

WISNER – WEST POINT NORTH

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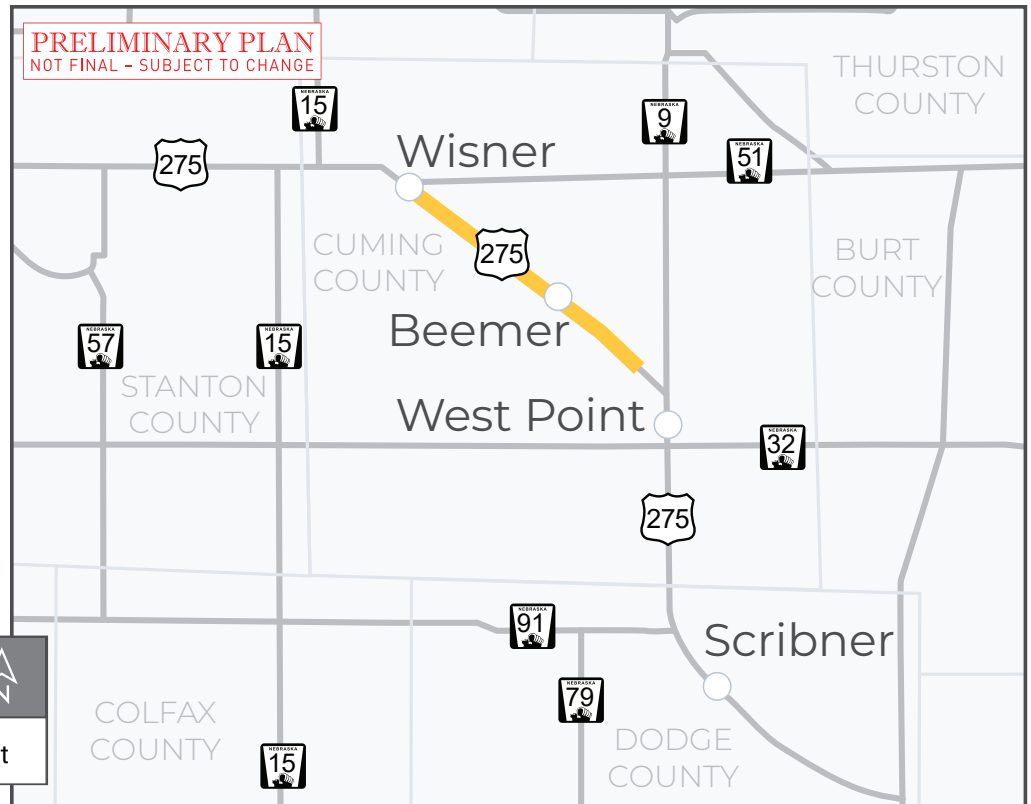
Public Information Open House Meeting

January 21, 2025 | Wisner-Pilger Public Schools, 801 18th St N, Wisner, NE 68791

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) is seeking input on the **Wisner – West Point North** project, which would expand U.S. Highway 275 (US-275) from a two-lane highway to a four-lane expressway along an approximately 12-mile segment in Cuming County, Nebraska.

PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project would begin on US-275 at the southeast edge of Wisner, at approximately mile marker (MM) 102.67, and continue to approximately MM 114.02, northwest of West Point, where it would connect to the existing four-lane highway. The existing four-lane section in Beemer would be overlaid.



PURPOSE & NEED

The purpose of this project is to:



Fulfill legislative intent to develop the expressway system identified in the *1988 Nebraska Highway Needs Study*.

