

PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER NRD
NOTICE OF PROPOSED TRAIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
MAPA-77(62) PLATTE RIVER BRIDGE TRAIL; C.N. 22770

Proposed Trail Information Available

24/7 from May 12 to June 10, 2021

Papio-Missouri River NRD Website: <https://www.papionrd.org/platteriverbridgetrail>

The Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District is inviting the public to view preliminary design information regarding the proposed construction of a federally funded trail along US Highway 34/75 (US-34/75) in Cass and Sarpy counties. The project information will be available beginning on May 12, 2021 on the PMRNRD website at <https://www.papionrd.org/platteriverbridgetrail>.

Identified as **Platte River Bridge Trail**, the proposed project would construct a new 0.56 mile paved pedestrian trail along the east side of US-34/75. The proposed project would start at Beach Road, approximately 250 feet east of US-34/75 (MM 383.50) in Cass County and would extend north along the east side of the US-34/75 bridge over the Platte River (S034 38367R) to Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District R-613 levee, approximately 500 feet east of US-34/75 (MM 283.95) in Sarpy County before terminating in the right of way of Allied Road.

The purpose of this project is to provide recreation and active transportation connectivity across the Platte River along the US-34/75 Bridge. The need for this project is based on there being no alternative recreation connection in the area, with the closest bicycle and pedestrian bridge being the Lied Bridge located between Nebraska Highway 50 and Interstate 80, approximately 16 miles to the west.

The improvements on this project would include a 14-foot-wide trail (10-foot paved and 2-foot earthen shoulders on each side) for the segments north and south of the bridge, and 12-foot-wide paved trail on the previously built substructure /superstructure on the east side of the US-34/75 bridge. New trail abutments would be required on the north and south sides of the Platte River. Additional improvements include a new culvert extension and grate inlets with underdrains along the west side of the trail. The trail bridge over the Platte River would also include railing and covered observation decks on the east side and fencing between the trail and US-34/75.

The proposed project would not require the acquisition of additional property rights. Access to adjacent properties

would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements.

The trail corridor is anticipated to impact wetland and/or other water resources along the project; mitigation would be required. The trail is not anticipated to impact publicly owned parks or recreation areas.

The project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices.

The proposed project is currently in the preliminary design phase. The project is tentatively scheduled for construction in the Summer of 2022.

The public is encouraged to review the preliminary project information and make suggestions or express concerns regarding this project. All interested persons are invited to provide comments via email to Eric Williams, PMRNRD (ewilliams@papionrd) or Matt Shimerdla, Schemmer (mshimerdla@schemmer.com).

Comments will be collected through June 10, 2021. If unable to submit comments via email, then please submit written comments to:

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The PMRNRD will make every reasonable accommodation to provide accessible project materials for all persons unable to participate by virtual means. Appropriate provisions for persons without internet access or persons with Limited Language Proficiency (LEP) will be made if the PMRNRD is notified by May 19, 2021. Please contact Eric Williams at 402-444-6222 or ewilliams@papionrd.org for assistance.

For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contacts above.