

# Minnechaduza Creek Bridge

STP-12-2(106); C.N. 80944

## Public Information Open House Meeting Thursday, March 23, 2023, 5:00-7:00 PM

Mid-Plains Community College – Valentine Campus  
715 US-20, Valentine, NE 69201



### PROJECT LOCATION

Identified as **Minnechaduza Creek Bridge**, the proposed project is located on approximately 0.40 miles of Highway 12 (N-12), approximately three miles east of Valentine, at mile marker (MM) 3.98. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 1,000 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate the bridge work.



### PURPOSE & NEED

The purpose of this project is to preserve the transportation asset, improve reliability of the transportation system and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for this project is based on the current condition of the bridge.



### SCOPE OF WORK

Proposed improvements include removing the existing structure over Minnechaduza Creek and replacing it on the existing alignment with a new 175-foot by 36-foot single-span bridge. The new structure would include the construction of new guardrail as well as new curb and flume.

### TRAFFIC VOLUMES

Year	Average Daily Traffic	% Heavy Trucks
2024	850	12
2044	850	12

### POTENTIAL IMPACTS

This project occurs within the historic Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge and is also within the boundary of the Niobrara National Scenic River. The refuge would be impacted due to the need for Right-of-Way (temporary easements) in this area. This project does not include activities on Nebraska Spur 16A (S-16A) and would not affect access to the river or the refuge. Construction activities would avoid impacts to the summer recreational season. Impacts to historic properties are being considered, and comments related to historic properties would be taken at this meeting.



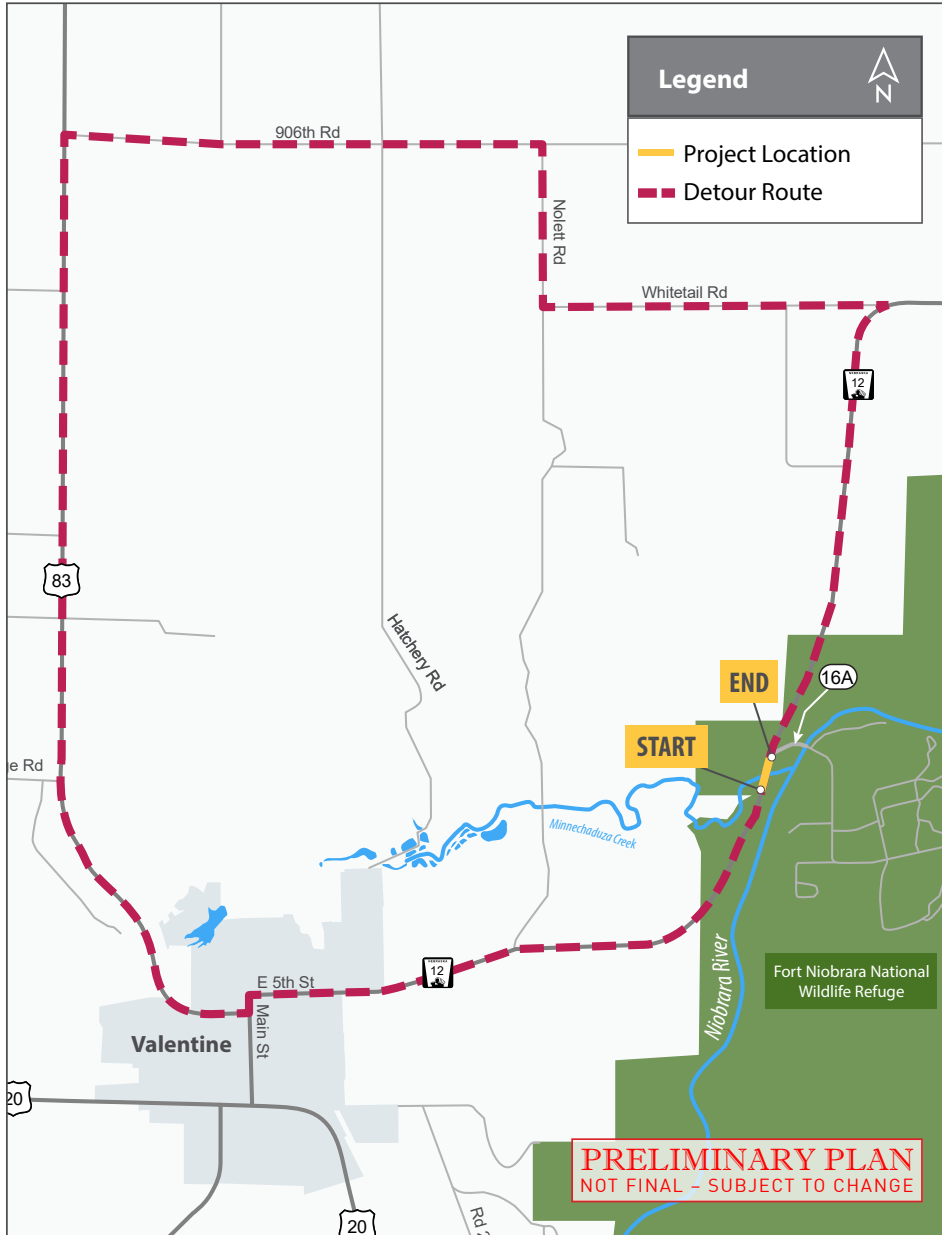
### RIGHT-OF-WAY

This project would require the acquisition of temporary easements (TE). If your property is impacted by this project, 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.



## TRAFFIC ACCOMMODATIONS

The bridge would be closed during construction; a detour would be required. The designated detour would utilize N-12, Whitetail Road, Nolett Road, 906th Road, and U.S. Highway 83 (US-83) and is anticipated to be in use between Labor Day of 2024 and Memorial Day of 2025.



## CONTACT

Comments will be collected through **April 9, 2023** and should be submitted to:

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Information regarding the Minnechaduzza Creek Bridge project will be available on the NDOT website [ndot.info/80944](https://ndot.info/80944).



## CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Construction could begin as early as fall of 2024 and be completed by fall of 2025.



## ESTIMATED COST

The total cost of this project is estimated at \$2.3 million and would come from state and federal funding sources.



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