Appendix I

Section 4(f)

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Section 4(f) *De Minimis*

Project Development Division Form 042

Project Name	Project Number
Norfolk – Wisner	S-275-6(1052)

Control No.	Project Location (Town, County, Street)
32319	U.S. Highway 275 (US-275) in Stanton and Cuming Counties

Project Description

This project is 16.0 miles in length and is located on U.S. Highway 275 (US-275) in Stanton and Cuming Counties, starting 0.30 mile west of the junction of US-275 and Nebraska Highway 57 (N-57) and extending east to 0.25 mile southeast of the west corporate boundary of Wisner (Figure 1). Construction may begin and/or end approximately 500 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement.

The existing roadway on this segment of US-275 generally consists of two 12-foot-wide asphalt overlaid concrete lanes and 10-foot-wide shoulders, of which 8 feet are paved with asphalt.

The improvements on this project consist of expanding the existing two-lane highway to a four-lane expressway by constructing a new, parallel, two-lane roadway on one side of the existing US-275 (called "2+2 Construction" by NDOT). In addition to mainline US-275 construction, the Project would improve US-275 tie-ins to Nebraska Highway 15 (N-15) at two locations and Nebraska Highway 51 (N-51) northwest of Wisner, along with various county roads. Additional work would consist of concrete repairs, culvert work, trench widening, removing and replacing pavement, bridge repairs, bridge replacement, lighting, and signing & striping. Grading would be required for the entire length of this project.

There are eight existing bridge sized structures located along the project. These include: a tributary of Payne Creek (Structure Number S275 08742), Payne Creek (Structure Number S275 08860), Humbug Creek (Structure Number S275 09309), three tributaries of the Elkhorn River (Structure Numbers S275 09504, S275 09508, S275 10009), a tributary of Sand Creek (Structure Number S275 09644), Sand Creek (Structure Number S275 09803). The structures would be extended, replaced, or used in place as determined at the Plan-In-Hand. A grade raise of the entire structure is anticipated for S075 08742 and S275 08860. Several new bridge size structures would be constructed with the project. These structures would have work in the waterway. New bridge sized structures requiring a grade raise would be constructed at the following locations: MM 92.79, 93.08, 96.09, and 96.83. New bridge sized structures not requiring a grade raise would be constructed at the following locations: MM 93.30, 94.23, 95.61, and 101.02. All of the listed bridge sized structures would require work in the waterway. The limits of pavement replacement would be determined by Roadway Design. Guardrail would be replaced.

This project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices. Some county roads would not be constructed under traffic. Traffic would be detoured utilizing adjacent county roads. Work would not be required on those routes. Additional property rights would be required to build this project. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements. Details would be determined at the construction meeting.

Name of Section 4(f) Property (A separate form must be completed for each property with a *de minimis* impact)

Wisner-Pilger Public Schools

Official(s) with Jurisdiction

Chad Boyer, Superintendent, Wisner-Pilger Public Schools; (402) 529-3248; cboyer@igators.org

Total Property Size (in acres)	Permanent Impact (in acres)	Temporary Impact (in acres)
14.16 acres	0.22	N/A

Property Description

The Wisner-Pilger Public Schools property consists of an elementary school and a junior/senior high. Amenities include the school building, two playgrounds, a walking path, a practice field with two to three shot-put/discus pads, a grassed area north of the track, a track and football field, and one shot-put/discus pad southeast of the track. The practice field, grassed area, walking path, and track are open to the public when not in use by the school. The property is considered a multi-use property and the school building is not considered recreational.

Answer only the questions in the applicable block (A or B). All questions in Block C must be answered.

A. Section 4(f) *De Minimis* Park, Recreation Area, and Refuge Eligibility

If the *de minimis* impact does NOT involve a park, recreation area or refuge, check the N/A below and proceed to Block B.

☐ N/A

Will the project adversely affect the activities, features, or attributes that make the property eligible for Section 4(f) protection?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Have measures been taken to minimize harm to the property? If Yes, explain in the Avoidance, Minimization, and Mitigation Measures box in Block C.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Have *de minimis* public involvement requirements (notice, review, comments, etc.) been completed? If Yes, describe in the Comments box below.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Date(s): 12/21/2023

Did the Official(s) with Jurisdiction concur with the determination of no adverse effect?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Date(s): 3/21/2024

B. Section 4(f) *De Minimis* Historic and Archeological Resource Eligibility

If the *de minimis* impact does NOT involve an historic or archeological resource, check the N/A below and proceed to Block C.

☒ N/A

Have measures been taken to minimize harm to the property? If Yes, explain in the Avoidance, Minimization, and Mitigation Measures box below.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Was the effect determination either "no historic properties affected" or "no adverse effect"? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

PQS Date	SHPO Date	THPO Date

* The PQS field will always be filled out. If there is a date in the SHPO or THPO field, this would indicate the entity is the Official with Jurisdiction and they were informed of NDOT's intent to apply *de minimis* via project-specific correspondence. The date in the field would be the date the entity concurred on the Section 106 effect determination. A notation of "N/A" in the field indicates the entity was not the Official with Jurisdiction. "Programmatic" in the SHPO field indicates that a determination of "no historic properties affected" or "no adverse effect" was made for the project per the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement and the *de minimis* notification was provided via letter agreement with the SHPO.

C. Additional Information

Description of Use (Temporary and/or Permanent)

The Project would acquire 0.22 acre of right-of-way from Wisner-Pilger Public Schools, approximately two percent of the entire property, for intersection improvements at 21st and 18th Streets. The shot-put/discus pad in the southeast corner of the property would be removed. Based on coordination with school representatives, the pad is no longer used and is not a significant feature of the practice fields. Furthermore, the school requested that 18th Street be realigned to improve sight distance. A portion of the practice field in the southwest corner of the property would also be acquired, and the shot put/discus pad would be relocated within the practice field. The location would be determined through coordination with Wisner-Pilger Public Schools.

During the realignment of 21st Street and 18th Street, the roadways would be closed. Access to the school would remain open at one of the intersections, either 21st or 18th Street, during the closure of the other.

Avoidance, Minimization, and Mitigation Measures

The work occurring adjacent to the Wisner-Pilger Public Schools may be minimized further during the final design process. If changes occur within the property, the impacts shall be re-evaluated, and additional coordination with the school shall be conducted. (NDOT)

The Contractor shall not complete work or stage, stockpile, or store materials outside of the boundaries of the acquired ROW and temporary easements at the Wisner-Pilger Public Schools. If it is determined that additional temporary or permanent ROW is required outside of the designated boundaries or if access is restricted to a Section 4(f) property, coordination shall occur with NDOT Environmental. (Contractor)

Access to the Wisner-Pilger Public Schools shall remain open at one of the intersections, either 21st Street or 18th Street, during the closure of the other. (NDOT, Contractor)

The shot put/discus pad in the northeast corner of the US-275 and 21st Street intersection shall be relocated within the practice field in coordination with the Wisner-Pilger Public Schools during the ROW process. (NDOT)

Comments

Impacts on the Wisner-Pilger Public Schools were disclosed during the public hearing held on December 21, 2023 and through a targeted mailer with 30-day comment period (December 6, 2023 – January 22, 2024). Forty-two comments were received during the comment period, including those presented during the hearing. Of these comments, five were regarding access and traffic in and around the school property, with no comments received regarding the impacts on the school's recreational facilities or use. The remainder of the comments were regarding other portions of the project. These comments are summarized in the attached public involvement summary memo.

The Official with Jurisdiction of the Wisner-Pilger Public Schools concurred that the project will not adversely affect the protected activities, features, and attributes of the Wisner-Pilger Public Schools on March 21, 2024.

De Minimis Documentation

Are detailed maps included, showing current and proposed right-of-way, property boundaries, access, and existing and planned property features?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is documentation of public involvement attached?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A (for historic resources)

Is concurrence from the Official(s) with Jurisdiction (and Consulting Parties, for historic properties) attached?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Additional Attachments (If Applicable)

N/A

Approval Signatures

The project involves a *de minimis* use of the Section 4(f) property. Harm to the park, recreation land, wildlife or waterfowl refuge, or historic property has been avoided or mitigated to minimize impacts to the qualifying characteristics and/or functions of the resource. Based on the scope of the undertaking, the fact that the undertaking does not adversely affect the function/qualities of the Section 4(f) property on a permanent or temporary basis, and with agreement from the Official(s) with Jurisdiction, the proposed action constitutes a *de minimis* use.

Preparer	Date:
Carmen Modrcin, HDR	3/22/2024

NDOT Reviewer	Date:
Courtney Ziska Digitally signed by Courtney Ziska Date: 2024.03.29 09:03:53 -05'00'	3/29/2024

NDOT Section/Unit Manager	Date:
Jason Jurgens Digitally signed by Jason Jurgens Date: 2024.04.01 10:36:56 -05'00'	4/1/2024

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by NDOT pursuant to 23 USC 326 and the First Renewed Memorandum of Understanding dated September 17, 2021, and executed by FHWA and NDOT. CEs not assigned to NDOT under the CE Assignment MOU continue to be processed in accordance with the processes contained in the *Environmental Procedures Manual*, with the exception that review and approval are retained by the Federal Highway Administration.

