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NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE MEETING

Public Information Open House Meeting Thursday October 13, 2022; 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Murray Christian Church, 304 W Young St, Murray, NE 68409

NH-75-2(128) Murray - Plattsmouth; C.N. 21209

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) will hold a public information open house meeting regarding the proposed construction of a Restricted Crossing U-Turn intersection, otherwise known as an RCUT, at the U.S. Highway 34 (US-34)/U.S. Highway 75 (US-75) and Nebraska Highway 1 (N-1) intersection in Cass County. The public information open house meeting will be held on October 13, 2022, at Murray Christian Church, 304 W Young St, Murray, NE 68409, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. There will be a presentation at 4:15 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. with an open house to follow.

The proposed US-34/US-75 & N-1 intersection RCUT would be part of the *Murray – Plattsmouth* project, which is currently under construction to build a four-lane expressway from just south of N-1 (mile marker [MM] 373.33) to just south of Oak Hill Road (MM 380.16). On the US-34/US-75 segment, the improvements begin approximately 0.3 miles north of the junction and extend south approximately 0.6 miles. On N-1, the improvements extend east and west of the junction. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 500 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement.

At an RCUT intersection, motorists approaching divided highways from a side road are not allowed to make left turns or cross traffic; instead, they are required to turn right onto the highway and then make a U-turn at a designated median opening. This reduces potential conflict points and enhances safety. Traffic would still be able to turn left onto side roads from the divided highway directly.

The purpose of these improvements is to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes at the intersection of US-34/US-75 & N-1, improve the mobility of the traveling public and improve the reliability of the transportation system. The need for the improvements is based on information from the NDOT Safety Committee, Strategic Safety Infrastructure Project Teams, Traffic Engineering Division and District 2.

The proposed improvements would include construction of northbound and southbound left-turn lanes with bulb-outs on US-34/US-75 to allow for the U-turn movements as well as construction of a right-turn lane for northbound US-34/US-75 to eastbound N-1/Murray Road traffic. Modifications to the N-1 geometry west of US-34/US-75 and Murray Road on the east side may also be included. Any existing street lighting would be modified as necessary. Additional work would include grading, signing and new permanent pavement markings.

The proposed improvements 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 these improvements, 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. The improvements would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices.

Construction on the US-34/US-75 & N-1 intersection would occur as the US-34/US-75 project pavement is completed, with the RCUT intersection in service when all four lanes are open to traffic. Total cost for the RCUT improvements is approximately \$1.6M and funding would come from state sources.

This meeting is being held to provide information regarding the proposed improvements, currently in design phase, 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.

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 September 30, 2022.

For those unable to attend the October 13, 2022 meeting in person, more information about the improvements will be made available the day of the public meeting at ndot.info/21209. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact below.

Comments will be collected through Friday, October 28, 2022. Please submit comments to:

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