

Seward – Pleasant Dale

NH-80-8(110); C.N. 12598

April 2026

LOCATION

Identified as **Seward – Pleasant Dale**, the proposed project would improve approximately 9.64 miles of Interstate 80 (I-80) in Seward County. The project would begin at approximately mile marker (MM) 377.90 and extend east to approximately MM 387.54. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 1,500 feet ahead of or beyond the project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement.

PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of the proposed project is to increase traffic capacity while supporting and maintaining safe and efficient vehicular travel within the Seward to Pleasant Dale corridor. The need for the project is to mitigate the aging pavement conditions as well as address the projected traffic growth.

SCOPE OF WORK

Proposed improvements would consist of replacing the pavement and bridges and expanding I-80 to six lanes. The existing lanes would be replaced with new concrete pavement. Two new lanes and a 28-foot paved median with a centerline concrete barrier would be constructed within the existing depressed median to create a total of six lanes of travel, three in each direction, separated by a centerline concrete median barrier. The project would repair or replace mainline and overhead bridge structures within the project area, extend, modify, or construct new culverts, and remove and replace guardrail. The project would also reconstruct portions of the ramps at the Seward and Milford Interchanges.

TRAFFIC VOLUMES

I-80 RP 377.90 – 387.54

Year	2027	2039	2047
Vehicles Per Day	32,145	35,195	37,225
% Heavy Trucks	29	29	29

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Construction could begin as early as spring of 2027 and be completed by fall of 2030.

ACCOMMODATION OF TRAFFIC

The proposed project would be constructed primarily under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices; however, intermittent nighttime closures of I-80 would be required for the reconstruction of the county road overhead bridges; designated detours would be provided. Ramps at the Seward and Milford Interchanges may require short-term closures. Traffic would need to utilize adjacent interchanges during ramp closures. Temporary, concurrent closures of 294th Road, 266th Road, 224th Road, and 210th Road would be required for county road overhead bridge replacement. A temporary closure of 182nd Road would also be required for I-80 bridge replacement but would not occur until 210th Road reopens. Local traffic would need to utilize alternate routes (see next page) during these closures.

RIGHT-OF-WAY

The proposed project would not require the acquisition of additional property rights. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction, but may be limited at times due to traffic phasing requirements.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS

The Twin Lakes State Wildlife Management Area is located within the project vicinity; no impacts are anticipated. The eastbound I-80 rest area would be temporarily closed during the reconstruction of the eastbound I-80 lanes.

