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Welcome to the 168th Street Improvement Project online meeting

Available December 12 - January 12, 2017

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2. Use the navigation bar at the left of your screen to revisit any part of the meeting.
3. Share your comments with us by clicking on the comment tab in the upper right hand corner of your screen.
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The entire session should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. Thank you for your interest in helping to Keep Omaha Moving.

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Project Overview

168th Street Improvement Project
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Project Purpose
- ⚠ Increase safety
- ⇄ Increase capacity
- 》》》 Decrease congestion

Project Location
The 168th Street Improvement Project will be constructed in two phases. The portion of 168th Street from Blondo to West Maple, including the intersection of 168th Street and Blondo will be constructed first. The West Dodge Street to Blondo portion of 168th Street will be designed, but constructed in the future as funding becomes available.

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Resources

Click on the links below to download additional project resources.

- December 12, 2016 Meeting Handout
- Project Map

Improvements have been planned along 168th Street from West Dodge Road to West Maple Road. The City is planning to widen 168th Street to a four lane section, divided by a median. Blondo Street will also be reconstructed between 171st Street and Dora Hamann Parkway.

This project will improve the roadway, increase safety and capacity, and decrease congestion to better accommodate growth in the northwest area.

Additionally, increasing traffic volumes have made travel difficult during peak hours. Peak hour congestion is experienced at the signalized intersection with Blondo Street, and continuous traffic flow makes it difficult for vehicles to turn on and off of 168th Street.

Ongoing development of the Papio NRD dam site in the northwest has placed additional emphasis on the need for improvements.

The 168th Street Improvement project will be constructed in two phases. The northern portion, in yellow will be built first. The second phase, in orange, will be constructed in the future, as funding becomes available.

Noise Impacts

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Noise Impacts

- The potential for increased noise along the corridor is being investigated as part of the preliminary design.

- If noise impacts are predicted, mitigation measures such as noise walls are investigated.

- If noise walls are determined to be feasible and reasonable, the City will communicate with landowners to determine if they want the noise wall.

Examples of Noise Walls

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To determine if noise mitigation efforts are needed, we conduct studies to identify the sensitive areas near the roadway and determine existing traffic noise. Then we look at all the traffic that will be added to the area, how much noise this will create, and who that noise will affect. To be conservative as we can, we do this during the design year, 20 years in the future.

It is our responsibility to figure out how many people will be affected by sound caused by this project. The process of determining if a noise wall or noise control feature is a feasible and reasonable solution involves consideration of the amount of noise reduction, cost of the noise wall, do impacted property owners want a noise control feature, and if homes or businesses were there before the roadway was improved.

If a determination is made that warrants a noise mitigation feature, such as a wall, we will work with directly impacted landowners.

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Design Process

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This project is currently in the preliminary design phase. Data is being gathered related to landscape, traffic and the environment.

This is the point in the project where public comments are most needed and useful – before design decision are made.

After we have completed the preliminary engineering, the first project will move into the right-of-way phase which involves relocating utilities, acquiring needed right of way and finalizing design elements.

The first sign of activity will occur in 2017 when utilities are relocated. Roadway construction is planned to begin in 2018/2019.

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While 168th Street is slated for construction beginning in 2018/2019, improvements are also planned for 156th and 180th Street in this area.

We understand how vital these corridors are to the traveling public and realize the impact that construction can have on traffic.

We will work to provide timely and useful information about lane or roadway closures, traffic alerts, and general information about project progress.

All improvement projects in the northwest corridor will be closely coordinated to properly time each project, minimize traveler frustration and keep traffic moving.

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The City is committed to engaging all interested stakeholders throughout the project. This website will be updated as work progresses. We hope you will stay involved by:

- Submitting a comment today!
  Add a comment to the map on the next slide or click on the comment button in the top right corner of your screen.

  All comments received are being compiled and will be addressed following the comment period. Thank you for your input.

- Visiting the project website:
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