

NOTICE OF HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Odessa – Kearney (EB) NH-80-5(83); C.N. 42852 and Odessa – Kearney East Crossover NH-80-5(84); C.N. 42852A

Identified as **Odessa – Kearney (EB) and Odessa – Kearney East Crossover**, these projects would improve approximately 8.94 miles of Interstate 80 (I-80) in Buffalo County.

The proposed work on I-80 would begin at approximately mile marker (MM) 263.31, and would extend east to approximately MM 272.25, 0.38 of a mile west of the grade separation under southbound Nebraska Highway 44 (N-44). A median crossover on I-80 at MM 272.23 would be built to maintain traffic.

The purpose of these projects is to preserve the transportation asset, improve the reliability of the transportation system and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for these proposed projects is based on the current condition of the roadway and to accommodate interstate traffic during the reconstruction of the mainline pavement.

Proposed improvements would consist of removing and replacing the existing eastbound (EB) pavement (roadway and surfaced shoulders) on I-80 and Nebraska Link 10B (L-10B) with doveled concrete pavement. The Odessa Interchange would be reconstructed except for portions previously rebuilt in 2010. The Odessa interchange bridge (structure S08026369) would be replaced, guardrail would be removed and replaced, and culvert extensions/replacements may be required.

These projects 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 phasing requirements.

Minor wetland and/or other water resource impacts are anticipated and would be mitigated as necessary. The historic Nebraska Wind Sculpture is located along the alignment. The historic property will not be adversely affected by the projects as proposed.

Construction for Odessa – Kearney (EB) is tentatively scheduled to begin as early as spring of 2026 and be completed as early as fall of 2027. The proposed Odessa – Kearney East Crossover project is tentatively scheduled to begin construction in fall of 2025.

No detour is anticipated for construction activities on these projects. The projects would be constructed in phases and under traffic with lane closures controlled with appropriate traffic control devices and practices. Median crossovers would be used to switch traffic head-to-head during the mainline reconstruction. Temporary ramps and traffic signals would be used to maintain traffic at the Odessa interchange during bridge work and overnight work. Traffic would be maintained on L-10B. Both eastbound and westbound (WB) rest areas would be closed during interstate construction.

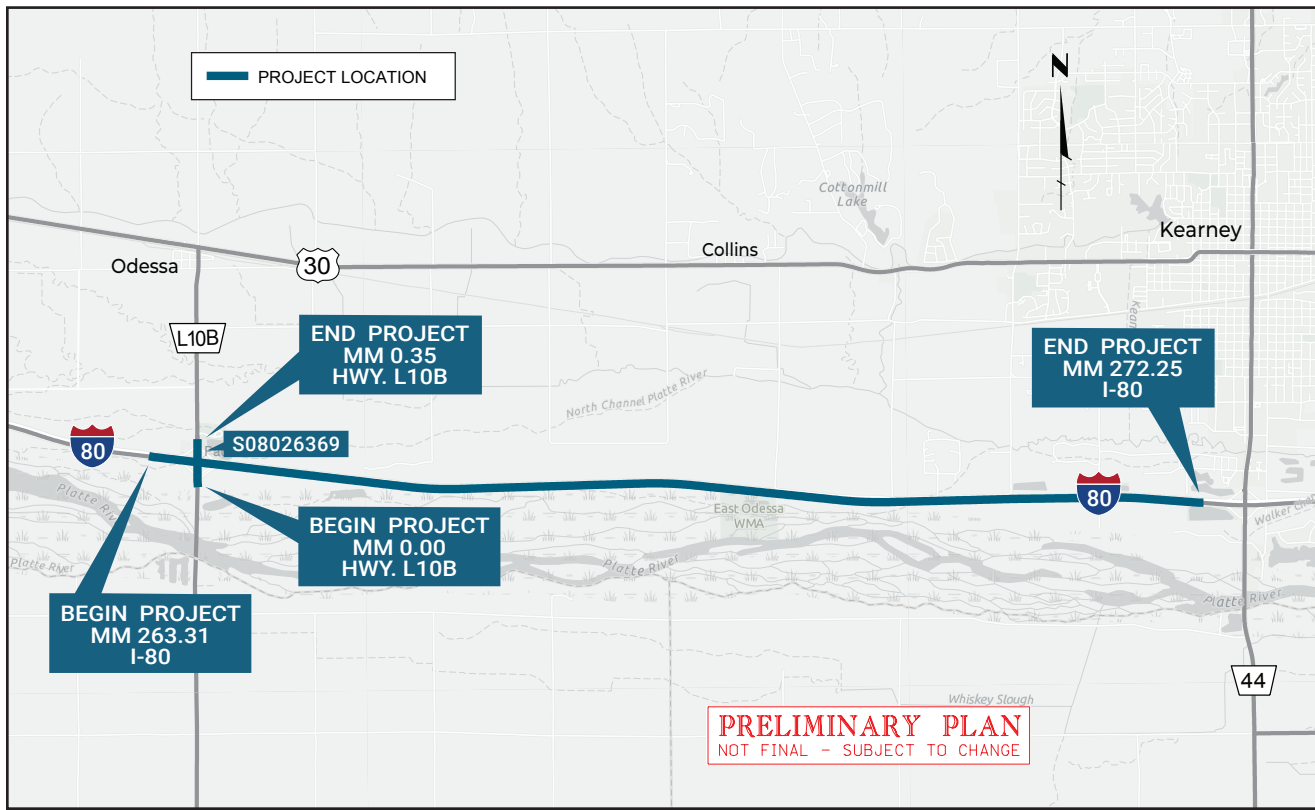
NDOT has worked to develop this project to minimize inconvenience and hardships. We are dedicated to improving Nebraska's highway system, and with your help, we can achieve this goal.

Any questions or comments regarding this project 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; telephone 402-479-3103, fax 402-479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOT website at ndot.info/42852. 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 Wes Wahlgren, NDOT District 4 Engineer, 308-385-6265, wes.wahlgren@nebraska.gov.

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