

NOTICE OF BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Knox County Project: BRO-7054(22) Center West; C.N. 32313

Knox County, in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is currently soliciting public input on proposed improvements to the bridge crossing Bazile Creek (Structure Number C005404120P) located west of the town of Center on Bazille Street (881 Road). Improvements on this project consist of replacing the existing bridge and approach roadway. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 500 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the road surface.

The purpose of this project is to replace a deficient bridge and stabilize the channel banks to prevent future erosion around proposed structure bents. This project would improve the reliability of the transportation system and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The current clear width on the bridge does not meet current safety standards. The roadway is necessary for local access to and from Center and its surrounding farms, residences, and businesses. The proposed bridge would provide a safe and efficient crossing for vehicles. The need for this project is based on current bridge age and conditions. At the time of construction, the bridge would be nearly 118 years old and past the end of its design life.

The project would remove the existing 264-foot-long bridge and replace it with a six-span, 290-foot continuous concrete slab bridge with a 28-foot-wide clear roadway. Construction would also include grading, new gravel roadway surface, guardrail replacement and a temporary crossing.

The bridge and a segment of Bazille Street (881 Road) on either side of the bridge would be closed during construction. All detours and temporary traffic signing would be controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices. A designated detour route would be provided and would utilize Bazille Street (881 Road) and Nebraska State Highway 84 (Main Street). No work would occur along the designated detour route.

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.

Work would be required in the waterway. Wetland and channel impacts are anticipated and would be mitigated as necessary.

Construction could begin as early as fall 2024 and could be completed by fall 2025.

For more information, to ask questions, or to submit comments, please use the contact information below. Comments will be collected through January 7, 2023, and should be submitted to:

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Information regarding the proposed project will be available on the NDOT website at co.knox.ne.us/webpages/roads/highway_department.html.

For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above.