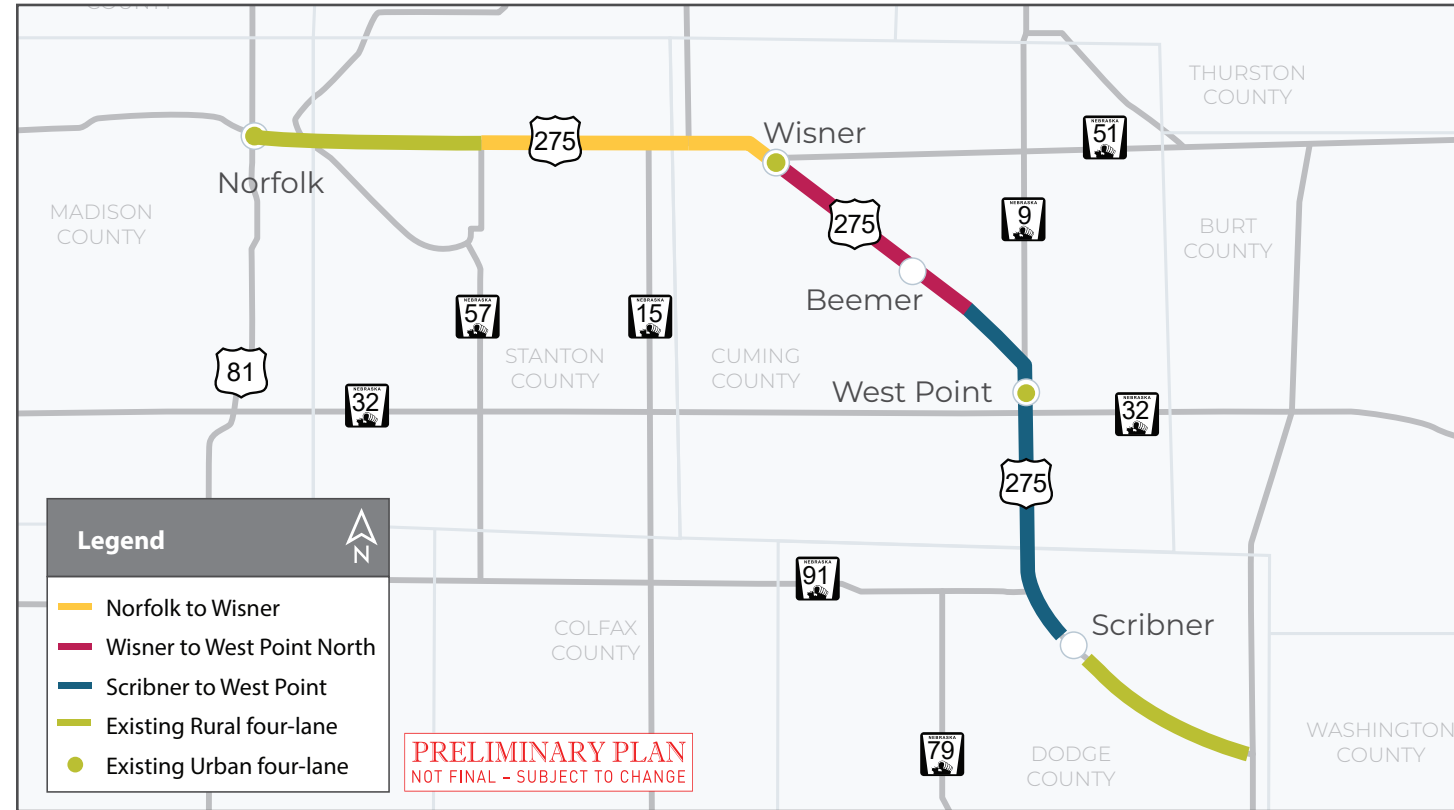


Provide a safer, more efficient roadway that improves regional connectivity on US-275 for the travelling public, including commercial traffic, in northeast Nebraska, to complete the Norfolk to Fremont Expressway.



Maximize use of existing transportation infrastructure and existing right of way (ROW), **improve the condition** of the existing infrastructure, and **maximize the cost-effectiveness** of the project.

US-275 EXPRESSWAY SEGMENTS



Norfolk to Wisner

- Estimated Total Cost: \$114 million
- Phase: 12 miles contracted for construction; 4 miles in design
- Funding Source: State
- Anticipated Construction Timeframe: 2025-2029

Wisner to West Point North

- Estimated Total Cost: \$86 million
- Length: ~12 miles
- Phase: In design
- Funding Source: State (not federal aid eligible)
- Anticipated Construction Timeframe: 2025-2029

