

## Community Engagement Background

ODOT is dedicated to providing safe highways which includes maintaining and updating our current highways. We also want to know how local communities think the changes to the highways will impact them. To do this we want to understand your community goals. The community has been invited to participate in the following events:

- **Advisory Committee Meetings:** July- October 2021  
**Temporary Traffic Signals:** June- July 2022
- **Conceptual Meeting with Advisory Committee:** June 28, 2022
- **Community Outreach Event:** Oct. 27, 2022
- **Public Meeting:** May 16, 2023
- **Town Resolution No. 2023-7:** Sept. 6, 2023
- **Announcement of ODOT's selection of the 5-lane configuration:** Nov. 15, 2023\*
- **Open House Public Meeting:** March 26, 2024

### ODOT Selects 5-Lane Configuration for US-259 Improvements

*Improving Safety and Traffic Flow Through Hochatown*

\*On November 15, 2023, ODOT announced the selection of a project that will make US-259 5 lanes for all 6 miles of US-259 through Hochatown. This decision aims to enhance the travel experience and safety for all road users.

Key reasons for the decision:

- Design Engineer's recommendation for safety and traffic flow.
- Public support for the 5-lane over the 3-lane configuration.
- Hochatown's resolution endorsing the 5-lane design.



Your participation helps shape your community's future.

**For more information about this project:**  
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## Project Update Meeting

*Tuesday, September 24, 2024*

**IMPROVEMENTS TO US-259 IN HOCHATOWN  
BETWEEN SH-259A NORTH AND GOLF COURSE ROAD**  
McCurtain County, JP 34333(04)

**Location: Hochatown First Assembly of God**  
**9512 N US-259**  
**Hochatown, Oklahoma 74728**

**When: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

Presentation scheduled to begin at 5:15 pm

### Project Update Meeting



The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) is hosting an in-person meeting about US-259 improvements in Hochatown. This is a great opportunity to stay informed and be involved.

### Meeting Purpose



The purpose of this meeting is to talk about concerns ODOT has heard regarding the ability to walk, park, and keep the unique feeling of the Hochatown area once the project is complete. To help address these concerns, ODOT is requesting additional input during the project design process.

**PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS BY  
OCTOBER 8, 2024**

Submitted comments are subject to public review.  
Personal information will not be shared.



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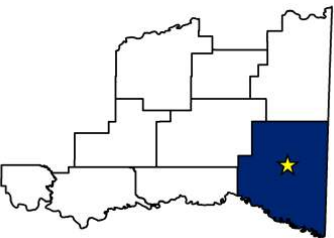


# Overview of Proposed Improvements to US-259

## Project Update Location

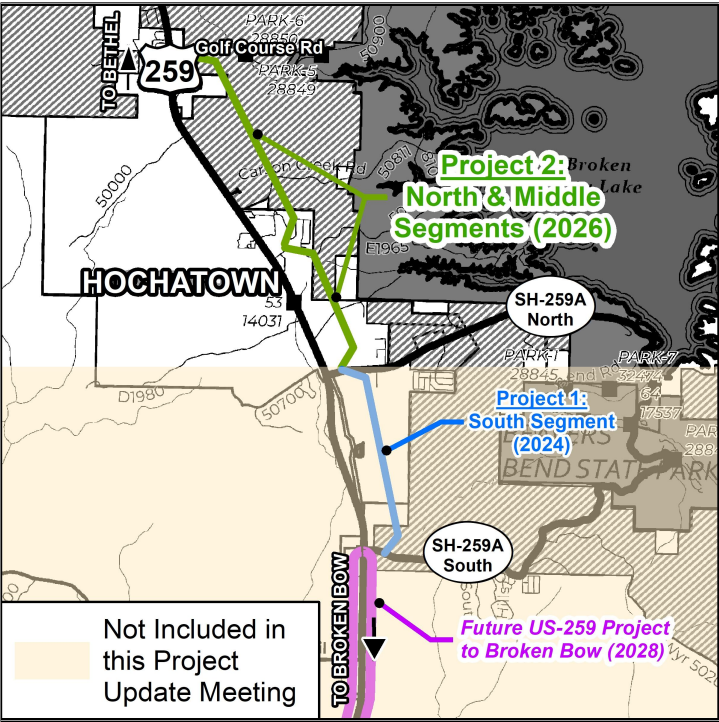
### Project 2: North and Middle Segments

Between SH-259A North and Golf Course Road



McMurtain County, Oklahoma

ODOT District 2 Engineer: Anthony Echelle, P.E.



