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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 15, 2026  
**TO:** Tara Vasicek, City Administrator  
**FROM:** Richard J. Bogus, City Engineer  
**RE:** Loup River Bridge NHPA Section 106  
Professional Services Agreement for Design Phase Services

**RECOMMENDATION:**

I recommend approval of the plans, specifications, Burns McDonnell cost estimate in the amount of \$204,509 for the above-referenced project, and to authorize staff to advertise for bids.

**DISCUSSION:**

The City's quality-based consultant selection process was followed.

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) plans to carry out the replacement of the US 30/81 Loup River southbound truss bridge. Said southbound truss bridge is on the Register of Historic Places. The NDOT will be using federal funds for the project and therefore required to meet the Nebraska Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Section 106, which requires mitigation of adverse effect.

The NDOT provided the public with the opportunity to comment on the undertaking, including stakeholders and public meetings, with the conclusion that the mitigation of adverse effect to the Loup River Bridge shall be accomplished by the installation of a bridge mitigation display structure and associated interpretive panel. The location of the mitigated bridge structure and display will be west of the Pawnee Park West Shelter over the existing trail. Refer to attached Exhibit labeled "Attachment 1: Exhibit 3" for approximate proposed location for the bridge mitigation display structure and concept.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

2025-2026 budget CIP 25-25 in the amount of \$150,000 and additional fiscal year 2026-2027 budgeted funds for construction and testing. All costs are refundable through the NDOT.

**ALTERNATIVE:**

NHPA Section 106 is a requirement for the Loup River Bridge Reconstruction project.

**SIGNATURE:**

By: Richard J. Bogus

Approved By: [Signature]

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— Temporary Limits of Construction

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Attachment 1: Exhibit 3  
Truss Recreation Rendering  
Columbus South Bridges  
NDOT  
Platte County, Nebraska