

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS NOTICE OF HIGHWAY PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, April 12, 2016; 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Public Information Open House Meeting

**Grand Island City Hall, Community Meeting Room
100 East 1st Street, Grand Island, Nebraska**

S-30-4(1046) JCT. US-281 WEST, GRAND ISLAND; CN 41704

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) will hold a public information open house regarding a proposed improvement of U.S. Highway 30 (US-30) in Hall County. The meeting will be held at the Grand Island City Hall, 100 East 1st Street in Grand Island on Tuesday, April 12th from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M.

Identified as *Jct. US-281 West, Grand Island*, the proposed project would begin along US-30, approximately 1.16 miles west of Grand Island's west corporate limits, and run on new alignment for approximately 3.71 miles, connecting back to US-30 just west of the Claude Road intersection. The adjacent roadways would be impacted by the proposed US-30 alignment. Construction would begin and/or end approximately 200 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitions.

The purpose of the proposed 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 to increase roadway dimensions to handle increased capacity, to meet roadway standards at intersections for unacceptable skew, and to alleviate the proximity between US-30 and the rail line. The project would include Build Nebraska Act funds.

The planned construction would consist of constructing a 4-lane expressway with a 40-foot depressed median in the rural portion of the project and a 30-foot raised median in the urban portion. Additional work would include the realignment of North Road and Stolley Park Road to line up perpendicular to the proposed US-30 alignment. A portion of Monitor Road would be closed and relocated to accommodate the proposed US-30 alignment.

This project would require the acquisition of additional property rights for construction throughout the project area, including new right-of-way, temporary easements, permanent easements, and control of access. Multiple commercial and residential relocations are anticipated. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements. Impacts to wetlands are anticipated and would be mitigated offsite at a local wetlands bank.

Construction is scheduled to take two years and is tentatively scheduled to begin in spring of 2020 with completion in late 2021. The project would be constructed in two phases, over a two-year construction schedule. Phase one would include the construction of the proposed US-30 eastbound and westbound lanes and the new alignment of Monitor Road, Stolley Park Road, and North Road. New intersections would be constructed at Husker Highway, Engleman Road, Stolley Park Road, North Road, and Johnstown Road. Due to the proximity of Claude Road to the U.S. Highway 281 ramps, a median would be constructed, not allowing any left turn movement at that intersection. The proposed construction

