

# NIOBRARA EAST AND WEST HIGHWAY N-12

# PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE MEETING

Niobrara High School - Gymnasium, 247 North Highway 12, Niobrara, NE  
Tuesday, September 18, 2018; 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

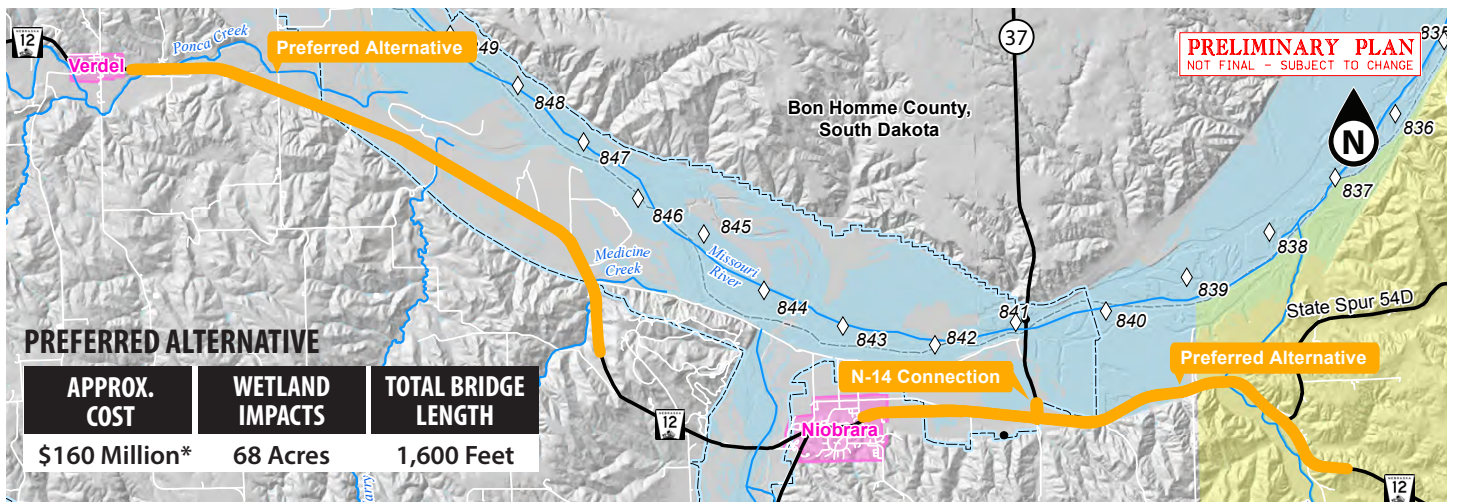
## S-12-5(1011) NIOBRARA EAST & WEST; C.N. 31674

### PURPOSE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Present a project update and receive public input on the preferred alternative to gauge acceptance prior to Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) preparing and submitting a permit application.

### LOCATION AND SCOPE

The proposed project includes two segments of the existing Nebraska Highway 12 (N-12) roadway east and west of the Village of Niobrara, in Knox County, Nebraska. The highway experiences flooding and damage due to high water levels associated with the Missouri River. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and NDOT are proposing to improve N-12 and provide a reliable and stable roadway for the region. The ultimate configuration will be a two-lane roadway with paved shoulders. Bridges and culverts will be constructed where appropriate. Right-of-way, wetland, and stream impacts are anticipated to occur with the proposed project.



\* Present dollars

### PROJECT UPDATE

Previously, NDOT had identified a variety of alternatives ranging from constructing a new roadway near or adjacent to the current roadway to options further south closer to or up in the bluffs. These options were presented to the public at separate public meetings in 2015 and in 2016 to gauge public opinion and receive comments to evaluate those alternatives beyond an engineering or environmental screening process.

Based on several factors including the input received from land owners, the Ponca Tribe, Santee Sioux Nation and the general public and reviewing agencies responsible for permitting the project, it was decided to re-evaluate the project objectives and alternatives being considered. NDOT, working with the Corps, developed a new project purpose and need and re-evaluated the proposed design criteria that resulted in new alternatives being identified.

