

8:30 a.m., Friday, October 24th, 2025
State Highway Commission Meeting Minutes

On Friday, October 24th, 2025, the Nebraska State Highway Commission convened at Mid-Plains Community College McCook Campus at 905 E 7th Street, McCook, Nebraska. The agenda, a recording of the meeting, attendance sheets, and handouts relevant to the business of this meeting are a part of the permanent minutes of record and are on file at NDOT Central Headquarters. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act (Statutes 84-1407 to 84-1414) was posted in the meeting room.

MEETING NOTICE

- Notice of the regularly scheduled meeting, including the time, location, and agenda, was advertised on the Department of Transportation and the State of Nebraska's websites no less than ten days prior to the meeting.
- The agenda was emailed or mailed to commission members, NDOT staff, and interested persons no less than ten days prior to the meeting.
- A media release was emailed on Friday, October 17, 2025.
- The meeting agenda was kept current and available to the public in the Communication Division of the Nebraska Department of Transportation, 1500 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, Nebraska. No changes were made to the agenda within 48 hours prior to commencement.
- Copies of the meeting agenda were posted and available to the public at the entrance to the meeting room.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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| • Commissioner Richard Meginnis | District 1, Virtual |
| • Commissioner Heath Mello | District 2, Virtual |
| • Commissioner David Copple | District 3, Virtual |
| • Commissioner James H. Kindig | District 4 |
| • Commissioner Doug Leafgreen | District 5 |
| • Commissioner Jim Hawks | District 6 |
| • Commissioner Greg Wolford | District 7 |
| • Director, Vicki Kramer | Ex Officio |

Molly Mellinger, NDOT Executive Coordinator, was recording. A transcript of the meeting is available upon request. Nebraska State Highway Commission meetings are conducted in compliance with the statutes of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

CALL TO ORDER

- Commissioner **Wolford** called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.
- The chair requested an attendance roll call. A quorum was present.
- The August 22nd Meeting Minutes were called for approval.
 - Motion made by Commissioner **Hawks, Leafgreen** seconded.
 - Motion carried by unanimous rollcall vote.

INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Chair **Wolford** called for Commissioner and NDOT introductions.
- Welcome from District 7 from Commissioner **Wolford**.

MEETING BUSINESS

District 7 Program Presentation
Kurt Vosburg, District 7 Engineer

- District 7 Overview
- 2025 Accomplishments
 - US-6/34 Funk – E Jct. N-44
 - US-6/34 E Jct. N-44 – Minden
 - N-89 Beaver City East & West
 - US-283 Kansas Line – N-89
 - Additional resurfacing projects
 - System preservation
 - Crack Sealing: 69 miles
 - Chip Seals: 97 miles
 - Cold Milling: 368,384 sq. yards
 - Hot-mix Asphalt: 15,168 tons
 - Earth Shoulder Reconstruction: 98 lane miles
- FY-26 Highway Program
 - US-6/34 Holbrook – Arapahoe East
 - US-6/34 N-46 West
 - US-34 Max East & West
 - US-34 In Stratton & West
 - N-61 in Imperial & North
- McCook – North Platte Super 2 Update
 - Preliminary plan
 - US-83 Wellfleet South
- Questions (none)

Public Input on District 7 Program (none)

Director's Remarks

- Statewide Initiatives
 - local growth, Infrastructure Hub partnership
- LB 558 Taskforce
 - 1st meeting: basic transportation revenue
 - 2nd meeting: infrastructure needs calculation
 - 3rd meeting: national partners discussion on economics of transportation
 - 4th meeting upcoming

- Legislation
 - o LB 594 Hands-free, Governor has pledged support
 - o LB 600 Reckless driving in work zones
 - o Only new thing would be a potential bill on innovative finance, more to come
- D7 ARPA
 - o Thanks to Kurt & his team—D7 took advantage of this more than any other district
 - o Takes lots of work quickly
- Federal Updates
 - o 95-96% of projects involve federal \$
 - o We have access to funds, but we still need to be cautious until a continuing resolution or budget bill is passed
 - o December is the hard deadline—projects going into letting in Dec – February may be affected, but we are communicating with federal partners and keeping commission updated
 - o DBE ruling – Going forward DBE goals are removed, working with federal partners to move forward
 - o Still pursuing full 327 NEPA assignment

PUBLIC INPUT

- 2 written letters for the record (see attachment to end of minutes)
- Myra Stoney, Assistant Health Director
 - o Mini-grant from Highway Safety Office
 - o Federal shutdown delaying funding
 - o Appreciative of road work due to level of travel for staff
 - o Concerns: Hwy 6/34, E 381 Bridge signage, shoulders, narrow roads and agriculture equipment
- Mayor Linda Taylor
 - o Thank you to D7 team and the Commission
 - o Positive comments re: Super 2, please consider extending from McCook – Kansas border (specific mention of incoming sports traffic)
- Dennis Berry
 - o Second the comments made by the Mayor
 - o Concerns: financing, tax dollars for budget deficit
 - o Consider extending Super 2 as McCook is a trade center for southwest Nebraska

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

- Commissioner **Wolford**: No additional remarks.
- Question entered from Commissioner **Hawks**: County commissioners have heard that the bridge program for counties is going away—can you speak to that?
 - o Director **Kramer**: Yes, the County Bridge Match Program is a result of the funding from the Transportation Innovation Act (funds transferred from state to NDOT). Legislature required \$8 million of state funding to be used on county system. We support the program—we don't support using state funds to support the program. How do we solve the need? Over 380 projects have been done, but those left are not small projects. Fully expect it to be addressed as a funding bill—the need is there but we don't support it coming from state funds.

PUBLIC MEETINGS CALENDAR

- The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) has two public meetings scheduled between now and the next Highway Commission meeting.
- First, NDOT will hold a public information open house meeting regarding the Newberry Interchange to US-30 in North Platte. The meeting will be held at the Mid-Plains Community College (North Campus) at 1101 Halligan Dr. in North Platte, NE 69101 on Thursday, November 13th, 2025, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Second, NDOT will hold a public information open house meeting regarding the In Fairbury project. The meeting will be held at the Fairbury Community Building at 612 D St. in Fairbury, NE 68352 on Thursday, December 4th, 2025 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- The next Highway Commission Meeting will be held at 8:30 AM on December 12th, 2025 at NDOT Headquarters at 1500 Nebraska Parkway Lincoln, Nebraska 68502. ADJOURNMENT

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The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:22 AM.