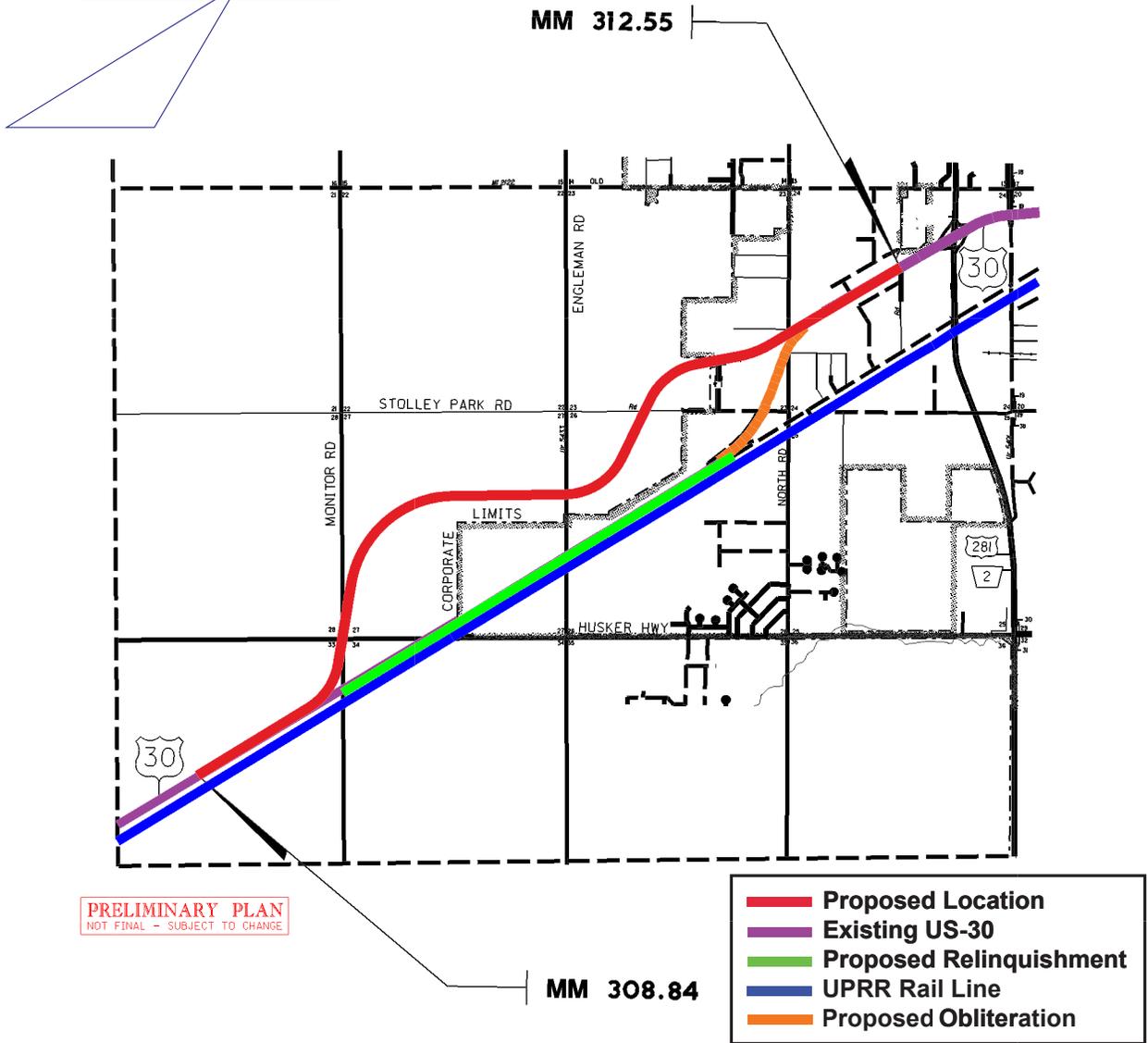
would require temporary closures of Husker Highway, Engleman Road, Stolley Park Road, and North Road, and would require detouring local traffic to adjacent county roads with approved temporary traffic control. No more than one of these roads would be closed at any given time during construction. A portion of Monitor Road would be closed and relocated. Monitor Road access to new US-30 from the north would be through Husker Highway. Monitor Road traffic south of the new US-30 alignment would utilize existing US-30 and Husker Highway to access the new roadway.

The second phase would include the construction of crossovers on the east and west ends of the proposed alignment. The function of the existing US-30 alignment would change to a local road for access. The old US-30 would be obliterated from the intersection of West Old Highway 30 (MM 311.46) to the North Road intersection (MM 312.20). Existing US-30 traffic would be maintained through the duration of construction with temporary lane closures controlled with approved temporary traffic control. Details will be available at the public meeting.

This public 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 NDOR 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.

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 April 1, 2016. The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through April 27, 2016. Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Sarah Kugler, Public Involvement Manager, Nebraska Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; sarah.kugler@nebraska.gov; voice telephone (402) 479-4871; fax (402) 479-3989. Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOR website at <http://roads.nebraska.gov/projects/future-projects/> by clicking on the "Jct. US-281 West, Grand Island" link. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOR Headquarters, 1500 Hwy 2, Lincoln, NE. For further information, contact Wes Wahlgren, NDOR District 4 Engineer, (308) 385-6265, wes.wahlgren@nebraska.gov.

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<p>Send comments to:</p> <p>NDOR Public Involvement Sarah Kugler P.O. Box 94759; 1500 Hwy. 2 Lincoln, NE 68509-4759 402-479-4871 sarah.kugler@nebraska.gov</p>	<p>For more Information:</p> <p>NDOR District 4 Engineer Wes Wahlgren P.O. Box 1488; 211 N. Tilden St. Grand Island, NE 68802-1488 308-385-6265 wes.wahlgren@nebraska.gov</p>
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