

**Notice of Information Open House
“In Bassett and North”
January 31, 2013, 4:00-6:00 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding reconstruction of a portion of Nebraska Highway 7 in the city of Bassett and north. The meeting for Project STP-7-4(114), known as “In Bassett and North,” will be held at the North Central Nebraska Resource Conservation & Development meeting room, 308 E. Hwy 20, Bassett, NE on January 31.

**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS
NOTICE OF HIGHWAY PUBLIC MEETING**

4:00 – 6:00 PM; Thur., Jan. 31, 2013

Information Open House Public Meeting

North Central Nebraska RC&D

308 E. Hwy 20, Bassett, NE

STP-7-4(114) *In Bassett & North*; CN 80684A

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Identified as ***In Bassett and North***; the proposed project would resurface 6.77 miles of the N-7 roadway within Rock County, Nebraska. This resurfacing, restoration and rehabilitation (3R) project would start in Bassett at the N-7 junction with U.S. Highways 20 and 183 (US-20 & US-183) and extend north about six miles from Bassett almost to County Road 445th Ave. (5.82 miles south of Keya Paha County).

The improvements on this project would consist of resurfacing the existing N-7 roadway and surfaced shoulders with asphalt, and updating sidewalks in the city of Bassett to incorporate curb ramps that meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. A corrugated metal culvert at Elk Creek requires replacement in the rural segment of the project.

While the urban portion of this project would be done with appropriate traffic control, the culvert replacement portion of this project would require detouring; N-7 traffic would be detoured onto US-183 for less than three days. Local access would be maintained. Additional detour and traffic control information will be available at the meeting.

New minor right-of-way (ROW) acquisitions and temporary construction easements are anticipated in Bassett in order to construct new ADA compliant sidewalk approaches. No permanent wetland impacts are anticipated. The project crosses a Nebraska Dept. of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) remediation site. The project would resurface the N-7 crossing of the Cowboy Trail, a state recreational path passing through Bassett.

The public meeting is being held to provide information regarding the project and receive input. All interested persons are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions. Design information will be displayed and personnel from NDOR will be present to answer questions and receive comments. The information “open house” format allows the public to come, gather pertinent information about the project, speak one-on-one with project personnel, and leave as they wish.

NDOR 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 Jan. 18, 2013. Notification should be submitted to: Greg Weinert, Public Hearings Officer, Nebraska Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; greg.weinert@nebraska.gov; voice telephone (402) 479-4871, TDD telephone (402) 479-3834, Fax (402) 479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be available after the meeting on the NDOR website at www.transportation.nebraska.gov/projects/ by clicking on the “Bassett” link.

For further information, contact Tony Kessler, NDOR Roadway Design, (402) 479-3994, tony.kessler@nebraska.gov or Mark Kovar, NDOR District Eight Engineer, (402) 387-2471, mark.kovar@nebraska.gov.

January 11, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Roads Standards Board Not Meeting This Month

The January 18, 2013 meeting of the Board of Public Roads Classifications and standards has been cancelled for want of a sufficient agenda. In the interest of cost-effective stewardship of state funds, the meeting's business will be combined with the February meeting agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on February 15, 2013, in the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Building Auditorium at 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln. Any new business will be transacted at that time.

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Contact:
LeMoyne D. Schulz, (402) 479-4436

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State of Nebraska
**Scheduled Meetings of
Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards**

