

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT

Open House Date:

October 29, 2024

**US-64 IMPROVEMENTS BEGINNING 0.5 MILES SOUTH OF THE
TULSA COUNTY LINE & EXTENDING SOUTH 7.5 MILES TO THE
FRANKLIN STREET INTERSECTION**

**HASKELL & WAGONER COUNTIES
J/P No. 34380(04); Project No. J3-4380(004)PM**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) held an Open House meeting on October 29, 2024, at the Haskell City Hall in Haskell, Oklahoma. The purpose of the meeting was to present the proposed US-64 improvements to the public. The project includes widening the highway and realigning angled intersections, driveways and entrances, and extending and repairing the two narrow bridges to improve the overall safety and function of the roadway. At the Open House, designers and ODOT staff were present to explain the project and answer questions, and attendees could provide input. The Open House materials were available on ODOT's website, www.odot.org/publicmeetings, from October 22 to November 12, 2024. The public could mail, e-mail, or call ODOT with comments during the comment period.

SUMMARY OF COMMENT TOPICS & RESPONSES

Property Owner Comments

ODOT received input from several of the attendees during the Open House meeting. Following the meeting, eight (8) property owners mailed, emailed, or called ODOT with their comments. The comment topics and responses are presented below.

Topic – Design & Safety Concerns

Comment Summary: Commentors were concerned about the general safety of US-64 and discussed the following issues:

- Lack of sight distances, sharp curves, dangerous intersections, and speeding in the area.
- Concerns about how the improved highway will impact traffic near the housing additions.
- Concerns that the updated design will cause safety issues for homes located along the highway.

Commentors provided design suggestions including:

- Adding turn lanes.
- Extending guardrails and adding reflectors.
- Lowering the speed limit to improve the function and safety of US-64.
- Coordinating with the Stonebluff Fire Department regarding their driveway.

ODOT Response: Design development includes consideration of safety information and public comment.

Topic – Property Impacts

Comment Summary: Several commentors asked about the project's impact on their properties. They expressed concern that homes and property might be too close to the highway or be taken due to the project's proposed right-of-way. Some also questioned how the project would affect the value of their homes.

ODOT Response: The right-of-way process is anticipated ~2025. In general, an agent from ODOT's Right-of-Way Division will contact all affected property owners to discuss their specific situation and affected property. More information, along with ODOT's Property Rights Brochure, can be found at ODOT's website.

(<https://oklahoma.gov/content/dam/ok/en/odot/documents/meetings/a2020/200605/property.pdf>)

Topic – Drainage Concerns

Comment Summary: Commentors were concerned about drainage issues in the project area and discussed the following issues:

- They have observed flooding and stated that the ditches were not being maintained and were collecting water.
- Concerned that the improved runoff would cause the stream on their property to overflow and erode vegetation.
- Concerned that the slope of the highway will cause drainage issues in the front yards of people with property along the highway.

ODOT Response: Roadway and bridge hydraulics are part of the project design.

Topic – Utility Impacts

Comment Summary: Commentors were concerned that not all the gas lines in the project area were located. There were also concerns about water line removals or replacement.

ODOT Response: Utility companies will be contacted by ODOT and notified of any potential impacts to electrical, gas or water lines later in the design process. This topic was not covered at this Open House meeting.

Topic – Project Appreciation

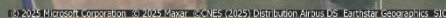
Comment Summary: Several commentors were pleased with the proposed improvements and expressed approval of the project.

ODOT Response: ODOT appreciates the comments of support.

Topic – Intersection Improvements

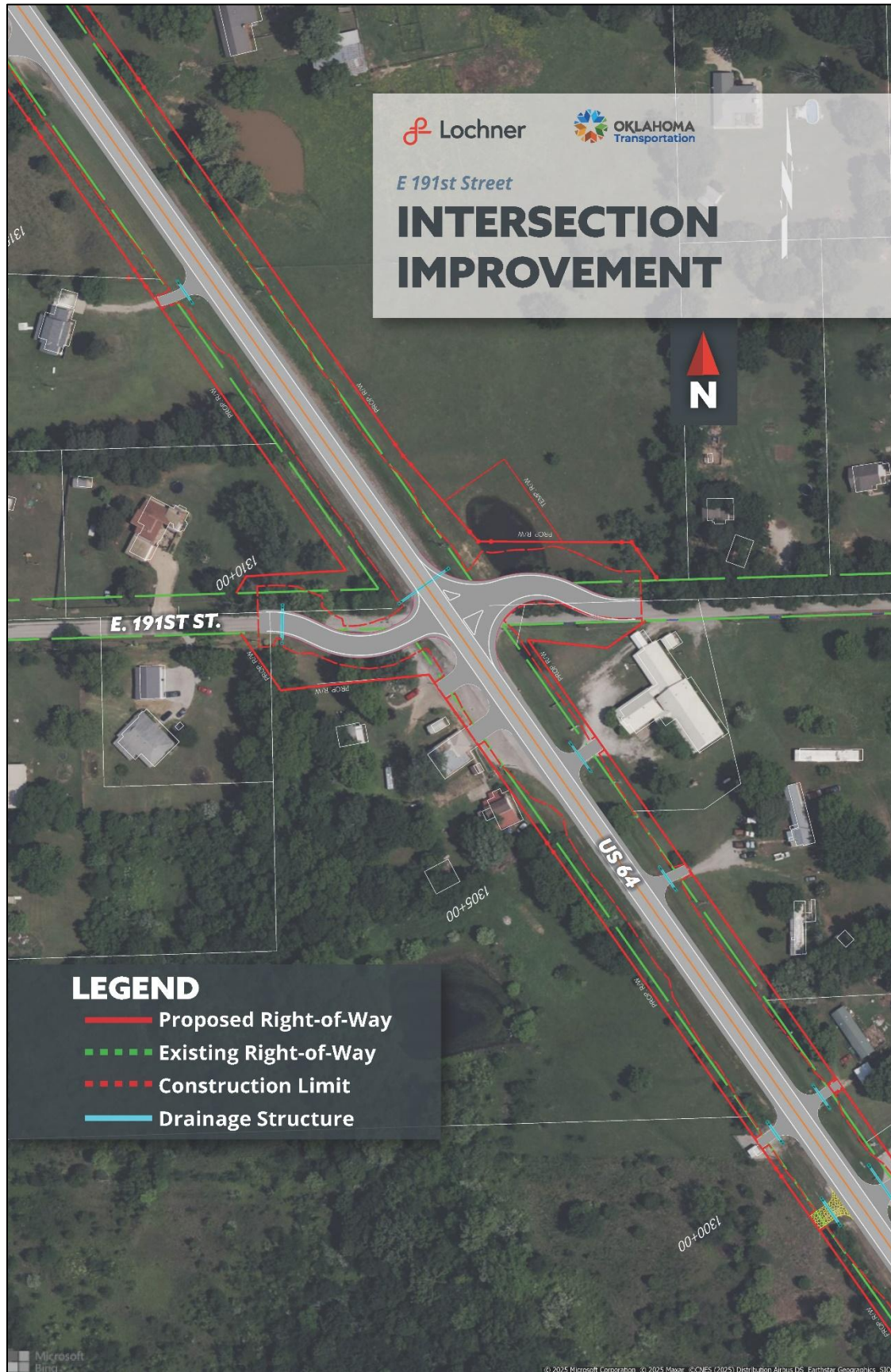
Comment Summary: There were several questions and comments related to the intersection improvements included in the proposed project.

