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Lincoln County Crossroads Study



Project Overview



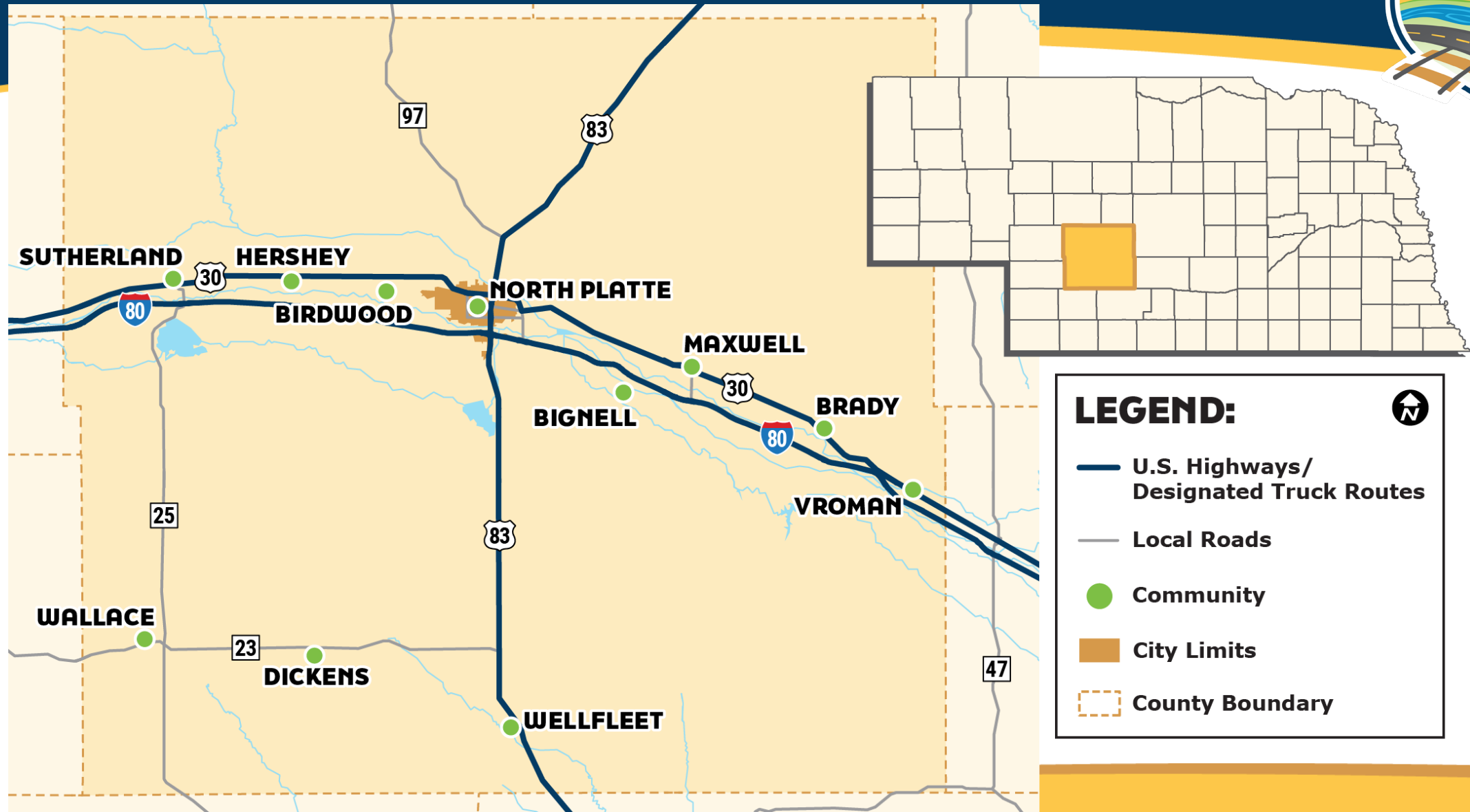
The Lincoln County Crossroads Study will coordinate regional transportation and mobility solutions necessary for highways in and around North Platte to best support local, regional and international trade routes through Lincoln County and the state of Nebraska.

