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Decatur Bridge Public Hearing

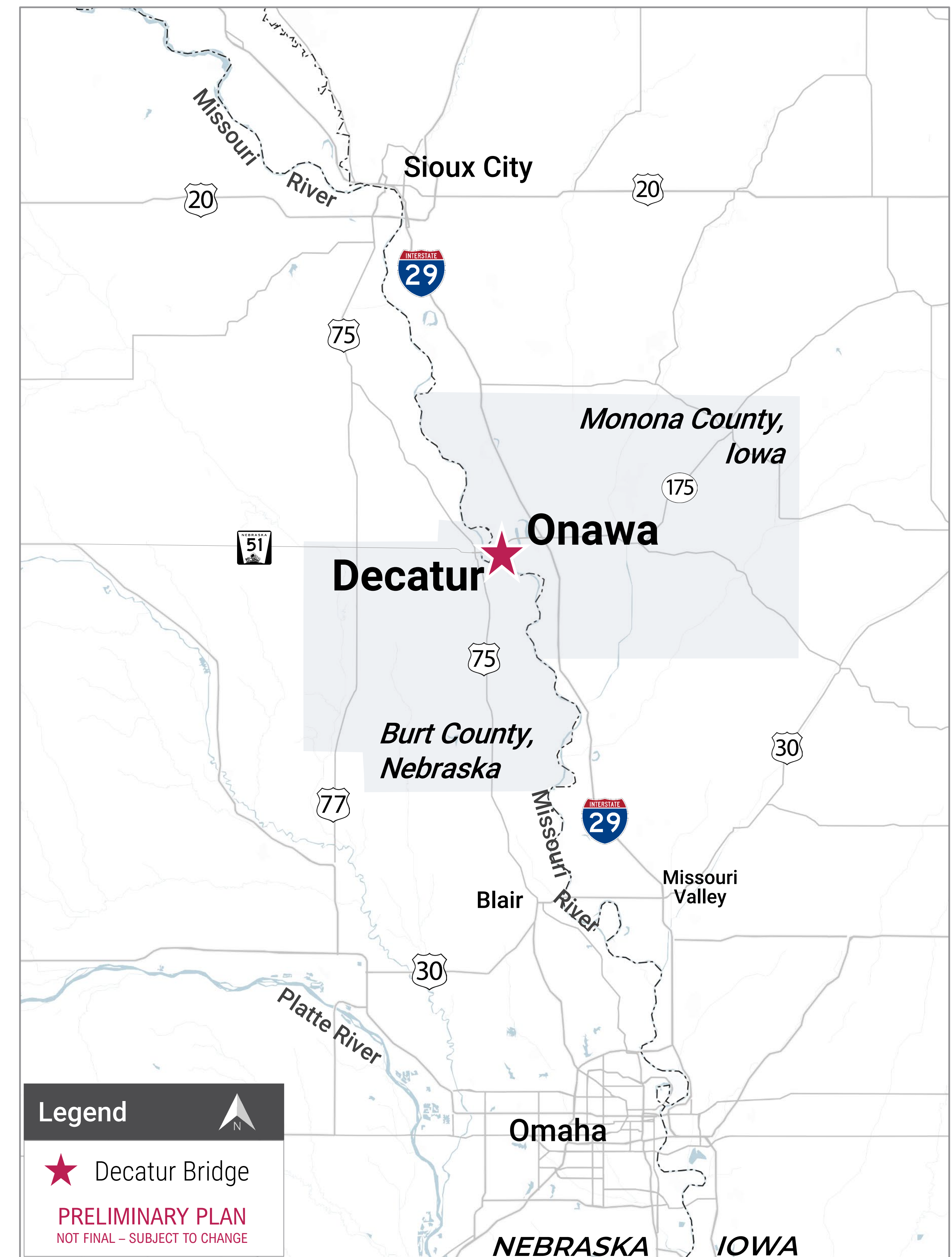
NDOT Project No. STP-51-7(109); CN 32395
Iowa DOT Project No. STP-175-1(106)--2C-67

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION & LOCATION

The proposed **Decatur Bridge** project would improve the Nebraska Highway 51 (N-51) / Iowa Highway 175 (IA-175) Missouri River crossing in Burt County, Nebraska and Monona County, Iowa.

