

UPDATE — September 2022

Notice of Improvement Project | BRO-7080(54) Northwest of Seward; C.N. 13362

Seward County, in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is proposing improvements to Structure No. C008002010 (Bluff Road Bridge) that crosses the Big Blue River.

PROJECT LOCATION

The project, identified as Northwest of Seward, would replace the Bluff Road Bridge crossing the Big Blue River, located near the intersection of Bluff Road and 294th Road in Seward County.

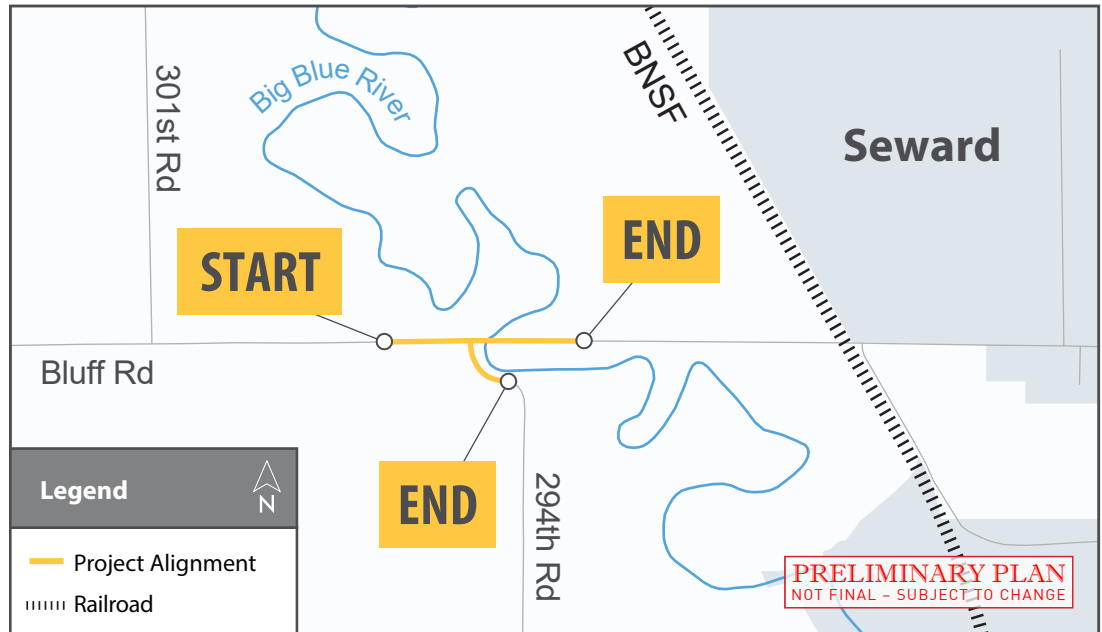
PURPOSE & NEED

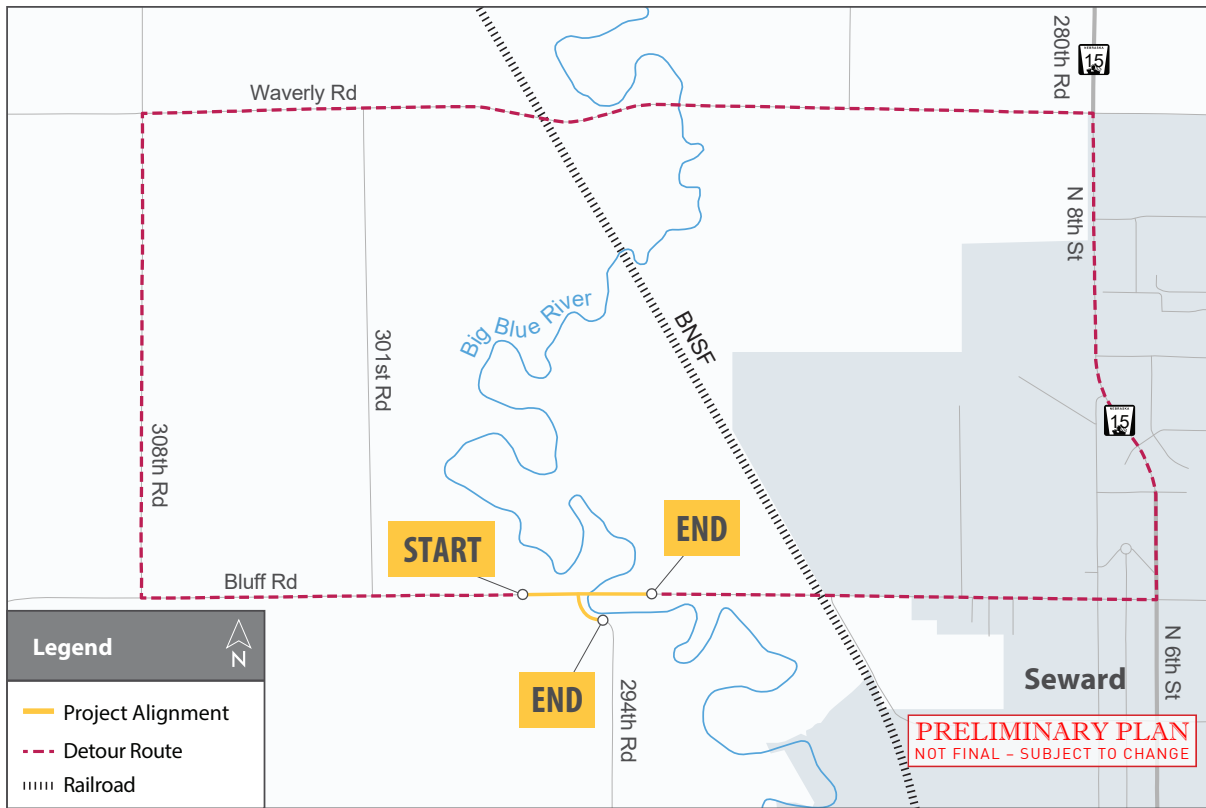
The purpose of this bridge replacement project is to provide a modern and safe stream crossing, improve the reliability of the transportation asset and perpetuate mobility of the traveling public.

This project is needed because the existing bridge is substandard in width, has deteriorated, and is near the end of its useful life. Additionally, a new bridge is needed to provide continuous access for local residents to Seward, Nebraska.

SCOPE OF WORK

The proposed replacement bridge would be a three-span prestressed concrete girder bridge which would include two 11-foot driving lanes with four-foot shoulders and an asphaltic concrete surfacing. Additionally, guardrails would be installed at bridge ends. The new bridge and guardrail would require the temporary closure of Bluff Road and the relocation of 294th Road. The proposed 294th Road would consist of two 10-foot driving lanes with three-foot shoulders. 294th Road would be temporarily closed at times for the relocation. Construction of the new bridge would require the removal of the existing bridge as well as large tree removal and clearing of the site. Utility relocations may also be needed. A designated detour route for Bluff Road would be provided during construction using Bluff Road, 308th Road, Waverly Road and Nebraska Highway 15 (N-15).





IMPACTS

The proposed project 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.

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

The selected contractor would coordinate access to adjacent farm fields on 294th Road during the temporary closure. The closure would not occur during harvest. Impacts to wetlands are anticipated and would be permitted and mitigated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

SCHEDULE

Construction could begin by spring 2024 with completion by winter of 2024. The total cost of this project is estimated at \$2.5 million and would come from local and federal funding sources.

CONTACT US

Information about the Northwest of Seward project can be found on Seward County's website at www.countyofsewardne.com/roads.

For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact listed to the right.

Any questions or comments regarding this project should be directed to:

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