of two crossings on Walnut Street into a single crossing.



## Public Information Open House Meeting



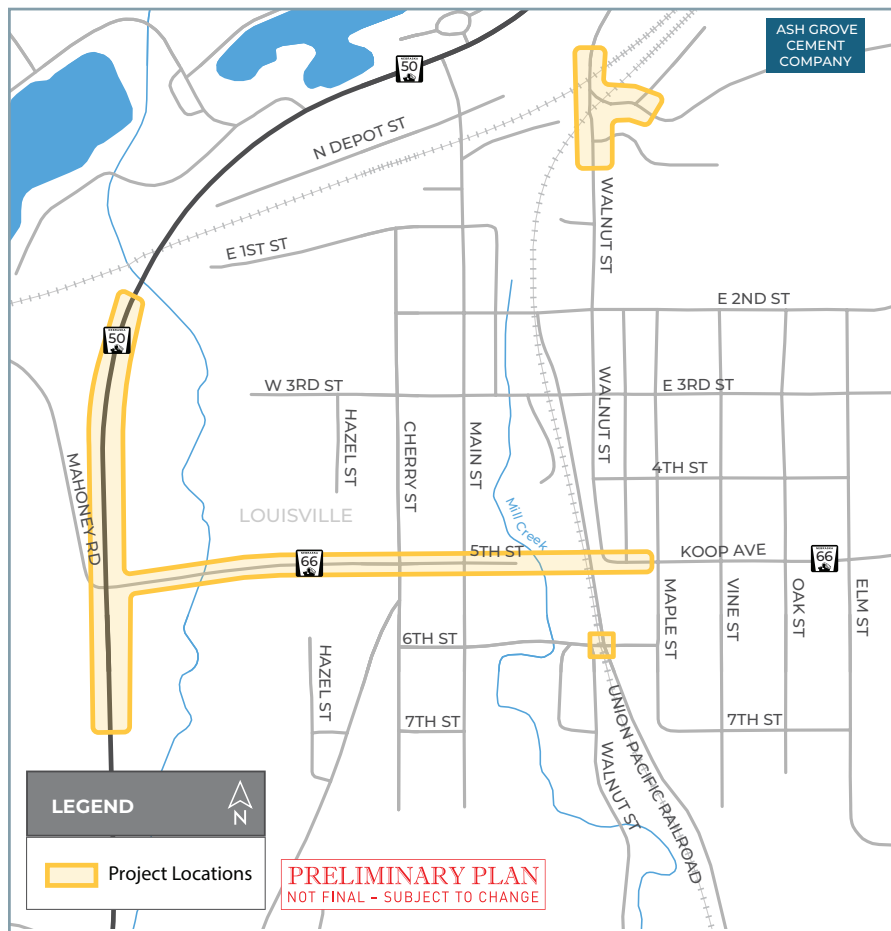
Thursday, May 29, 2025



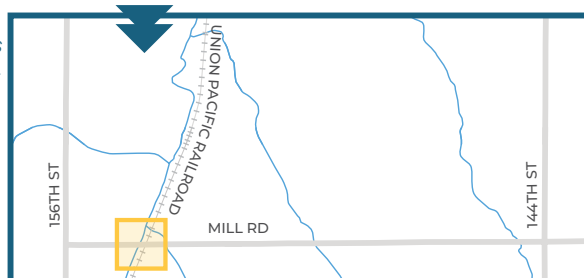
5 – 7 p.m.



Louisville Public Schools  
202 West 3rd Street  
Louisville, NE 68037



*Inset shows area about 3 miles south of Louisville.*



## PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project would start at the N-66/ Nebraska Highway 50 (N-50) and 5<sup>th</sup> Street intersection and extend east to the N-66 and Maple Street intersection. Work would occur to realign Walnut Street north of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street by the Ash Grove Cement Company.

## PURPOSE & NEED

The purpose of the proposed project is to:

- » Preserve the transportation asset.
- » Improve the reliability of the transportation system.
- » Perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public.

The need for this project is the circuitous route which currently allows heavy traffic through the downtown streets of the town.