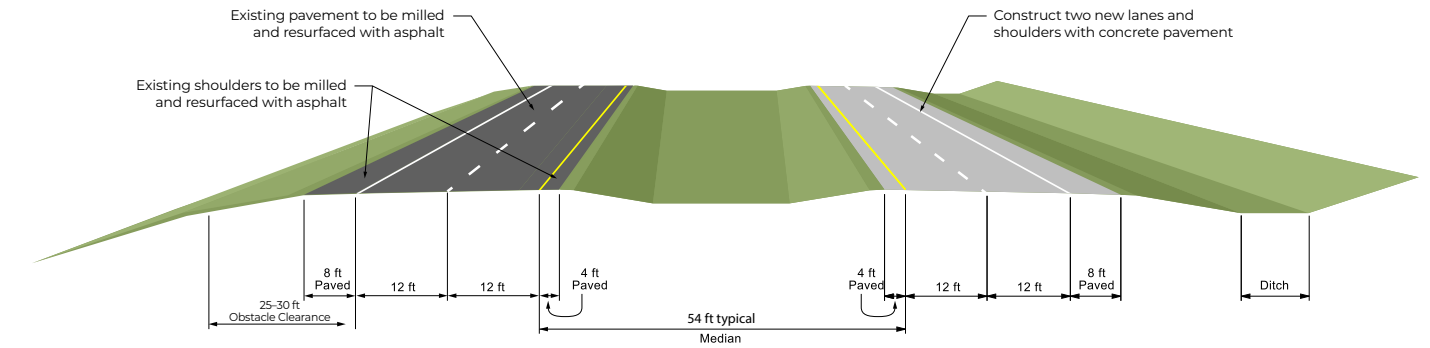
Scribner to West Point

- Estimated Total Cost: \$180 million
- Length: ~20 miles
- Phase: Expressway lanes are open to traffic
- Funding Source: State

SCOPE OF WORK

Proposed improvements consist of expanding the existing two-lane highway to a four-lane expressway by constructing a new, parallel, two-lane roadway on one side of the existing highway. The proposed project would improve US-275 intersections with Nebraska Link 20A (L-20A) and various county roads, including adding left turn lanes to some county road intersections. Additional work would consist of concrete repairs, culvert work, storm sewer, removing and replacing pavement, lighting, signing and striping. Grading would occur along the entire project. The existing two lanes of US-275 would be resurfaced, and the existing drainage structures would be extended, repaired or replaced as needed.

PROPOSED ROADWAY SECTION



PRELIMINARY PLAN
NOT FINAL - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

ALTERNATIVE IMPACTS COMPARISON

Alternative	Wetlands	Floodplains	Fish & Wildlife	Property Impacts	Wells	Center Pivots	Hazardous Materials
Widen North	~42 acres	~36 acres	Similar impacts	More homes and buildings	15 active wells	1 pivot shortened	6 sites
Widen South	~21 acres	~27 acres	Similar impacts	Fewer homes and buildings	7 active wells	3 pivots shortened	5 sites