The proposed project would start just east of Broadway Street in Decatur, Nebraska and end approximately one mile east of the state line on IA-175 to accommodate the replacement of the existing bridge.



PROJECT PURPOSE

The purpose of the proposed action is to **provide a resilient river crossing** connecting Decatur, Nebraska/N-51 and Onawa, Iowa/IA-175 that:



Maintains access to regional commerce, employment, education, health care, and recreation facilities



Maintains accessibility to and by **emergency services**



Provides infrastructure to support current and future travel demand

PROJECT NEED

The project is needed because:



Area residents **must cross the river to access** commerce, health care, education, employment, and recreation facilities.



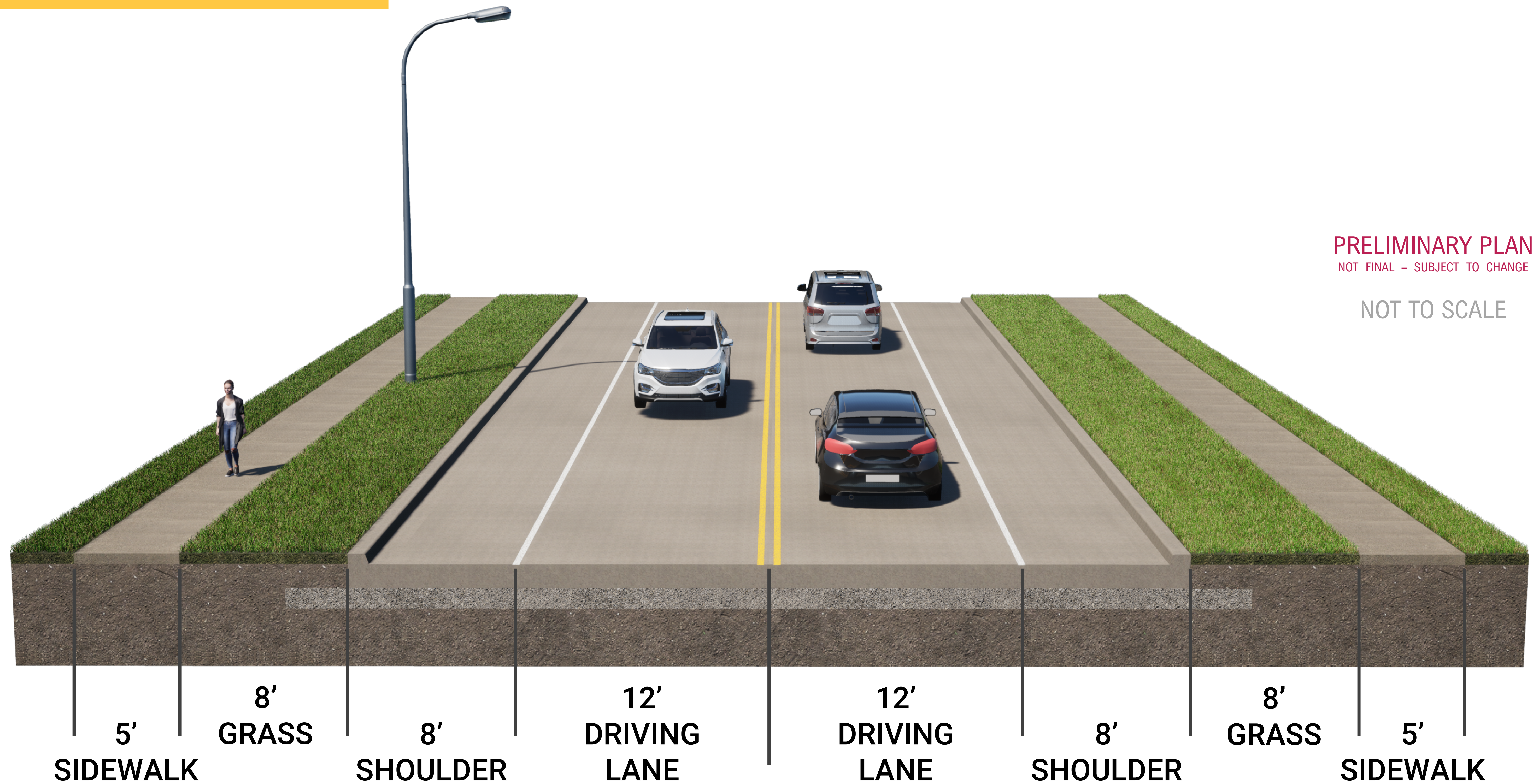
The existing bridge has structural and functional deficiencies that require **frequent and costly repairs**.