## SCOPE OF WORK

Proposed improvements would consist of constructing a new roadway and pedestrian facilities between Main Street and Walnut Street, including a new bridge spanning Mill Creek. It would also include closing three at-grade railroad crossings and removing two sidetracks in order to construct a signalized at-grade railroad crossing along the new segment of 5<sup>th</sup> Street/N-66. The Walnut Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street intersection would be realigned. A southbound left-turn lane and northbound right-turn lane would be added on N-66/N-50 at the intersection with 5<sup>th</sup> Street. A signalized railroad crossing would be installed on Walnut Street near Ash Grove Cement Company. The existing roadway would be resurfaced and rehabilitated.

LOCAL TRAFFIC DETOUR

- 1 The intersection/curve between N-66 and Walnut Street would temporarily close to facilitate attaching the new road section to the existing system. A detour would be provided utilizing Walnut Street, 4th Street and Maple Street for approximately one month.
- 2 Access to the properties on 5th Street between Main Street and the new bridge would be limited for up to three months to accommodate construction.
- 3 Walnut Street by Ash Grove Cement Company would also temporarily close. No detour would be provided.

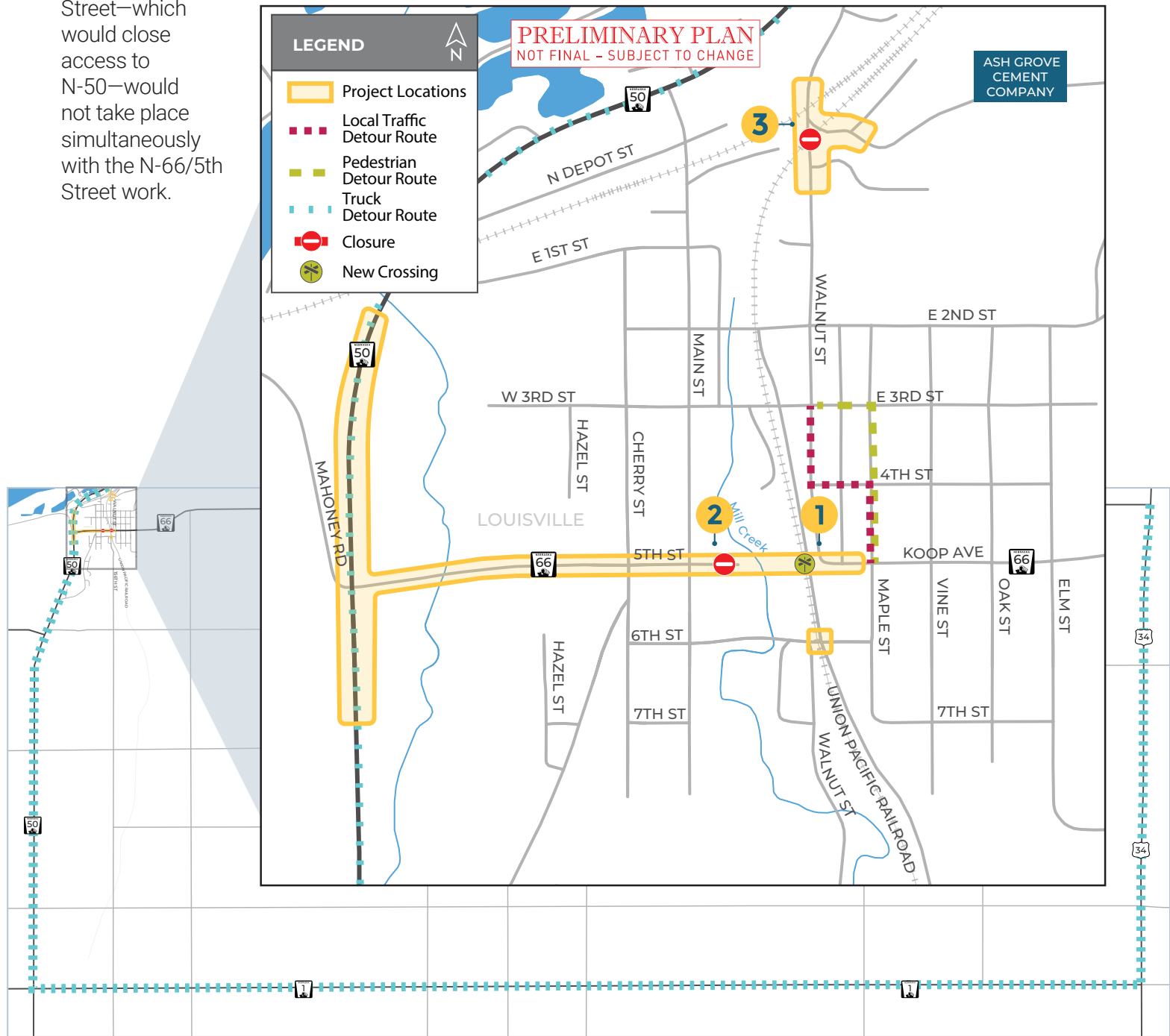
The realignment work on Walnut Street—which would close access to N-50—would not take place simultaneously with the N-66/5th Street work.

