

JEFFERSON COUNTY
NOTICE OF BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

BRO-7048(18) Steele City West; C.N. 13522

Jefferson County is currently soliciting public input on the proposed replacement of a bridge. Identified as **Steele City West**, the proposed project would remove and replace the existing bridge located on Romeo Road, approximately 0.5 miles west of Steele City's corporate limits in Jefferson County, Nebraska. The project would begin approximately 400 feet west of the existing bridge (west abutment) and extend to 1,000 feet east of the existing bridge (east abutment). The project would also extend approximately 686 feet north on Sorenson Avenue to transition the shifted intersection location.

The purpose of this project is to improve the reliability of the transportation system and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for the project is due to the age and poor condition of the bridge, as well as the current load capacity needs of the rural area west of Steele City.

The proposed project would remove and replace the existing bridge (Structure No. C04814405P). Romeo Road and the bridge would be shifted south of the existing road to minimize curves and improve safety. The proposed roadway would be a 25-foot-wide crushed rock surface with 1.5-foot wide shoulders on each side. Sorenson Avenue would be realigned to intersect with Romeo Road. Areas of the old roadbed would be removed upon completion of the proposed roadway.

Construction could begin as early as fall 2026 and be completed by fall 2027. The proposed project would require detouring Romeo Road traffic for the duration of construction. A designated detour would be provided utilizing Romeo Road, Ida Street, 703rd Road, and 575th Avenue.

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 the adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to traffic phasing requirements.

Potential impacts to environmental resources would be evaluated as the proposed project design progresses. These resources include, but are not limited to, environmental justice/civil rights, cultural resources, historic properties, publicly owned recreation properties (Section 4(f)), endangered and threatened species, hazardous materials, water quality, and other water resources, including wetlands. Wetland and stream impacts are anticipated; however, no mitigation would be required.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

The public is encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding the proposed **Steele City West** bridge replacement project. Comments will be collected through **March 7, 2025**. Written comments or requests should be submitted to:

ATTN: Terry Blas
Jefferson County Highway Department
PO BOX 394
Fairbury, NE 68352
terry.blas@jeffersoncountyne.gov

Verbal statements may be given at phone number (402)729-6373 or in person at the Jefferson County Highway Department Office. Project information can also be provided in additional or alternative languages or formats if requested.

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 Fairbury, NE 68352

*Jefferson County and the Federal
Highway Administration (FHWA)
appreciate your input. Your comments,
questions, and suggestions will be
reviewed by appropriate personnel.
Thank you for your participation.*

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