

## Highway 30 upgrade to happen in 2015

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In the spring of 2015, a road project costing \$7 million will begin between Brady and Gothenburg on Highway 30.

Nebraska Department of Roads officials hosted a public meeting at the Gothenburg Public Library, Sept. 17, about resurfacing, restoring and rehabilitating 11.86 miles of Highway 30.

District engineer Gary Thayer said the existing asphalt is no longer useful and has reached its life time limit.

“The durability of white topping is about twice that of asphalt which is about 25 years,” Thayer said.

Workers will mill and resurface the main road with white topping and the shoulders with asphalt.

Milling grinds off the existing roadway surface and surfaced shoulders.

Also, the existing horizontal curves will be elevated or banked to allow comfortable maneuvering.

The main concern at the open house was public access to drives and land along the construction area, Thayer said.

“Local traffic accessibility will be available at all times,” Thayer said. “Driveways or entries into property will not be blocked.”

However, through traffic will be detoured to Nebraska highways 47 and 24 and Interstate 80.

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Thayer said that access to a route like I-80 makes the time frame of this project manageable.

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