



# PROJECT ACCESS YORK

DPS-93(15) Project Access York; CN 43010

## Public Information Open House Meeting

May 28, 2024 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM | Holthus Convention Center | 3130 S Holen Ave, York, NE 68467



### LOCATION

Identified as **Project Access York**, this proposed trail project is 8.5 miles in length and is located in the city of York, York County, Nebraska. The project would provide a trail or bike lane connection between the businesses north of Interstate 80 (I-80), Beaver Creek Trail, York Ballpark Complex, York University, Minck Park, York Elementary School, York Middle School, York High School, Miller Park, and the York County Fairgrounds.



### PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of this project is to improve pedestrian infrastructure and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public.

The need for this project is based on the incomplete existing trail network as well as unsafe crossing conditions for pedestrians within the city of York. The incomplete trail system is minimal and limits options for residents to utilize alternative modes of transportation to access food, jobs, schools, and recreational opportunities around the city. It also hinders residents from utilizing the trail system for exercise. The lack of pedestrian facilities near the businesses just north of I-80 creates unsafe crossing conditions for pedestrians attempting to visit businesses on the opposite side of US Highway 81 (US-81). Additional crossing locations near the schools are in high-traffic areas and create further risks for children walking to and from school.



### SCOPE OF WORK

The proposed improvements of this project would consist of constructing an 8 to 10-foot-wide concrete trail and bike lanes. Additional improvements would consist of rectangular rapid flashing beacon crossing lights, culvert work, removing and replacing sidewalks and pavement at drives and intersections, and ADA accessible curb ramps at the intersection of roadways. It also includes constructing a pedestrian trail bridge over US-81 near mile marker (MM) 58.54. Grading would be required for the trail portion of this project. A majority of the trail would be placed on a new trail alignment.



### RIGHT-OF-WAY

The proposed project would require additional property rights to construct the trail, which could include new right-of-way (ROW), 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 temporarily limited at times due to construction activities.



### CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Construction could begin as early as spring 2027 with completion anticipated by fall 2028.



### ACCOMMODATION OF TRAFFIC

This project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by approved traffic control devices and practices for trail and bike lane work along the project. Traffic would be detoured for the pedestrian bridge work over US-81. This detour is anticipated to be in place for one day and motorists would need to utilize I-80, Road H, and US-34. Pedestrian detour routes would be required and marked during construction.

Pedestrians traveling within the project area near the elementary or high schools would need to utilize the sidewalks on the opposite sides of Duke Drive, Pennsylvania Avenue, and 14th Street.

During construction the existing at-grade pedestrian crossing of the railroad at Blackburn Avenue would be temporarily closed. Pedestrians would need to utilize the existing pedestrian bridge within Miller Park at East Avenue.



### POTENTIAL IMPACTS

Minimal impacts are anticipated to trails and parks along the project. Temporary occupancy is most likely to occur at Beaver Creek Park, Beaver Creek Trail, Minicks Park, and Miller Park. A 4(f) De minimis use is most likely to occur at York Elementary School, York Middle School and York High School for trail construction or connecting the new trail to existing trails. Minimal impacts are expected to wetlands.

No impacts to historic properties, threatened and endangered species, limited English speaking populations, or minority populations are anticipated. Impacts are anticipated to the floodplain and would be permitted with the project.

Existing on-street parking would be removed along the west side of Nebraska Avenue from E 1st Street to 4-H Drive as well as along the east side of Nebraska Avenue from E 1st Street to E 4th Street.



### ESTIMATED COSTS

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$17.5 million. Funding for the project derives from a Federally awarded RAISE grant and local match.

## WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

The public is encouraged to inform us of any special accommodations that may be needed during construction and to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. **Comments will be collected through June 12, 2024.**

### Written comments or questions should be submitted to:

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Project background, proposed schedule and detours and other information regarding **Project Access York** can be found at [www.cityofyork.net](http://www.cityofyork.net).

