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NDOT Selects Partner for Saddle Creek Bridge Project

Oct. 17, 2025 (Lincoln, Neb.) – The Nebraska Department of Transportation ([NDOT](#)) has awarded a pre-construction services contract to Hawkins Construction Co. as part of its plan to replace the aging Dodge Street/Saddle Creek Road Overpass in Omaha’s Midtown area.

The announcement is especially noteworthy since the [Saddle Creek Bridge Project](#) is utilizing the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) collaborative delivery process – an alternative delivery method designed to facilitate greater public-private teamwork and risk mitigation while improving cost and schedule certainty.

Planning for the project began months ago and included outreach to the construction industry, in which NDOT provided details of the delivery method. NDOT received proposals from five interested parties. After an evaluation and interviews, the agency identified Hawkins Construction Co. as the highest-rated proposer.

The existing overpass structure – constructed in the 1930s – will be replaced to maintain infrastructure integrity and improve access to a heavily traveled region of Omaha that is seeing millions of dollars in reinvestment and new development.

“Nebraska is using innovative ways to modernize its transportation network while adding value for taxpayers,” NDOT Director Vicki Kramer said. “Under Governor Pillen’s leadership, our agency is working hard to streamline the delivery of transportation projects. This project showcases NDOT’s improved collaboration with industry partners, which will benefit both drivers and communities.”

Under this CM/GC approach, NDOT hires two key partners: a designer to create the plans and a contractor to provide input on the design based on construction means and methods. This delivery method fosters teamwork between the designer and contractor – developing the most cost-effective design solution that incorporates best practices in industry construction.

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"The CM/GC approach ensures that industry partners are involved early – during a project's design phase," Kramer said. "This creates greater public-private collaboration, more predictable costs and project delivery, and better long-term value for taxpayers and those who rely on our transportation infrastructure."

An anticipated construction schedule, along with impacts to traffic, will be announced as the project progresses.

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