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US-75 Near Plattsmouth to Get Widening Improvement Project Soon

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) announced today a new project will begin next spring along US-75. From the Platte River Bridges south through Avenue B in Plattsmouth, about four miles of Highway 75 will be reconstructed to freeway and expressway standards, including a new interchange at Bay Road.

The project, estimated to cost \$68 million, is scheduled for a late 2011 contract letting with construction anticipated to begin in spring of 2012. The project could take four construction seasons. Plattsmouth will contribute 20 percent towards the highway improvement project for the work within their corporate limits.

NDOR's ability to advance this project was made possible by receiving unanticipated additional federal funds in fiscal year 2011, and by utilizing federal dollars that local entities were not able to commit by this year's federal fiscal deadline. This project is ready to advance to construction because it was previously designed and submitted in 2009 for a U.S. DOT discretionary grant program called TIGER. The supplementary Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grants were not awarded to Nebraska so the improvement project was not included in the current highway program.

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