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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

April 22, 2025

CURRENT OWNER/RESIDENT
PO BOX 280
BRIDGEPORT NE 69336

NDOT Project: **NH-STP-26-1(177) In Bridgeport; CN 51642**

Dear Stakeholder:

Enclosed is information concerning the proposed federal-aid transportation improvement project on U.S. Highway 26 (US-26), U.S. Highway 385 (US-385), and Nebraska Highway 88 (N-88) in Morrill County.

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) is planning to improve approximately 3.74 miles in segments on US-26, US-385, and N-88. The project would be constructed under traffic with lane restrictions along US-385 and temporary short-term closures of driveways and side roads. Temporary nighttime closures may be required due to paving activities. Alternative routes would need to be utilized.

Construction may begin as early as summer of 2026 and be completed in winter of 2026.

NDOT is currently seeking public input on the proposed project. A comment sheet with pre-paid postage is enclosed. The comment period will run through May 23, 2025. A fact sheet and map are included with this letter. Additional information regarding the project may be found by visiting the NDOT website at ndot.info/51642, or by contacting the NDOT District 5 office at (308-436-6587).

NDOT has worked to develop this project to minimize inconvenience and hardships. We are dedicated to improving Nebraska's highway system and with your help we can achieve this goal.

Sincerely,



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In Bridgeport

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ACCOMMODATION OF TRAFFIC

The proposed project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices; however, there would be lane restrictions along US-385 and temporary short-term closures of driveways and side roads. Temporary nighttime closures may be required due to paving activities. Alternative routes would need to be utilized.

RIGHT-OF-WAY

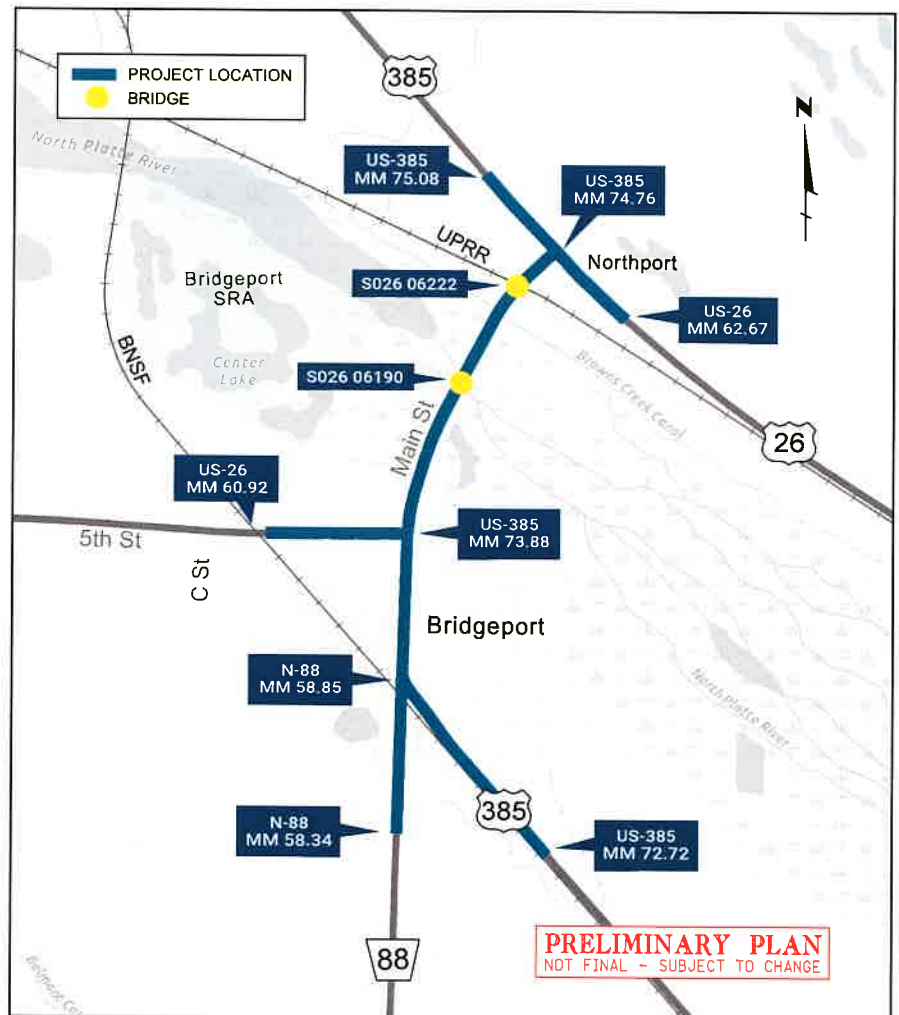
The proposed project would require the acquisition of additional property rights, which could include new right-of-way (ROW), control of access (CA), permanent easements (PE), and/or temporary easements (TE). If your property is impacted by this project, you will be contacted by a representative once the design footprint has been established. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS

Temporary wetland and/or other water resource impacts are anticipated; no mitigation would be required. Historic properties have been identified in the project area; no effects are anticipated.