The project will determine the feasibility of transportation solutions to address identified needs in three specific focus areas:

- West Interstate 80 (I-80) Interchange and Southwest Bypass
- U.S. Highway 30 (US-30) North Bypass
- Buffalo Bill Road North Evacuation Route

Through this transportation planning study, alternatives for bypass routes, interchanges and intersections, bridges and viaducts, and local safe street connections would be developed and evaluated using technical data and community outreach.

Study Area



PEL Study



A Planning and Environmental (PEL) study is a collaborative process that connects planning with environmental review.

It helps communities and agencies plan future transportation projects, identifying the project purpose and need, and evaluating potential solutions prior to the funding for the project being dedicated.



BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Supports Funding
- Saves Time
- Engages the Community
- Helps with Decision Making

Purpose and Need (Draft)



PROJECT PURPOSE

The purpose of the Lincoln County Crossroads PEL Study is to address regional transportation and mobility needs in Lincoln County that support local, regional, and international trade while improving safety and quality of life for residents.

Improvements in the Study Area are intended to:

- Enhance travel efficiency and mobility on US-30 and US-83
- Improve emergency access/evacuation and alternate routes
- Maintain and improve safety and quality of life for North Platte and Lincoln County rural residents

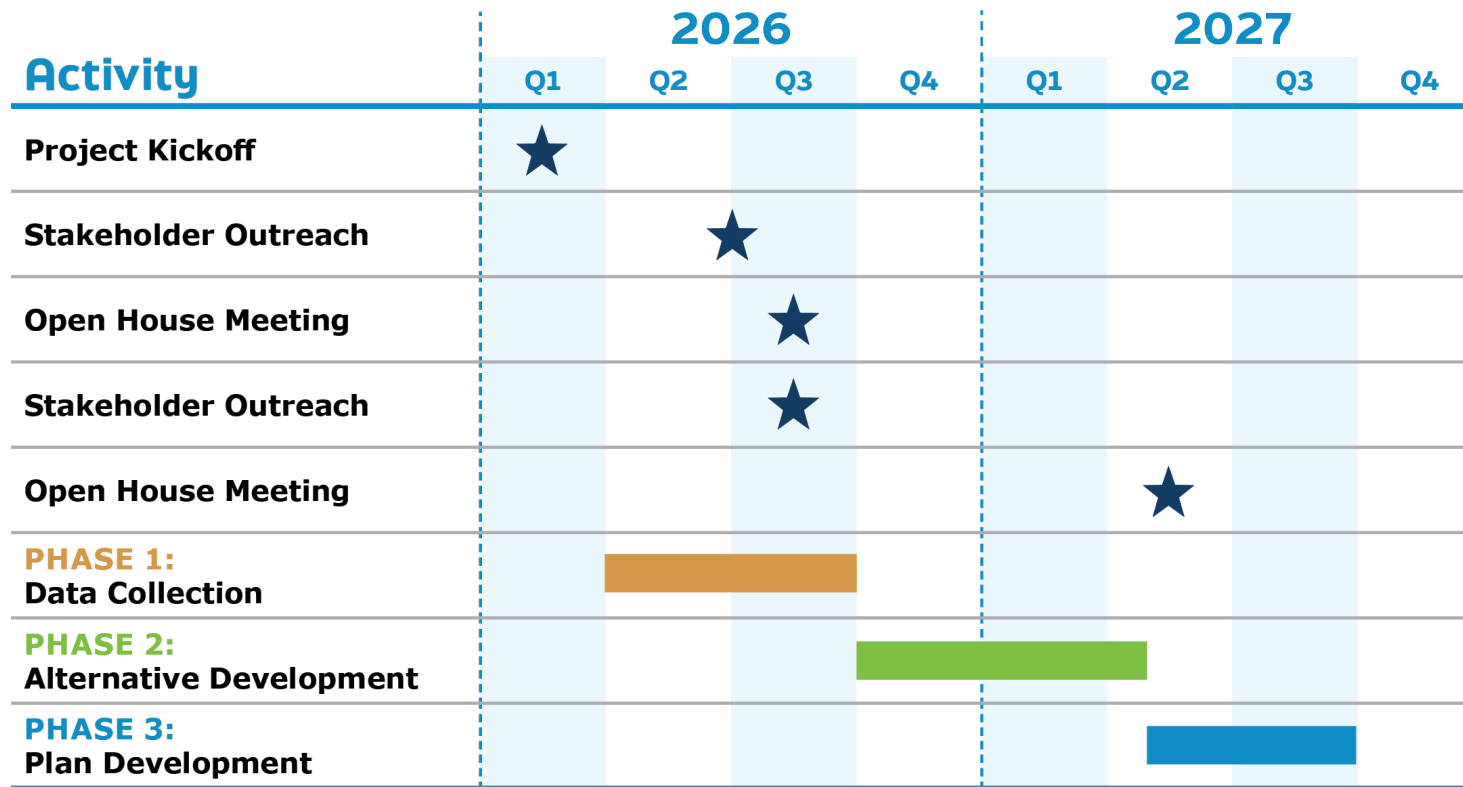
PROJECT NEEDS

- 1. Enhance Travel Efficiency and Mobility**
 - Forecasted increased heavy truck traffic
- 2. Improve Emergency Access, Evacuation and Alternate Routes**
 - Emphasized following the Sept. 2023 Bailey Yard explosion
 - US-83 is the only evacuation route out of North Platte
- 3. Improve Safety and Quality of Life for North Platte and Lincoln County Rural Residents**

Project Schedule



- ★ = Public Involvement Event
- = Project Phase



PHASE 1: During the **Data Collection** phase, the study team is reviewing and collecting traffic data and is developing an understanding of area needs and concerns.

PHASE 2: During the **Alternative Development** phase, the study team will use collected data and public input to draft reasonable alternatives to support area needs.

PHASE 3: During the **Plan Development** phase, the study team examines potential projects in more detail and develops the final Lincoln County Crossroads PEL study.

Starting with a Clean Slate



WHAT THE STUDY TEAM KNOWS