The existing crossing is **subject to flooding and scour** that close the crossing to traffic.

TYPICAL SECTION

N-51 from Broadway Street to Decatur Bridge

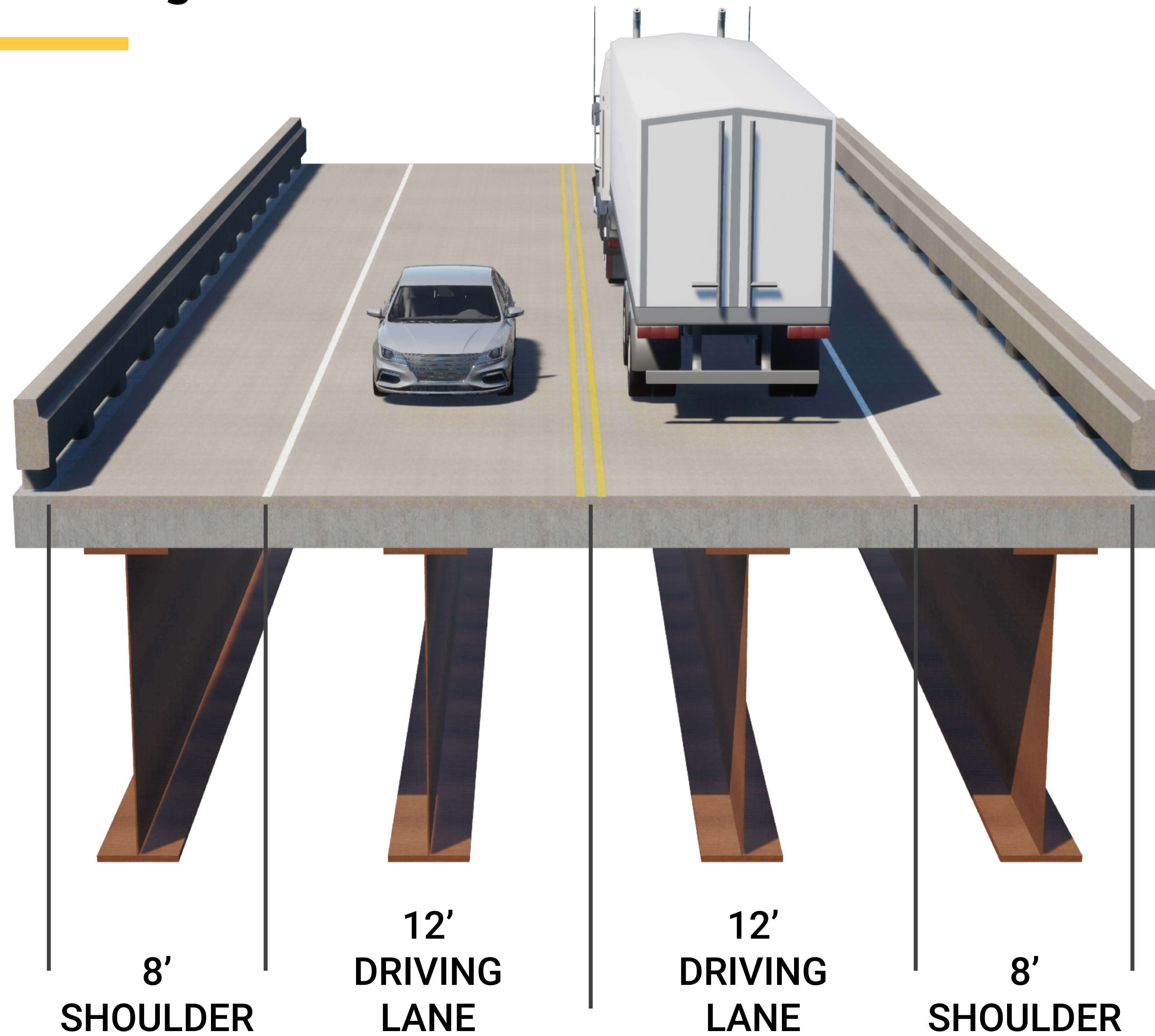


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TYPICAL SECTION

