

Project Purpose and Need

The purpose of upgrading of the N-35 corridor from the current two-lanes to a four-lane highway, with bypasses of the communities along the route is to:

- Provide a safer route than the current by flattening hills, eliminating No-Passing Zones, and reducing tight curves.
- Reduce the overall travel time across the corridor and improve the reliability of a consistent travel time.
- Better accommodate current and future traffic levels.

As other roadways in the Midwest region are upgraded from two-lane to four-lane routes, N-35 has the potential to take on a larger role in carrying traffic through the northwestern part of the state and into neighboring states. In order for the role to change the following routes must also be upgraded:

- US 81 between Norfolk and the Kansas State Line.
- US 75 and State Highway 60 from Sioux City, Iowa to Minneapolis, Minnesota
- US 20 between Sioux City, Iowa and Chicago, Illinois
- US 151 between Dubuque, Iowa and Madison, Wisconsin

Next Steps

- Receive Public Comment on Alternatives
- Receive Comments from Federal and State Agencies
- Gain Approval of the Preferred Alternative
- Enter the Design Stage

Improvement Time Table/Cost

- 2008 – US 275 to Norfolk Avenue in Norfolk (1 Mile - \$3.8 million)
- Next Five Years – Norfolk Avenue to Nucor Road/560th Avenue (3.8 Miles - \$14.0 million)
- Remaining 64 Miles of the Corridor – As funding is available (\$220 million)

Project Background and Description

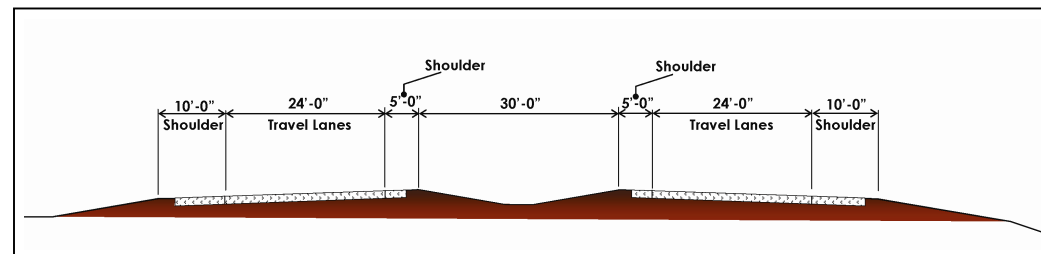
The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is studying the impacts/benefits of providing a four-lane divided highway between Norfolk and South Sioux City, Nebraska.

The proposed project is to improve the almost 70-mile corridor of Nebraska Highway 35 (N-35) that extends from US 275 in or near Norfolk to US 20/I-129 in or near South Sioux City, Nebraska.

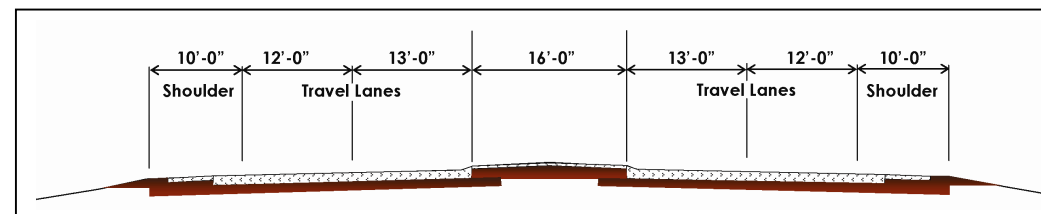
For the majority of the corridor the upgraded roadway would be constructed as a rural, four-lane divided highway on a combination of the current route and a new route. Presently, N-35 travels through Norfolk, Wayne, Wakefield, and Hubbard. The improved four-lane route would include bypasses of each of the communities listed, as well as connections to Hoskins, Winside, Emerson, Dakota City and South Sioux City.

In the Norfolk area, the concept includes both urban improvements along the current N-35 route and a new four-lane rural bypass to the east of town serving through traffic. Improvements along parts of the current alignment will include a 10 foot wide trail on one side

The junctions of N-35 with most county routes would be at-grade intersections. At several higher volume state route junctions, interchanges may be considered. The actual type of intersection will be determined in future more detailed design stages. Access to adjacent properties will generally be limited to the quarter or half mile. More frequent access may be granted based on development.



Rural Area Roadway View



Urban Area Roadway View – Norfolk Only

Welcome

Thank you for participating in the Nebraska Highway 35 (N-35) improvement planning process by attending the Location Public Hearing and/or one of the two informational open houses associated with the Hearing.

The informational open houses will provide similar opportunities to view the alternatives evaluated and the preliminary Preferred Alternative, but will not include the presentation that will be included as part of the formal Location Public Hearing. Your comments and questions will be noted for the public record as they would for the Public Hearing.

The purpose of the hearing and information meetings is to:

- Provide information on the alternatives addressed in the environmental impact statement.
- Obtain input from the public on the alternatives and in particular the preliminary Preferred Alternative.
- Provide an opportunity for the public to review the information included in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the expansion of Highway 35 from two to four lanes.

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