Federal Highway Administration	Date:
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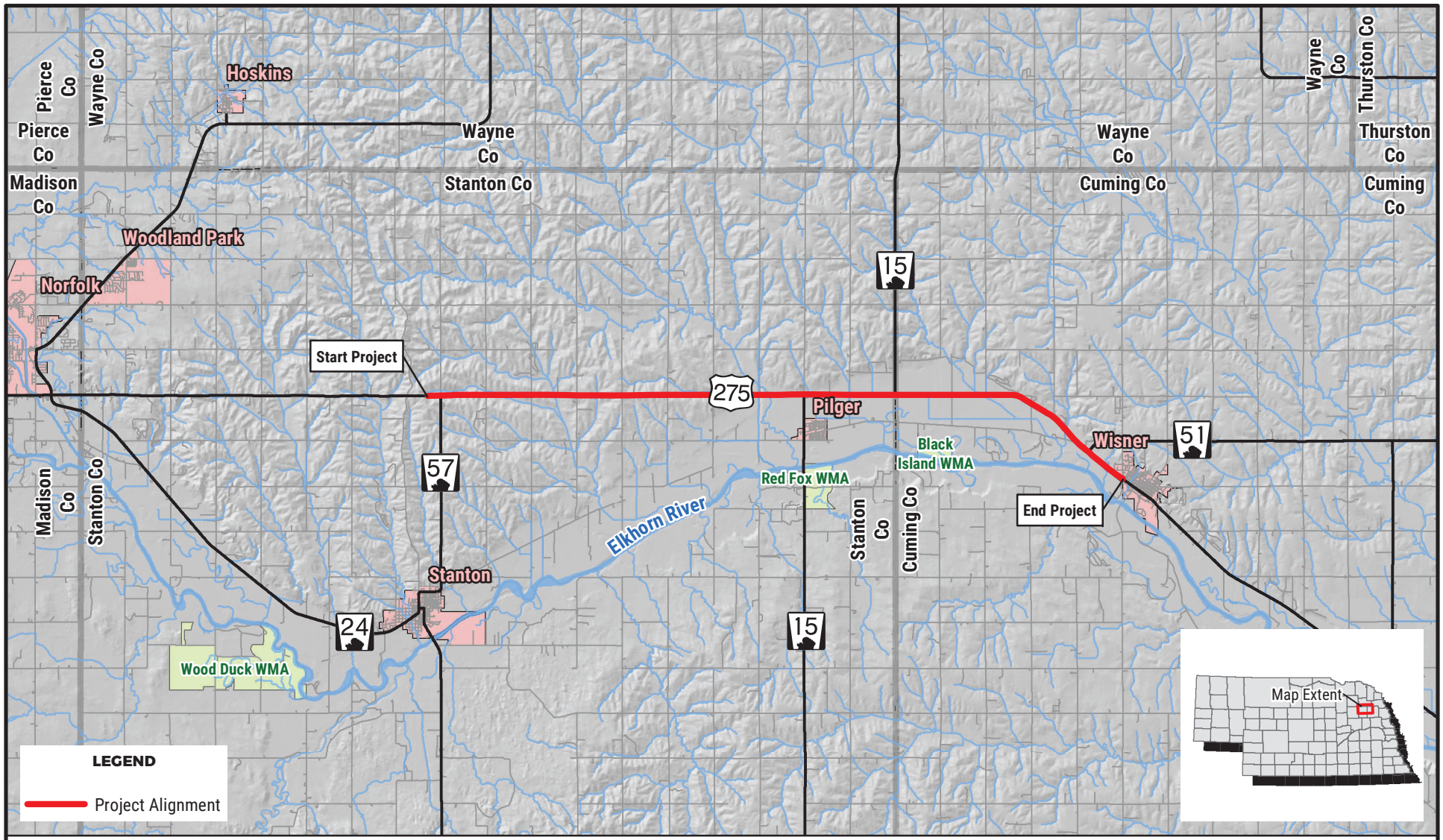

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PROJECT LOCATION

NORFOLK - WISNER
PROJECT NO.: S-275-6 (1052)
CONTROL NO.: 32319

FIGURE 1-1

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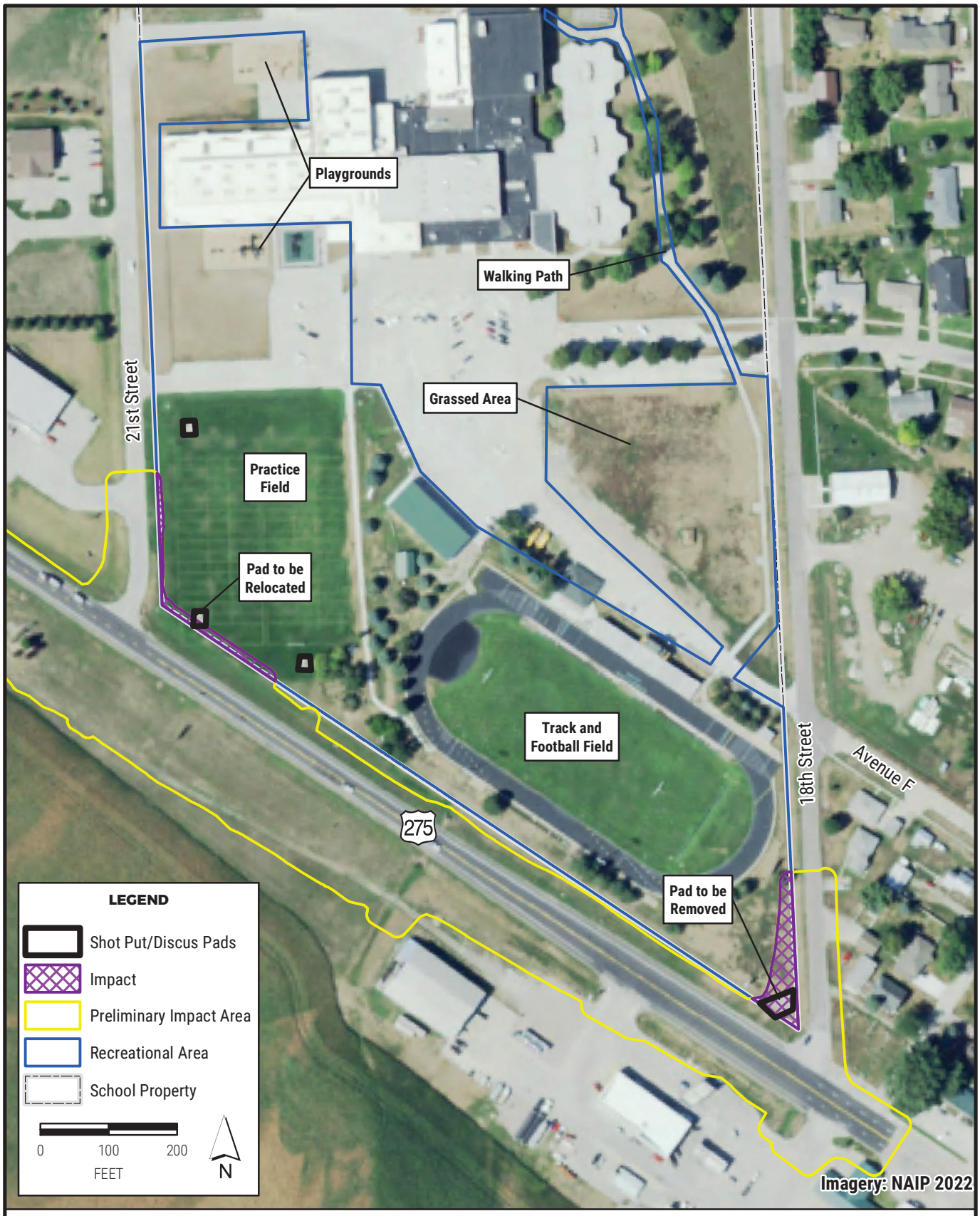

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WISNER-PILGER SCHOOL IMPACTS

NORFOLK - WISNER
PROJ. NO. S-275-6(1052)
CN 32319

DATE: 6/19/2023

FIGURE 2

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Jim Pillen, Governor

March 4, 2024

Mr. Chad Boyer
Superintendent
Wisner-Pilger Public Schools
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RE: Request for Concurrence: Section 4(f) *de minimis* for Wisner-Pilger Public Schools
Nebraska Department of Transportation Project: **Norfolk - Wisner**
Project No. S-275-6(1052); Control Number 32319

Dear Mr. Boyer:

As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process for developing an Environmental Assessment in support of the Norfolk - Wisner project, the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires your concurrence regarding impacts on Department of Transportation Act Section 4(f) resources adjacent to the project. The Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Section 4(f) regulations, entitled Parks, Recreation Areas, Wildlife and Waterfowl Refuges, and Historic Sites, codified at 23 CFR Part 774, govern the use of land from publicly owned parks, recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and public or private historic sites for Federal highway projects. These requirements are commonly referred to as Section 4(f) because the requirements originated in Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-670, 80 Stat. 931).

