

CITY OF OMAHA
NOTICE OF ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS
STPC-3811(2) 168th St., West Center - Pacific St., Omaha; CN 22210
October 16, 2019

The City of Omaha is proposing roadway improvements to 168th between West Center Road and Pacific Street. The proposed project is identified as ***STPC-3811(2) 168th St., West Center - Pacific St., Omaha; CN 22210***. A comment period will be held to allow for the submission of comments and concerns on the proposed improvements and closure.

The proposed design would consist of re-constructing approximately 0.80 miles of 168th Street starting at Gold Street and extending north to Poppleton Avenue. The intersections of 168th and West Center Road and Pacific Street would not be affected. Federal funds would be used for the project, and the FHWA is the lead federal agency.

The purpose of this project is to improve local and regional mobility by enhancing the vehicular transportation system. It would improve connectivity, reduce driver delays, and improve pedestrian accessibility along the 168th Street corridor. The need for the proposed project is based on insufficient roadway capacity, discontinuity with adjacent roadways and intersections, and inadequate pedestrian facilities within the corridor.

The proposed project would remove and re-construct the existing two-lane asphalt roadways to four-lane concrete roadways with raised medians. Additional auxiliary lanes would be added to accommodate turning movements and to increase the traffic capacity of the roadways. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2020 and would continue through 2021.

Other proposed features of the project include constructing new ADA compliant sidewalks and shared-use paths, making traffic signal improvements, constructing noise walls and retaining walls, temporary impacts to fences and landscaping, relocation of utilities, and the replacement or extension of stormwater culverts.

The current designs 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. There would be minor impacts to recreational properties including temporary access restrictions to the Zorinsky Lake Trail, and its surrounding amenities. The project impacts to Pinewood Park would be minor. These impacts would include a minor use of land from Pinewood Park for the re-construction of a culvert and to raise the road grade. These impacts have been considered by the City of Omaha Parks and Recreation Department.

Impacts to Lakeside Hospital have been considered and coordination has taken place with the hospital and emergency service providers, including the Omaha Fire Department. Measures will be taken to direct traffic and minimize impacts to the public accessing the hospital.

A closure of 168th Street between Frances Street and the west leg of Pine Street was presented to the public during the public hearing in 2017. The original timing and phasing of the closure were planned to occur during the summer months to minimize impacts to residents that travel this corridor for their commute. However, during the final design of the project, it was determined that the closure would need to extend beyond the summer months and the northern limit of the closure would be extended to the west leg of Pine Street to accommodate culvert work, ground improvements, utility coordination, and the construction of retaining/noise walls. It was determined that both 168th Street and Pine Street east can be constructed faster, more efficiently,

and in a safer environment by prohibiting vehicular traffic on 168th Street between Frances Street and Pine Street. The anticipated closure is scheduled to start in summer 2020.

Alternate routes available to the public during the closure include 180th Street, Pacific Street, Bob Boozer Drive, and West Center Road. Access would be maintained to properties located south of the closure with direct access to 168th Street.

A pre-construction meeting will be held in 2020 to provide further details about project construction and closure. Please sign-up for project notifications at www.KeepOmahaMoving.com.

You may submit an electronic comment at www.KeepOmahaMoving.com or email info@KeepOmahaMoving.com. Comments will be collected through November 16, 2019.

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