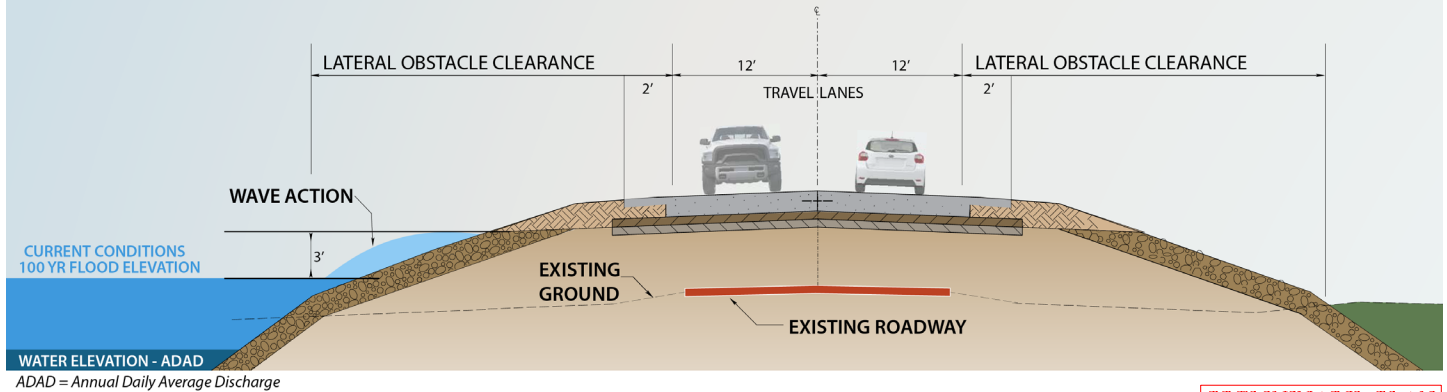
### PURPOSE & NEED SUMMARY

The purpose of the proposed project is to rehabilitate the existing roadway to maximize utilization, improve the safety and reliability, and bring the roadway up to current NDOT design standards for a major arterial highway between Verdel, Nebraska and Santee Spur (S-54D). The project is needed due to ongoing risk of flooding, unreliable operations, and interruptions to regional connectivity.

## TYPICAL SECTION OF ALTERNATIVE CONSIDERED

The following illustrates the alternatives considered that satisfy the purpose and need for the project. Alternative R-1 was identified as NDOT's preferred alternative based upon an evaluation of impacts and is being refined in the design process to further minimize impacts and provide for efficiencies where possible. It is anticipated sections of N-12 will be closed during construction with through traffic detoured along existing highways and local traffic maintained using a combination of the existing roadway and other local roads. Access to existing or proposed future driveways may be limited during construction due to construction sequencing.

### R-1 PREFERRED ALIGNMENT | ALONG EXISTING ALIGNMENT

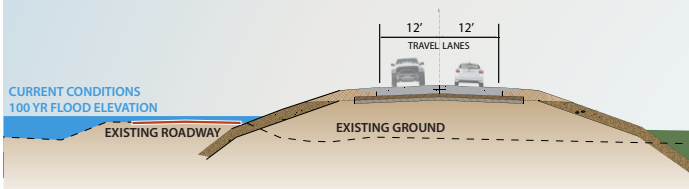


### OTHER ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

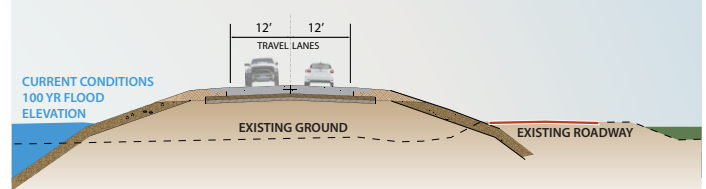
525-1520 Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) 2016 Levels

**PRELIMINARY PLAN**  
NOT FINAL - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

#### R2 | SOUTH OF EXISTING ALIGNMENT



#### R3 | NORTH OF EXISTING ALIGNMENT



## RIGHT-OF-WAY

This project would require the acquisition of additional property rights, which could include new right-of-way (ROW), control of access (CA), permanent easements (PE), and/or temporary easements (TE). If your property is impacted by this project, you will be contacted by a representative of NDOT's Right-of-Way Division to discuss the impacts and next steps once the design footprint has been established.

## HISTORY & NEXT STEPS

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| <b>2015</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternatives presented to the public at Corps Public Hearing. The Corps application was withdrawn.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>2016</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revised alternative presented to the public at NDOT Open House Public Meeting.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>2017</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued coordinating with Corps, National Parks Service and other environmental agencies.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>2018</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Information Open House Meeting with presentation of new alignment.</li> <li>Submit permit application to the Corps and continue project design efforts.</li> </ul> |

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