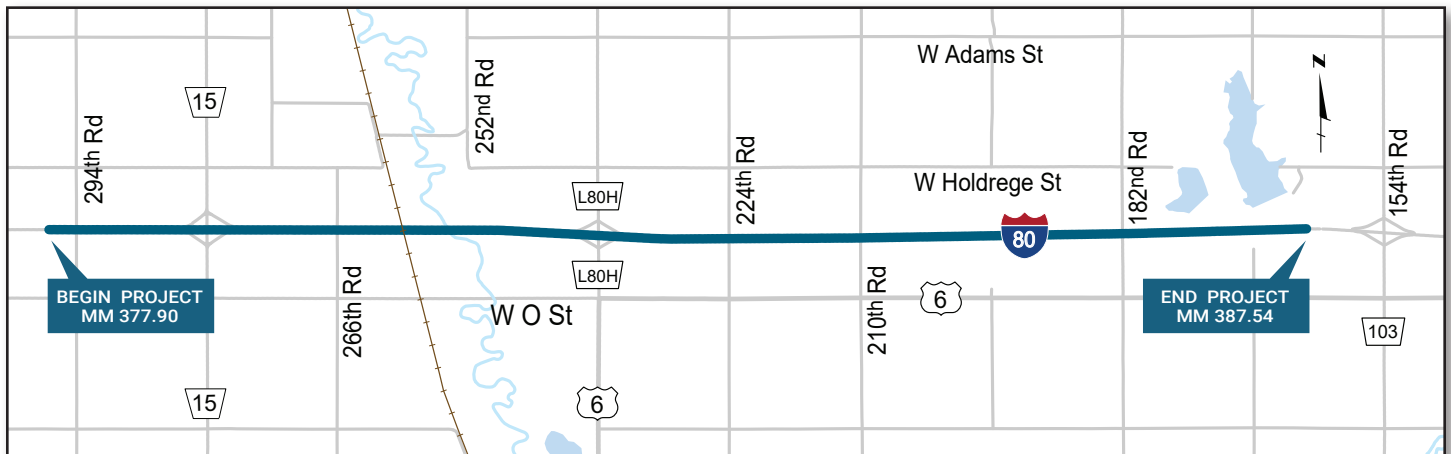
ESTIMATED COST

The estimated cost of this project is approximately \$174 million and would derive from federal and state funding sources.

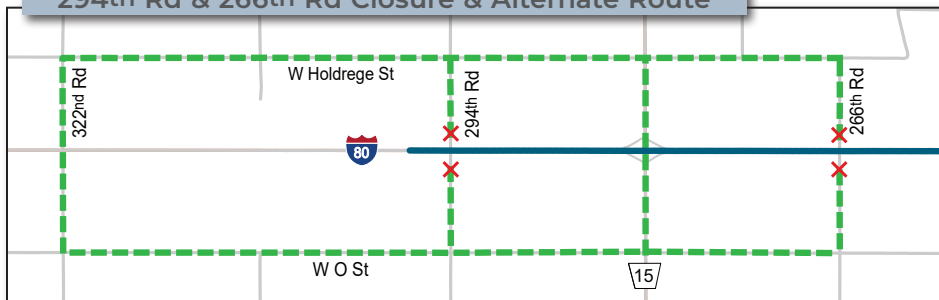


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294th Rd & 266th Rd Closure & Alternate Route

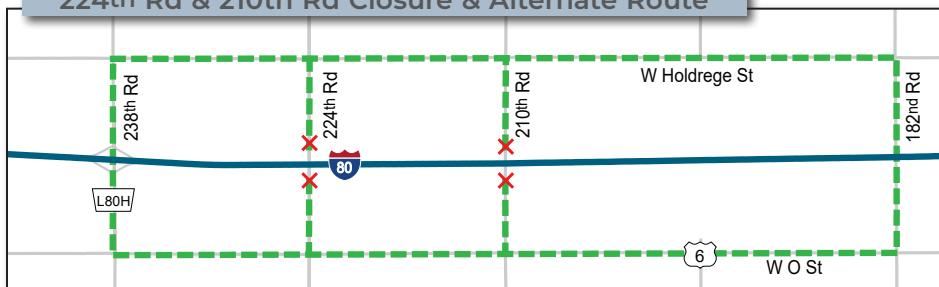


PRELIMINARY PLAN
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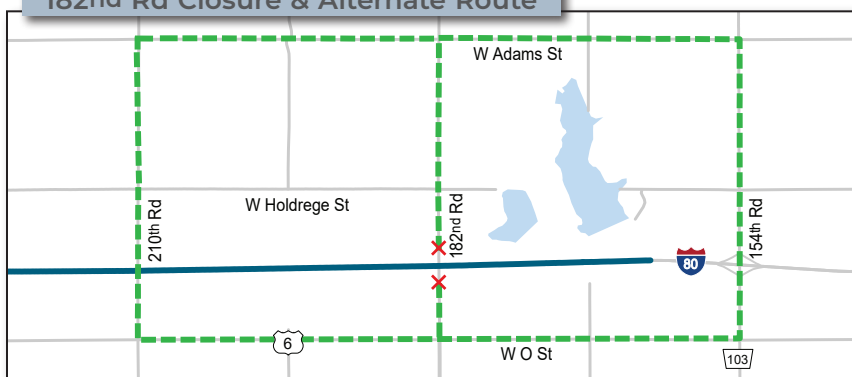
LEGEND

- PROJECT LOCATION
- - - ALTERNATE ROUTE
- X CLOSURE

224th Rd & 210th Rd Closure & Alternate Route



182nd Rd Closure & Alternate Route



Comments will be collected
through May 15, 2026.

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Additional information about the project
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