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Wisner – West Point North

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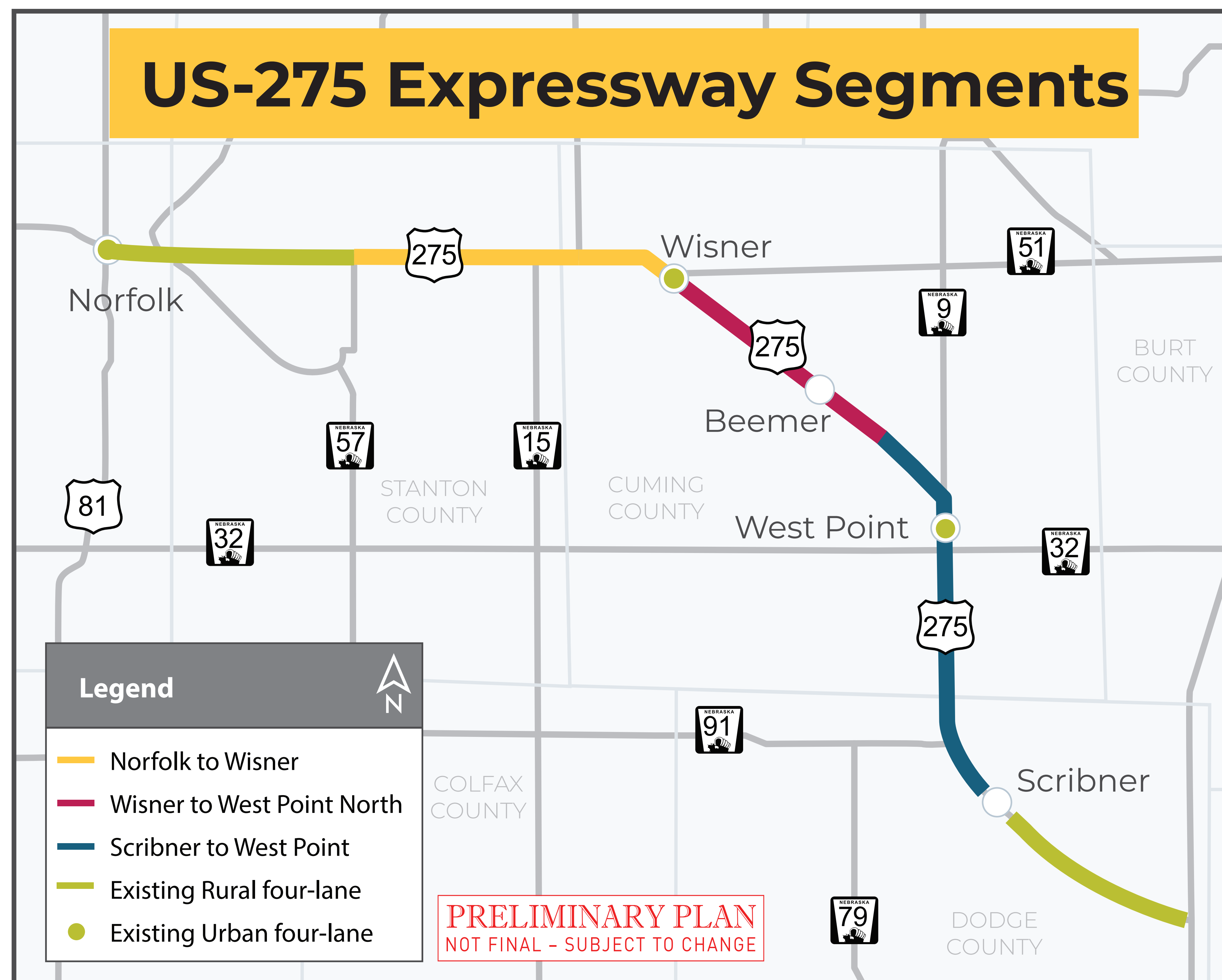
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US-275 EXPRESSWAY OVERVIEW

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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

HIGHWAY BONDING TO COMPLETE THE US-275 EXPRESSWAY

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- The Legislature passed LB727 in 2023 to authorize the Nebraska Highway Commission, upon a recommendation by NDOT, to issue bonds for projects under the Build Nebraska Act, including completion of the expressway system identified in the 1988 Nebraska Highway Needs Study.
- On December 6, 2024, the Nebraska Highway Commission authorized the issuance of bonds not to exceed \$200 million for completion of the US-275 expressway system corridor from east of Norfolk to West Point.
- Before the bonding became authorized, the Norfolk to West Point corridor was on track to be completed by 2033 at the earliest. After the authorization to issue bonds, the expected project completion has moved up to 2029.

