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NDOT Announces Fiscal Year 2027 Surface Transportation Program Book

July 1, 2026 (Lincoln, Neb.) – The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) plans to contract 80 projects impacting about 570 miles of highway and 90 bridges in 2027. The NDOT Surface Transportation Program Book, released this week, demonstrates how the Agency plans to preserve and modernize existing assets, increase safety of the transportation system, and expand capacity of the network.

The 2027 Construction program is estimated at \$747 million, representing a list of state system contracted construction projects located within NDOT's eight geographical districts and budgeted state performed maintenance. Each year, NDOT announces an updated list of construction projects that are scheduled to begin construction within the next year, and a list of projects being planned for construction during the following five years. The number of projects, funded through state and federal highway user taxes and fees, is dependent on available funding, project readiness and condition of the asset. The Program does not include Aeronautics, Broadband, or local system related construction.

The Program also reflects NDOT's work to modernize project delivery, continue a proven track record of fiscal responsibility, and leverage new tools to deliver transportation projects more efficiently. Recent efforts include use of alternative delivery for complex projects, advancement of digital project delivery, and a streamlined environmental review process through NEPA Assignment awarded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Together, these initiatives are positive steps toward better control of project timelines

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Program Book Highlights:

- New Sarpy County Interstate Interchange, 10 miles of six-lane interstate expansion between Seward and Pleasant Dale and preservation of 20 miles of existing interstate between Utica and Hershey.
- Improve 17 miles of U.S. Highway 385 (US-385) from Chadron to South Dakota with intersection reconstruction, pavement resurfacing, bridge repair, and construction of new passing lanes to reduce delays caused by truck volumes and rolling terrain.
- Replace pavement and make urban improvements in Fairbury along U.S. Highway 136 (US-136) that improves safety by reducing conflict points and providing sidewalks.
- The first Digital Project Delivery (DPD) projects are highlighted, these projects will improve collaboration and project delivery with Industry partners through streamlined workflows, more reliable data, earlier risk identification, enhanced safety, and provide greater value for taxpayers. DPD projects include:
 - Building a new roundabout at the junction of U.S. Highway 34 (US-34) and Nebraska Highway 50 (N-50) to reduce conflict points and improve safety
 - Resurfacing 10 miles of shoulder and driving lanes on U.S. Highway 83 (US-83) near Hackberry Lake Spur to preserve the highway

In addition to the projects included in the 2027 Program Book, NDOT continues to make progress on transportation investments from previous programs. Active construction projects from the Metro Area Travel Improvement Study (MTIS) in the Omaha metropolitan area include widening of I-680 in Douglas County and I-80 westbound lane expansion between Pacific and Dodge Streets. The Agency has continued progress toward completion of the US-275 Expressway corridor by 2028 in northeast Nebraska, construction on the Highway 77 Lincoln West Beltway Interchanges, and have started work on the Capital City Connector Lincoln Interstate Bridges project, which improves or replaces four bridges using a federal Competitive Highway Bridge Program grant awarded in spring 2026.

The 2027-2032 Nebraska Surface Transportation Program and an interactive GIS map are now available at <https://ndot.info/59b2bd>.

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