Project Description

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The improvements on this project consist of expanding the existing two-lane highway to a four-lane expressway by constructing a new, parallel, two-lane roadway on one side of the existing US-275 (called "2+2 Construction" by NDOT). In addition to mainline US-275 construction, the Project would improve US-275 tie-ins to Nebraska Highway 15 (N-15) at two locations and Nebraska Highway 51 (N-51) northwest of Wisner, along with various county roads. Additional work would consist of concrete repairs, culvert work, trench widening, removing and replacing pavement, bridge repairs, bridge replacement, lighting, and signing & striping. Grading would be required for the entire length of this project.

This project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices. Some county roads would not be constructed under traffic. Traffic would be detoured utilizing adjacent county roads. Work would not be required on those routes. Additional property rights would be required

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to build this project. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements. Details would be determined at the construction meeting.

The project would acquire approximately 0.22 acre of right-of-way from the Wisner-Pilger Public Schools (Figure 2) for construction of an offset right-turn lane at 21st Street and realignment of 18th Street to improve sight distance at the US-275 intersection. The shot-put/discus pad in the southeast corner of the property would be removed as the pad is no longer used. A portion of the practice field in the southwest corner of the property would be acquired and the shot-put/discus pad would be relocated approximately 20-30 feet northwest of its current location.

Section 4(f) Property

Because the project involves an action by FHWA, it comes under the purview of Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act regarding the use of public recreational facilities for transportation purposes. The Wisner-Pilger Public Schools, and its associated practice field, walking path, track, green space north of the track and football field, qualify for protection under Section 4(f) as they are publicly owned and open to the public for use. The school building is not open to the public and is not considered a recreational attribute of the property, thus it does not qualify for Section 4(f) protection.

Section 4(f) requires coordination with the officials having jurisdiction over the potentially affected resource. As the official with jurisdiction over Wisner-Pilger Public Schools, NDOT is requesting your concurrence that the proposed **Norfolk – Wisner** project would not adversely affect the activities, features, and attributes of Wisner-Pilger Public Schools.

Section 4(f) Analysis

Title 23, Part 774.3 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provides for Section 4(f) approval. As relevant to this project, one of the approvals outlined under Part 774.3(b) includes determination that the use of the land would have a *de minimis* (minor) impact (as defined in §774.17) on the property. There are three conditions that must be met for this project to qualify for a *de minimis* impact decision under Section 4(f). These three conditions, and associated discussion as to how they have been addressed for this project, are as follows:

> **Condition 1)** *"The transportation use of the Section 4(f) resource, together with any impact avoidance, minimization and mitigation or enhancement measures incorporated into the project, does not adversely affect the protected activities, features, or attributes of the property, on either a temporary or permanent basis."*
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> The attached Figure 2 shows the preliminary impact area at the Wisner-Pilger Public Schools and current property boundaries. The project would acquire 0.22 acre of right-of-way from the Wisner-Pilger Public Schools, less than two percent of the entire property, for intersection improvements at 21st and 18th Streets. The shot-put/discus pad in the southeast corner of the property would be removed. Based on coordination with school representatives, the pad is no longer used. A portion of the practice field in the

southwest corner of the property would be acquired to construct a right-turn lane as requested by the school. The shot-put/discus pad would be relocated approximately 20-30 feet northwest of its current location. The field would still be able to be used for practice activities.

During the realignment of 21st Street and 18th Street, the roadways would be closed. Access to the school would remain open at one of the intersections, either 21st or 18th Street, during the closure of the other.

Use of the Wisner-Pilger Public Schools would be minimized to the extent practicable. The school property located outside of the acquired right-of-way areas would be marked on project plans as sensitive areas to be avoided, with no project activities occurring beyond these limits. Access to the school and fields, other than the acquired right-of-way areas, would remain open. The new intersection alignment would improve transportation and connectivity to the Wisner-Pilger Public Schools.

Condition 2) *"The public has been afforded the opportunity to review and comment on the effects of the project on the activities, features, and attributes of the Section 4(f) resource."*

Based on an analysis of the project scope and a civil rights analysis, a public hearing, a targeted mailer in the form of a public notification, legal notice, news release, temporary highway signs, website, social media, and a 30-day comment period were used as outreach tools for public involvement on this project. A public hearing was held at Wisner Pilger Public Schools in Wisner, Nebraska on Thursday, December 21, 2023, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., with approximately 108 stakeholders in attendance. The public notification involved mailing a postcard with a project location map to a compiled distribution list of 313 stakeholders and businesses adjacent to the project location, as well as potentially interested parties. Additionally, 195 public and private agencies with potential interest in the project were included in the distribution list, including the Nebraska Trucking Association. A legal notice was placed in two Nebraska Press Association (NPA) recognized newspapers; the Norfolk Daily News on December 6, 2023 and the West Point News on December 7, 2023. Temporary highway signs advertising the meeting were placed near the project location. Project information was added to NDOT's website at ndot.info/32319.

NDOT Public Involvement received 42 comments during the specified comment period (December 6, 2023 – January 22, 2024), including those presented during the hearing. Of these comments, five were regarding access and traffic near the school at 18th and 21st Streets. The remainder of the comments were regarding other portions of the project. These comments are summarized in the attached public involvement summary memo.

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Condition 3) *"There must be a documented agreement of the official(s) with jurisdiction over the Section 4(f) resource regarding the above conditions."*

As the official with jurisdiction over the Wisner-Pilger Public Schools, NDOT is requesting your concurrence. By signing this document below, the Wisner-Pilger Public Schools concurs that the acquisition of right-of-way, removal of the southeast shot-put/discus pad, and relocation of the southwest shot-put/discus pad would not adversely affect the protected activities, features, and attributes of the Wisner-Pilger Public Schools.

If you have any questions on the Norfolk - Wisner Project, please contact me at (402) 479-4412.

Sincerely,

Jon Barber
Environmental Documents Unit Manager
Project Development Division

Enclosures: Project Location (Figure 1)
Wisner-Pilger School Impacts (Figure 2)
Public Involvement Summary Memo

Official with Jurisdiction Concurrence

As the official with jurisdiction over Wisner-Pilger Public Schools, I concur that the proposed project would not adversely affect the activities, features, and attributes that qualify Wisner-Pilger Public Schools for protection under Section 4(f). I acknowledge concurrence by signing on the line below.

Chad Boyer, Superintendent
Wisner-Pilger Public Schools

Date 3/21/24

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Public Hearing Summary

To: NDOT Environmental
From: Lucas Nelsen, Public Involvement Specialist
Date: February 21, 2024
RE: Public Involvement Summary Report, S-275-6(1052) Norfolk - Wisner; C.N. 32319

Public Involvement Outreach Requirements for Public Hearing: C.N. 32319, S-275-6(1052) Norfolk - Wisner

Based on an analysis of the project scopes and a civil rights analysis, a public hearing, a targeted mailer in the form of a public notification, legal notice, news release, temporary highway signs, website, social media, and a 30-day comment period were used as outreach tools for public involvement on this project. A public hearing was held at Wisner Pilger Public Schools in Wisner, Nebraska on Thursday, December 21, 2023, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., with approximately 108 stakeholders in attendance. The public notification involved mailing a postcard with a project location map to a compiled distribution list of 313 stakeholders and businesses adjacent to the project location, as well as potentially interested parties. Additionally**,** 195 public and private agencies with potential interest in the project were included in the distribution list, including the Nebraska Trucking Association. A legal notice was placed in two Nebraska Press Association (NPA) recognized newspapers; the *Norfolk Daily News* on December 6, 2023 and the *West Point News* on December 7, 2023. Temporary highway signs advertising the meeting were placed near the project location. Project information was added to NDOT's website at ndot.info/32319.

NDOT Public Involvement received 42 comments from 34 commentors during the specified comment period (December 6, 2023 – January 22, 2024). Of the 42 comments received, six were comments recorded during the public forum (see table below). Five comments were received in regard to the Wisner-Pilger Public Schools and improvements in the vicinity. The remainder of the comments were regarding other portions of the project. All written and phone comments received are attached.

Relevant Comments

The following comments are relevant to the Wisner-Pilger Public Schools.

- Two (2) individuals requested a circular intersection (roundabout) by the school and at US-275 and 13th Street to improve safety and reduce speed.
    - The project team explained that roundabouts were considered but are not proposed as improvements. Additionally, the team clarified that US-275 and 13th Street are beyond the limits of the project.
- One (1) individual requested that NDOT squares off 18th Street at US-275 and adds a pedestrian overpass.
    - The project team responded that design is working to optimize geometrics, minimize impacts to school property, and enhance pedestrian connectivity.
- One (1) individual asked about the right and left turn lanes into the school, and why NDOT would give access from a four-lane highway.
    - The project team explained that the proposed left-turn lanes and an offset right-turn lane at 21st Street would improve safety for school traffic by improving sight lines and allowing drivers to turn out of US-275 traffic away from through lanes.
- One (1) individual expressed safety concerns about his children traveling US-275 to the school.
    - The project team explained how left-turn lanes would be provided at the US-275 and 21st Street intersection to allow left-turns to occur without blocking the through lanes. Offset right-turn lanes would also be provided. would be provided at the US-275 and 21st Street intersection to allow right-turns without blocking through lanes and to improve sight distance for the approaches to those intersections. In addition, wider medians would allow drivers to negotiate eastbound and westbound US-275 separately and would result in safety improvements particularly near Wisner-Pilger Schools.