N-51 / IA-175 on Decatur Bridge



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IA-175 from Decatur Bridge to Eastern Project Limits



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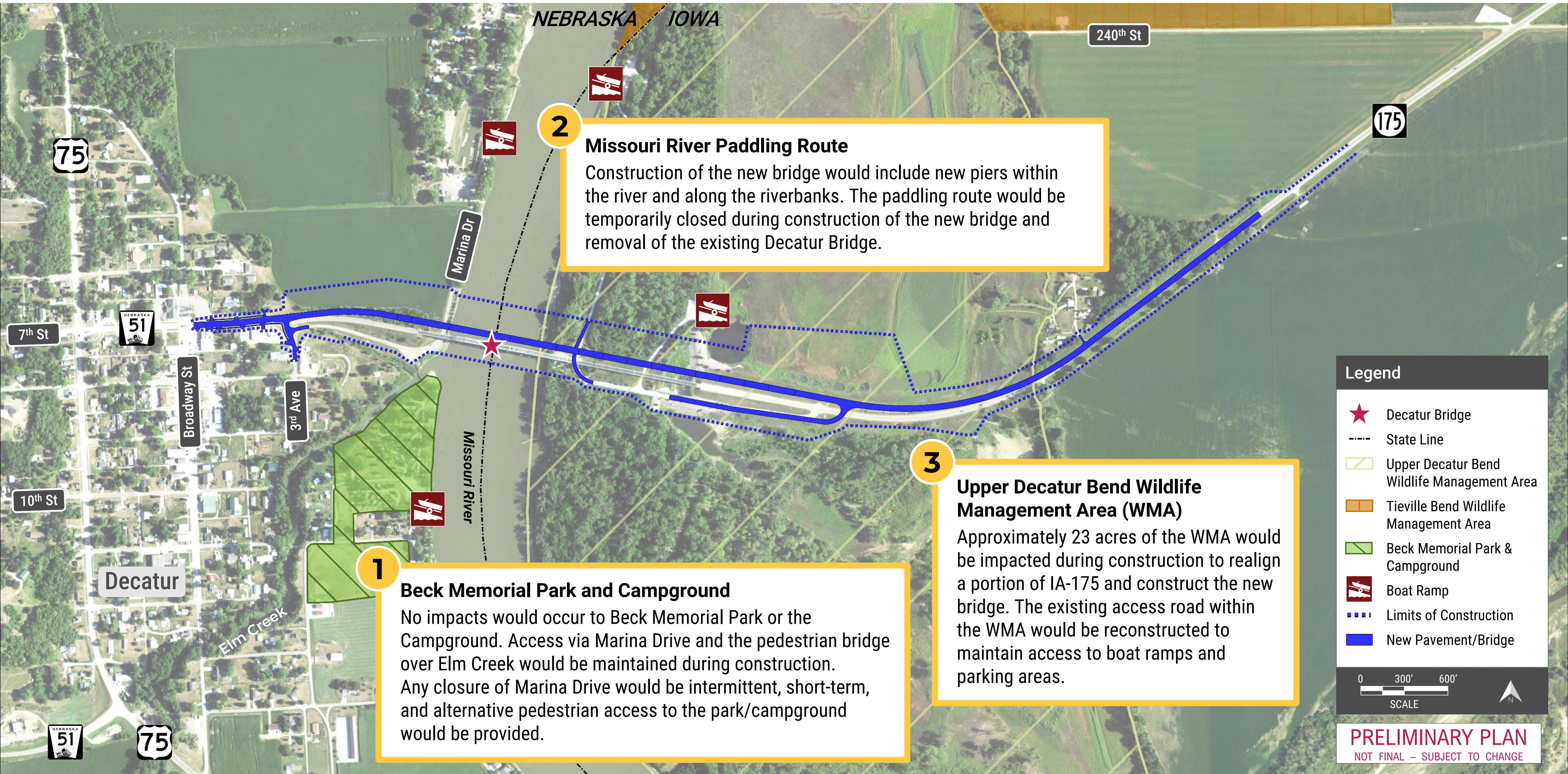


