

OTOE COUNTY NOTICE OF RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, December 5, 2017; 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Public Information Open House Meeting

Palmyra Senior Citizens Activity Center

425 C Street, Palmyra, Nebraska

HRRR-7915(1) PALMYRA SOUTHWEST; C.N. 13249

The Otoe County Road Department (Otoe County) will hold a public information open house meeting regarding the proposed reconstruction of North 6th Road and 1st Street. The meeting will be held at the Palmyra Senior Citizens Activity Center, 425 C Street, in Palmyra on Tuesday, December 5th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Identified as *Palmyra Southwest*, the proposed project would construct a new roadway on new alignment located southwest of the Village of Palmyra, in Otoe County, Nebraska. Two alternatives were analyzed for the proposed project. Based on the analysis of the two alternatives, a preferred alternative was chosen. The Preferred Alternative begins at the intersection of ‘G’ Road and North 6th Road, continuing east and curving to the north to the existing bridge on ‘H’ Street south of West 2nd Street. The length of the proposed project is approximately 2,850 feet (0.53 miles). Construction could begin and/or end approximately 200 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the roadway.

The purpose of the roadway reconstruction project is to provide a safe and modern roadway to and from the Village of Palmyra, improve the reliability of the transportation system, and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for the proposed project is based on the condition of the existing bridge structure, age, and current weight limit. The project is also needed because it is an important travel route for the local high school, area businesses, local farmers, and residents. There have been numerous vehicle accidents reported on this roadway, some resulting in fatalities.

The new roadway would consist of one continuous curve at the roadway intersection of North 6th Street and ‘G’ Road and ending at the intersection of 1st Street and ‘H’ Street in Palmyra. The roadway would have a 30-foot shoulder-to-shoulder width, with 22 feet of crushed road surfacing and 4 feet of earth shoulder on each side. The project would also replace the existing bridge (Structure No. M1905B0705) over a northern tributary to the Little Nemaha River with a

new concrete box culvert and install a new concrete box culvert on a southern tributary to the Little Nemaha River.

The north/south portion of North 6th Road between ‘G’ Road and 1st Street (the existing roadway) would be obliterated (i.e. removed) and returned to vacant land upon completion of the new roadway alignment. The east/west leg of 1st Street between North 6th Road and ‘H’ Street would be kept in order to provide landowner access to the field drive on the south side of the existing curve.

The proposed project would require detouring North 6th Road traffic; a designated detour would be provided, utilizing “G” Road, North 4th Road, and Nebraska Highway 2. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction, but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements. The proposed project would require the acquisition of additional property rights, which could include new right-of-way (ROW), permanent easements (PE), and/or temporary easements (TE). Section 4(f) properties are being evaluated; no impacts are anticipated. Minor wetland impacts are anticipated. Construction could begin as early as spring of 2019 and be complete by fall 2019.

This public information open house meeting is being held to provide information regarding the project 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 Otoe County and the consultant design team will be present to answer questions and receive comments. The “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. A formal presentation will not be included as part of this information open house.

Otoe County 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 Jonathan Brinkman with Otoe County is notified by December 1, 2017.

The public is being encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Comments will be collected through December 20, 2017. Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Jonathan Brinkman, Lead Supervisor, Otoe County Road Department, P.O. Box 249, Nebraska City, NE 68410; voice telephone (402) 873-9585; roadswest@otoe.nacone.org.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the Otoe County website at www.co.otoe.ne.us. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at the Otoe County Road Department Office, 6150 Hwy 2, Nebraska City, NE 68410.