NDOR PQS Project Review Memo
Section 106 - Tier II Project

Control Number 61008 Project Number NH-2-2(112) Review Date 08/09/15

Project Name Whitman East Project Location Grant and Hooker Counties

Date of Project Description Reviewed 01/15/15

Project Results in no historic properties affected ☐ No ☑ Yes ☑ Tier II Project

THPO/Tribal Consultation? ☑ No ☐ Yes	CLG Consultation? ☑ No ☐ Yes
THPO/Tribes(s):	CLG:
Date Correspondence Sent:	Date Correspondence Sent:
THPO/Tribal response date:	CLG response date:
THPO/Tribal comment:	CLG comment:

Other Consulting Parties Identified:

n/a

APE considered is consistent with 36 CFR 800.16(d): ☑ Yes

Archeological Resources	**Above Ground Resources**
Are NRHP listed or eligible properties present within the APE? ☑ **No** ☐ **Yes**	**Are NRHP listed or eligible properties present within the APE?** ☐ **No** ☑ **Yes**
Please list:	**Please list:**
	H00-025, c1918 alignment of Potash Highway. Located north of existing RR alignment, proposed work would not cross existing RR

Is Temporary Easement Required from ANY Historic Property Listed Above? ☑ **No** ☐ **Yes**

Is Permanent Easement Required from ANY Historic Property Listed Above? ☑ **No** ☐ **Yes**

Is Right of Way Required from ANY Historic Property Listed Above? ☑ **No** ☐ **Yes**

If Yes, describe:

Construction Committments: ☑ No ☐ Yes

If Yes, detail here:

Project would result in "no historic properties affected: ☐ No ☑ Yes

Tier II Project Evaluation Complete

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The APE for archeological properties and standing structures was chosen to adequately identify any historic properties that may be potentially altered given the scale and scope of this undertaking. The APE for direct effects includes the N-2 roadway and shoulders as well as areas immediately surrounding all shoulders, ditches, driveways, guardrail, and culvert locations. No detour will be required for this project. The APE for considering direct physical impacts and indirect visual or atmospheric (auditory and vibratory) effects to structural and architectural historic resources includes construction areas, as well as an area extending 25 feet beyond the current right-of-way in urban areas and 100ft beyond the current right-of-way for the rural portion of the project. Definition of a broader indirect APE for secondary or cumulative impacts is not required in this instance.

An archeological evaluation was conducted by Nebraska Highway Archeology Program (NHAP) archeologist, Amy Koch in October 2014. A review of the Nebraska State Historical Society Cultural Resources Geographic Information System (NCRGIS) archeological resources database and historic maps indicated there are no recorded archeological sites within the APE.
This project was previously subject to an intensive cultural resources survey in 2004 by NSHS archeologist, Amy Koch. Results were negative for archeological sites.
Non-surveyed areas (including the remaining length of the currently proposed “Whitman East” project) consisted of uplands settings distant from extant water sources with extremely low potential for intact archeological deposits.
Earth disturbance for slope work, culverts, and guardrail will occur in soils previously disturbed by roadway/shoulder construction. The project will have no effect to archeological historic properties.

H00-025 also encompasses a c1940 Potash alignment that lies between the current N-2 highway and railroad. It is outside APE for this project at its current project length, MM 159+05 to MM 175+04, as of project description dated 09/11/14. However, were this project to be expanded or shifted east, re-evaluation of this project would be needed.