

**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE MEETING
NH-MTIS-680-9(53) Fort St. – Blair High Rd., Omaha; C.N. 22860**

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) will hold a public information open house meeting regarding proposed improvements along Interstate 680 (I-680) and Nebraska Highway 133 (N-133) in Douglas County, Nebraska. The meeting will be held at Davis Middle School, 8050 N 129th Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska on Thursday, March 19, from 5-7 p.m.

Identified as **Fort Street – Blair High Road**, the proposed project would improve approximately 5.7 miles of I-680 and N-133. The segment on I-680 begins approximately 0.2 miles south of the grade separation under Sprague Street and extends north to approximately 0.6 miles north of the grade separation over Weninghoff Road. The segment along N-133 extends from approximately 0.4 miles south of Ida Street to its intersection with State Street on the north. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 1,000 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement and the construction of crossovers.

The purpose of this 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 the proposed project is based on the current condition of the existing roadway and bridges.

The proposed improvements for the project would consist of removing and replacing pavement, lighting replacement, guardrail replacement, concrete repairs, curb and flume work, culvert work, traffic signals, sidewalk replacement, retaining walls, utility relocation, adding driving lanes, interchange ramp reconfiguration, and bridge replacement. Grading would be required along the entire project corridor.

The bridge carrying Sprague Street over I-680 (Structure Number S680 00532) would be repaired. The bridge carrying Military Street over I-680 (Structure Number S680 00654) would be repaired. The bridges over Fort Street (Structure Numbers S680 00604L and S680 00604R) would be replaced with a new bridge (Structure Number S680 00604). The bridge carrying N-133 over I-680 (Structure Number S680 00713) would be repaired. The bridges over Thomas Creek (Structure Numbers S680 00747L and S680 00747R), Irvington Road (Structure Numbers S680 00761L and S680 00761R), and Knight Creek (Structure Numbers S680 00836L and S680 00836R) would be used in place. Guardrail would be replaced as needed. A grade raise of the Fort Street bridge structure is anticipated; grade raises are not anticipated for the remaining structures.

This project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices. Crossovers would be utilized to maintain I-680 and N-133 traffic in a head-to-head configuration. Ramp access at the Fort Street and N-133 interchanges would be

maintained when possible; however, extended closures may be required due to constructability and geometric constraints. Temporary slip ramps would be utilized as needed. Construction would primarily occur during daytime hours, but night work may be required for phasing transitions, bridge removal and girder placement, pavement marking, and other construction activities. Temporary overnight closures of ramps or local streets may occur, with alternate routes provided utilizing adjacent interchanges and the local street system. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements.

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.

Construction could begin as early as spring 2029 with completion as early as fall 2030.

Pedestrian accommodations would be maintained during construction. Minor environmental impacts are anticipated. Additional coordination related to Section 4(f) and Section 106 resources is anticipated.

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 presentation is 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 March 12, 2026.

The public is encouraged to provide input regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through April 6, 2026.

Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Emily Schweitzer, NDOT Public Involvement, Nebraska Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; emily.schweitzer@nebraska.gov, voice telephone (402) 318-1324.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOT website at ndot.info/22860. 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 Thomas Goodbarn, NDOT District 2 Engineer, at Thomas.goodbarn@nebraska.gov or ndot.info/22860.