HISTORIC PROPERTY

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires federal agencies to consider the effects of actions on historic properties that can include any historic district, site, building, structure, or object eligible for or already listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

The NRHP-eligible Decatur Bridge will be removed, resulting in an adverse effect under Section 106.

RECREATION PROPERTIES



2 Missouri River Paddling Route
 Construction of the new bridge would include new piers within the river and along the riverbanks. The paddling route would be temporarily closed during construction of the new bridge and removal of the existing Decatur Bridge.

1 Beck Memorial Park and Campground
 No impacts would occur to Beck Memorial Park or the Campground. Access via Marina Drive and the pedestrian bridge over Elm Creek would be maintained during construction. Any closure of Marina Drive would be intermittent, short-term, and alternative pedestrian access to the park/campground would be provided.

3 Upper Decatur Bend Wildlife Management Area (WMA)
 Approximately 23 acres of the WMA would be impacted during construction to realign a portion of IA-175 and construct the new bridge. The existing access road within the WMA would be reconstructed to maintain access to boat ramps and parking areas.

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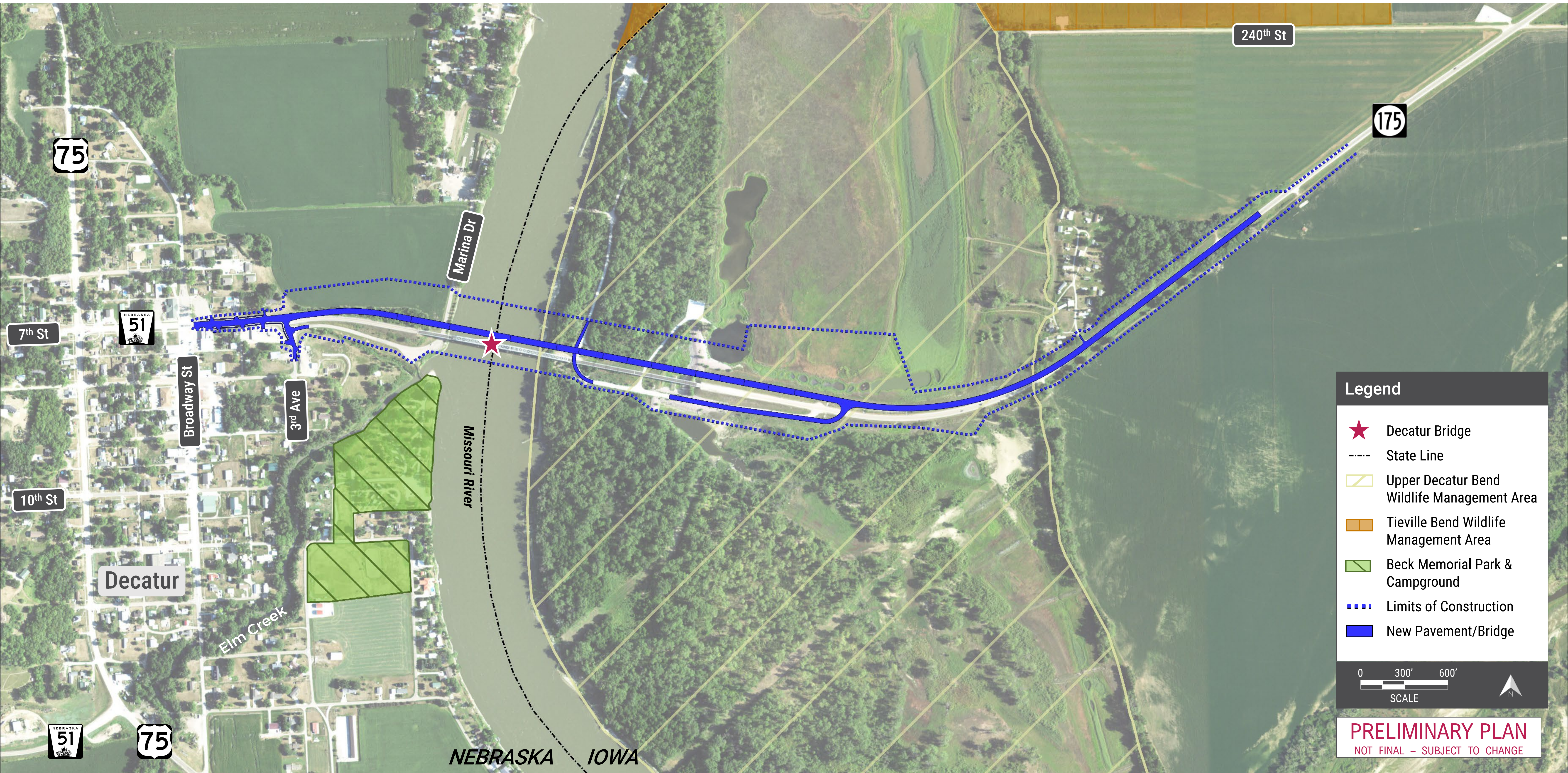
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- Upper Decatur Bend Wildlife Management Area
- Tieville Bend Wildlife Management Area
- Beck Memorial Park & Campground
- Boat Ramp
- Limits of Construction
- New Pavement/Bridge

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PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE



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PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS

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Utilities

- Utilities in Decatur would be adjusted or relocated based on final design.