ESTIMATED COST

The cost of the proposed project is approximately \$7.5 million and would come from federal and state funding sources.



Comments will be collected through May 23, 2025.

Comments/questions:

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Additional information about the project can be found at ndot.info/51642



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LOCATION

Identified as *In Bridgeport*, the proposed project would improve approximately 3.74 miles in segments on U.S. Highway 26 (US-26), U.S. Highway 385 (US-385), and Nebraska Highway 88 (N-88) in Morrill County. The segment on US-26 begins at approximately mile marker (MM) 60.92, about 0.40 miles east of the west corporate limits of Bridgeport and extends east and north to approximately 0.30 miles east of the north junction of US-26 and US-385 at about MM 62.67. The first segment on US-385 begins at approximately MM 72.72, about 0.70 miles southeast of the junction of US-385 and N-88 and extends west and north to the south junction of US-385 with US-26 at about MM 73.88. The second segment on US-385 begins at approximately MM 74.76 at the north junction of US-385 and US-26 and extends northwest to about MM 75.08 where the pavement changes from asphalt to concrete. The segment on N-88 begins at approximately MM 58.34, at the south corporate limits of Bridgeport, and extends north to the junction of N-88 with US-385, at about MM 58.85. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 500 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement.

replacement. The project would improve ADA curb ramps located at the O Street intersection and from 10th Street to 5th Street along US-385 through Bridgeport. The bridge over the North Platte River (Structure Number S026 06190) would be rehabilitated and the guardrail would be replaced. The bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad (Structure Number S026 06222) would be repaired and the guardrail would be replaced.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Construction for the proposed project could begin as early as summer of 2026 and be completed by winter of 2026.

TRAFFIC VOLUMES

US-26

Year	2026	2036	2046
Vehicles Per Day	4,465	4,570	4,645
% Heavy Trucks	10%	10%	10%

US-385 (MM 72.72 – 73.88)

Year	2026	2036	2046
Vehicles Per Day	4,775	4,925	5,025
% Heavy Trucks	11%	11%	11%

US-385 (MM 74.76 – 75.08)

Year	2026	2036	2046
Vehicles Per Day	2,830	2,955	3,040
% Heavy Trucks	16%	16%	16%

N-88

Year	2026	2036	2046
Vehicles Per Day	925	940	950
% Heavy Trucks	11%	11%	11%

PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of this proposed project is to preserve the transportation asset, improve reliability of the transportation system and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for this proposed project is based on the current condition of the roadway and bridges.

SCOPE OF WORK

Proposed improvements would consist of concrete repairs, shoulder widening, milling and resurfacing the roadway and surfaced shoulders with asphalt, and curb and flume

Help NDOT Improve Public Outreach

This anonymous survey is being used to collect information regarding our outreach efforts on transportation projects in your area. *This is not an official comment form.* For additional project information, please go to ndot.info/51642.

What interests you about this project?

(Select all that apply)

- Safety
 - Traffic
 - Property Impacts
 - Construction Impacts/Phasing
 - Environmental
 - Other (specify)
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How did you learn about this project?

(Select all that apply)

- Mail
 - In-person public meeting
 - Signage on roadside
 - Radio
 - Newspaper
 - Social media
 - Website
 - Friend/Family
 - Other (specify)
-

Which format(s) do you prefer to be notified regarding future projects in your area?

(Select all that apply)

- Mail
 - In-person public meeting
 - Virtual meeting
 - Signage on roadside
 - Radio
 - Newspaper
 - Social media
 - NDOT website
 - Other (specify)
-

Did you want to comment on the project?

- Yes No

Did you comment on the project?

- Yes No

If No, why? _____

Was the information you were provided helpful for understanding the project?

- Yes No

Specify: _____

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

What is your zip code? (Required)

Choose your age group.

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65 or above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 | |

What is your race and/or ethnicity?

- White, Non-Hispanic/Latino
- Black/African American
- Asian
- American Indian and/or Alaskan Native
- Native Hawaiian and/or Other Pacific Islander
- Hispanic/Latino of any race
- Prefer not to answer



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PUBLIC COMMENT SHEET

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Please submit your written comments by May 23, 2025.

Return to: Sarah Fisher

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Lined area for writing comments, consisting of 20 horizontal lines.

What is your overall satisfaction with the proposed project?

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) appreciate your input. Your comments, questions, and suggestions will be reviewed by appropriate personnel. Thank you for your participation.

- Very
Dissatisfied
- Somewhat
Dissatisfied
- Neutral
- Somewhat
Satisfied
- Very
Satisfied

Name: (Please Print) _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____