January 18, 2013	9:00 a.m.	Meeting has been cancelled
February 15, 2013	9:00 a.m.	NDOR Auditorium, Lincoln
March 15, 2013	9:00 a.m.	NDOR Auditorium, Lincoln
April 19, 2013	9:00 a.m.	NDOR Auditorium, Lincoln
May 17, 2013	9:00 a.m.	NDOR Auditorium, Lincoln
June 21, 2013	9:00 a.m.	NDOR Auditorium, Lincoln
July 19, 2013	9:00 a.m.	NDOR Auditorium, Lincoln
★ (August 16, 2013)	(9:00 a.m.)	(NDOR Auditorium, Lincoln)
September 20, 2013	9:00 a.m.	NDOR Auditorium, Lincoln
October 18, 2013	a.m. <i>(tba)</i>	<i>(tba)</i>
November 15, 2013	9:00 a.m.	NDOR Auditorium, Lincoln
★ (December 20, 2013)	(9:00 a.m.)	(NDOR Auditorium, Lincoln)
January 17, 2014	9:00 a.m.	NDOR Auditorium, Lincoln
February 21, 2014	9:00 a.m.	NDOR Auditorium, Lincoln
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★ No meeting planned; date held in reserve.

**Scheduled Meetings of
Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents**

January 25, 2013	10:00 a.m.	NDOR Mat & Res Conf Rm, Lincoln
February 22, 2013	10:00 a.m.	NDOR Mat & Res Conf Rm, Lincoln
April 5, 2013	8:45 a.m.	NDOR Hwy Comm Rm, Lincoln
May 3, 2013	10:00 a.m.	NDOR Hwy Comm Rm, Lincoln
August 23, 2013	10:00 a.m.	NDOR Mat & Res Conf Rm, Lincoln
October 4, 2013	8:45 a.m.	NDOR Hwy Comm Rm, Lincoln
November 1, 2013	10:00 a.m.	NDOR Mat & Res Conf Hwy Comm. Rm,
January 27, 2014	10:00 a.m.	NDOR Mat & Res Conf Rm, Lincoln
February 24, 2014	10:00 a.m.	NDOR Hwy Comm Rm, Lincoln
April 6, 2014	8:45 a.m.	NDOR Hwy Comm Rm, Lincoln
May 4, 2014	10:00 a.m.	NDOR Hwy Comm Rm, Lincoln
August 24, 2014	10:00 a.m.	NDOR Mat & Res Conf Rm, Lincoln
October 5, 2014	8:45 a.m.	NDOR Hwy Comm Rm, Lincoln
November 2, 2014	10:00 a.m.	NDOR Hwy Comm Rm, Lincoln

Licensing Examinations

April 5, 2013	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	NDOR Auditorium, Lincoln
October 4, 2013	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	NDOR Auditorium, Lincoln
April 4, 2014	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	NDOR Auditorium, Lincoln
October 3, 2014	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	NDOR Auditorium, Lincoln

Workshops for Examination Applicants

March 4 - 6, 2013	9:00 a.m. Day 1 – 2:00 p.m. Day 3	Fairfield Inn, Kearney
September 4 - 6, 2013	9:00 a.m. Day 1 – 2:00 p.m. Day 3	Fairfield Inn, Kearney
March 3 - 5, 2014	9:00 a.m. Day 1 – 2:00 p.m. Day 3	Fairfield Inn, Kearney
September 3 - 5, 2014	9:00 a.m. Day 1 – 2:00 p.m. Day 3	Fairfield Inn, Kearney

January 14, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

State Highway Commission Meeting Agenda Announced

The State Highway Commission will hold its regular meeting January 25 at 8:30 a.m., in Room 103, at the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln.

The agenda for the meeting can be scanned and retrieved on the NDOR website at www.transportation.nebraska.gov/news/meetings.htm or by calling (402) 479-4871. The State Highway Commission meetings are conducted in compliance with the Nebraska Statutes of the Open Meetings Act.