PEDESTRIAN DETOUR

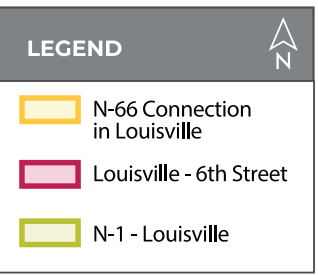
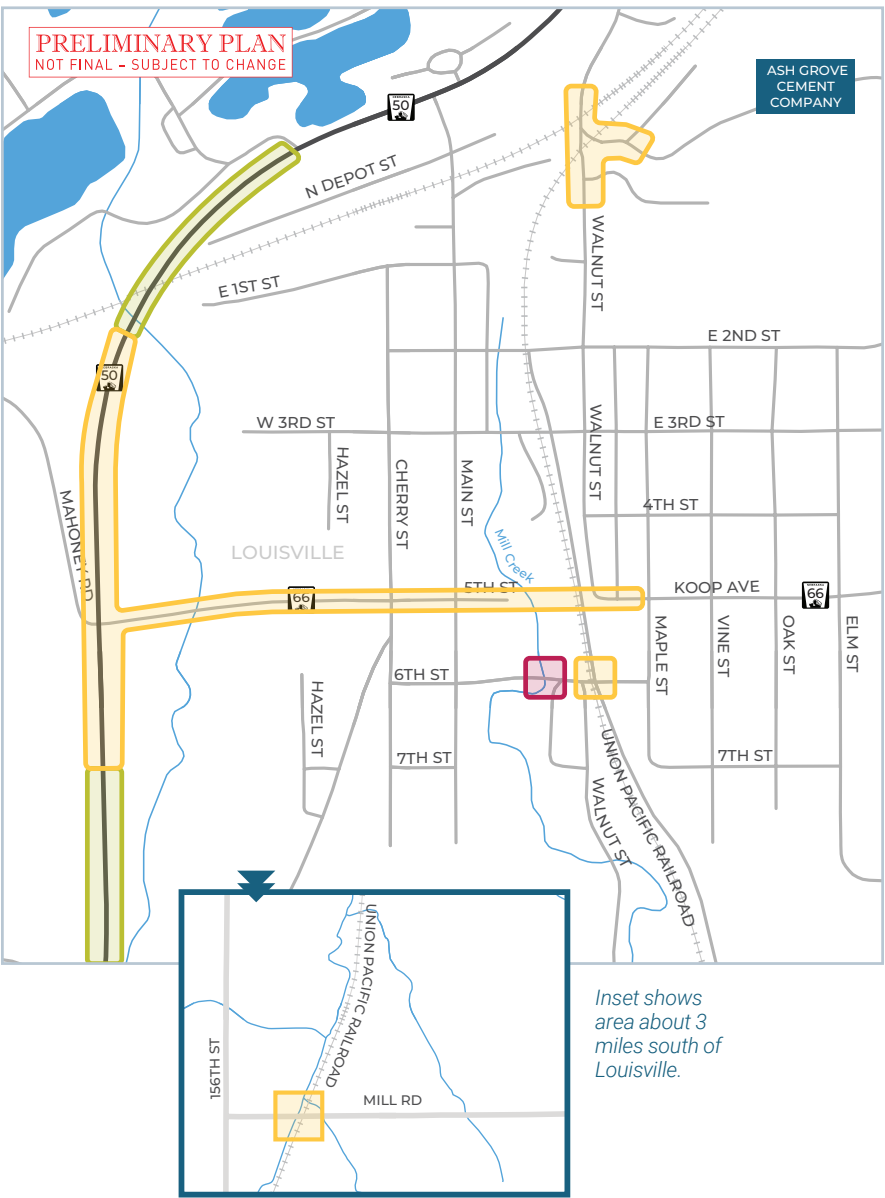
- » A pedestrian detour would be provided utilizing 3rd Street and Maple Street.