Public Forum Comments
Stakeholder lives on 570 Avenue, and asks NDOT why J- turns aren't listed online \right now. Asked why the first acknowledgment is located at the meeting site. Asked why there wasn't more transparency to stakeholders, and if it was because NDOT was afraid they would have to relocate the J-turns. Stakeholder agrees with the statements about J-turns being unsafe. Stated that NDOT is dealing with gravel intersections, not dealing with traffic on 91. – Stakeholder feels it's more of pain for the semis than having the median wide enough so drivers can get to the middle and wait. Stakeholder understands cross-traffic going 75 because they farm and own property along it. Stated that when the four lane up by Norfolk and increased speed limit makes a difference in closing rates which drivers on the highway do not realize when coming up behind something.
Stakeholder's question is on the traffic accommodations. On 21st Street, they believe they heard NDOT say there is a right-hand turn lane that will be out there. Asked about traffic on the left-hand -- or, coming eastbound. Asked if there will be a turn lane from the eastbound for the eastbound traffic? Repeated that a presenter had mentioned something about a right-turn lane, but for the eastbound traffic but didn't mention anything for a left-turn lane. Stated that they've had quite a few accidents out on that intersection, and if you travel from east bound, you'll notice marks on the road. Stated that there was an accident a few days ago, and there have been some accidents with injury, as it's a heavily used intersection. They would like to have a turn lane put in at the school as there are sometimes three buses turning at the same time.
Stakeholder stated that they'd like to know how NDOT is going to take care of landowner center pivots and if NDOT will replace them. Stated that they live on 570th Avenue, which NDOT does not plan on making a corner Stated that they've got to go down the road and come around, and would like to know if there's enough room to turn semis that way.
Stakeholder stated that the J turns are vastly undersized, including the current ones. Stated that they might accommodate a standard tractor-trailer, larger equipment with travels through here, and they need a bigger turning radius. Stated that they know it's probably standard by design and required, but the feels the inner shoulder needs to be more than 5 feet, for safety, especially when equipment is stuck in the ditch in the median, and also provides safety for fire and rescue.
Stakeholder stated that what the previous landowner said about J turns is exactly right. Feels that they're terribly undersized and not safe. Stated that they don't accommodate truck traffic. Stated that they have, roughly, a 65 - 70-foot long tractor-trailer combination, and feels the current turn down by Humphrey is not remotely safe. Stated that they can barely make the U-turn, and then they struggle to accelerate and remerge. Stated that it's terrible and they're supposed to have an expressway system. Stated that NDOT should be doing overpasses like those by Fremont or in Omaha. Stated that NDOT has a bypass around Lincoln and a bypass around Fremont, and they deserve a bypass or overpass, not J turns.
Stakeholder asked if a traffic study had been done on Highway 15 regarding truck traffic. Stakeholder lives in Pilger estimates 100-200 semis use Highway 15 on a daily basis, and a lot of that truck traffic has to exit and enter the intersection at US-275 and N-15. Stated that their concern is how long the exit and entry lanes are for semis. Asked if the lane is going to be long enough to hold four or five semis at a time trying to make the turn.

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To:	Nelsen, Lucas
Cc:	Domogalla, Kevin
Subject:	Hwy 275
Date:	Thursday, December 7, 2023 1:44:00 PM
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> Some people who received this message don't often get email from aaron.becker@pilgercoop.com. Learn why this is important

Good Afternoon Lucas,
I received a postcard in the mail about the Hwy 275 project between N-57 and Wisner, and I have a couple of questions.
Do you plan on building on the North or South side of the existing highway, and how do you plan on laying out the junction of 15/275 north of Pilger? Building on the North will affect my personal property, so I'm concerned about that.
When is your projected start date and completion date? We will need some access to gravel roads and field entrances and would like to know how that can be handled and coordinated when the time arrives. We also have a liquid fertilizer plant on N-57, so we use the 57/275 junction pretty heavily in the springtime. We're all excited about 4 lanes, but just trying to be as prepared as we can be.
Appreciate it,

Aaron Becker
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Farmers Co-op

From: noreply@nebraska.gov
To: NDOT, Public Involvement
Subject: Comment Inquiry for Norfolk - Wisner
Date: Thursday, January 11, 2024 11:51:15 AM

Form Results

Project
Norfolk - Wisner

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Comment
I am the General Manager/President of Farmers Cooperative headquartered in Pilger. I'm concerned with this project and the not so popular J-Turns that are in the plans. With our Ag Equipment, we try to avoid going down Hwy 275 because of the traffic. With so many county roads and bridges that are not passable, we have to cross Hwy 275 in multiple places. It has been preached to me by state employees, that the J-Turns are safer than just simply crossing

the highway. I believe in this case, this will be much more unsafe for our employees and our Ag Equipment, because we simply can't cross the highway, like we have done for decades. Not only will this be unsafe for our employees, this will also be very unsafe for our customers during planting and harvest time. Don't get me wrong, I'm 100% in favor of the 4 lanes, but in my opinion, I think this is a 'quick fix' to get the Hwy 275 completed. This project needs to be done the correct way, which means all 4 lanes need to be the same elevation so we can simply and safely cross with our equipment like we have always done. I'm sure you've been told this many times, but I will remind you again, this surrounding Ag Community and I have contributed many dollars into this state and our voices and opinions need to be taken into consideration here. This project will have a huge impact on us for years to come, and I think we need to have a seat at this table. Thank You, Aaron Becker Farmers Cooperative

From:	Bui, Tony
To:	Nelsen, Lucas
Cc:	Huebner, Samantha
Subject:	FW: Hwy 275
Date:	Friday, January 12, 2024 1:14:38 PM
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From: McCullough, Steve <Steve.McCullough@nebraska.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 8:14 PM
To: Domogalla, Kevin <Kevin.Domogalla@nebraska.gov>; Bui, Tony <tony.bui@nebraska.gov>; Ankeny, Shannon <Shannon.Ankeny@nebraska.gov>
Cc: Syslo, Mick <Mick.Syslo@nebraska.gov>; Neemann, Matt <Matt.Neemann@nebraska.gov>; Soula, Sarah <sarah.soula@nebraska.gov>
Subject: RE: Hwy 275

All,

I called Aaron & had a brief chat with him. He expressed his concerns and the group that formed to oppose the RCI concept. Nothing new from his note below. I did let him know that he will get a response to his concerns. Good conversation.

Steve McCullough
Assistant Design Engineer – NDOT Roadway

From: Domogalla, Kevin <Kevin.Domogalla@nebraska.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 5:04 PM
To: Bui, Tony <tony.bui@nebraska.gov>; McCullough, Steve <Steve.McCullough@nebraska.gov>; Ankeny, Shannon <Shannon.Ankeny@nebraska.gov>
Cc: Syslo, Mick <Mick.Syslo@nebraska.gov>; Neemann, Matt <Matt.Neemann@nebraska.gov>; Soula, Sarah <sarah.soula@nebraska.gov>
Subject: RE: Hwy 275

Tony -Would you suggest that Steve should answer him with a thank you, your comments have been documented and you will receive a reply in the near future. Just so as to not leave him hanging.

From: Bui, Tony <tony.bui@nebraska.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 1:28 PM
To: McCullough, Steve <Steve.McCullough@nebraska.gov>; Ankeny, Shannon <Shannon.Ankeny@nebraska.gov>
Cc: Syslo, Mick <Mick.Syslo@nebraska.gov>; Domogalla, Kevin <Kevin.Domogalla@nebraska.gov>; Neemann, Matt <Matt.Neemann@nebraska.gov>; Soula, Sarah <sarah.soula@nebraska.gov>
Subject: RE: Hwy 275

All –

We did receive this exact same message from multiple others (including Aaron Becker). Unless I hear otherwise, this will be logged as a comment during the official comment period and will receive a response along with the other comments once the comment period ends.

Thank you!

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From: McCullough, Steve <Steve.McCullough@nebraska.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 12:58 PM
To: Ankeny, Shannon <Shannon.Ankeny@nebraska.gov>; Bui, Tony <tony.bui@nebraska.gov>
Cc: Syslo, Mick <Mick.Syslo@nebraska.gov>; Domogalla, Kevin <Kevin.Domogalla@nebraska.gov>; Neemann, Matt <Matt.Neemann@nebraska.gov>; Soula, Sarah <sarah.soula@nebraska.gov>
Subject: FW: Hwy 275

Shannon / Tony,

I've received the below email, but I don't plan to respond until we have a clear message on the Reduced Conflict Intersections (RCIs … public refers them as J-Turns). Please log this email.