- The electric line that serves the bridge lights would be transferred to the new bridge.
- The electric line that serves the existing Iowa Department of Natural Resources facilities would be relocated and buried.

Hazardous Materials & Contamination

- The potential to encounter hazardous materials or contaminated soil and groundwater during construction is low.

Threatened & Endangered Species

The project may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect:

- Pallid Sturgeon
- Lake Sturgeon
- Sturgeon Chub
- Monarch Butterfly
- Piping Plover
- Rufa Red Knot
- Suckley's Cuckoo Bumble Bee

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Floodplains

- Anticipated to cause a minimal rise in the 100-year flood elevation within areas south of IA-175.
- No impacts to residential properties or buildings are anticipated.

Water Quality

- Not anticipated to have a substantial effect on the chemistry or physical characteristics of the Missouri River and would not contribute to contamination.
- Implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) during construction would minimize erosion and stormwater runoff.

Wetlands and Other Water Resources

- Approximately 13.4 acres of wetland impacts are anticipated during construction (0.3 acres in Nebraska and 13.1 acres in Iowa).
- Resources permanently impacted would be mitigated within the state where the impacts occur.

RIGHT-OF-WAY

- The proposed project would require the acquisition of additional property rights, which could include new right-of-way, control of access, permanent easements, and/or temporary easements.
- It is anticipated **approximately 13 acres of new right-of-way** would be acquired. Final acreages in both Nebraska and Iowa will be determined during final design.
- If your property is impacted by this project, you would be contacted by a representative from your state once the design footprint has been established.
- During construction, access to adjacent properties would be maintained but may be limited at times due to traffic phasing requirements.



