

Niobrara Scenic River Road

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Cherry County is providing an update to the information presented in 2014 about the Niobrara Scenic River Road Project, located in Cherry County.

PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project would surface 3.33 miles of Sparks River Road near Nebraska Highway 12 (N-12), starting 1165 feet north of the existing Russell Osborn Lookout and extending north to the intersection of Sparks River Road and N-12. The existing Russell Osborn Lookout would be relocated to a surfaced lookout that would be constructed just north of the project beginning. The existing roadway on this segment of Sparks River Road consists of approximately 24 feet of gravel surface.

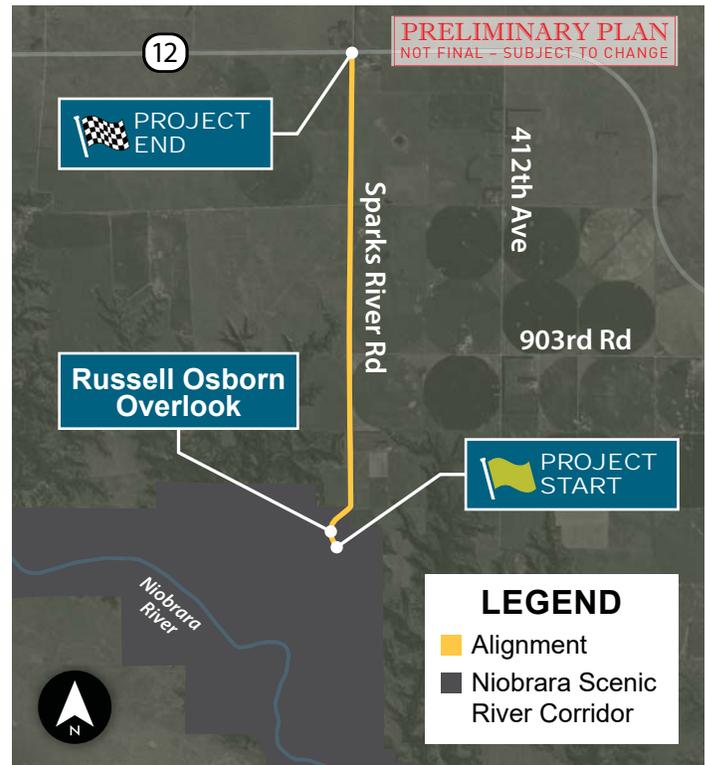
Since previous outreach in 2014, the project limits have been shortened by approximately a half mile at the project beginning and the Russell Osborn Lookout would be relocated to just north of the new project beginning.

PURPOSE & NEED

The purpose of this proposed project is to preserve the Sparks River Road transportation asset, improve the reliability of the transportation system and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for this proposed project is to improve the rough and washboarded existing gravel surface to an asphaltic concrete surface pavement.

SCOPE OF WORK

The improvements would consist of grading, surfacing, culverts, and surfacing a new scenic lookout parking area. Additional project details include surfacing of existing driveways and intersections, earth shoulders, and clearing and grubbing (removal of vegetation debris). In addition, the existing horizontal and vertical alignments are substandard and would be updated to current standards.