Steve McCullough
Assistant Design Engineer – NDOT Roadway

From: Aaron Becker <aaron.becker@pilgercoop.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 12:13 PM
To: McCullough, Steve <Steve.McCullough@nebraska.gov>
Subject: Hwy 275

> You don't often get email from aaron.becker@pilgercoop.com. Learn why this is important

Good Afternoon Steve,

I'm sure the Hwy 275 project has been a hot topic at your office since the public meeting in Wisner. Well, I'm also pretty concerned about this project and the not so popular J-Turns that are in the plans. With our Ag Equipment, we try to avoid going down Hwy 275 because of the traffic. With so many county roads and bridges that are not passable, we have to cross Hwy 275 in multiple places. It has been preached to me by state employees, that the J-Turns are safer than just simply crossing the highway. I believe in this case, this will be much more unsafe for our employees and our Ag Equipment, because we simply can't cross the highway, like we have done for decades. Not only will this be unsafe for our employees, this will also be very unsafe for our customers during planting and harvest time. Don't get me wrong, I'm 100% in favor of the 4 lanes, but in my opinion, I think this is a 'quick fix' to get the Hwy 275 completed. This project needs to be done the correct way, which means all 4 lanes need to be the same elevation so we can simply and safely cross with our equipment like we have always done. I'm sure you've been told this many times, but I will remind you and whoever else again, this surrounding Ag Community and I have contributed many dollars into this state and our voices and opinions need to be taken into consideration here. This project will have a huge impact on us for years to come, and I think we need to have a seat at this table.

I've been told there are a few individuals that are trying to arrange a meeting concerning this and I will be a part of that as well, but I'm not sure if you have any suggestions or advice on what can take place from this point? The short visit we had in Wisner, you seemed to be more reasonable than others, so that's why you're the lucky one to get an email from me.

We're looking for some help.

Appreciate your time,

Aaron Becker
President
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Winside Stanton Pilger Wayne
Farmers Co-op

From:	Randy Oertwich
To:	Nelsen, Lucas
Subject:	FW: Hwy 275 expansion
Date:	Monday, December 11, 2023 11:27:17 AM

> You don't often get email from randy.oertwich@ufarm.com. Learn why this is important

From: Randy Oertwich
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 11:21 AM
Subject: Hwy 275 expansion

Lucas,
I am a landowner along proposed 4 lane from Wisner to Hwy 57.
I own land personally and also am shareholder in Bojak Inc.
At last meeting they had moved new construction by 15 south to the north side which had effected 4 homesites. Did they move it back to south side where it had always been ?
I have supported the 4 lane since first talked about in a meeting in Pilger in 1985.
Thanks,
Randy

Randy Oertwich

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From: Bui, Tony on behalf of NDOT, Public Involvement
To: Huebner, Samantha; Nelsen, Lucas
Subject: FW: Comment Inquiry for Norfolk - Wisner
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 2:27:22 PM
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From: noreply@nebraska.gov <noreply@nebraska.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 2:10 PM
To: NDOT, Public Involvement <ndot.PublicInvolvement@nebraska.gov>
Subject: Comment Inquiry for Norfolk - Wisner

Form Results

Project
Norfolk - Wisner

Project URL
https://dot.nebraska.gov/projects/future-projects/norfolk-wisner/

Full Name
Randy Oertwich

Email
randy.oertwich@ufarm.com

Address
57387 hwy 275

City
pilger

State
Nebraska

Zip
68768

Comment
I live at 57387 Hwy 275. 1/4 mile west of 574.I support this project and realize the need. I have attended every meeting including one held at Pilger Senior center in 1988 hosted by Sen Stan Schellpepper. Too bad it was not constructed then as Fremont to Norfolk was estimated to cost less than this section will cost. I did attend the J turn meeting on the 16th. I have 2 concerns, 1. I do not want an access road coming across my front yard. I will work with the state and enhance the road that comes off 574 ave. 2. There was no access on map at 1/2 mile line between 574 and 573. The drive that is there now is used by my trucks to haul all or parts of 487 acres to the north. there can be up to 93 truck loads come out that driveway. I can not haul grain with grain cart to other drives. Once again up to 93 loads going an extra 1/2 mile behind a tractor to truck is unacceptable. I farm 7 farms that will be impacted by expressway. 4, pivots affected. One is in cuming county at east end of wide hwy by 15 north junction. You cannot remove all our 1/2 mile access points. Randy 402-649-0777 Bojak, Randy and Lori Oertwich , Sharon Miller ,Bobalu Investments, Scott Koehler . Just a few of the land that I farm that is owned or rented. Thank You Randy Oertwich

Phone Log

Date:	Time:
12/20/23	10 AM

Caller	Receiver
Name: Ann Dietrich	Name: Lucas Nelsen
Company:	Company: NDOT PI
Address:	Address: 1500 NE Parkway, Lincoln, NE 68502
Phone No.: 720-344-2145	Phone No.: 402-479-3890

Re: CN 32319 - Norfolk - Wisner

Discussion:

Live in CO, can't make it to hearing. Own land south of the project, so have an interest in the project.
People that farm the field, Carmen and Gary, likely know about the meeting and she plans to inform them.

Suggest livestreaming for meetings for landowners that may live out of state.

Resolution:

Noted that materials are posted online after the meeting, including narrated presentation for those that are unable to make it to meetings or hearings in person. Also noted opportunity to comment on the project throughout the comment period.

- ☐ For Your Concurrence
- ☒ For Your Information

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We need circular intersection by the school and where blacktop south of town meets with 275

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What is your overall satisfaction with the proposed project?

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Name: *(Please Print)* _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ *Email:* _____

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I understand that borrow for the project is something contractors are responsible for acquiring. I also understand that sand may be used for borrow - at least to some Extent. The Wisner Yacht Club, Ltd owns ± 180 acres located at 293 S road - approximately 3 miles east of Wisner + 1 mile south of Highway 275. And may be interested in working with potential Contractors to provide borrow. Please advise potential contractors to contact
Thomas B. Donner
P.O. Box 32
Wisner NE, 68791
402-372-2719 / 402-529/3536 / 402-992-0406
or tbdonnerlaw@qwestoffice.net

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Name: (Please Print) Thomas B Donner

Address: P.O. Box 32

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Phone: See above → Email:

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From: Milliken, Scott
To: Nelsen, Lucas
Cc: Swanson, Alan; Soula, Sarah
Subject: CN 32319 Public Hearing
Date: Friday, December 22, 2023 9:00:44 AM

Re: CN 32319 Public Hearing

Hi Lucas,

I took comments from 4 groups after the presentation at the Public Hearing.

The 1st comment was for acceleration / deceleration lanes for heavy vehicles at the 2 Junctions of US-275 with N-15. Specifically for the west Junction and for queues of up to 4 trucks. I did not record the name of the men as these comments were like those spoken and recorded in the comments after the presentation.

The 2nd set of comments were from Sharon Garvin (1118 Sherman Street, Wayne 68787). She owns the agricultural land to the NE of the west Junction of US-275 and N-15. She wanted NDOT to know that there are 3 property owners in that corner. She owns the agricultural land, there is a homeowner, and an owner of the machine shop. The large presentation showed, in yellow, new pavement / surfacing off the county road to the east to the machine shop and home. Her 2 questions were about easements / ROW for the new pavement / surfacing and whether the new pavement / surfacing would be pavement or gravel. I know ROW will contact the 3 landowners about any easement or ROW agreements. Can someone please verify the surfacing for her?

The last individual was Scott Koehler (57341 Hwy 275). He owns the agricultural land to the northeast of S275_09309 where the presentation showed a significant ROW purchase to realign the county road north of US-275. He asked about reducing the taking of his property. He brought up closing the county road noting 2 homeowners to the north. He also requested an interchange. I told him that an interchange was not a viable option and that closing the county road would benefit him but may not be appreciated by the other homeowners. He then switched the conversation to the historical property on the SW corner of the west Junction of US-275 and N-15. He said he lived there 20 years (originally said 40) and that there were no artifacts there. He also said his father sold that land to another man standing nearby. He did note that there are artifacts including calvary buttons, bones, etc. north of the highway on the hill in the farmland NE of the structure noted above. He wanted to know the 'historical' of the 1st homesite in Stanton County so I asked Courtney Ziska if she would speak to him, and she did.

I did get 'In house' questions about the difference between a J-turn and RCUT which I answered.

I encouraged Scott to turn in comments.

Thank you.

Scott

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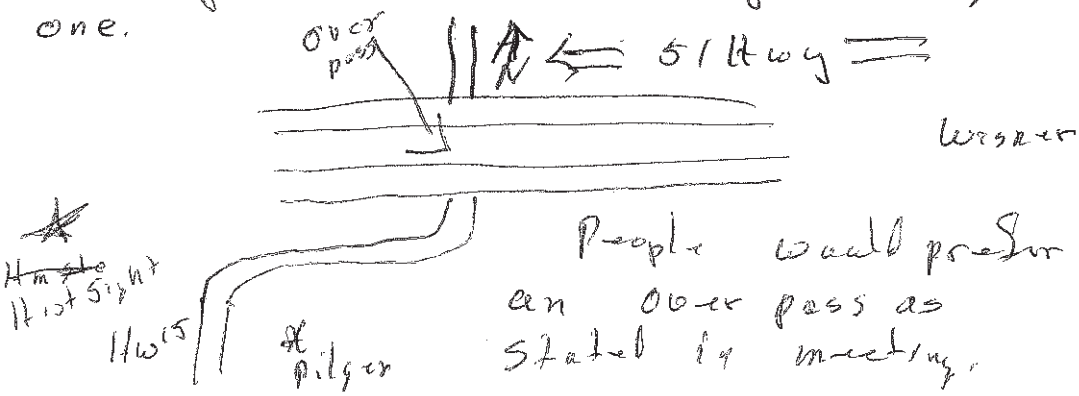
To Whom it may Concern.

Enjoyed the public Hearing on Hw 275 from Stanton to Hw 57 to Wisner.