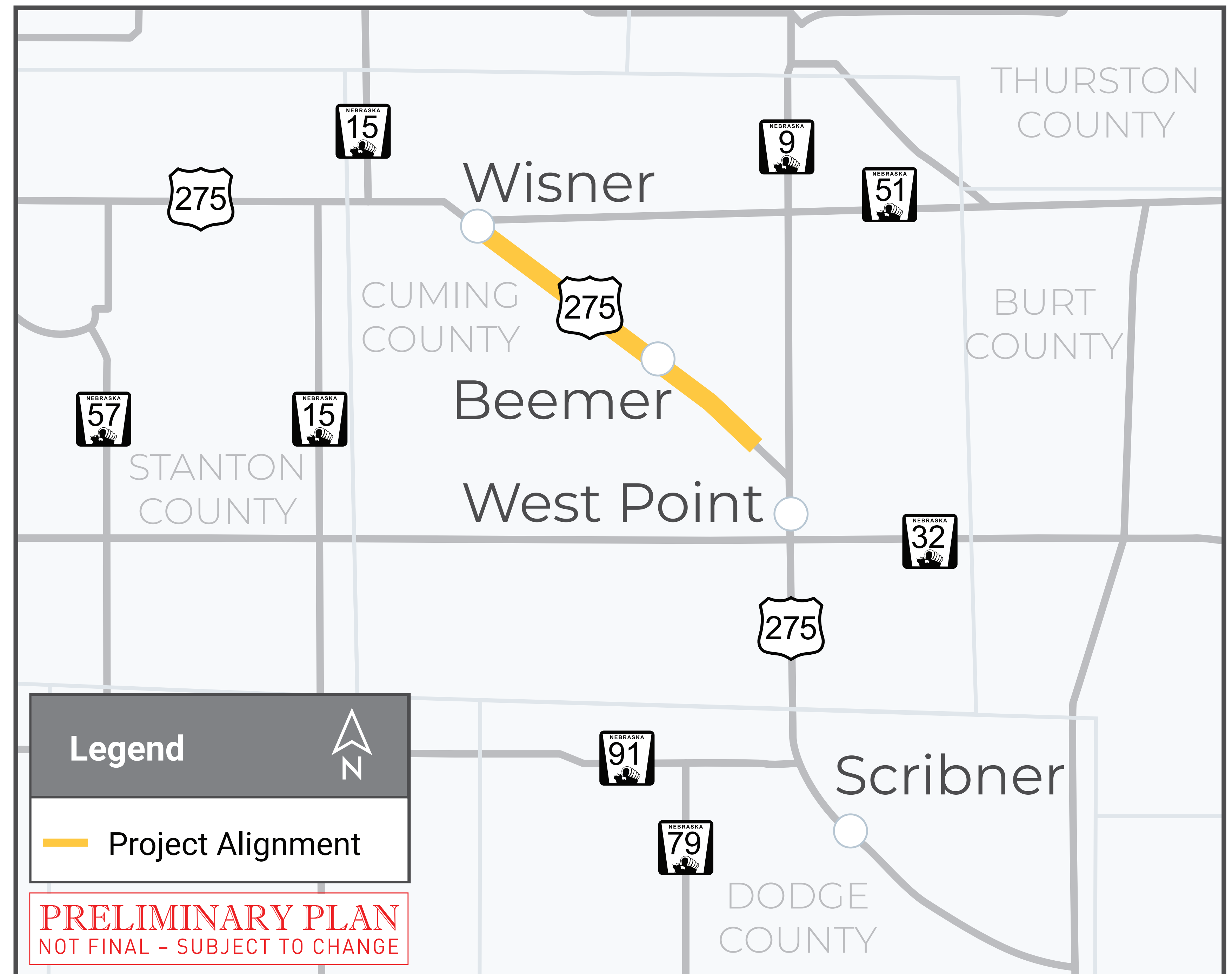
Nebraska has historically been a pay-as-you-go state, meaning projects are constructed as revenue becomes available. While this has been traditionally viewed as a fiscally responsible approach, this can cause a delay in projects and increase project costs, especially when taking construction inflation into consideration. The Legislature passed bonding with the expectation that it would be used to complete long-awaited priority routes across Nebraska.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & LOCATION