IMPACTS

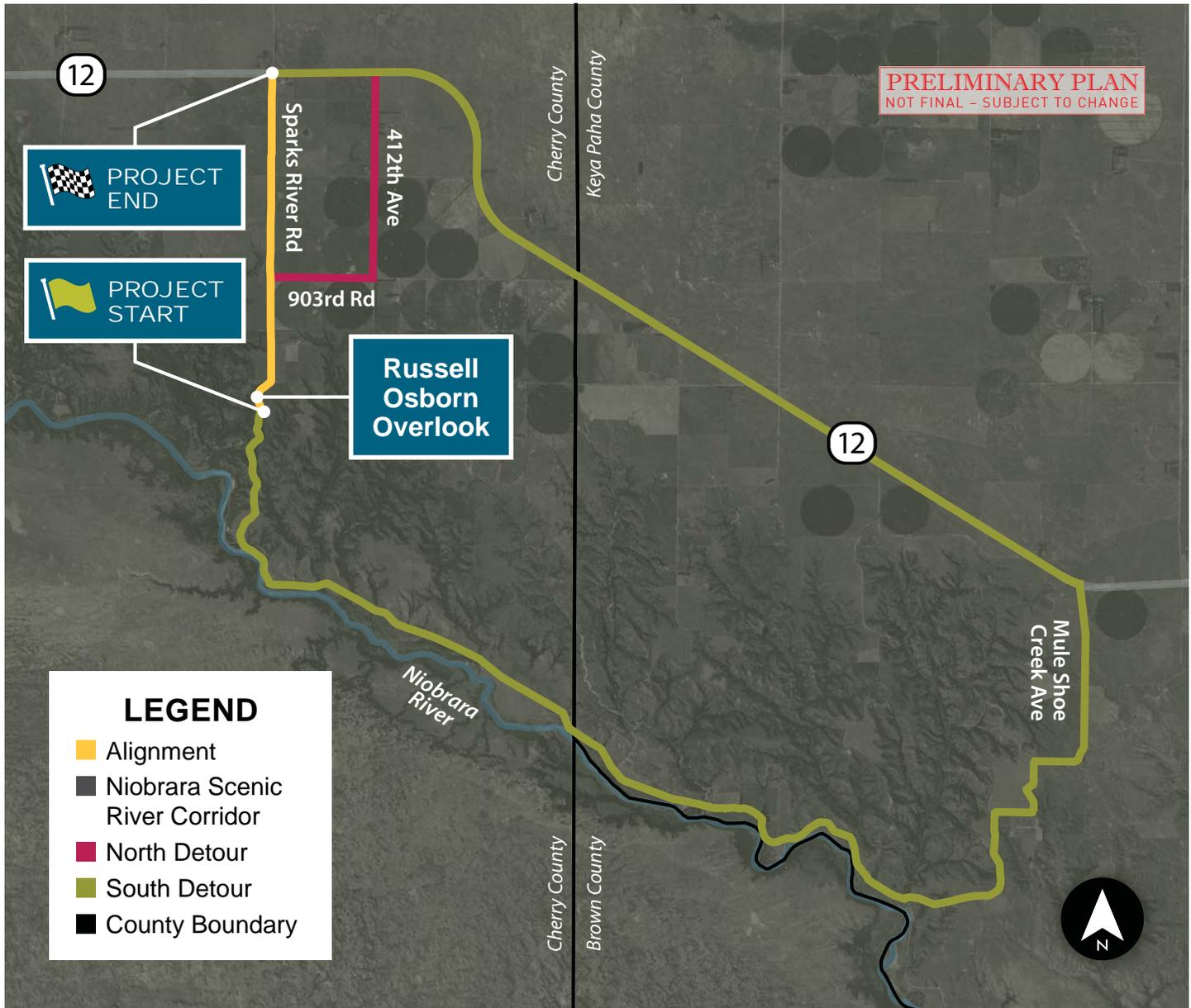
The proposed project would require the acquisition of additional property rights, which could include new right-of-way (ROW), temporary easements (TE), and/or permanent easements (PE). If your property is impacted by this project, you will be contacted by a representative once the design has been finalized. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction, but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements. Wetland impacts are not anticipated.

SCHEDULE & COST

Construction could begin as early as spring of 2019 and be complete by fall of 2019. The cost of the proposed project is approximately \$3.2 million and would be derived from federal and local funding sources.

DETOUR

The proposed project would be constructed utilizing two detour routes; however, the project would be constructed and phased so as to minimize the duration of the travel time inconvenience during the peak season (Memorial Day through Labor Day) of outfitter services. The designated northern detour route would utilize 412th Ave and 903rd Rd, approximately 4 miles, while work proceeds on the northern two miles of the proposed project. The designated southern detour route would utilize Mule Shoe Creek Ave, approximately 24 miles, while work proceeds on the southern mile of the proposed project.



CONTACT US

Information about the Niobrara Scenic River Road Project can be found on Cherry County's website at: <http://www.co.cherry.ne.us/>.

For those without internet access, information can be requested from our office at:
736 E 4th St, Ainsworth, NE 69210.

The proposed project is currently in the final design and ROW stage. Any questions or comments regarding this project should be submitted to: **Matt Pillard, c/o HDR, 8404 Indian Hills Dr., Omaha, NE 68114, Matt.Pillard@hdrinc.com, (402) 399-1186**