During the meeting
Item Wisner School + Rt + Left turn lanes int. school. — Why would you give access to the school from a 4 lane Hwy. It was mentioned about accidents already.

3 Hwy intersections — why not only one.



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I am happy with the present Rd you are planning to build. Just random thoughts from people comments.

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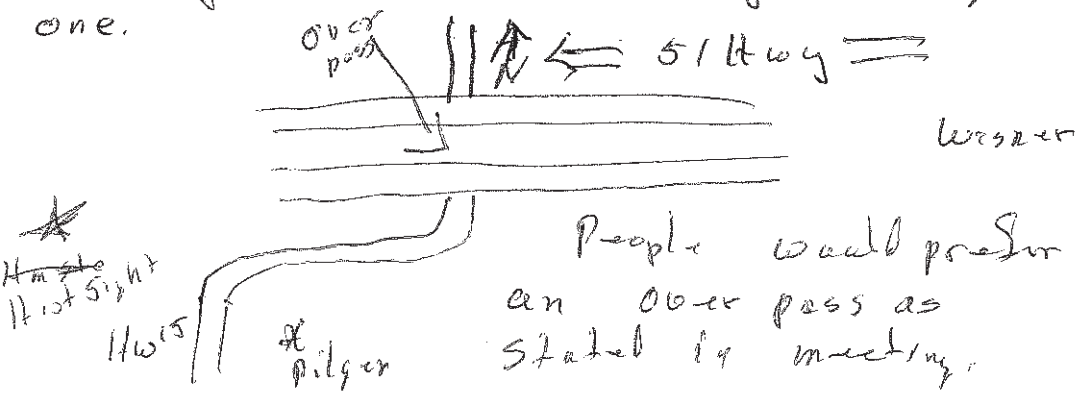

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Glad to see this project getting started
Road should be safer thru the Hills
in Stanton County.

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Name: (Please Print) Daniel Jackson
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Also a circular intersection where the blacktop meets Hwy 275 & 13th st

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Name: (Please Print) Roger Kuester
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Ask Brandie if questions
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Figure 3-1
Access at S Road relative to property

Would like full paper copy of EA and info specifically noted above (page, access)

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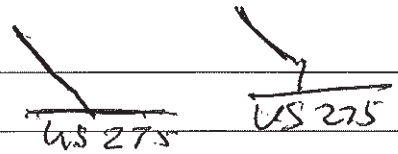
Square off 18th St. @ US 275



Pedestrian overpass at 18th St & US 275

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City, State, Zip: Omaha, NE, 68144
Phone: 308-430-3904 *Email:*

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From: Nelsen, Lucas on behalf of NDOT, Public Involvement
To: Nelsen, Lucas
Subject: FW: Comment Inquiry for Norfolk - Wisner
Date: Wednesday, December 27, 2023 8:37:08 AM

From: noreply@nebraska.gov <noreply@nebraska.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2023 1:46 PM
To: NDOT, Public Involvement <ndot.PublicInvolvement@nebraska.gov>
Subject: Comment Inquiry for Norfolk - Wisner

Form Results

Project
Norfolk - Wisner

Project URL
https://dot.nebraska.gov/projects/future-projects/norfolk-wisner/

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State
Nebraska

Zip
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Comment
Why are you going through Wisner (and I am assuming Beemer in

the next phase)? Would it not be more with the intent of an expressway to go around (possibly tie into Hwy 51 and following to the north and than going to 275 east of Beemer) That would alleviate 25 mph in Wisner and nearly as slow in Beemer.

From: Domogalla, Kevin
To: Nelsen, Lucas
Subject: FW: Highway 275 proposed engineering changes
Date: Friday, December 22, 2023 1:15:24 PM

I received this today. Shall I tell him we have included it with the comments and will reply in the near future?

From: Brad Maas <bmaas@stanton.net>
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2023 11:58 AM
To: Domogalla, Kevin <Kevin.Domogalla@nebraska.gov>
Subject: Highway 275 proposed engineering changes

> You don't often get email from bmaas@stanton.net. Learn why this is important

Dear Mr. Domogalla: My name is Brad Maas, I own and operate Maas Feedlots LLC in Stanton county. I have 2 feedlot locations, 1 north of 568 Ave and 275, and 1 located south of 275 on 569 avenue.

I am concerned with proposed J Turns placed off and on these two roads. The feedlot has 75± trucks per week turning off and on these 2 roads loaded with anything from distillers, corn, cattle plus a variety of other commodities. In addition to numerous tractors and implements that will not, in my opinion, be safe going down the highway to and through the J turn.

My truck and equipment operators make every effort to go across highway 275 rather than down the highway in order to maintain the flow of traffic in either direction. In those situations that this is not possible, with J turns in place, our operators will be driving large, slow moving equipment that will take up both lanes to the J turn and back to either 568 or 569 avenue.

In my opinion, the engineering of highway 275, especially in regards to the J turns, does not take into consideration the amount of rural, large and slow moving equipment that travel up and down 275. Again, I have major safety concerns for my operators and all those that may encounter them on the highway.

Regards,

Brad Maas
Maas Feedlots LLC

From: alexandercattle@gmail.com
To: Nelsen, Lucas; Domogalla, Kevin
Subject: HWY 275 comments
Date: Saturday, January 20, 2024 1:15:13 PM

> Some people who received this message don't often get email from alexandercattle@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

Dear Sirs;

I had recently reached out to both of you on phone conversations on Dec. 22nd 2023. Hopefully you had made notes of our conversation, however I thought I would make some written comments as well.

First off, please know I am in full support of the HWY 275 widening, in fact I was one of the founding members of 4 Lanes 4 Nebraska group to get the ball rolling so to speak. I do have some concerns however with the plan to widen an area and have the water/drain ditch down the middle of the lanes. I do see how this might seem reasonable many years ago, but not in todays or current landscape conditions. Numerous things have changed over the years to the properties on both sides of the widening area.

Most of the land on both north and south of the area has been tiled. Many of the tile drain into reservoirs and the water is lifted to the surface and then runs its natural course. We have learned how to farm the land, which for years was to wet to even get into the fields. The main drainage ditch that feeds the area has been blocked or redirected into a holding lagoon. This ditch is responsible for draining nearly 300 acres so that alone changes the water run to the affected area immensely.

The proposed plan moves the south lanes much further on to my property and other peoples property. This has direct results of the need to buy additional land, remove or change tile lines, move and change center pivots, move and change reservoirs and lift stations, move and change electricity service and change drainage areas of the existing lands.

I am looking forward to the HWY 275 widening project and visiting with the engineers for the best results.

Regards;

J.D. Alexander
Alexander Cattle & Farms
57555 841 ½ Road
Pilger, NE 68768
(402)649-1510

Phone Log

Date:	Time:
12-26-23	AM

Caller	Receiver
Name: JD Alexander	Name: Kevin Domogalla
Company:	Company: NDOT
Address:	Address: 408 North 13th St
Phone No.:	Phone No.: 402-370-3470

Re: CN 32319 - Norfolk - Wisner

Discussion:

Spoke to JD Alexander this morning. He owns land near Humbug Creek and the east Highway 15 junction. He was asking for additional or relocated drives. He understands our controlled access policy and the desire to combine drives and reduce the number of entrances but he may pursue further in ROW negotiations.
He does have a drain tile and lift station approximately 563 right. I encouraged him to bring this up to the negotiator when contacted to ensure we have shown all subsurface impacts in the offer.

I received a question also on the sight distance for 574th Avenue looking east. Claims there is a dip in the highway that may lose sight of westbound vehicles.

Resolution:

☐ For Your Concurrence

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Date:	Time:
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Caller	Receiver
Name: JD Alexander	Name: Lucas Nelsen
Company:	Company: NDOT PI
Address:	Address: 1500 NE Parkway, Lincoln, NE 68502
Phone No.: 402-649-1510	Phone No.: 402-479-3890

Re: CN 32319 - Norfolk - Wisner

Discussion:

(Voicemail)

I'm a landowner along highway 275. I was unable to attend the public hearing regarding the information at the Wisner high school.

I do have some questions and thoughts, I'd appreciate a phone call back.

Resolution:

Kevin Domogalla and Lucas Nelsen both spoke to JD Alexander after this voicemail.

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Date:	Time:
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Caller	Receiver
Name: JD Alexander	Name: Lucas Nelsen
Company:	Company: NDOT PI
Address: 57555 841 1/2th Rd, Pilger, NE 68768	Address: 1500 NE Parkway, Lincoln, NE 68502
Phone No.: 402-649-1510	Phone No.: 402-479-3890

Re: CN 32319 - Norfolk - Wisner

Discussion:

Owns land west of N-15 intersection, north and south of 275. Have area blocked off from flood plain, so no water comes down that ditch anymore and under the existing highway. Very little if any continues to go through there on my property. Not sure if median needs to be that wide on property. Tile the area as well, and neighbor has tile. Neighbor to the west's tile system can go into ditch, but ditch that goes north and southwest of the N-15 has been essentially dammed up. Lift station for tile on southeast portion of neighbor's property that would drain into that ditch where it meets existing 275. Has tile on southeast corner of quarter north of the 275/N-15 intersection, but that stays north of the highway and drains east. Everything draining from property stays north of existing 275. Drainage to the south doesn't occur from property until just west of N-15/275 intersection. South of 275 is pretty well tiled, and there's a lift station along the north side where there's wetland and proposed culvert. Proposed expansion would likely go over one or two tile lines and reservoir. Tile has to be buried about 6 ft deep into that reservoir because ground is so low in the area. Proposed would require moving reservoir and tile.