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NEBRASKA STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Nebraska Department of Roads
1500 Highway 2, P.O. Box 94759
Highway Commission Conference Room 103
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509
402 479-4871



AGENDA: 8:30 A.M., Friday, January 25, 2013

NDOR Headquarters, Highway Commission Room 103, 1500 Hwy 2, Lincoln, Nebraska

The Commission will dine together the evening prior to the meeting at an area restaurant; for details contact the Secretary

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Minutes
 - Approval of December 2012 Meeting Minutes
- Introductions/Announcements
 - *Marilyn Hayes, Controller Division Head*
- Old Business
 - 2012 Commission Expense Report
 - Election of 2013 Chair/Vice-Chair
 - *Greg Weinert, Highway Commission Secretary*
- New Business
 - Relinquishment of Missouri River Bridge at Decatur
 - *Mark Traynowicz, NDOR Bridge Engineer*
 - Materials & Research Projects Overview
 - *Mick Syslo, NDOR M&R Engineer*
 - Traffic Incident Management for Responders
 - *Jim McGee, NDOR Programs Administrator*
 - 2013 Nebraska Legislature Update
 - *Andrew Cunningham, NDOR Government Affairs*
 - 2012 Legislative Report
 - Performance Audit Committee Report, Vol. 17, No. 2: NDOR Project Selection, Prioritization and Funding Report
 - *Randy Peters, NDOR Director-State Engineer*
- Public Input
- Chair's Comments
- Public Meetings Calendar
- Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting:

March 22, 2013, 8:30 A.M.

NDOR Maintenance Headquarters, 1013 West Fourth Ave., Holdrege, Nebraska

District 7 Program Hearing

January 17, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Information Open House January 31 for Hwy. 7 Improvements in Bassett Area

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Personnel from the State Department of Roads will be available to answer questions, receive comments, and discuss any aspect of the proposed highway improvement project. Information regarding the project will be available after the meeting on the NDOR website at www.transportation.nebraska.gov/projects/ by clicking on the "Bassett" link.

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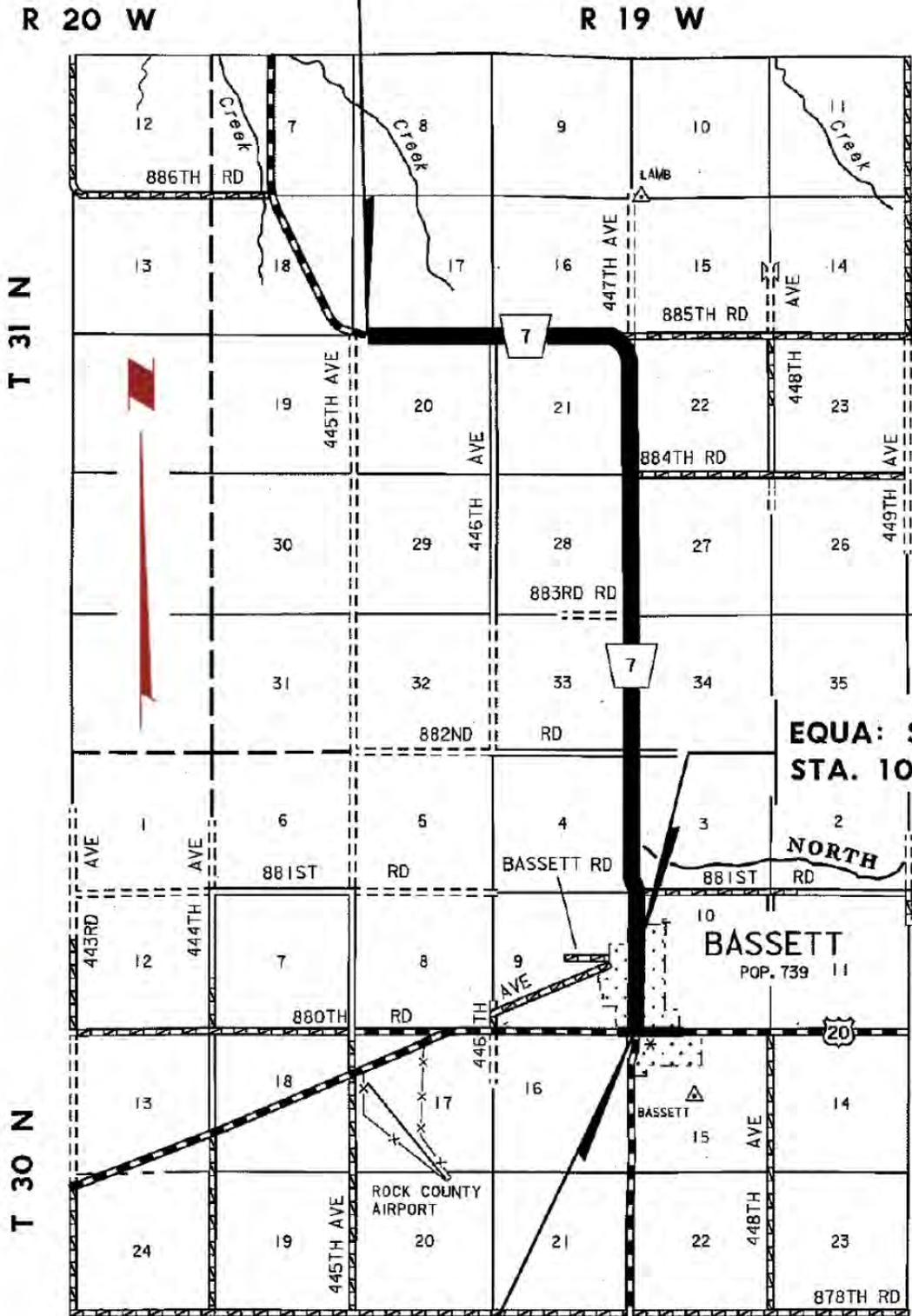
Mark Kovar, District 8 Engineer, Ainsworth, (402) 387-2471
STP-7-4(114)

