

FREIGHT RAIL REACTIVATION & REHABILITATION

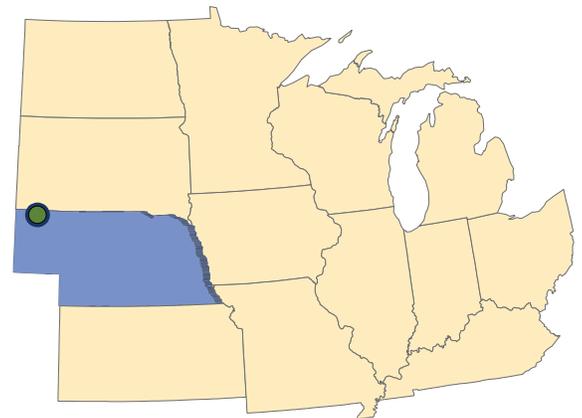
APPLICANT/SPONSOR:	City of Chadron, NE
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$6,154,386
GRANT FUNDING:	\$4,923,509

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project will rehabilitate the 7.5 mile rail line from the Chadron East Yards to the west end of Dakota Junction. Construction will upgrade 27 timber bridges extending from Chadron to Crawford; construct a new passing/storage track in Whitney; and reconstruct a mile of track while improving connections to the main line in the Chadron Yards. The proposed project will return the rail line into a state of good repair consistent with state, regional, and local needs. It also increases the economic competitiveness of the counties by upgrading the rail line to accommodate heavy rail cars required by regional aggregate and agricultural industries.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- » Rehabilitates bridge to allow standard rail car axle loading of 286,000 lbs required by local aggregate and agricultural industries
- » Provides access to Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Canadian Pacific main lines for shippers along the Nebraska Northwestern Railroad
- » Removes an estimated 15,000 truckloads from local highways annually



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PROJECT BENEFITS

The short line freight railroads that the project supports provide less expensive and more efficient transportation options for farmers in isolated areas to access regional and national markets. The rehabilitation of this stretch of Nebraska Northwestern Railroad will greatly enhance the efficiency of freight movement, lowering costs to shippers and decreasing emissions. The ability to utilize the standard 286,000 lb cars is crucial to realizing the benefits of freight rail.



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