

October 19, 2020

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BRO-74767(1) Poole South; C.N. 42844

Dear <<NAME>>

Enclosed is information concerning the proposed federal-aid transportation and bridge replacement project on Poole Road located in Buffalo County.

Buffalo County is planning to remove and replace the bridge over the South Loup River. The length of the project is approximately 0.22 miles. The proposed construction could begin in early 2022 could be completed by fall 2022. The project would require temporary closure of Poole road. A designated detour would utilize 280th Road to Ravenna Road, to Nebraska Highway 2 (N-2), to Keystone Road, to 340th Road, and is approximately 16 miles long.

Buffalo County is currently seeking public input on the proposed project. A comment sheet is included and the comment period will run through November 23, 2020. A fact sheet and map are also included with this letter. Additional information regarding this project may also be requested by contacting the Buffalo County Highway Superintendent John Maul at (308) 236-1237.

Buffalo County understands that bridge construction may cause temporary inconvenience and hardships. We are dedicated to improving Nebraska's roadway and bridge system and with your help we can achieve this goal.

Sincerely,

John Maul  
Buffalo County Highway Superintendent  
(308) 236-1237  
road@buffalocounty.ne.gov

## NOTICE OF UPCOMING BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

### PROJECT LOCATION

This project is 0.22 miles in length and is located outside the Village of Poole on Poole Road, located in Buffalo County, 0.30 miles south of the intersection of Keystone Road. Construction would begin and/or end approximately 450 feet south and 575 feet north of the bridge ends to accommodate the existing vertical profile for the roadway grading.

### PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of this project is to build a modern and structurally efficient bridge that will convey traffic over the South Loup River, thereby improving the reliability of the transportation asset and perpetuating the safety and mobility of the traveling public. The need for this project is based on the current condition of the existing bridge structure.

### CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE AND COST

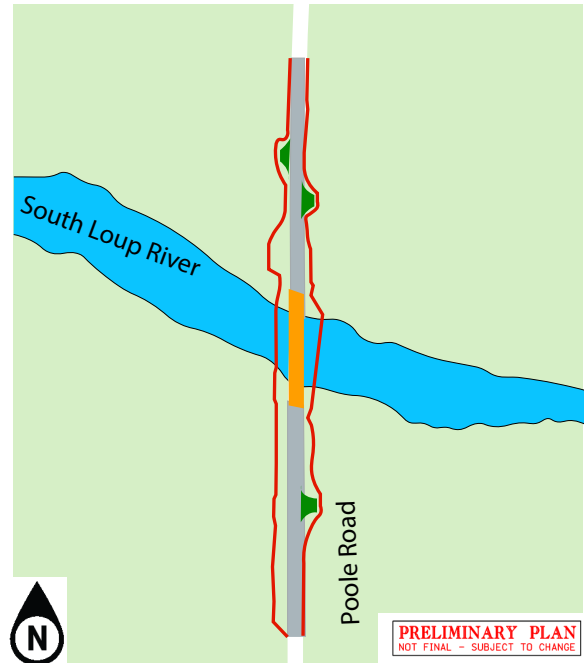
Construction could begin in early 2022 and could be completed by fall of 2022. The estimated total project cost is \$1.4 million.

### RIGHT OF WAY

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 traffic phasing requirements.

## TRAFFIC VOLUMES

YEAR	2019	2039
Avg. Daily Traffic (ADT)	105	105
% Heavy Trucks	-	-



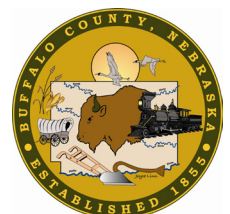
Legend	
	Bridge Structure #C00100492
	Field Driveways
	Limits of Construction
	Existing Roadway
	New Gravel Roadway

