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The Honorable Heath Mello  
Senator, State of Nebraska  
District #5, State Capitol  
P.O. Box 94604  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4604

RE: US-275 "L Street" Stockyards Bridge

Dear Senator Mello:

Thank you for your October 22, 2013 letter requesting information on behalf of your constituents. This bridge is very important to the mobility and connection to the neighborhoods, city and state transportation system.

The project history and status is as follows:

The project letting was on October 25, 2012 with a start date of November 26, 2012. The contract was let to contract for \$6,799,067.35 and allowed 966 calendar days to complete the work. Phase 1, the north side of the bridge (westbound), is to be completed during 2013. Phase 2, the south side of the bridge (eastbound), is to be completed in 2014 and the remainder of the work to be complete by mid-2015.

Presently, the work is 40% complete and 33% of the working days have been used, so the project is ahead of schedule.

By Thanksgiving, weather permitting, Phase 1 should be completed and all traffic moved to the new portion of the bridge. At that time, the Phase 2 removal of the remaining south half of the existing bridge will begin and continue through the winter. As the removal work progresses, pile driving, other substructure work and the placement of forms for the eastbound deck will begin. By spring of 2014, the work of forming the deck will continue the placing concrete for the deck will begin. By the end of 2014, all lanes will be open to traffic. The remaining work and painting the substructure, if not complete by then, will be completed in early 2015.

If your constituents do not see any work on the bridge deck portion of the bridge, it is because there are many activities that must be completed on the substructure, or below the bridge deck level, that must be completed before the deck work can proceed.

Again, thank you for your interest in this bridge.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mayor Jean Stothert  
Councilman Garry Gernandt