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(Neb.)-Department Of Roads Answers Questions Regarding Chadron Project

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(Chadron)-Representatives from the Nebraska Department of Roads were in Chadron on Tuesday afternoon to answer questions from Chadron residents about a road project they will be doing through Chadron in 2016. Doug Hoevet is the District Construction Engineer, and says this project will be slightly different than other projects that people may have experienced before.

With the project being concrete, it will take longer than a traditional asphalt project because it takes more time for the concrete to cure. Also, being in an urban setting, there may be more congestion because of more traffic, but Hoevet said they will take every precaution to make sure everyone can travel through safely.

Hoevet said that Third Street will not close completely during the construction time.

With the width of Highway 20 through Chadron, it's a benefit because traffic can be manipulated better than if the road was narrower, meaning traffic can shift back and forth as the project progresses.

According to Hoevet, NDOR wants to make sure this project interferes with traffic access as little as possible.

The NDOR wants to make sure residents are granted reasonable access to homes and businesses, and tearing up the entire road would not grant that reasonable access. So Hoevet said the project will take place in shifts to make things more convenient.

Hoevet expects work to begin in April of 2016, and to be completed by October of that year. Brian Carnahan from the Chadron office said crews should start the bid letting in 2015, and hope the project will begin in 2016. Information on the project was left at City Hall, so those who could not attend the open house can view the information. If anyone has questions, they can contact the District 5 office for the NDOR, which is located in Gering. There will also be updates as the project itself progresses. Hoevet said the project is being done with concrete instead of asphalt because it will work better with the storm water drainage project that the City of Chadron will be doing in the near future.

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