TRUCK DETOUR

- » A detour for truck traffic would be provided utilizing US-34, N-50, N-1 and N-66.



COORDINATION WITH OTHER PROJECTS



Project Name	Louisville – 6th Street	N-1 – Louisville
Owner	City of Louisville	NDOT
Anticipated Start & End	Spring – Fall 2027	Spring 2026 – Fall 2027
Scope of Work	Construction of a new bridge on 6th Street crossing Mill Creek	Resurfacing and bridge work

RIGHT-OF-WAY

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). Residential relocations are anticipated. 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.

OTHER POTENTIAL IMPACTS

- » Historic properties have been identified but no impacts are anticipated.
- » Impacts to wetlands and waterways are anticipated and would be mitigated as necessary.

## TRAFFIC ACCOMMODATIONS

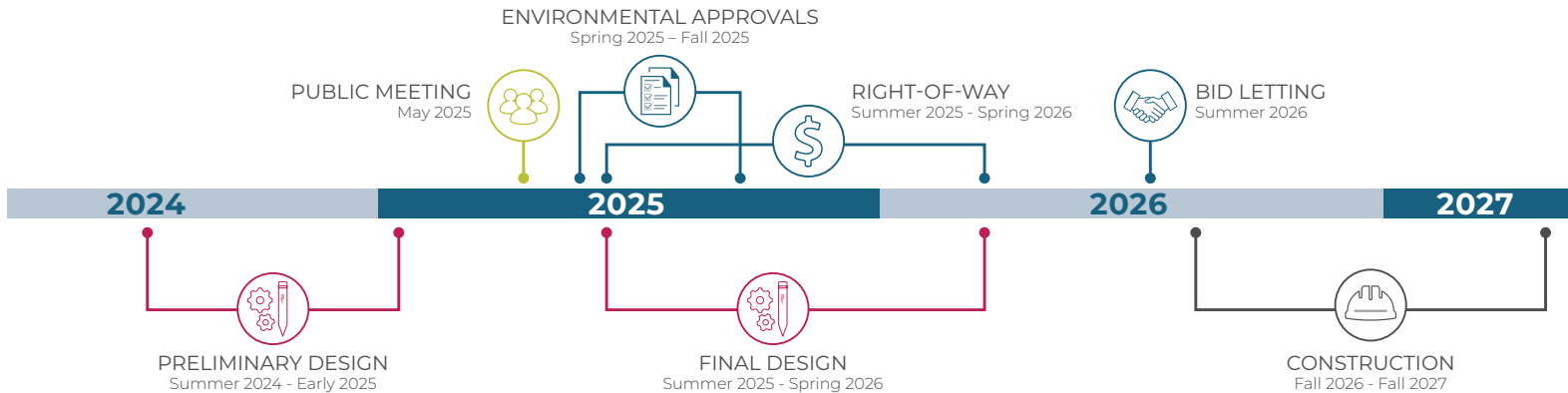
The majority of this project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices; however, a detour would be required, and temporary traffic signals may be used during construction to accommodate the work.

## SCHEDULE & COST



**Estimated cost:** \$9.1 million from federal and state sources

**PRELIMINARY PLAN**  
NOT FINAL - SUBJECT TO CHANGE



## FEEDBACK

Information regarding the proposed project is available at [www.ndot.info/22795](http://www.ndot.info/22795).

Comments will be collected through **June 16, 2025**, and can be submitted on the on the project page or to:

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For those without internet access, information may be obtained at:

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