



Harlan County, Nebraska

April 10, 2026

**Project: BRO-7042(15) Stamford East; C.N. 71282**

Dear Stakeholder:

Harlan County, in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is planning to improve the bridge over Sappa Creek on D Road. The planned improvements include replacing the bridge and approach roadway, and adding guardrails.

The project would be constructed under full closure. The anticipated detour for D Road would utilize 710 Road, E Road and 711 Road. Construction could begin as early as spring 2027 and be completed by late winter 2027.

More detailed information is provided with the enclosed fact sheet. Public comments will be accepted through May 15, 2026. Please contact me if you have any questions or if you would like to request more information.

Sincerely,

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## Project Location

Identified as **Stamford East**, this proposed project would reconstruct the bridge over Sappa Creek on D Road and just south of Nebraska State Highway 89 (N-89) in rural Harlan County, Nebraska. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 50 feet to the north and 400 feet to the south to accommodate tying into the existing surface.



## Improvements

The proposed improvements on this project consist of replacing the bridge over Sappa Creek (Structure No. C004200905) with a new bridge that would be 140-ft prestressed concrete girder and a 28-ft clear width roadway and adding new guardrails. Grading beyond the hinge point will be required at spot locations for the entire length of this project.



## Purpose & Need

The purpose of the project is to preserve the transportation asset, improve the reliability of the transportation system, and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public.



## Project 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.

Impacts to wetlands and to Sappa Creek are anticipated and would be permitted, as required. The bridge is listed on the National Register of Historic places. Its removal constitutes an adverse effect, which will be mitigated. No impacts are anticipated to any parks or trails.

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## Anticipated Schedule

Construction could begin as early as spring 2027 and be completed by late winter 2027.



## For additional information, contact:

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Project Website



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The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by NDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated February 23, 2026 and executed by FHWA and NDOT.

# Stamford East Location Map

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**PRELIMINARY PLAN**  
NOT FINAL - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

-  **Project Area**
-  **Detour Route**