Other notable impacts: Widen north would impact 7 feedlot sewage lagoons



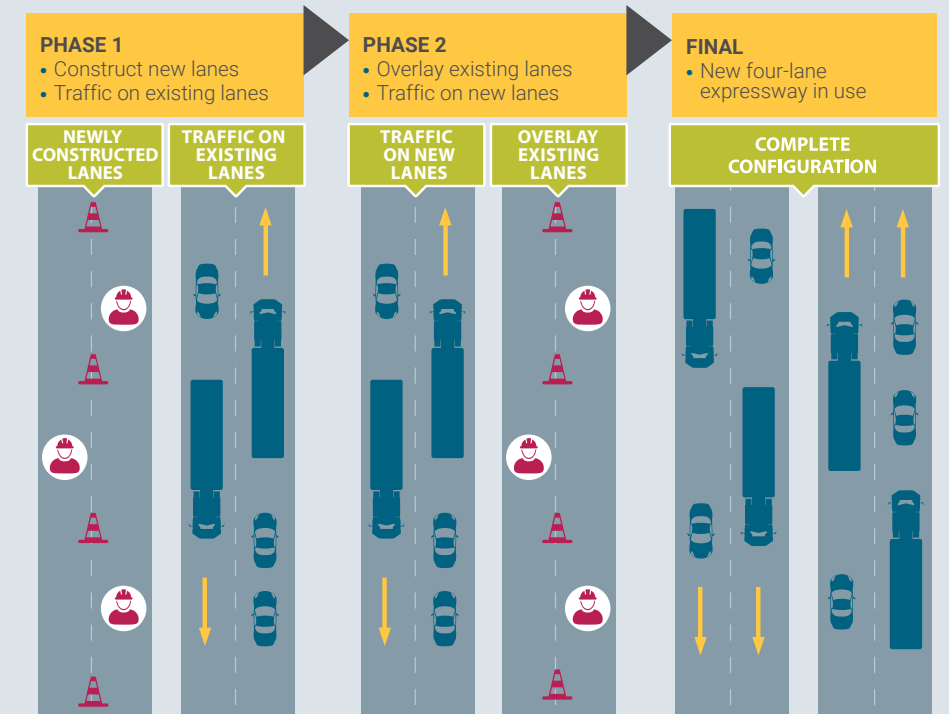
Preliminary Preferred Alternative

2+2 APPROACH

The 2+2 construction concept would construct two new lanes adjacent to the existing two-lanes of US-275 to create a four-lane corridor. This approach would:

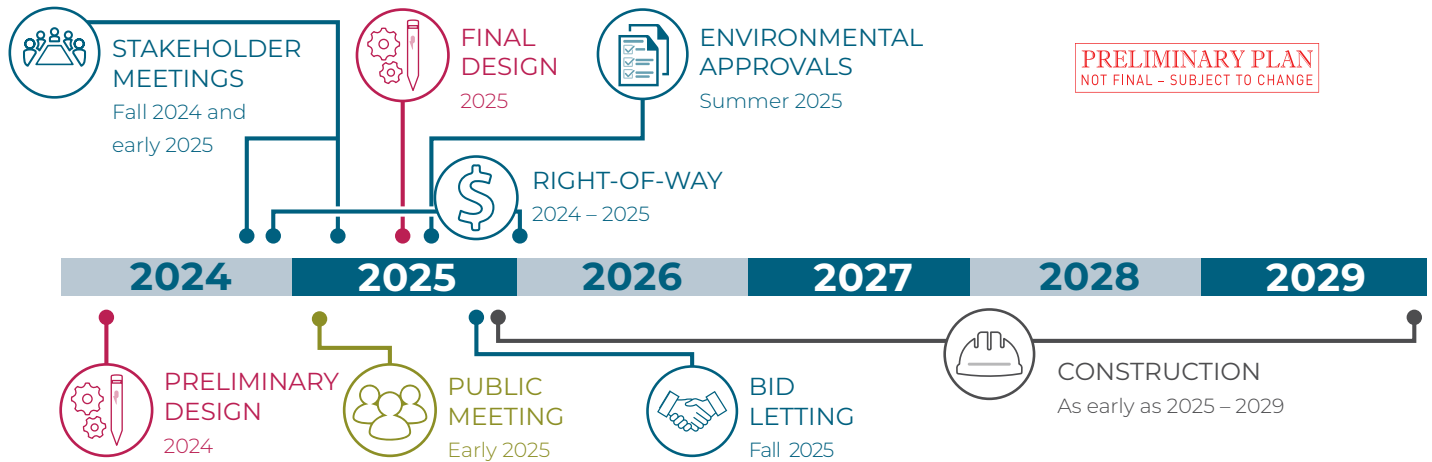
- Minimize traffic disruption
- Maximize the use of existing roadway
- Minimize environmental and community impacts

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SCHEDULE & COST

Construction could begin as early as 2026 and is subject to funding availability.



\$ ESTIMATED COST: \$86 MILLION*

*Funding comes from state sources.

RIGHT OF WAY

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) temporary easements (TE), residential and commercial relocations and/or impacts to center pivot irrigation systems. 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 traffic phasing requirements.

TRAFFIC ACCOMMODATIONS

The project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices. A highway detour would not be required. Work on county roads would be phased so that two adjacent county roads are not under construction at the same time.

FEEDBACK

Information regarding the proposed project is available at www.ndot.info/32024A.

Comments will be collected through **February 5, 2025** and should be submitted to:

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