

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HIGHWAY PROJECT INFORMATION

NDOT PROJECT:

NH-STP-26-1(177) In Bridgeport; CN 51642

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) is currently soliciting public input on the proposed improvements on U.S. Highway 26 (US-26), U.S. Highway 385 (US-385), and Nebraska Highway 88 (N-88) in Morrill County.

Identified as ***In Bridgeport***, the proposed project would improve approximately 3.74 miles in segments on US-26, US-385, and N-88 in Morrill County. The segment on US-26 begins at approximately mile marker (MM) 60.92, about 0.40 miles east of the west corporate limits of Bridgeport and extends east and north to approximately 0.30 miles east of the north junction of US-26 and US-385 at about MM 62.67. The first segment on US-385 begins at approximately MM 72.72, about 0.70 miles southeast of the junction of US-385 and N-88 and extends west and north to the south junction of US-385 with US-26 at about MM 73.88. The second segment on US-385 begins at approximately MM 74.76 at the north junction of US-385 and US-26 and extends northwest to about MM 75.08 where the pavement changes from asphalt to concrete. The segment on N-88 begins at approximately MM 58.34, at the south corporate limits of Bridgeport, and extends north to the junction of N-88 with US-385, at about MM 58.85. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 500 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement.

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

Proposed improvements on this project would consist of concrete repairs, shoulder widening, milling and resurfacing the roadway and surfaced shoulders with asphalt, and curb and flume replacement. The project would improve ADA curb ramps located at the O Street intersection and from 10th Street to 5th Street along US-385 through Bridgeport. The bridge over the North Platte River (Structure Number S026 06190) would be rehabilitated and the guardrail would be replaced. The bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad (Structure Number S026 06222) would be repaired and the guardrail would be replaced.

The proposed project would require the acquisition of additional property rights, which could include new right-of-way (ROW), control of access (CA), permanent easements (PE), and/or 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.

Temporary wetland and/or other water resource impacts are anticipated; no mitigation would be required. Historic properties have been identified in the project area; no effects are anticipated.

The proposed project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices; however, there would be lane restrictions along US-385 and temporary short-term closures of driveways and side roads. Temporary nighttime closures may be required due to paving activities. Alternative routes would need to be utilized.

Construction for the proposed project could begin as early as summer of 2026 and be completed in winter of 2026.

The public is encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Materials can be provided in alternative languages or formats. Comments will be collected through May 23, 2025. Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Sarah Fisher, Public Involvement Specialist, Nebraska Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; sarah.fisher@nebraska.gov; Voice Telephone (402) 479-3832, Fax (402) 479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOT website at ndot.info/51642. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOT headquarters, 1500 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, NE 68502. For further information contact Doug Hoevet, NDOT District 5 Engineer, (308) 436-6587, doug.hoevet@nebraska.gov.