The other wetland that runs diagonally north and east connects to a ditch currently—drains into existing ditch right now because it's been dug out, but there's no culvert. Made it so it can drain into the existing ditch if there's high water. New proposed expansion would block drainage to the ditch and doesn't show a proposed culvert. Property stops at the Stanton/Cuming Co line.

Resolution:

Noted that information would be passed on to the project team and commenter could expect official response in the future.

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PUBLIC COMMENT SHEET

S-275-6(1052) *US-275 Norfolk - Wisner;* C.N. 32319

Please submit your written comments by January 22, 2024.

Return to: *Lucas Nelsen*
NDOT Public Involvement
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Lincoln, NE 68509-4759

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It would be nice if there could be an on site meeting with someone who knows where the new ROW's will be located for utilities to have a better idea of where their poles, wire & equipment can be set & not be at a culvert or field entrance. Also a clear explanation of dirt being removed or added in area's where relocation of utilities is happening. to prevent having wire not deep enough at hwy crossings.

Time frames of when each utility is expected to have their equipment relocated & old removed.

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Name: (Please Print) Scott Haber. Operations Mgr. Cuming Co. PPD
Address: 500 S. Main St.
City, State, Zip: West Point NE 68788.
Phone: 402-380-0249 Email: shaber@ccppd.com

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From: Jeremy S.
To: Nelsen, Lucas
Subject: 275 Norfolk to Wisner comment/question
Date: Saturday, January 6, 2024 5:36:36 PM

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Hello,

I am a resident in Wayne County on HWY 15 (5 miles south of Wayne) and commute to Norfolk 4 times a week.

I am reaching out to you about a specific section of the project. The area is both hwy 15 intersections and the roadway between the north and south interchanges of HWY 15 on 275.

I am a resident of Wayne County (reside 5 miles south of Wayne) and commute to Norfolk 4 times a week traveling specifically this area both directions.

On my way to Norfolk the traffic on HWY 15 has a large volume of cattle trucks commutting south to Schuyler from the North on HWY 15 . On 275 between the north and south interchanges of 15 is the area I am most cautious and concerned with on my commute. The trucks barely make it to at least 55 mph before turning onto 15 into Pilger. With new lanes, wider intersections, and trucks switching lanes I have more concerns about this area once this area is complete. I wish I had a cheap idea on how to make this area be constructed, however, the one solution that comes to mind would be round abouts with dividers so all vehicles can not switch lanes prior and during the commute through the roundabouts. Ideally I would prefer the 15 intersections and road be reconstructed but the cost of the project would help hwy 15 north to Wayne have passing lanes completed sooner.

Thanks for taking the time to read my email and PLEASE look into solutions for my area of the commute in which I and many other Nebraskans travel with hopes of all safety moving forward.

Jeremy Starzec
Wayne, NE

Phone Log

Date:	Time:
1/10/24	10 AM

Caller	Receiver
Name: Mark Melcher	Name: Kevin Domogalla
Company:	Company: NDOT
Address:	Address: 408 North 13th St
Phone No.: 402-750-0139	Phone No.: 402-370-3470

Re: CN 32319 - Norfolk - Wisner

Discussion:

He asked numerous questions on the process for design and approval of design concepts. Explained to him we have hired HDR and given them design parameters to follow to get to a preferred alternative with the final design being approved by the Roadway Design Engineer. He says he is talking to all landowners and tenants from the Wayne county line south to the Elkhorn River. Has been trying to contact Commissioner Copple to set up a meeting to talk to him about his issues. He says he has been in touch with Alan Hoehne but did not say he has been invited to the meeting that Mr. Hoehne has set up Very respectful in his conversation but does ask leading questions. Also wanted a copy of the video recording of the meeting. I told him it was not taped but we did have a court reporter capturing the presentation and testimony.

Resolution:

☐ For Your Concurrence

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Phone Log

Date:	Time:
1/11/24	

Caller	Receiver
Name: Mark Melcher	Name: Lucas Nelsen
Company:	Company: NDOT PI
Address: 569th Ave	Address: 1500 NE Parkway, Lincoln NE 68502
Phone No.: 402-750-0139	Phone No.: 402-479-3890

Re: CN 32319 - Norfolk - Wisner

Discussion:

Surprised not everyone received a letter. Think that it wasn't put in bold print that the J intersections would be proposed. May have to retain legal counsel. Good to show on mosaic what roads lay to the north and south of the project. Minimum maintenance roads and county roads on the project especially. Landowners I've spoken to from the Wayne Co. line to the Elkhorn River are opposed to the J turns. Wonder why J turns aren't spelled out in black ink anywhere.

Resolution:

Explained process for notification--direct mail to adjacent property owners, legal notices, and digital message boards on highway--and noted opportunity to comment on project throughout comment period.

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I'm very happy that completion of this project is finally scheduled.
My concern is the 4 mile block that doesn't allow left turns. There are many cattle trailer semi's and farm equipment that takes that stretch of Hwy 275. Not being able to cross that stretch of Hwy 275 is going to cause problems.
Hwy 275 gets a LOT of semi tractor traffic.
If traffic is backed up for a J turn - it will cause problems.
I think you are seriously underestimating the amount of farm equipment that travels on Hwy 275. There are many bridges in Stanton County that farm equipment can't travel over and so they are forced to take the highway.

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Name: (Please Print) Diane Davies
Address: 200 W. Oak St.
City, State, Zip: Pilger NE 68768
Phone: (402) 518 6569 Email:

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From: noreply@nebraska.gov
To: NDOT, Public Involvement
Subject: Comment Inquiry for Norfolk - Wisner
Date: Thursday, January 11, 2024 11:38:07 AM

Form Results

Project
Norfolk - Wisner

Project URL
https://dot.nebraska.gov/projects/future-projects/norfolk-wisner/

Full Name
Ryan D Kruger

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Address
84148 569 Ave

City
Stanton

State
Nebraska

Zip
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Comment
I would like to see them change the proposed J-turns on the highway 275 project back to regular intersections. We live in an agricultural community, and this will profoundly impact where I live and work. We try our best to avoid using the highway with our equipment, but this will force us onto the highway with slow moving equipment causing more of a safety concern for us as well as other drivers for no reason other than to save some money on not

correctly redoing the existing intersections. My neighbors and I in the neighborhood would like someone to come up here for a meeting to discuss the possibilities of moving away from these proposed J turns. It may not impact the commuters traveling down 275 but it will cause a severe impact to those of us living in the area. Thanks, Ryan Kruger

From: noreply@nebraska.gov
To: NDOT, Public Involvement
Subject: Comment Inquiry for Norfolk - Wisner
Date: Thursday, January 11, 2024 12:13:54 PM

Form Results

Project
Norfolk - Wisner

Project URL
https://dot.nebraska.gov/projects/future-projects/norfolk-wisner/

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Crystal Ramaker

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crystal.ramaker82@gmail.com

Address
84277 569TH AVE

City
STANTON

State
Nebraska

Zip
68779

Comment
J turns are not necessary at every gravel road. It will impede traffic patterns and cause a large amount of issues for the traffic that is utilizing these road ways.

From: Bui, Tony on behalf of NDOT, Public Involvement
To: Nelsen, Lucas; Huebner, Samantha
Subject: FW: Comment Inquiry for Norfolk - Wisner
Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 8:26:43 AM
Attachments: image001.png

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From: noreply@nebraska.gov <noreply@nebraska.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 2:59 PM
To: NDOT, Public Involvement <ndot.PublicInvolvement@nebraska.gov>
Subject: Comment Inquiry for Norfolk - Wisner

Form Results

Project
Norfolk - Wisner

Project URL
https://dot.nebraska.gov/projects/future-projects/norfolk-wisner/

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Bret Burtwistle

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Address
83761 567Ave

City
Stanton

State
Nebraska

Zip
68779

Comment
As a landowner and renter of 8 quarters of ground that will be affected by the highway expansion, I would like to voice my disapproval of the J-turn idea for 4 miles in a row. Those 4 miles are where the ground I farm or own. I would much prefer dirt being moved on the existing lanes or what would be the new West bound lanes. Especially with the snow storm we just had I believe the state can do a better job of alleviating some of the drifting problems by moving dirt. My biggest concern is all my equipment turning on the J-turns. I have several trucks and large farm equipment that this tight turning will take a toll on tires, axles and twisting and binding. I agree that J-turns have a place on some roads, but not at these 4 intersections in a row. And not on county roads.

Phone Log

Date:	Time:
1/16/24	

Caller	Receiver
Name: Mike and Jeanne Lance	Name: Lucas Nelsen
Company:	Company: NDOT PI
Address:	Address: 1500 NE Parkway, Lincoln, NE
Phone No.: 402-396-3718	Phone No.: 402-479-3890

Re: CN 32319 - Norfolk - Wisner

Discussion:

Received a phone call from Mike and Jeanne Lance to say they are not in favor of the J-turns proposed. It is less convenient to make the turn especially with farm trucks and equipment. They do not own land in the vicinity but wanted to call in their opinion.

