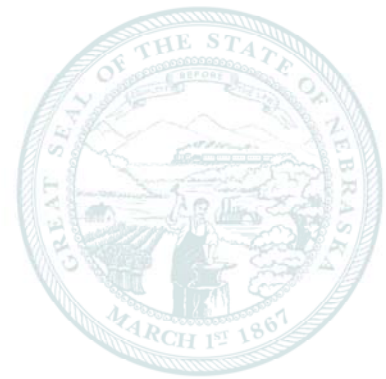


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Nebraska Department of Transportation Announces Emergency Repairs to Begin in Northeast Nebraska

March 27, 2019 (Lincoln, Neb.) — The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) is currently working to start repairs to the flood-damaged roadways and bridges on various emergency projects in northeast Nebraska. These include:

- Highway 12: K Porter Construction, from Norfolk, Nebraska has been awarded the contract to start immediate repairs to the section of Highway 12 between Standing Bear Bridge and the Santee Spur. Current work includes re-grading the embankment and surfacing the roadway with millings to restore immediate connectivity. NDOT will hire a contractor to complete asphalt paving at a future date.
- Highway 14: Garcia Chicoine, from Milford, Nebraska, has been awarded the contract to start immediate repairs to a bridge south of Niobrara. Current work includes patching the bridge to ensure a reliable route into Niobrara. Knife River, from Sioux City, Iowa, has been awarded the contract to provide an asphalt overlay on the bridge deck once repair work has been completed.
- Highway 81:
 - M.E. Collins, from Wahoo, Nebraska, has been awarded the contract to start immediate repairs on Highway 81 north of Norfolk. Current work includes replacement of affected pavement, repair guardrail and re-shoulder the highway to reopen all four lanes to traffic.
 - Knife River, from Sioux City, Iowa has been awarded the contract to start immediate repairs on Highway 81 near Platte Center. Work includes repairing and repaving of shoulders.

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- Highway 81 and Highway 30: Several companies have been awarded contracts to Highway 81 and 30 south of Columbus:
 - Dale R Johnson Ent., Inc., from Columbus, Nebraska, is providing removal and grading services.
 - Gerhing Construction, from Columbus, Nebraska, is providing concrete paving and repair.
 - IES Commercial Inc., from Norfolk, Nebraska, is providing electrical services.
 - Knife River from Sioux City, Iowa, will perform asphalt repairs.

Highway 81 remains open but CLOSED to heavy truck and semi traffic south of Columbus while evaluation and repairs take place.

Work already completed includes:

- Highway 98: Knife River from Sioux City, Iowa, has been awarded the contract to perform emergency patching east of Pierce to ensure a reliable route for detoured traffic.
- NDOT personnel have repaired earthen shoulders in several areas, filled voids, removed flood debris, and repaired a bridge approach near Beemer to restore connectivity.

Heavy truck and semi-truck traffic are advised to only take marked detours and avoid county roads in these areas. Many of the county roads are unable to support semi-truck traffic.

NDOT will continue to provide detours for each bridge that has been washed out or requires repair through 511.nebraska.gov.

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