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Senator Nelson Urging Progress on Road Projects  
OMAHA, Neb. (AP) \_ U.S. Sen. Ben Nelson is calling on federal authorities to speed up the repair of nearly two dozen Nebraska roads and bridges \_ some that have been on hold since 2008.

The Nebraska Democrat said Wednesday that he has written to Federal Highway Administrator Victor Mendez about the issue. In the letter, Nelson asks for a detailed list of every document and step which must be completed for each flood repair project in Nebraska. Nelson also asked that the Federal Highway Administration give an updated status report on the list every 60 days.

Nelson says the drawn-out process may lead him to push for waivers of what he deemed redundant environmental reviews during the repair of roads damaged by natural disasters, such as last year's Missouri River flooding.

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