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IN BASSETT & NORTH

STP-7-4(114); CN 80684A
Rock County, NE

R.P. 67+46 HWY. N-7
STA. 1327+91
END PROJECT



PRELIMINARY PLAN
NOT FINAL - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

EQUA: STA. 29+35
STA. 1000+00

R.P. 60+69 HWY. N-7
STA. 1+20
BEGIN PROJECT



January 18, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Road and Street Examiners to Meet

The Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents will meet at 10:00 a.m., January 25, in Room 129, Department of Roads, Materials and Research Bldg., 1400 Highway 2, Lincoln.

The agenda includes:

- Approval of candidates for April 5, 2013, examination.
- Review of Class A License Applications.

This meeting is open to the public.

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Agenda, as of January 18, 2013

Contact:

LeMoyne Schulz, (402) 479-4436

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**Agenda
for the Meeting of
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY
AND CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENTS**

January 25, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

**Nebraska Department of Roads
Materials & Research Building, Room 129
1400 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska**

Call to Order – Chairperson

Roll Call – Staff

Open Meetings Act, Agenda, Material provided by Board's Staff, Sign-in Sheet – Chairperson

Changes to Published Agenda – Staff

Minutes of November 2, 2012, Meeting

Election (Biennial) of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary

Professional Engineer application for a City Street Superintendent license, Class B: (1)

- David Loyt Lathrop, Lincoln, Nebraska

Professional Engineer application for a County Highway Superintendent license, Class B:
(None)

Professional Engineer application for County Highway Superintendent license, Class B and
City Street Superintendent license, Class B: (None)

Second Licenses issued administratively since October 5, 2012: (2)

- Steven J. Kostner, Lincoln, Nebraska, S-1513 Class B County
- Michael T. Edwards, Benkelman, Nebraska, S-1514 Class B City

Class B Licenses (second licenses) upgraded to Class A administratively since
November 2, 2012: (None)

License Certificates Reissued since November 2, 2012: (None)

Review and approval/disapproval of (1) new applicants and (1) re-applicants for the
April 5, 2013, County Highway Superintendent and City Street Superintendent examination
(2 total) (Executive Session)

Preparation for April 5, 2013, Written Examination and March 4-6, 2013, Pre-Examination
Workshop.