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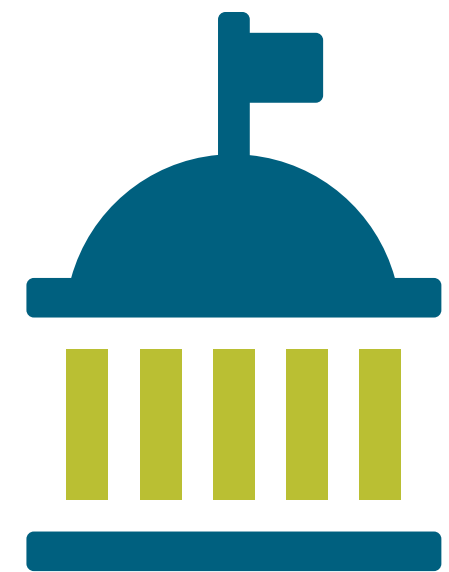
The proposed project would expand U.S. Highway 275 (US-275) from a two-lane highway to a four-lane expressway along an approximately 12-mile segment in Cuming County, Nebraska.

The 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 with asphalt.



PROJECT PURPOSE

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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.

SCOPE OF WORK

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Proposed improvements consist of:

- Building a four-lane expressway
 - Constructing two new lanes on one side of the existing highway
 - Grading along the entire project
 - Resurfacing, repairing and rehabilitating the existing lanes as needed, including an asphalt overlay in Beemer
- Improving intersections
 - Including intersection with Nebraska Link 20A (L20A) and various county roads
 - Add left-turn lanes at county road intersections
- Improve bridge and drainage structures
 - Repair or replace as needed



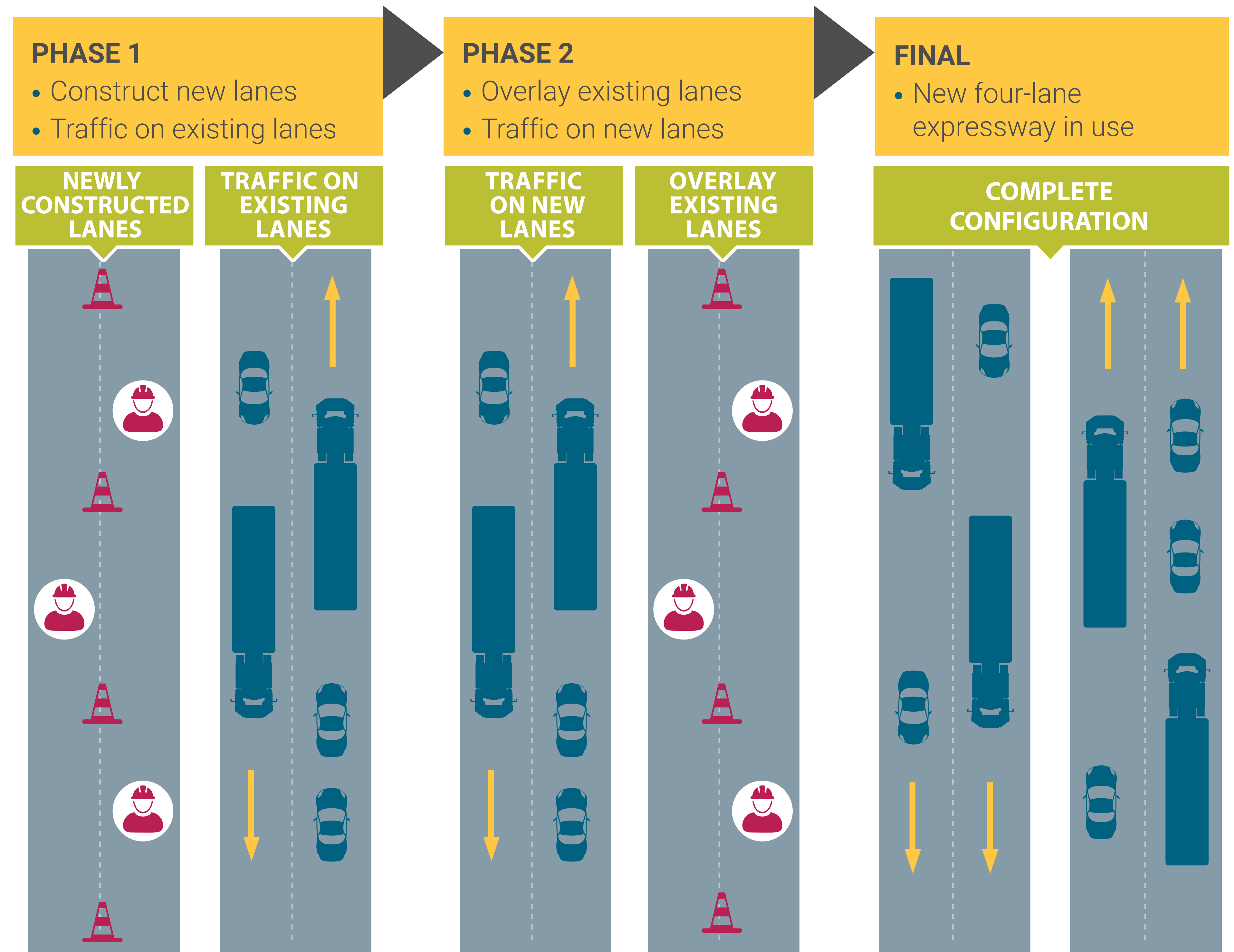
MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC

