

## NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY PROJECT INFORMATION

### NDOT PROJECT:

STP-21-2(116) Cozad Viaduct; C.N. 61635

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) is currently soliciting public input on proposed improvements of Nebraska Highway 21 (N-21) in Dawson County.

Identified as **Cozad Viaduct**, the proposed project would repair and resurface approximately 0.24 miles of N-21, beginning about 0.05 miles north of the intersection of 2nd Street and N-21, and extending north to about 0.02 miles south of the intersection of East 7th Street and N-21 in Cozad. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 500 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement, updating guardrail, sidewalk modifications, and phasing of traffic.

The purpose of the 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 project is based on the current condition of the bridge.

Proposed improvements would consist of bridge repairs, removing and replacing pavement as necessary, updating roadway lighting and removing and replacing guardrail. Curb ramps and sidewalks would be reconstructed as necessary to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines.

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.

Bellamy Park, Veterans Memorial Park, and 100th Meridian Park are located within the vicinity of the proposed project; no impacts are anticipated. The former Cozad Seed Company, commonly known as the Old Cozad Mill, located at 219 E. 6th Street in Cozad is a historic property; additional right-of-way and/or easements would be required to construct ADA ramps and driveway. No wetland or channel impacts are anticipated.

Construction could begin as early as spring of 2024 with completion anticipated by fall of 2024.

The proposed project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices; however, the proposed project would require periodic temporary closures of N-21 access roads between 7<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street for the repair of the viaduct over the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and US-30. Pedestrian traffic near the north end of the project may be temporarily impacted by construction activities. Traffic on Railroad Road would be flagged during active construction on the viaduct above the roadway. Alternate routes would be available utilizing F Street, E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, and D Street. Traffic on N-21 would not be detoured. Accommodations would be provided for pedestrian traffic throughout the duration of the repair to the viaduct over UPRR.

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The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through May 21, 2022. Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Sierra Luhn, Public Involvement Specialist, Nebraska Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; [sierra.luhn@nebraska.gov](mailto:sierra.luhn@nebraska.gov); voice telephone 402-479-3103; fax 402-479-3989

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOT website at [ndot.info/61635](http://ndot.info/61635). For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOT Headquarters, 1500 Hwy. 2, Lincoln, NE. For further information, contact Gary Thayer, NDOT District 6 Engineer, 308-535-8031, [gary.thayer@nebraska.gov](mailto:gary.thayer@nebraska.gov).