

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Public Information Open House Meeting

Tuesday, March 24, 2026; 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Buena Vista High School, 5616 L St, Omaha, NE 68117

NH-MTIS-80-9(203) 50th St – I-480, Omaha; C.N. 22855

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) will hold a public information open house meeting to present proposed improvements to Interstate 80 (I-80) in Douglas County. The public meeting is planned at Buena Vista High School, 5616 L St, Omaha, NE 68117 on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Identified as **50th St – I-480, Omaha**, the proposed project would repair and expand approximately 2.1 miles of I-80 and would start near the grade separation over 50th Street and extend east to approximately the grade separation of northbound (NB) U.S. Highway 75 (US-75) from Interstate 480 (I-480) to westbound (WB) I-80 ramp. 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 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 the work on this project is based on the condition of the roadway pavement and bridges and to help achieve the State and National performance targets as outlined in NDOT's *Transportation Asset Management Plan*.

The proposed improvements on this project would consist of lighting upgrades, curb & flume, culvert work, removing and replacing pavement including interchange ramps, bridge repairs, bridge deck replacement, bridge approach replacement, bridge widening and guardrail replacement. WB I-80 direction would be widened from west of the existing retaining wall at 36th Street to the east side of the 50th Street bridge. Night work will be required. Bridge work would occur as outlined below:

- The bridges over 50th Street (Structure Numbers S080 45103L and S080 45103R) would be rehabilitated and the guardrail would be replaced.
- The bridges over 42nd Street (Structure Numbers S080 45180L and S080 45180R) would be rehabilitated and widened for only the WB direction and the guardrail would be replaced. The WB direction would match the additional lane within this project and the eastbound (EB) direction would accommodate the future 6th lane with the on-loop across the bridge before merging into I-80.
- The bridge carrying 36th Street (Structure Number S080 45231) would be repaired and the guardrail would be replaced.
- The bridge over Union Pacific Railroad (Structure Number S080 45252) would be repaired and the guardrail would be replaced.
- The bridge carrying 32nd Avenue (Structure Number S080 45266) would be repaired and the guardrail would be used in place.
- The bridges over Interstate 480 (I-480) (Structure Numbers S080 45283L and S080 45283R) would be

used in place and the guardrail would be used in place.

The proposed project is anticipated to not require the acquisition of additional property rights.

Construction could begin as early as spring of 2027 with completion as early as fall of 2028.

This project would be constructed primarily under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices; however, ramp closures would be required to complete some of the work. Designated detours for ramp closures would be provided during construction.

Pedestrian access may be disrupted at 42nd Street, 36th Street, and 32nd Street due to phasing of construction activities. Pedestrian protection and accommodations would be provided when applicable.

The meeting is being held to provide information regarding the project and to receive the public's input. All interested persons are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions. Design information will be displayed and personnel from NDOT will be present to answer questions and receive comments. The information "open house" format allows the public to come at any time during the advertised hours, gather pertinent information about the project, speak one-on-one with project personnel, and leave as they wish. No formal presentation is planned for this meeting.

NDOT will make every reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility for all persons. Appropriate provisions for the hearing and visually challenged or persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) will be made if the Department is notified by March 17, 2026.

The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through April 3, 2026.

Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Emily Schweitzer, NDOT Public Involvement, Nebraska Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; emily.schweitzer@nebraska.gov; voice telephone 402-318-1324; fax 402-479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOT website at ndot.info/22855. 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 Thomas Goodbarn, NDOT District 2 Engineer in Omaha at: thomas.goodbarn@nebraska.gov or voice telephone 402-595-2534.