Proposed Changes to Operating Procedures. (None)

2012 Incentive Funds Report

Status Report for 2013 - 2015 Class A License Renewal:

- Request for reissuance as Class B: (3)
- PDH Audit: (10)
- Category 13 PDH: (1)
- Request for Extension to File: (None)
- Class A License Cancellations: (2)

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Status Report for 2013 Class B License Renewal:

- Initial Class A License Applications: (7)
- Class B License Cancellations: (14)

Initial Review of Class A license applications and conditional approval/disapproval of Class A license. (*Executive Session*)

- Employed experience: (5)
- Comparable experience: (2)

Statewide news release for licenses upgraded to Class A

Request for Pre-certification of Professional Development Hours: (*None*)

Request for Verification of Professional Development Hours: (1)

- Nebraska Association of County Engineers, Highway Superintendents and Surveyors, Winter meeting Agenda.

Other Business

- Report on State and Federal Legislative Issues
- Change location of February 22, 2013 meeting

Correspondence and General Information

- Miscellaneous Correspondence

Comments from the Audience

Acknowledgement of Visitors

Next meeting: February 22, 2013, 10:00 a.m., Nebraska Department of Roads, Central Headquarters Building, Room 103, 1500 Highway 2, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Adjournment

Note: The business meeting is open to the public. The review of applicants for the April 5, 2013, written examination is closed to attendance of the public. The review of Class A license applications is closed to the attendance of the public.

January 30, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Interstate 80 Closed

According to the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR), I-80 is closed westbound, near Lincoln, at Interchange #395, Shoemaker's Truck Stop. Westbound lanes are closed due to jackknifed semi-trucks.

Highway 6 is closed at the junction of Highway 6 and L-80H at Milford east to the junction of Highways 103 and 6.

The Interstate closed earlier this morning from York to Aurora in both directions due to ice, high winds, blowing snow and zero visibility. It remains closed. The NDOR is working to clear motor vehicle crashes and reopen the roads as soon as it is safe to do so.

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January 30, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Interstate 80 Closures

1-30-2013 - Tweeted Info on Snow Related Stories - not News Releases
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- 11:40 am - I-80 EB & WB are OPEN from York to Aurora. Drivers are urged to proceed with EXTREME caution as surfaces remain snowpacked & icy.
- 10:30 am - I-80 (EB and WB) remains CLOSED from York to Aurora.
- 10:30 am - I-80 WB is OPEN from Shoemakers Truck Stop in Lincoln (Int. 395) to Milford (Int. 383). This was closed earlier due to a jack-knifed truck.
- 9:30 am - Hwy 6 - Milford east to Junction Hwy 103 & Hwy 6 is OPEN. Highway 6 is closed at the junction of Highway 6 and L-80H at Milford east to the junction of Highways 103 and 6.

January 30, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DECEMBER TRAFFIC FATALITY TOLL

15

During the month of December 2012, fifteen persons were killed in traffic crashes on Nebraska roadways, according to data collected by the Nebraska Department of Roads.

- ◆ These 15 fatalities occurred in 13 crashes
- ◆ Ten of the 15 vehicle occupants killed were not using safety belts
- ◆ One fatality occurred on the Interstate, six happened on non-Interstate highways, and eight took place on local roads
- ◆ Nine of the fatalities occurred in rural locations
- ◆ Five of the fatal crashes were head-on collisions
- ◆ Seven of the fatalities were age 65 or older

YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS

2012	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES
January-December	211	189

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS

YEAR	FATALITIES	FATAL CRASHES	% CHANGE v. 2012 (FATALITIES)
2011	181	164	+ 14.2
2010	190	166	+ 11.1
2009	223	205	- 5.4
2008	208	188	+ 1.4
2008-2011 Avg.	201	181	+ 5.0

- ◆ There were 14 fatalities in December of 2011.
- ◆ 131 of the 174 vehicle occupants killed during 2012 (75.3%) were not wearing safety belts.