Resolution:

Asked if they wanted to write in a comment or simply let me take a phone log and they opted for the phone log.

- ☐ For Your Concurrence
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From: Bui, Tony on behalf of NDOT, Public Involvement
To: Neemann, Brandie; Domogalla, Kevin
Cc: Nelsen, Lucas; Huebner, Samantha
Subject: FW: Comment Inquiry for Norfolk - Wisner
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 2:15:59 PM
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FYI.

The website and the aerial mosaic seems to be working fine on my end. It's an uploaded PDF so there shouldn't be anything malfunctioning or only partially functioning.

https://dot.nebraska.gov/media/q2hdvn1k/32319-public-hearing-scroll-plot-1-halfsize.pdf

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From: noreply@nebraska.gov <noreply@nebraska.gov>
Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2024 3:47 PM
To: NDOT, Public Involvement <ndot.PublicInvolvement@nebraska.gov>
Subject: Comment Inquiry for Norfolk - Wisner

Form Results

Project
Norfolk - Wisner

Project URL
https://dot.nebraska.gov/projects/future-projects/norfolk-wisner/

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Alan Hoehne

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84285 570 Ave

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State
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Zip
68779

Comment
I object to the proposed J turn on the hwy 275 & 570 ave. It will unfairly impact and lower the property values on property that relies on the 570 ave hwy 275 intersection, compared to 568 ave and 569 ave That will both have double stop 90 ft wide median intersections. The 570 Ave intersection needs this same type of intersection for numerous reasons. Agriculture, safety, etc. The 570 ave with the double stop style intersection, would be the safest of any of the intersections in the area. Also unlike the 568 & 569 intersections, no future work because of this type of intersection would be required, it will have a half mile or more visibility of oncoming traffic into the intersection from both directions. 568 & 569 both have severely reduced visibility to the east of the oncoming west bound traffic. There possibly will be serious accidents at both of these intersections with out the removal of the hill blocking the view of oncoming west bound traffic. Like I said before, the 570 ave intersection, if done with a double stop 90 foot wide median, would be the last construction required for this intersection, forever. It would be a truly safe expressway functioning intersection for everybody involved in using it, all expressway traffic, all entering and exiting traffic and any form of cross traffic including agriculture, semi's, trucks & all vehicles. Also as of January 20 2024 at 3:30 p.m. the plot 1 on the mosaic aerial is only partially functioning, on this website. I cannot see the plans for my property due to it not working properly, with the comment period ending in only a few days, this information must be provided

to me, an effected landowner, for obvious timely reasons. Thank You Alan Hoehne

From: Bui, Tony on behalf of NDOT, Public Involvement
To: Nelsen, Lucas; Huebner, Samantha
Subject: FW: Comment Inquiry for Norfolk - Wisner
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 12:25:03 PM
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From: noreply@nebraska.gov <noreply@nebraska.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 10:09 AM
To: NDOT, Public Involvement <ndot.PublicInvolvement@nebraska.gov>
Subject: Comment Inquiry for Norfolk - Wisner

Form Results

Project
Norfolk - Wisner

Project URL
https://dot.nebraska.gov/projects/future-projects/norfolk-wisner/

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Alan Hoehne

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84285 570 ave

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Stanton

State
Nebraska

Zip
*68779

Comment
The 570 intersection on 275 should be handled the same way as the 568 & 569 intersections. Farm machinery on the Pilger to Stanton cut across road use this intersection to cross 275. Also the 570 intersection provides the best visibility in both directions of any of the cross road intersections between hwy 57 and 15. If the road height is made the same as the current north existing lanes in this intersection, and a 90 foot median with stop signs where added. This would be a very safe vital intersection crossing for agriculture machinery. I live north of 275 on 570 ave and have seen all my life the volume of farm equipment that use this route during each agriculture season, especially after a modern no weight limit 24' wide bridge was placed on 570 ave making it the best road to take to go to the north. I feel to abandon the safest cross intersection in this stretch of the 275 expressway would be a costly mistake. You have a safe useful intersection that serves the public well, use it.
Alan Hoehne

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Will be happy with the new highway, but very against the J turn that is being proposed. It will be a very big inconvenience for the farmers in this area. It will be very difficult to turn a loaded semi on this type of turn.

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Name: (Please Print) Mike Herbolsheimer
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Date:	Time:
1/19/24	11:30 AM

Caller	Receiver
Name: David Oligmueller	Name: Lucas
Company:	Company: NDOT
Address: 420 E Oak, Pilger, NE 68768	Address: 1500 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, NE 68502
Phone No.: 402-750-4556	Phone No.: 402-479-3890

Re: CN 32319 - Norfolk - Wisner

Discussion:

Own land on the south side of US-275. Wondered why it's considered a wetland. 20 acres one mile east of US-275 and N-15.

Own land on the south side of Pilger with sand. Wondering if sand and gravel could put pumped out to be used for the project and have it be made into in the lake.

Curious if his 20 acres will be taken if they could just take everything and make him a lake on his property south of Pilger.

Resolution:

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We have concerns on how you will be handling the Center Pivots on the land that is selected for the new roadway.

How will you be handling the change that will need to occur on a property when you take away a drive way.

We have concerns that the turning lanes in the middle of the 4 lane will be large enough to handle a semi truck and trailer safely.

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Name: (Please Print) Kayla Roth Kuxhausen
Address: 458 S Rd
City, State, Zip: Wisner, NE 68791
Phone: 402-380-1753 *Email:* rothkuxhausen2017@yahoo.com

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From: Beverly So
To: Nelsen, Lucas
Subject: Norfolk Wisner 275 project #2
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 2:37:14 PM

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Good afternoon,
My farmland will be directly affected by the 275 Norfolk-Wisner project. My land is west of the Wisner Dollar General and borders on Hi 51. Living in Michigan, I was unable to attend the public hearing in December.

At this time I have a few questions related to the Highway 275 project.

1. From the information posted online, it is my understanding that the new portion of the highway will be
constructed north of the existing highway. I am wondering why that was chosen rather than the south side.
2. How much of my land, an estimate by feet and acres will be affected. This is all prime farmland and like others, there will be a loss of income.

Your answers to these questions will be greatly appreciated.
Sincerely,
Beverly So
4407 Terra Lane
Saint Joseph, MI 49085
574-360-9535

From: Bui, Tony
To: Nelsen, Lucas; Huebner, Samantha
Subject: Fwd: Highway 275 expressway
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 6:13:07 PM

Include this to receive a response.

Tony Bui
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From: McCullough, Steve <Steve.McCullough@nebraska.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 5:58:35 PM
To: Bui, Tony <tony.bui@nebraska.gov>
Cc: Domogalla, Kevin <Kevin.Domogalla@nebraska.gov>
Subject: FW: Highway 275 expressway

Tony … please log this email into public comments.

Kevin … I'll follow up with Gary Godbersen on this email.

Steve McCullough
Assistant Design Engineer – NDOT Roadway

From: carmen godbersen <carmenjoan65@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 4:41 PM
To: McCullough, Steve <Steve.McCullough@nebraska.gov>
Subject: Highway 275 expressway

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Dear Steve, I visited with you the evening you were in Wisner discussing the projected 4-lane development of Highway 275. We are the tenants of the farm at the intersection of Hwy 15 N & 275 on SE corner. We have a concern on the number of acres the roadway is going to use along this section of the road. I believe the concern on your end was the wetlands in this area, I would like to inform you that this farm has had a considerable amount of tiling done and I know the farms around us have done a considerable amount as well. I just wanted you to be aware of this before making your final decisions on design. If you have any questions for me, please feel free to contact me @ 402-649-0270. Thank you, Gary Godbersen

From: Josh Alexander
To: Nelsen, Lucas; Domogalla, Kevin
Subject: Highway 275 project
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 2:46:19 PM

> Some people who received this message don't often get email from jddalexandercattle@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

Gentlemen,

My name is Josh Alexander. I am the secondary owner of Alexander Cattle & Farms in Pilger, and the son of JD Alexander. I know he has recently reached out to you both, and I also wanted to let you know my feelings on the 275 project.

I am also fully in support of the highway expansion to help increase safe, and logistical productivity to the economy of northeast Nebraska as a whole. But, in an email and conversations I know you have received from my father, I'm not in favor of fully expanding/extra widening of the drainage ditch around the junctions of the highway 15 corridor. Over the course of the years, we now contain and control the majority of the water that used to run through that drainage area. With the addition of our lagoon and containment facilities, the water from the surrounding northern acres are controlled, contained, and distributed well via center pivot irrigation on our property on the north side of 275. We have also extensively tiled and managed the ground south of 275 that we own. By widening for drainage, it will be very costly and timely for both us, and the state.

I am also the father of 3 children who travel highway 275 most days to Wisner for school or activities. I feel there are some safety issues that need to be addressed, especially for those youths that are new to driving, with increased risk of crossing lanes, and higher traffic flow.

Both my father and I look forward to visiting with engineers to help make the new highway project the best possible version, with the least amount of change and cost to ourselves and the public.

Thank you for your time and look forward to hearing from you on the matter.

Josh Alexander
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