

PROJECT PROFILE:
US 83 from McCook to North Platte



QUICK FACTS

Category: Construction

Project: US 83 from McCook to North Platte, Super 2

Estimated project cost: \$60M

Length of project: 60 miles

WHY IT WAS SELECTED

Meets a Long-Term, Regional Need: The hills and valleys along this corridor can cause sight distance issues and limit a driver's opportunity to pass. The seasonal fog, agricultural traffic and wildlife along the route compound those challenges. This project will add passing lanes every three to five miles on US 83 from McCook to North Platte. At NDOR's recent stakeholder meetings, participants stated that communities have been waiting more than 20 years to see improvements on US 83. While their preference would be for a four-lane highway, stakeholders recognize that option is not financially feasible at this time, and upgrading to a Super 2 will be a substantial improvement. Utilizing a Super 2 approach, NDOR ranked this project in the top 25 percent for both engineering and economic performance according to NDOR's prioritization process.

Supports Regional Commerce: This project will improve connectivity between two major west/west central communities: McCook and North Platte. It will also enhance connectivity to the interstate, which will be beneficial to regional commerce. It's anticipated that the improvement of this route will facilitate additional freight movement between I-80 in Nebraska and I-70 in Kansas.

Local and Regional Support: This project was named a top priority at two of NDOR's recent regional meetings, showcasing its broad appeal. Stakeholders have continually stressed that this project will benefit multiple communities.

QUESTIONS?

Contact: Sarah Kugler, sarah.kugler@nebraska.gov, 402-479-4871