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## **Public Hearing November 9 for Highway 12, Niobrara East and West Project**

A stakeholder meeting was held on August 26, 2015, in regards to the proposed Niobrara East and West, Nebraska Highway 12 (N-12) highway improvement project to gauge potential support from local stakeholders on the preliminary Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative (LEDPA) identified by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Following the meeting, and after significant input from the local citizens, the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) made the decision to apply for a Section 404 permit for Alternative A7, in the river valley along the bluff.

The USACE will hold a public hearing on November 9 regarding the proposed improvement of N-12, and is seeking comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS, and the comments received, will provide the USACE with the information to make an informed Section 404 of the Clean Water Act permit decision. The purpose of the DEIS is to inform the public of the environmental impacts of the proposed project.

The hearing for the proposed project, known as **Niobrara East and West**, will begin with an open house from 4:30-6:00 p.m., and follow with a public hearing at 6:00 p.m., at Niobrara Secondary School – East Gymnasium, 247 NE-12, in Niobrara. Personnel from USACE will be available to answer questions, receive comments, and discuss any aspect of the proposed highway improvement project. NDOR will be in attendance at the public hearing. Information regarding the project will be available on the NDOR website at [www.roads.nebraska.gov/projects/](http://www.roads.nebraska.gov/projects/) by clicking on the “Niobrara - Hwy 12- East & West” link. Additional information may be found on the USACE Digital Library at <http://cdm16021.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/compoundobject/collection/p16021coll7/id/2383>.

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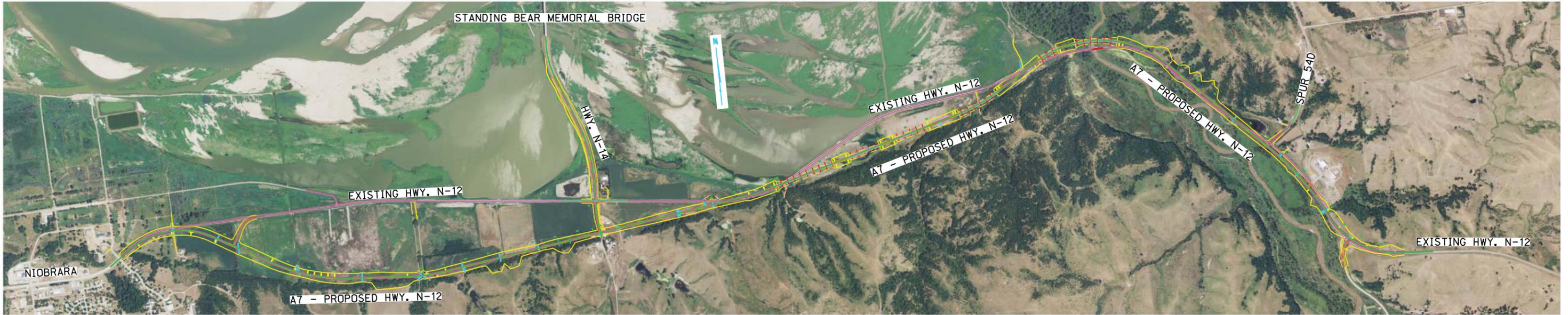
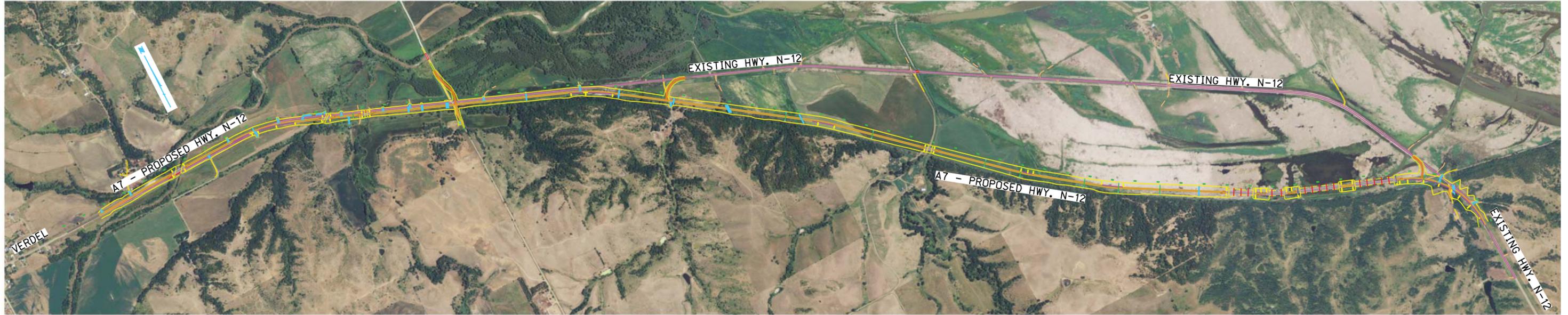
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# Niobrara East and West

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## Alternative A7

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