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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:

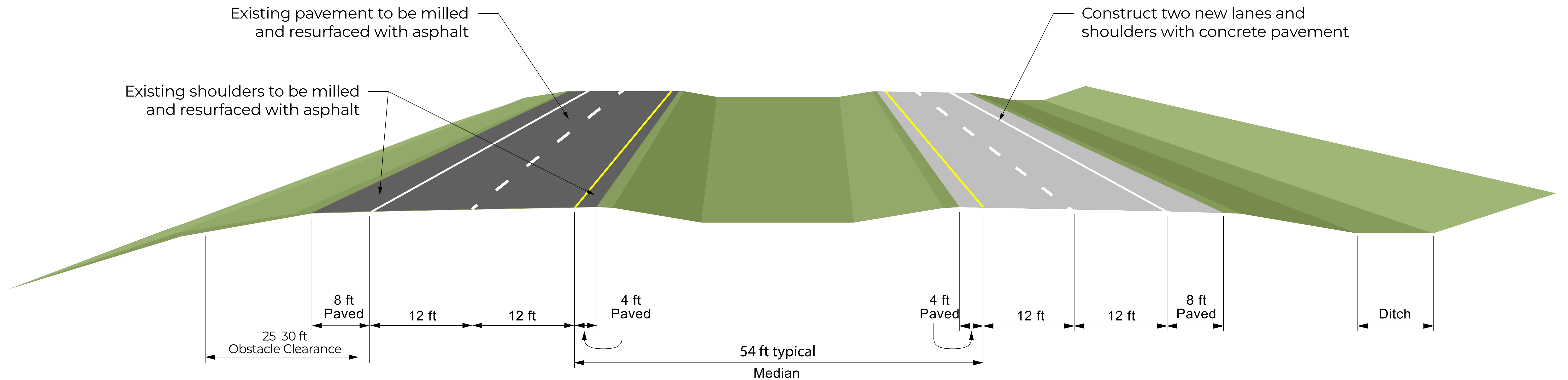
- Minimize traffic disruption
- Maximize the use of existing roadway
- Minimize environmental and community impacts

