

NOTICE OF HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

In Stratton and West

NH-34-2(126); C.N. 71235

Identified as ***In Stratton and West***, the proposed project would improve approximately 7.05 miles of U.S. Highway 34 (US-34) and repair the bridge (S034 04817) over Muddy Creek, located in Dundy and Hitchcock Counties.

The proposed project would begin at about mile marker (MM) 42.25 on US-34, approximately 1.01 miles west of the Dundy-Hitchcock County line, and extend east to about MM 49.31, just west of the bridge over Hay Canyon. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 500 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement.

The purpose of this proposed project is to preserve the US-34 transportation asset, improve the reliability of the transportation system, and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for this proposed project is based on the current condition of the roadway and the bridge.

Proposed improvements on this project would include milling and resurfacing the roadway and surfaced shoulders with asphalt, concrete pavement repairs, culvert work, and raised median removal. US-34 would be converted from a four-lane highway to a three-lane highway with a two-way left-turn lane (TWLTL) and paved shoulders within the corporate limits of the Village of Stratton. The bridge over Muddy Creek (Structure Number S034 04817) would undergo repairs. Additional work would include guardrail replacement. Timber driveway bridges at MM 43.93 LT, MM 44.35 LT and MM 46.62 RT would be replaced.

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. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to traffic phasing requirements.

This project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices.

Wetland and/or other water resource impacts are anticipated.

Construction may begin as early as summer 2026 and would be completed by winter 2026.

NDOT has worked to develop this project to minimize inconvenience and hardships. We are dedicated to improving Nebraska's highway system, and with your help, we can achieve this goal.

Any questions or comments regarding this project should be submitted to: Samantha Huebner, Public Involvement Specialist, Nebraska Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; samantha.huebner@nebraska.gov; voice telephone 402-479-4303, fax 402-479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOT website at ndot.info/71235. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOT Headquarters, 1500 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, NE. For further information, contact Kurt Vosburg, NDOT District 7 Engineer, 308-345-8490, kurt.vosburg@nebraska.gov.

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