

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Public Information Open House Meeting

Thursday, December 4, 2025; 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Fairbury Community Building, 601 City Park Road, Fairbury, NE 68352

NH-136-6(131) In Fairbury; C.N. 13476

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) will hold a public information open house meeting regarding proposed improvements to U.S. Highway 136 (US-136) within the city of Fairbury in Jefferson County. The meeting will be held at the Fairbury Community Building, 601 City Park Road, in Fairbury on Thursday, December 4, 2025, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Identified as ***In Fairbury***, the proposed project would repair approximately 0.4 miles of concrete pavement along US-136 starting just west of the viaduct over the Union Pacific Railroad and extending east to just beyond the intersection of US-136 and Tilden Street. It would also reconstruct approximately 1.2 miles of US-136 as a three-lane roadway starting just east of Tilden Street, to just west of L Street. The three-lane section would consist of a center two-way left-turn lane and an eastbound and westbound through lane. No work would be done on the railroad viaduct. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 500 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement.

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 based on the current condition of the roadway.

The proposed improvements on this project would consist of concrete pavement repairs and pavement reconstruction. Additional work would include joint and crack sealing, culvert work, lighting upgrades, sidewalk construction, and storm sewer upgrades.

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.

McNish Park is located in the vicinity of the proposed improvements; minor ROW impacts are anticipated for culvert work. The park would remain open throughout construction. No impacts to historic properties are anticipated. No wetland and/or water resource impacts are anticipated.

Construction is dependent on receiving Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS). If CDS is received, construction could begin as early as spring of 2027 with completion anticipated by winter of 2027. The proposed project would be built under traffic, with no highway detour. Phasing requirements would temporarily impact access to local intersections and driveways. Local traffic would be able to cross the highway at intersection locations not under construction. Additional details will be available online and at the information open house.

This public information 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 NDOT 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. No formal presentations are planned for this meeting.

NDOT 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 November 26, 2025. The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through December 19, 2025. Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Sarah Fisher, NDOT Public Involvement, Nebraska Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; sarah.fisher@nebraska.gov; voice telephone 402-479-3832; fax 402-479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOT website at ndot.info/13476. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOT Headquarters, 1500 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, NE 68502. For further information, contact Brandon Varilek, NDOT District 1 Engineer in Lincoln at: brandon.varilek@nebraska.gov or voice telephone 402-471-0850.