This report includes information available through January 30, 2013, from the Highway Safety/Accident Record Section, Traffic Engineering Division, Nebraska Department of Roads. For additional information, contact Mary Jo Oie (402) 479-4512.

**Notice of Information Open House
“In Columbus”
February 21, 2013
4:00-6:00 p.m.**

The Nebraska Department of Roads will hold a public information meeting regarding rehabilitation of a portion of U.S. Highways 30 and 81, in and around the city of Columbus. The meeting for Project RD-30-5(1044), known as “In Columbus,” will be held on February 21, 2013, 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 1369 25th Ave., in Columbus.

**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS
NOTICE OF HIGHWAY PUBLIC MEETING**

4:00 – 6:00 PM; Thur., Feb. 21, 2013

Information Public Meeting--Open House

City Council Chambers

1369 25th Ave., Columbus, NE

RD-30-5(1044), *In Columbus*, CN 31939

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) will conduct a public information open house regarding the proposed rehabilitation of a portion of Highways 30 & 81 (US-30 & US-81), in and around the city of Columbus in Platte County, Nebraska. The meeting will be held at the Columbus City Council Chambers, 1369 25th Ave., Thurs., Feb. 21, 2013, 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Identified as *In Columbus*, this proposed project would have two portions. The first portion would resurface 1.95 miles of 33rd Ave. (US-30/US-81). This portion of the project would start on US-81 at the north end of the Platte River Bridge and extend north 1.36 miles to just south of the intersection of 33rd Ave. and 6th St. This portion of the project would resume at the intersection of 33rd Ave. and 15th St. and extend north 0.59 miles to the intersection of 33rd Ave. and 23rd St.

The improvements on this portion of the project would consist of repairing the underlying concrete pavement, milling (a process of grinding off the surface of the existing roadway), and resurfacing with asphalt. Curb ramps would be upgraded or rebuilt to meet State and Federal regulations. Guardrail would be updated.

The second portion of this project would resurface 2.78 miles of 23rd St. (US-30) and 0.10 miles of West 23rd St. (US-81) beginning just east of 35th Ave. and extending east to just east of E. 6th Ave. (US-30).

The improvements on this portion of the project would consist of repairing the underlying concrete pavement, milling, and resurfacing with asphalt. The resurfacing of 23rd St. is an interim repair to extend the life of the roadway until the pavement can be replaced.

The tentative start date for construction is spring 2014 and construction could be completed as early as mid-fall of the same year.

Construction of the project would occur “under traffic” (without detouring) during nighttime hours. Temporary lane closures may remain during daytime hours due to unforeseen circumstances. One lane of traffic will remain open in each direction at all times. Additional traffic control information will be available at the meeting.

Minor right-of-way (ROW) acquisitions and temporary construction easements may be necessary along 33rd Avenue in order to construct new compliant sidewalk approaches. This project may have a temporary adverse economic impact to businesses located adjacent to the project and may have impacts to residents due to nighttime construction.

The public meeting “open house” is being held to provide information regarding the project and receive input. All interested persons are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions. Design information will be displayed and personnel from NDOR will be present to answer questions and receive comments. The format of this meeting allows the public to come, gather pertinent information about the project, speak one-on-one with project personnel, and leave as they wish. All hand-outs will be available in both English and Spanish and a Spanish language interpreter will attend the meeting.

NDOR 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 Feb. 8, 2013. Notification or comments should be submitted to: Greg Weinert, Public Hearings Officer, Nebraska Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; greg.weinert@nebraska.gov; voice phone (402) 479-4871, TDD phone (402) 479-3834, Fax (402) 479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOR website at www.transportation.nebraska.gov/projects/ by clicking on the “In Columbus” link. For further information, contact Kevin Domogalla, NDOR District Three Engineer, (402) 370-3470, kevin.domogalla@nebraska.gov.