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NDOT to Host Public Information Open House July 28 and 30 for Wahoo-Fremont South

July 14, 2026 (Lincoln, Neb.) —The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) will hold two public information open house meetings regarding proposed improvements to U.S. Highway 77 (US-77) in Saunders and Dodge counties. The meetings will be held in an open house format with project information provided for attendees to view. Both meetings will present the same information.

- Tuesday, July 28, 4-6 p.m.
Keene Memorial Library, 1030 N Broad Street, Fremont, NE
- Thursday, July 30, 4-6 p.m.
Mead Fire Hall, 220 4th Street, Mead, NE

Identified as *Wahoo-Fremont South*, the proposed project would expand the existing two-lane highway to a four-lane divided highway. The project would begin approximately 0.40 miles east of the US-77/Nebraska Highway 109 (N-109) west junction, the east end of the existing four-lane Wahoo Expressway, and would extend east and north for approximately 16.30 miles to join the existing four lanes approximately 0.50 miles north of the north junction of US-77 and N-109.

The purpose of the project is to fulfill legislative intent to continue the development of the expressway system identified in the 1988 Nebraska Highway Needs Study. The completion of the expressway system will improve regional connectivity for vehicles in this area of Nebraska, including commercial vehicles, by providing important expressway connections with Nebraska Highway 92 (N-92), Nebraska Highway 64 (N-64), and N-109; maintain convenient highway access for communities in the area; improve the conditions of the existing pavement and infrastructure; and maximize the cost-effectiveness of the project. The need for the project is to advance the Lincoln to Fremont expressway

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Construction would be completed in segments and could begin as early as spring of 2029 with completion as early as fall of 2033. Actual construction schedule will be determined based on availability of funds. This project would be constructed primarily under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices; however, some county roads would be temporarily closed during construction and would require local detours utilizing adjacent county roads or state highways. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements.

Details regarding the project will be provided at the meetings and personnel from NDOT will be available to answer questions, receive comments, and discuss any aspect of the project. For those unable to attend, additional information on the project, as well as all meeting materials, will be available on the NDOT website at ndot.info/13519 after the meeting. Feedback and comments on the project can be submitted on the NDOT website now through August 14, 2026.

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