- US-83 has limited capacity for increased freight volumes, particularly through North Platte
- The study will identify and evaluate several potential transportation and mobility solutions for highways in and around North Platte.
- This project is funded by a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant.
- Lincoln County staff are guiding development of the study.
- Lincoln County & City of North Platte Comprehensive Plans provide guidance on potential community growth.
- US-83, US-30 and Buffalo Bill Road experience heavy freight traffic through North Platte.



WHAT THE STUDY TEAM DOESN'T KNOW YET

- Which potential transportation and mobility solutions will be evaluated as part of the study.
- How future design and construction phases of study recommendations may be funded.
- **What, where, or when** roadway alternatives may occur.

No roadway alternatives have been determined, and there are currently no plans for design or construction of any improvements at the conclusion of this study.

What We've Heard So Far

The Lincoln County Crossroads Study team attended the Lincoln County Fair in July to talk to attendees and gather public input.



Key Themes We Heard Included:

- **Right-of-way concerns** and potential future alignments
- **Driver awareness**, including wrong-way driving and not sharing the road with other users
- **Roadway safety**, including speeding and driver impairments
- **Roadway conditions**, including roadway widths and gravel roadways
- **Traffic congestion** and semi-truck traffic

What We've Done So Far



The study team has reviewed existing conditions of the project area and identified the following information based on technical data reviews:

3,503 crashes

occurred in the project study area from 2015-2024.

14 fatal crashes

occurred in the project study area from 2015-2024.

Disproportionate percentage of trucks

on US-83 and US-30 through North Platte.

US-83/US-30

4-18% Truck Traffic

Local Streets

1-3% Truck Traffic

Environmental constraints have been identified that will require careful consideration in future roadway planning, including:

- Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)
- Trails and parks
- Rivers, canals, floodplains, wetlands
- Prime farmland
- Threatened and endangered species and habitats
- Historic trails and properties
- Hazardous material sites

The intersection of Union Pacific Railroad, South Platte River, and City of North Platte provides **community connectivity challenges** with **few safe multi-modal accommodations**.

Tonight's Meeting

- Presentation completed
- Open House until 7:30 p.m.
- Comments can be left in the comment box

