

**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE MEETING
S-275-6(1062) Wisner – West Point North; C.N. 32024A**

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) will hold a public information open house meeting regarding the proposed expansion of U.S. Highway 275 (US-275) from a two-lane highway to a four-lane expressway along an approximately 12-mile segment in Cuming County, Nebraska.

Date: Tuesday, January 21, 2025
Time: 5–7 p.m.
Location: Wisner-Pilger Schools, 801 18th St N, Wisner, NE 68791

Identified as **Wisner – West Point North**, the proposed project would begin on US-275 at the southeast edge of Wisner, at approximately mile marker (MM) 102.67, and continue to approximately MM 114.02, northwest of West Point, where it would connect to the existing four-lane highway. The existing four-lane section in Beemer would be overlaid.

The purpose of the proposed project is to fulfill legislative intent to continue the development of the expressway system identified in the *1988 Nebraska Highway Needs Study* by completing the Norfolk – Fremont Expressway: provide a safer, more efficient roadway that improves regional connectivity on US-275 for the traveling public, including commercial traffic, in northeast Nebraska, maximize the use of existing transportation infrastructure and right-of-way (ROW) and maximize the cost-effectiveness of the project. The need for this project is due to the gap in the US-275 Expressway from Norfolk to Fremont, a lack of connectivity in northeast Nebraska and existing infrastructure deficiencies.

Proposed improvements consist of expanding the existing two-lane highway to a four-lane expressway by constructing a new, parallel, two-lane roadway on one side of the existing highway. The proposed project would also improve US-275 intersections with Nebraska Link 20A (L-20A), along with various county roads. Additional work would consist of concrete repairs, culvert work, storm sewer, removing and replacing pavement, lighting, signing and striping. Grading would be required for the entire length of the project. Three existing bridge structures along the project would be extended and two would be replaced.

The proposed project would require the acquisition of additional property rights, which could include new ROW, control of access (CA), permanent easements (PE), temporary easements (TE), residential and commercial relocations and/or impacts to center pivot irrigation systems. 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 traffic phasing requirements. Impacts to wetlands and floodplains are anticipated and would be mitigated as necessary.

This project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices. A highway detour would not be required. Work on county roads would be phased so that two adjacent county roads are not under construction at the same time.

Proposed project costs are estimated at approximately \$86 million and would come from state funding sources. Construction could begin as early as 2025 and is subject to funding availability.

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 NDOT is notified by January 14, 2025.

The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through February 5, 2025. Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Sarah Fisher, NDOT Public Involvement, NDOT, PO Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; sarah.fisher@nebraska.gov; voice telephone 402-479-3832; fax 402-479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available at www.ndot.info/32024A. 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 Kevin Domogalla, NDOT District 3 Engineer, at (402) 370-3470 or kevin.domogalla@nebraska.gov.