

Lincoln West “O” Historic Highway Project

Transportation Enhancement Projects

The Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program, part of the federal highway bill, provides funding to local, state, and regional governmental entities to construct and restore transportation infrastructure that are not eligible to be funded through other programs. Examples of transportation infrastructure projects eligible under this program include non-motorized facilities for pedestrians and bicycles, development of scenic byways, restoration of historic transportation facilities, and other projects directly related to the historic, current, or future transportation infrastructure.

Lincoln West “O” Historic Highway Project – Phase 1

Awarded December 10, 2007

The City of Lincoln was awarded \$380,036 for improvements located on a four-block segment of West O Street between 3rd Street and the Salt Creek Bridge. With a focus on transportation history and entryway enhancement, funding for the project will be directed to three primary components: 1) Creation of a historical interpretive area commemorating the historic Detroit-Lincoln-Denver (DLD) Highway; 2) Streetscape improvements to West ‘O’ Street that will enhance the entry to Downtown Lincoln; and 3) Construction of a 370-foot Salt Creek Levee Connector Trail. The DLD interpretive plaza will be located just west of the Harris Overpass, which began replacement in November 2007. The new bridge structure will significantly improve the aesthetic quality of Lincoln’s west entryway. Elements planned for the plaza include interpretive panels describing the history of the DLD highway, exposed brick from the original DLD on 3rd street, lighting relative to the time period of the DLD highway, and native landscaping. Signage directing visitors to an existing historic DLD mile marker located at 2nd and West ‘P’ Street will also be included in the plaza. The City is providing a 20 percent local match of \$95,009.

Lincoln West “O” Historic Highway Project – Phase 2

Awarded December 17, 2009

The City of Lincoln was recommended for funding in the amount of \$222,257 for Phase 2 of the West "O" Street Historic Highway Project. The first phase of the project received transportation enhancement funds in 2008 for improvements related to the historic Detroit-Lincoln-Denver (DLD) Highway in west Lincoln. Funding for the second phase of the project is directed to three primary components: 1). Historic replica lighting on West “O” Street, including a portion on the former DLD highway; 2). Landscaping and decorative paving improvements to enhance the entry to Downtown Lincoln; and 3). Interpretive markers and signage at strategic locations along the Detroit-Lincoln-Denver (DLD) highway. This continues the City's focus on transportation history and entryway enhancement by extending the improvements on a twenty-two block segment of West "O" Street between the Salt Creek Bridge and Homestead Expressway (U.S. Highway #77). The City of Lincoln is providing a 20 percent local match of \$55,564.