

Saddle Creek Road Relocation Study

Welcome!



Format of the Meeting

- Open House
- Brief presentations at 6:15 pm and 7:15 pm
- Project information throughout the room
- Question/Answer with staff
- Comment forms



Corridor History

- Defined by early railroads
- Industry and housing followed
- Saddle Creek later enclosed
- Two-lane road – commercial strip
- Four-lane road – large scale commercial
- Railroad abandonment
- Industrial decline



Saddle Creek's "Neighbors"

- Gifford Park Neighborhood Association
- Joslyn Castle Neighborhood Association
- Ford Birthsite Neighborhood Association
- Field Club Homeowners League
- Park East Neighborhood Association
- Blackstone Neighborhood Association
- Gold Coast Neighborhood Association
- Leavenworth Neighborhood Association
- Morton Meadows Neighborhood Association



Study Background

DESTINATION **MIDTOWN**
A Vision for the Future of Midtown Omaha

2004

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UNMC FACILITIES
DEVELOPMENT PLAN
2006-2015

September 8, 2006



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Destination Midtown

Recommendations:

- Enhance existing corridor to include additional landscaping
- Explore the feasibility of major reconstruction of Saddle Creek Road
 - An “On-Alignment” alternative
 - A “Relocation Alternative”



UNMC Facilities Development Plan

Elements:

- Western expansion of research facilities
- With or without relocated Saddle Creek Road
- Parkland, water feature, pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Vibrant urban area



Other Studies

- Combined Sewer Overflow Study
- Dodge Street Corridor Study

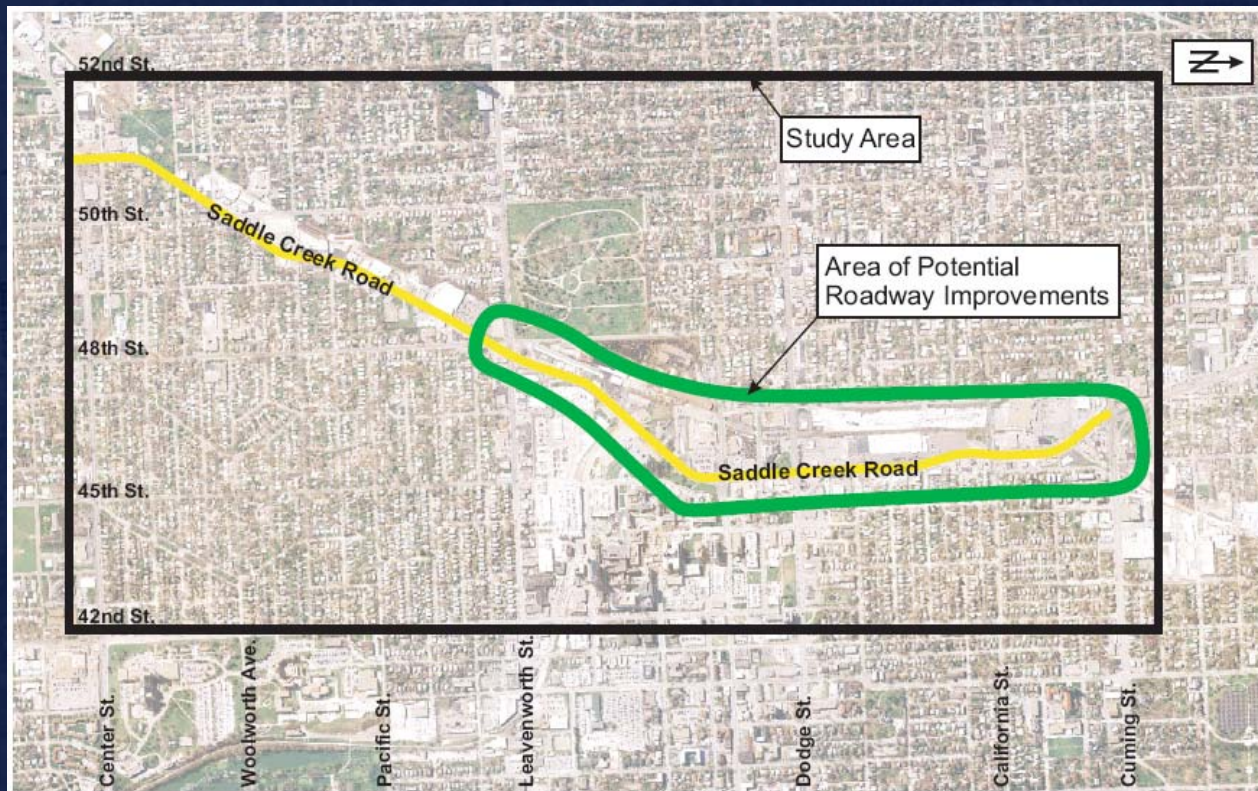


Purpose of the Study

Investigate alternatives to the current alignment of Saddle Creek Road.



Study Area



Purpose and Need for the "Project"

- Provide safe, reliable, and efficient movement of vehicles and pedestrians to and through the study area
- Reduce roadway flooding of Saddle Creek Road



Other Benefits

- More contiguous property to support future UNMC campus expansion
- An improved residential and commercial urban community



Study Area Issues



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Project Timeline

Funded:

- Feasibility Study (currently underway)
- Environmental Study

Future Funding:

- Preliminary Design
- Final Design
- Right-of-Way Acquisition
- Construction



Study Participants

- Consultant Team
 - HDR Engineering, Inc.
 - RDG Planning & Design
 - SB Friedman & Company
 - Ehrhart-Griffin & Associates
- Stakeholder Committee
 - City of Omaha
 - University of Nebraska Medical Center
 - Nebraska Department of Roads
 - Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District
 - Destination Midtown
 - Nebraska Medical Center



Display Areas

- Project Description
- Existing Conditions
- Opportunities



We want your input!

- Discuss with staff tonight
- Complete a comment form
- E-mail us (saddlecreek@hdrinc.com)
- Websites:
 - www.destinationmidtown.org/saddlecreek
 - www.ci.omaha.ne.us (see news bulletins)
- Next Public Meeting