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PROPOSED ROADWAY SECTION

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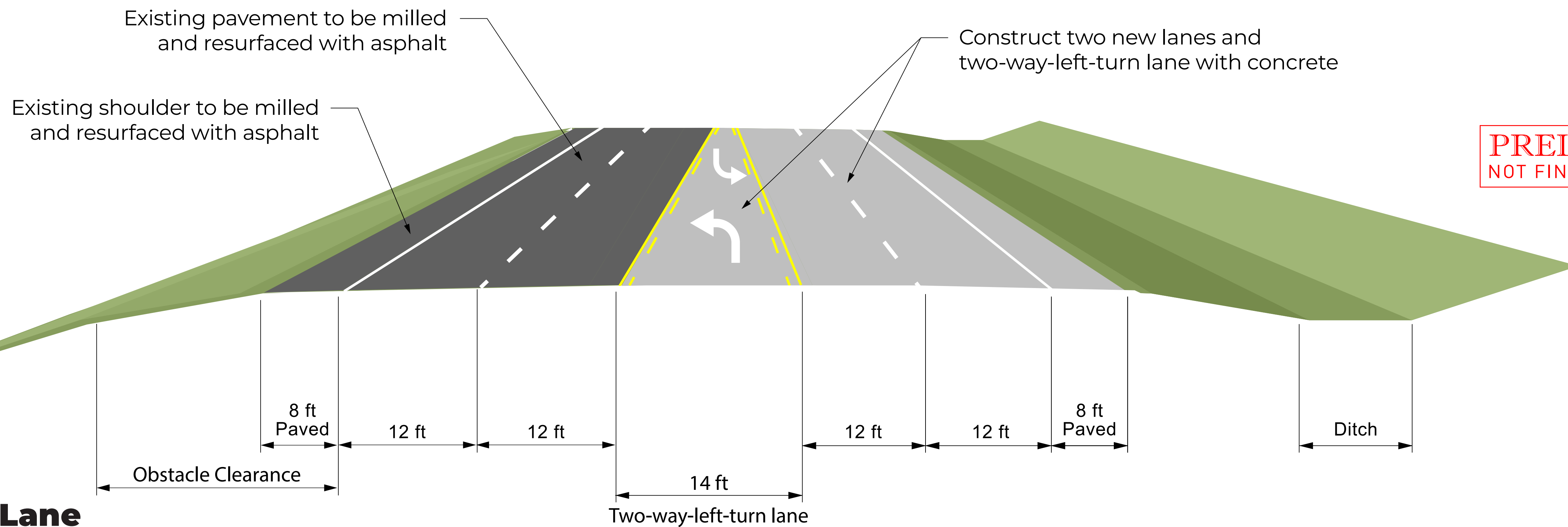


Rural Expressway Section

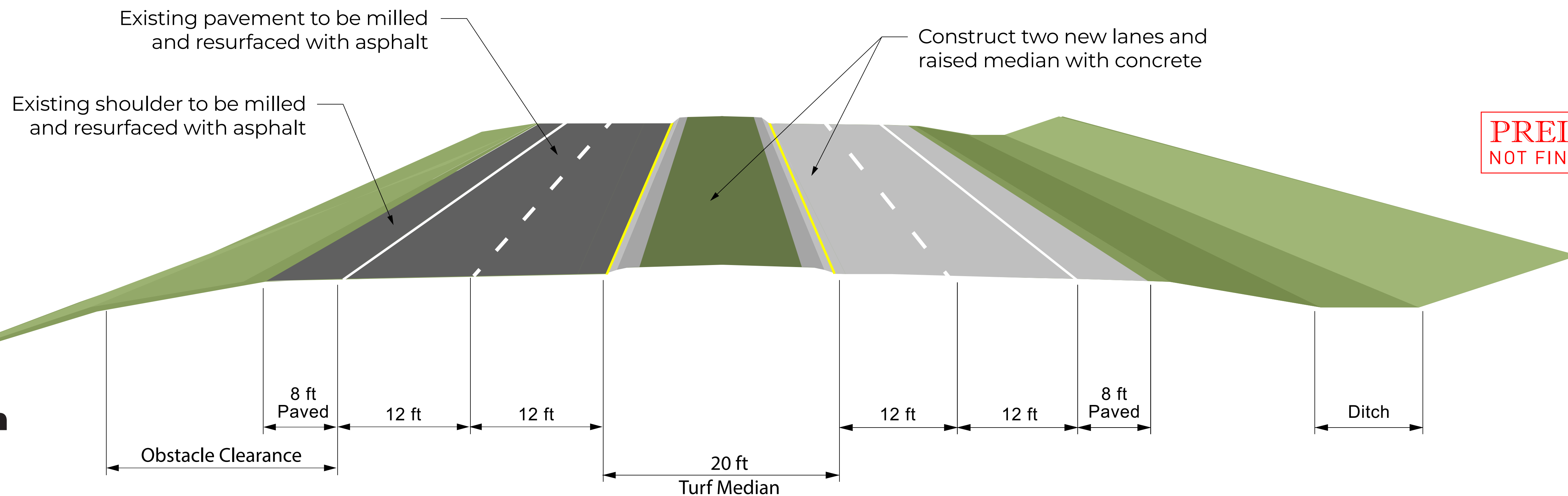
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Urban Section with Two-Way-Left-Turn Lane



