



Notice of Public Information Meetings

OPEN HOUSE

Date: Feb. 11, 2008
Time: 6 – 8 p.m.
Place: Community Center
310 Nebraska St.
Hubbard, Nebraska

OPEN HOUSE

Date: Feb. 12, 2008
Time: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Place: City Auditorium
220 Pearl St.
Wayne, Nebraska

OPEN HOUSE

Date: Feb. 12, 2008
Time: 10 a.m – Noon
Place: Community Building
101 South Main St.
Hoskins, Nebraska

PUBLIC HEARING

Date: Feb. 12, 2008
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: City Auditorium
220 Pearl St.
Wayne, Nebraska

The Nebraska Department of Roads, along with the State Highway Commission will hold a series of public forums regarding the potential location of a four-lane divided highway between Norfolk and South Sioux City. The series of public forums are being held to provide information and to receive comments and questions. An English and Spanish language translator will be available.

The proposed highway generally follows existing Nebraska Highway 35. A study of two specific alignments for the proposed road has been developed and a recommended alternative has been identified. The department seeks public input about the project.

Much of the new roadway would be located on new alignment, with the use of existing Nebraska 35 alignment as much as practical. Acquisition of public right-of-way throughout the corridor and control of access to the new highway would be required.

Department representatives will be available to visit individually during the open house information meetings. The public hearing involves a formal explanation of the proposed project followed by open discussion of public comments and questions.

Written statements and exhibits will be accepted as part of the highway project's official public record through Feb. 22, 2008.

The ***N-35 Corridor Study***, known as DPS-35-4(119), was preceded by a feasibility study completed in November of 2000. The highway location study involves preliminary engineering and completion of a federal Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement also reviews two additional four-lane projects involving about 5 miles of Nebraska 35 near Norfolk. Those projects, identified as Norfolk Northeast and Norfolk Southeast, are in the final stages of engineering design.

A Draft EIS document was signed by the Federal Highway Administration on Nov. 7, 2007. Copies of the document will be available for review at the public meetings.

Where possible, the Department of Roads will provide an accessible meeting facility for disabled people.

Appropriate provisions for people who are hearing and visually challenged will be made if the department is notified by Jan. 28, 2008. Notification should be submitted to: Public Hearings Officer, Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4759, voice telephone (402) 479-4871. TDD telephone is (402) 479-3834. For further information regarding the proposed project, contact Steve McBeth in Lincoln at (402) 479-4417.