TRAFFIC ACCOMMODATIONS

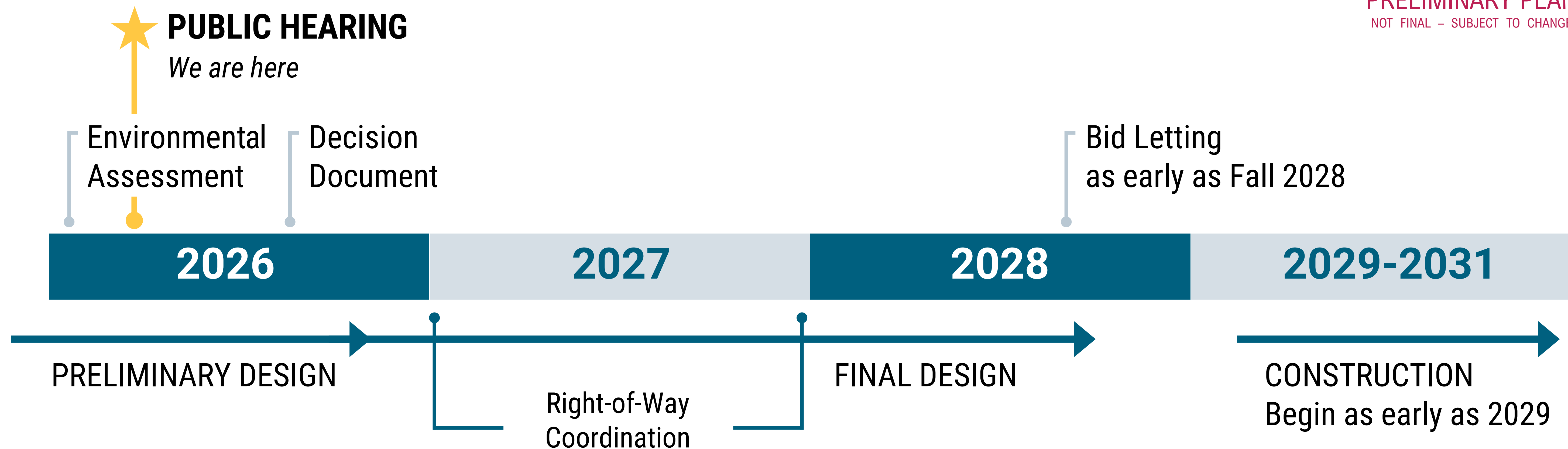
- The new bridge would be constructed north of the existing Decatur Bridge. The **existing bridge would remain open to highway traffic** during construction, dependent on future bridge inspections.
- Short-term, **temporary local road closures and detours** may be required.
- Access to community resources, area schools, police and fire services would not be affected.
- Within Decatur, the existing sidewalk would be temporarily closed. The design team is exploring options to maintain pedestrian access during construction.



ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE & COST

This project schedule is based on several assumptions and is subject to change based on the availability of funds, timing of agency approvals, etc.

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ESTIMATED COST: \$92 MILLION*

*Funding comes from federal and state sources.

FEEDBACK

Information regarding the proposed project, including the Environmental Assessment (EA), is available on the project website at ndot.info/32395

The EA is also available for review at:

- **Decatur City Hall** (913 S Broadway Street, Decatur, NE 68020)
- **Onawa City Hall** (914 Diamond Street, Onawa, IA 51040)
- **NDOT District 3 Headquarters** (408 N 13th Street, Norfolk, NE 68701)
- **Iowa DOT District 3 Headquarters** (6409 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, IA 51106)
- **NDOT Headquarters** (1500 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, NE 68502)
- **Iowa DOT Headquarters** (800 Lincoln Way, Ames IA 50010)
- **FHWA Nebraska Division** (100 Centennial Mall N, Suite 220, Lincoln, NE 68508)
- **FHWA Iowa Division** (105 6th Street, Ames, IA 50010)

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Comments will be collected through **April 17, 2026**.

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