

## NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

*Public Information Open House*

*Tuesday, September 29, 2020; 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM*

*Cherry County Fairgrounds, 120 South Green Street, Valentine, NE 69201*

NH-83-4(121); WEST 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN VALENTINE; C.N. 81037

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) will hold a public information open house meeting regarding proposed improvements of U.S. Highway 83 (US-83) in Cherry County. The meeting will be held at the Cherry County Fairgrounds, 120 South Green Street, in Valentine, on Tuesday, September 29, 2020, from 5:00-7:00 PM. A brief presentation will begin at 5:30 PM. The option to view materials and a pre-recorded version of the presentation will be available on the NDOT website at <http://dot.nebraska.gov/projects/future-projects/> by clicking on the "West 4th Street In Valentine" link.

Identified as **West 4<sup>th</sup> Street In Valentine**, the proposed project starts 0.06 miles west of the junction of US-83 with Nebraska Highway 12 (N-12) at mile marker (MM) 212.42, and extends west to MM 214.14, which includes the bridge over the Minnechaduzza Creek (Structure Number S083 21414). Construction may begin and/or end approximately 800 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 this project is based on the existing condition of the pavement.

The planned construction would consist of removing the existing concrete pavement and replacing it with doweled concrete pavement with integral curb, reconstructing concrete shoulders, reconstructing curb inlets and storm sewer as needed, replacing erosion control curb and flume, construction of new pedestrian facilities and updating roadway lighting. Existing utilities would be reconstructed or relocated as needed. Additional work would include repairing and sealing the deck of Structure Number S083 21414, replacement of guardrail, and grading.

The proposed project would require the acquisition of additional property rights which could include new right-of-way (ROW), control of access (CA), temporary easements (TE), and/or permanent easements (PE) at certain locations within the project area. 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.

Construction could begin as early as spring of 2023 with completion anticipated by fall of 2023. Some segments of this project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices. Other segments would require temporary closure and detouring of US-83 traffic to complete utility and paving work. Temporary surfacing would be required to accommodate phased construction.

A designated detour for through traffic would be provided utilizing W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Main Street and Edna Street; and Edna Street between W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The detour

would be used during construction on US-83 between Main Street and Edna Street. Due to turning restrictions for large vehicles at the intersection of Main Street and W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, a truck detour would be posted to route trucks onto Cherry Street between US-20 and W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Reconstruction on US-83 between Edna Street and the bridge over Minnechaduzza Creek would be constructed under traffic.

Impacts to wetlands are anticipated and would be mitigated, as necessary. The detour on Cherry Street would cross the Cowboy Trail. The existing trail crossing would be used in place. Impacts to historic properties are being considered and comments related to historic properties can be made at this meeting.

A separate project identified as *In Valentine* [NH-STP-83-4(117); C.N.80865] is located within the project vicinity. The project would reconstruct 0.64 miles of US-83 between MM 212.78 and MM 213.36. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 500 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning pavement. Construction of *In Valentine* would be completed prior to the start of the *West 4th Street In Valentine* project. A separate preconstruction public information meeting for *In Valentine* would be held prior to the start of construction anticipated in spring 2021.

As part of a future N-12 microsurfacing project, N-12 would be resurfaced beginning 0.03 miles north of the junction of US-83 and N-12, at MM 0.03, extending north and east to MM 12.97. Construction on this resurfacing project may begin and/or end approximately 500 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement. This project would consist of pavement repairs, curb repairs, applying microsurfacing to the pavement and construction of new curb ramps to meet current ADA standards.

This public information open house meeting is being held to provide information regarding the project, currently in the design phase, 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.

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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 September 22, 2020. A Spanish interpreter will be available at the meeting. The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through October 14, 2020. Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Sarah Soula, NDOT External Affairs Manager, Nebraska Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; [sarah.soula@nebraska.gov](mailto:sarah.soula@nebraska.gov); voice telephone 402-479-4871, fax 402-479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOT website at <http://dot.nebraska.gov/projects/future-projects/> by clicking on the "West 4<sup>th</sup> Street In Valentine" link. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOT Headquarters, 1500 Hwy 2, Lincoln, NE 68509. For further information, contact: Mark Kovar NDOT District 8 Engineer, [mark.kovar@nebraska.gov](mailto:mark.kovar@nebraska.gov); voice telephone 402-387-2471, Fax 402-387-1498.