

## NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### HIGHWAY PROJECT INFORMATION

#### NDOT PROJECT:

NH-80-2(117) **Sidney WB Rest Area Parking Lot & Ramps**; C.N. 51625

NH-80-2(92) **Sidney WB Rest Area Building**; C.N. 51276A

NH-80-2(109) **Sidney – Sunol**; C.N. 51585

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) is currently soliciting public input on the proposed improvements of Interstate 80 (I-80) located in Cheyenne County.

Identified as **Sidney WB Rest Area Parking Lot & Ramps** and **Sidney WB Rest Area Building**, the proposed projects would improve the rest area located on the westbound segment of Interstate 80 (I-80) from approximately mile marker (MM) 60.70 to MM 61.80, or about 1.3 miles east of the Link 17J (L-17J) interchange.

Identified as **Sidney – Sunol**, the proposed project would improve approximately 8.0 miles of the eastbound and westbound segments of I-80. The project would start at approximately MM 60.70, or about 0.5 miles east of the east corporate limits of Sidney and extend east to approximately MM 68.70, or about 0.4 miles west of the westbound on-ramp of the Sunol interchange. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 1,000 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement or work on crossovers.

The purpose of the proposed projects is to preserve the rest area and I-80 transportation assets, improve the reliability of the transportation system, and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for the proposed projects is based on the current condition of the rest area and associated facilities, roadway, and bridges.

The proposed improvements on the **Sidney WB Rest Area Parking Lot & Ramps** and **Sidney WB Rest Area Building** projects would include removal of the existing rest area ramps, parking, rest area building, utilities, and site accessories including picnic tables and shelters. The projects would also include the construction of ramps, parking, and curb and gutter adjacent to all parking areas. The improvements would consist of updating ramps to meet current design guidelines, 60 passenger vehicle and 60 truck parking stalls, ramp and parking lot lighting, and curb to outline the “Rest Area Island”. The Sidney WB Rest Area building would be constructed with associated site work within approximately 250 feet of the rest area building including: sidewalk, ADA ramps to parking, pedestrian lighting, site utilities, landscaping, designated picnic areas, and the rest area building. The projects would also include all sidewalk access from parking areas to the rest area building and features. Grading would be required for the entire length of the projects.

The proposed improvements on the **Sidney – Sunol** project would consist of resurfacing the roadway and surfaced shoulders with asphalt. The inside shoulder of the eastbound lanes would be widened. Repairs would be made to three bridges (Structure Number S080-06462, Structure Number S080-06763, and Structure Number S080-09068R).

The proposed projects 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 the projects, 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.

Wetland and/or other water resource impacts are not anticipated.

Construction for the proposed **Sidney WB Rest Area Parking Lot & Ramps** and **Sidney – Sunol** projects could begin as early as spring of 2024 and be completed as early as fall of 2024. Construction for the proposed **Sidney WB Rest Area Building** project could begin as early as fall of 2024 and be complete as early as fall of 2025.

The projects would be constructed while maintaining traffic on I-80, with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices. The rest area and parking facilities would be closed during construction. The preceding westbound rest area is the Ogallala WB Rest Area located about 70 miles east of the project, and the next westbound rest area is the Pine Bluffs Wyoming Rest Area about 62 miles west of the project.

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**The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding the proposed projects. Materials can be provided in alternative languages or formats. Comments will be collected through August 3, 2023. Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Lucas Nelsen, Public Involvement Specialist, Nebraska Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; [lucas.nelsen@nebraska.gov](mailto:lucas.nelsen@nebraska.gov); voice telephone (402) 479-3890, fax (402) 479-3989.**

**Information regarding the proposed projects will be made available on the NDOT website at [ndot.info/51276A](http://ndot.info/51276A). 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 Doug Hoevet, NDOT District 5 Engineer, (308) 436-6587, [doug.hoevet@nebraska.gov](mailto:doug.hoevet@nebraska.gov).**