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“Norfolk Avenue Reconstruction Project Public Open House”

About 50 people attended the public open house detailing the Norfolk Avenue Reconstruction Project Monday evening in the Norfolk City Council Chambers. Representatives from Olsson Associates and the City of Norfolk were on hand to explain to those in attendance details about the project.

Large exhibit boards and on screen videos gave conceptual views of the completed project which will include Norfolk Avenue from First Street to Cottonwood Street. As part of the project, the current bridge will be reconstructed with pedestrian routes on both sides. A trail will connect to the new Riverfront Trail and run underneath the bridge continuing 1300 feet to the south along the North Fork River bank.

The new highway section will have five lanes with landscaping, decorative pedestrian lighting and roadway lighting.

“Not only will we be replacing an obsolete bridge, we will improve the road surface from Cottonwood to First Street and tie the look of the area with that of the downtown,” said Dennis J. Smith, Public Works Director for the City of Norfolk.

Work is expected to begin on the project in the spring of 2017 with expected completion in the fall of 2017. During that time, traffic will be rerouted to Benjamin Avenue and Omaha Avenue.

Information and progress on the project can be found at www.norfolkne.gov/engineering/norfolkave.htm or call 402-844-2020.