

# McBean Park Drive Bridge Replacement Project

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Why does the bridge need to be replaced?

- a. The McBean Park Drive Bridge needs to be replaced to reduce the flooding potential and overtopping of the McBean Park Drive Bridge. Currently the roadway overtops in a 10-year flood event and the bridge overtops in a 25-year event. Replacing this bridge will greatly reduce the potential for flooding of adjacent private properties.

### 2. What will the bridge look like?

- a. The bridge will be designed and built as a gateway into downtown Lincoln. The project team has developed multiple preliminary aesthetic concepts for the design of the bridge, and is seeking community input on these concepts. The project team will refine the design based on the community's feedback.

### 3. Will the bridge be larger when completed?

- a. The existing bridge is approximately 150 feet long and two lanes wide. The new bridge will be approximately 210 feet long and three lanes wide. The larger bridge will allow more water to flow under the bridge without overtopping and will also accommodate increased traffic flow into downtown. The bridge will also have access for Neighborhood Electric Vehicles, golf carts, pedestrians and bicycles.

### 4. Will the bridge/road be closed during construction? How will traffic be affected?

- a. The project team is developing a phased construction approach that will seek to keep one lane of traffic open in each direction throughout construction.

### 5. How is this project being funded?

- a. Funding for the McBean Park Drive Bridge Replacement Project is a combination of Federal Highway Administration Highway (FHWA) Highway Bridge Program (HBP) grant funds, and local matching funds. HBP funds will comprise 88.5% of the funding, while 11.5% is from local funds.

### 6. When will construction of the new bridge begin and be completed?

- a. Currently, the project is scheduled to begin construction in 2018 and will likely be completed in 2019.