## COMMUNITY PARKING

Community parking areas are proposed to provide additional parking opportunities and enhance walkability in Hochatown. Potential community parking locations are shown below.



## WALKABILITY

Sidewalks and crosswalks are proposed to improve walkability and pedestrian safety. Crosswalk locations will be determined during the design process.



Medians are proposed to increase safety at crosswalks. Locations and type of median will be determined in the design process.

## AESTHETICS

ODOT will continue to collaborate with the community about ways to incorporate the unique feeling of the Hochatown area in the project design. Aesthetic improvements, like the examples shown below, could help improve safety, traffic flow, and provide a visual benefit.

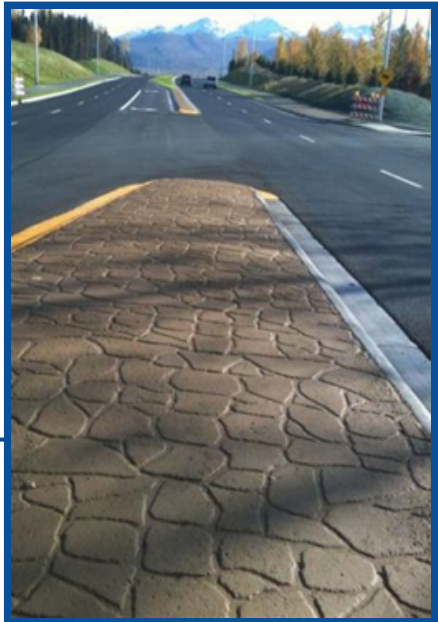


Vegetated Median



Landscaped Median

Stamped Concrete Median



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## Frequently Asked Questions

### HOCHATOWN MCCURTAIN COUNTY JP 34333(04)

**Q:** What are “**Project 1**” and “**Project 2**”?

**A:** The proposed US-259 improvements are divided into two key projects:

- **Project 1:** Between SH-259A South and SH-259A North. Scheduled to start construction activities towards the end of 2024 and beginning of 2025.
- **Project 2:** Between SH-259A North and Golf Course Road. Scheduled to start construction activities in 2026.

**Q:** What area of US-259 is to be addressed at the Project Update Meeting?

**A:** Project 2 will be the main topic.

- Located between SH-259A North and Golf Course Road
- Detailed design images to be displayed
- Opportunity for public input

**Q:** What is the “future US-259 Project” that extends to Broken Bow? When will construction for this project start?

**A:** The US-259 project will extend south of Project 1, continuing towards Broken Bow.

- Location: Between SH-259A South and 5th Street
- Start Date: Scheduled to start construction activities in 2029

**Q:** Will US-259 stay open during construction?

**A:** Yes, two travel lanes on US-259 will remain open during construction

- Travelers may experience delays and congestion
- ODOT is committed to minimizing disruptions
- Ensuring a safe environment for drivers, workers, and pedestrians
- Access to residences and businesses will remain available

**Q:** How will parking change?

**A:** ODOT acknowledges that parking will be affected by roadway improvements but plans to minimize the impact by:

- Staying within the existing right of way
- Collaborating with the community
- Working with design teams to develop community parking areas

**Q:** How is ODOT proposing to provide safe walkability in the design?

**A:** The community has spoken, and ODOT listened.

- Inclusion of sidewalks in the project
- New crosswalks along US-259 at multiple proposed locations

**Q:** How is ODOT considering concerns from the community?

**A:** ODOT actively sought community feedback and listened to your concerns about walkability, parking, and preserving Hochatown’s unique charm.

- Focused on walkability
- Addressed parking issues
- Maintained Hochatown's unique feeling