**Please use the attached comment form to provide comments. Please submit your written comments by November 23, 2020.**

### PROJECT CONTACT

**John Maul**  
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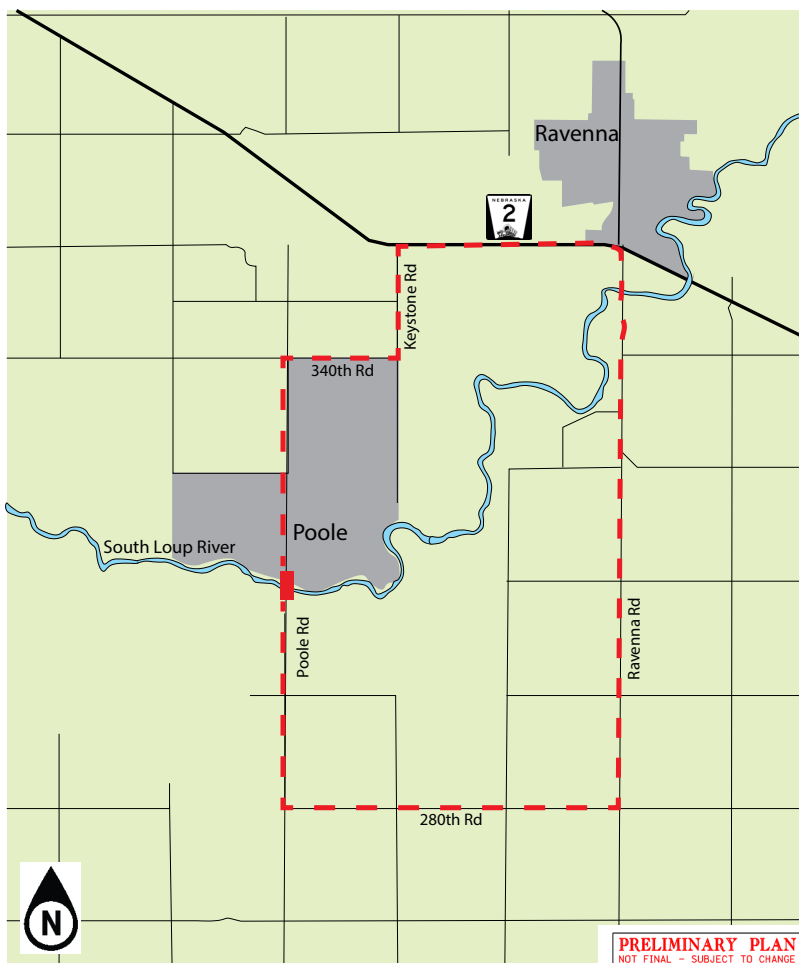
## SCOPE OF WORK

The improvements on this project consist of replacing the bridge over South Loup River with a new 170-foot 3-span pre-stressed concrete girder bridge with a 24-foot clear width roadway and adding approaches and grade beams on piles with new guardrail.

## POTENTIAL IMPACTS

Impacts to the bridge and river are anticipated. Wetland impacts are anticipated and would be mitigated. The proposed bridge design would require a floodplain permit. A temporary contractor access bridge would be required to construct the new bridge and would be removed upon the completion of the project. The temporary contractor access bridge would allow movement of all aquatic life upstream and downstream.

## ACCOMODATION OF TRAFFIC



### LEGEND

- Project Area
- Detour Route

The project would require temporary closure of Poole road. A designated detour would be required for the duration of construction. The proposed detour route would be along 280th Road to Ravenna Road, to Nebraska Highway 2 (N-2), to Keystone Road, to 340th Road, and is approximately 16 miles long. The project would require both partial and full roadway and bridge closures that would be controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices.

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PRELIMINARY PLAN  
NOT FINAL - SUBJECT TO CHANGE



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Please submit your written comments by **November 23, 2020.**

**Return to:** Buffalo County Roads Department      road@buffalocounty.ne.gov  
9730 Antelope Ave                                      308-236-1237  
Kearney, NE 68847

Buffalo County appreciates your input. Your comments, questions and suggestions will be reviewed by the appropriate personnel. Thank you for your participation.

(Please Print)  
Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Email:

*Written comments submitted to Buffalo County are considered public information and may be shared with appropriate local, state, or federal agencies, as well as the general public, as part of the project development process.*

