



Clay County, Nebraska

June 17, 2026

**Project: BRO-7018(26) Deweese Northwest; CN 42996**

Dear Stakeholder:

Clay County, in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is planning to improve the bridge over the Little Blue River on Road C and Road 3048, approximately 2 miles south and 1 mile east of the junction of Nebraska Highway 74 and State Link 18E. The planned improvements would include replacing the bridge and approach roadway, and adding guardrails.

The project would be partially constructed under traffic. Full closure would be required for the connection of the new alignment with Road C. The anticipated detour for Road C would be Road 306, Road D, and Road 304. Construction could begin as early as spring 2028 and be completed by fall 2028.

Clay County is currently seeking public input on the proposed project. A project fact sheet and comment form are enclosed. The comment period will run through July 16, 2026. Additional information regarding the project may be found by visiting the Clay County website at [claycounty.ne.gov/public-notices/](https://claycounty.ne.gov/public-notices/) or by contacting me.

Sincerely,

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## Project Location

Identified as **Deweese Northwest**, the proposed project would reconstruct the bridge over the Little Blue River on Road C and Road 3048 approximately 2 miles south and 1 mile east of the junction of Nebraska Highway 74 and State Link 18E in rural Clay County. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 500 feet on either end of the bridge to accommodate tying into the existing surface.



## Improvements

The proposed improvements on this project would consist of replacing the bridge over the Little Blue River (Structure No. C001800513) with a new bridge on a new alignment that would connect Road C at the north and south end of the project creating a three-way intersection with Road 3048. The new bridge would be a 370-foot prestressed concrete girder and a 28-foot clear width roadway. New guardrails would be installed at each end of the bridge. The existing roadway would be removed outside of the new alignment. The project would also include bank stabilization along the north bank of the Little Blue River 400 feet upstream and 100 feet downstream of the proposed Road C bridge location. 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 improve the reliability of the transportation system and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for the project is based on the current condition of the bridge.



## 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 are anticipated. Temporary impacts are anticipated to the Little Blue River during construction. Wetland and channel mitigation is not anticipated. Spring Ranch historic property is in the project area and no impacts are anticipated. No impacts are anticipated to any parks or trails.

The project would be partially constructed under traffic. The new bridge and roadway outside of the existing roadway limits would be constructed without disruption to existing traffic. Connection of the new roadway alignment with Road C at the north and south ends would require closure to traffic. The anticipated detour for Road C would be Road 306, Road D, and Road 304.



## Anticipated Cost

The anticipated cost of the project is approximately \$3.9 million with funding derived from federal sources.



## Anticipated Schedule

Construction could begin as early as spring 2028 and be completed by fall 2028.



## For additional information, contact:

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## Project Website



[claycounty.ne.gov/public-notice](https://claycounty.ne.gov/public-notice)

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.

# Deweese Northwest Location Map

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