ODOT Response: ODOT generated intersection specific diagrams. Refer to the diagrams below for detailed illustrations of the proposed improvements at the West Duncan Road, North 204th Street, Mount Zion Road, and East 191st Street intersections.









Public Official Comments

No responses were received from public officials.

Agency Comments

Six (6) agencies responded. The comments are summarized below.

Oklahoma Conservation Commission (OCC)

Comment Summary: The OCC's comments include:

- Wetlands were indicated within the project boundary primarily adjacent to Concharty and Coal Creeks.
- Requested ODOT avoid wetland habitat as much as possible and use construction practices that minimize erosion and soil laden runoff during and following construction activities.
- Asked that if any flow-through structures beyond the listed repair and extension of two box-bridges occur, adequate design should be incorporated at these stream crossings to minimize short and long-term erosion impacts to adjacent lands.

ODOT Response: Comments noted.

Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Comment Summary: The DEQ's comments include:

- No environmental concerns under DEQ jurisdiction are anticipated.
- ODOT should obtain a construction storm water permit (OKR10).
- If water or wastewater utilities will be re-located as part of this project, a construction permit from DEQ's Water Quality Division may be required.

ODOT Response: The DEQ stated that ODOT should obtain a construction storm water permit authorization under OKR10. ODOT is aware of the permitting requirements and the process involved. ODOT requires construction contractors to obtain an OKR10 permit authorization (when applicable) prior to starting any construction activities.

Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation – State Parks

Comment Summary: The State Parks department's comments include:

- The project may impact a park that is funded by the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).
- The project may continue if ODOT can provide temporary access to the park during construction of the highway.
- Any impact on the park will need to be returned to its original state within six months of the end of the project.

ODOT Response: ODOT is aware of the potential impacts to 6(f) resources (i.e., city park) and has made design changes to avoid any needing right-of-way from this property. Consequently, no impacts to 6(f) or 4(f) resources are anticipated.

Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB)

Comment Summary: The OWRB's comments include:

- ODOT should contact the state National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) coordinator for possible permit requirements for this project.
- All developments on state owned or operated property require a floodplain development permit from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB).
- The project is located in an area that participates in the NFIP and has a floodplain development permitting system.

ODOT Response: The OWRB stated that ODOT should contact the NFIP coordinator for possible floodplain requirements for this project. ODOT is aware of the permitting requirements and the process involved. ODOT requires construction contractors to obtain a floodplain permit (when applicable) prior to starting any construction activities.

Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission (OAC)

Comment Summary: The potential project does not appear to pose a hazard to safe and efficient use of navigable airspace.

ODOT Response: Comment noted.

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Eastern OK Region

Comment Summary: The BIA has no comments at this time, but recommends ODOT coordinate directly with the nine federally recognized Tribes that may have interests in the area, including the Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town, Apache Tribe of Oklahoma, Caddo Nation of Oklahoma, Cherokee Nation, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Osage Nation, Wichita and Affiliated Tribes, and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians.

ODOT Response: ODOT's Tribal Liaison has an interactive role with all affected tribes and will coordinate directly with each if any concerns are raised.

Overall Comment Summary

All comments were compiled below. The table is designed to provide an overall summary of the input received with respect to project approval and the major issues of concern.

SUMMARY OF ALL COMMENTS	
ISSUE / COMMENT / CONCERN	NUMBER OF SPECIFIC COMMENTS/RESPONSES
Total Number of Individual Commenters / Responders	13
Residential Comments	7
Public Officials Comments and/or Tribal Comments	0
Agency Comments	6
Specifically Approve of Project / Provided Support for Project	4
Specifically Disapprove of Project	0
General Comment Categories	-
o Safety Concerns	1
o Design Suggestions	1
o Property Impacts	2
o Drainage Concerns	1
o Utility Impacts	1