

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HIGHWAY PROJECT INFORMATION

NDOT PROJECT:

NH-80-8(110) Seward – Pleasant Dale; C.N. 12598

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) is currently soliciting public input on the proposed improvements of Interstate 80 (I-80) in Seward County.

Identified as ***Seward – Pleasant Dale***, the proposed project would improve approximately 9.64 miles of 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.

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.

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.

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 project website: ndot.info/12598) during these closures.

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

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.

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.

The public is encouraged to provide input regarding this proposed project. Materials can be provided in alternative languages or formats. Comments will be collected through May 15, 2026. 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/12598. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOT Headquarters, 1500 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, NE. For further information, contact Brandon Varilek, NDOT District 1 Engineer, (402) 471-0850, brandon.varilek@nebraska.gov.