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Open House Set for Braasch Avenue, 1st – 5th Street, Improvement Project

The public is invited to an open house Wednesday, November 14 on a street improvement project for Braasch Avenue, from 1st to 5th street. The meeting will be from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 305 N 5th Street. No formal presentations are planned.

“Braasch Avenue, from 1st to 5th streets, is in serious need of repair and was identified in a community survey as a priority for reconstruction,” said City of Norfolk Public Works Director/City Engineer, Steven Rames.

The street is showing extensive cracking and deterioration and stormwater cannot properly drain. Planned improvements include reconstruction of the street and sidewalks, replacement of the curbs and gutters, and new sanitary sewer and storm sewer infrastructure. The project also seeks to extend the downtown character to Braasch Avenue to build off the successes of Norfolk Avenue.

“Braasch Avenue is a top-of-the-list priority streets project,” said Mayor Josh Moenning. “Public input is important to getting the reconstruction plan right. This forum kickstarts the process of getting the project into redesign and underway as quickly as possible.”

This design of the improvements is partially funded through two \$350,000 grants from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. As public engagement is essential to CDBG projects, project area stakeholders have already been involved in the design process, helping the consultant team envision the improvement concept. The November 14 open house is an opportunity for the public to provide input at a key stage in the design process.

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Those attending the open house will have the opportunity to learn more about the project, review the preliminary design, and provide comments to help refine the next stage of design. City representatives and project consultants will be available to discuss the public's ideas and answer questions.

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