Urban Section with Raised Median

ALTERNATIVES COMPARISON

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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

RIGHT OF WAY

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The proposed project would require the acquisition of additional property rights, which could include new:

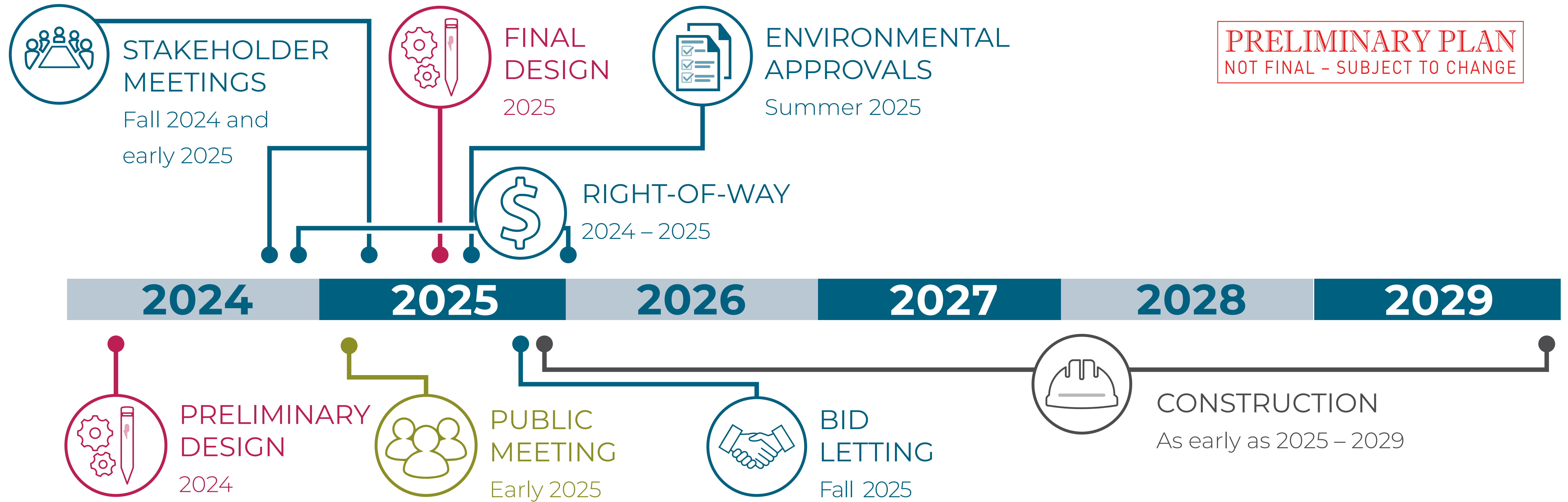
- Right-of-way (ROW)
- Control of access (CA)
- Permanent easements (PE)
- Temporary easements (TE)
- Residential and commercial relocations
- And/or impacts to existing center pivot irrigation systems

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.

SCHEDULE & COST

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\$ ESTIMATED COST: \$86 MILLION*

*Funding comes from state sources.

FEEDBACK

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

Comments will be collected through **February 5, 2025** and can be submitted on the project website or to:

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