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NDOR Announces Update on Build Nebraska Act Outreach Efforts

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) has posted a summary from the public outreach efforts held earlier this year as the agency works to select capital improvement projects for the next ten years of the Build Nebraska Act (BNA).

In January, NDOR held meetings across the state and gathered public input as it updates its project prioritization process to better reflect the connection between transportation, the economy and increased stakeholder input. During the outreach efforts, the BNA website received more than 3,000 hits, and more than 450 completed surveys and comment cards were submitted to NDOR. A summary of the outreach is available online at: <http://roads.nebraska.gov/projects/bna/next10#materials> and includes summaries from each of the four regional meetings, a summary of public input received from surveys and comment cards and an overarching outreach summary that outlines key takeaways from public input.

"I am really pleased with the turnout we had and want to thank everyone who took the time to attend a regional meeting or share input online," said NDOR Director Kyle Schneweis. "Across the state we heard that Nebraskans support considering economic impacts in project prioritization as well as including more stakeholder input in the process."

Following those outreach efforts, NDOR is now working to refine the project prioritization process and is reviewing the additional projects suggested by the public for the candidate project list. The next step is for NDOR staff to evaluate the candidate project list using the new prioritization process.

"As I've said, we'll take the time necessary to create a process that carefully considers Nebraska's unique transportation needs and economy, we'll make decisions collaboratively and we'll be transparent along the way," Schneweis said.

NDOR will hold a second round of regional meetings and online outreach this summer. At those meetings, NDOR staff will share the results of the project prioritization process and gather additional public feedback.

For additional information, please visit: <http://roads.nebraska.gov/projects/bna/next10>.

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