

OPEN HOUSE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT

Open House Date:
April 29, 2025

**IMPROVEMENTS TO SH-10 IN GROVE FROM THE US-59
INTERSECTION & EXTENDING EAST TO SH-25**

DELAWARE COUNTY
J/P Nos. 33827(04) & 32699(04)
Project Nos. J3-3827(004) & J3-2699(004)

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As part of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) efforts to keep the public informed and involved in the decision-making process, a public Open House was held. The following is a generalized summary of the public involvement effort, the information provided as part of the outreach, and the comments and input received. ODOT responses to comments are also presented in this document.

OPEN HOUSE DATE & TIME

April 29, 2025 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM

OPEN HOUSE LOCATION

Grove Community Center
104 W 3rd St.
Grove, OK 74344

OPEN HOUSE WEBSITE

www.odot.org/publicmeetings

OPEN HOUSE WEBSITE AVAILABILITY

April 15 – May 6, 2025

PURPOSE OF OPEN HOUSE

To learn about upcoming road work on SH-10. Share your thoughts and ask questions about the project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION / BACKGROUND

ODOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) plan to improve SH-10 between Main Street (US-59) and SH-25 in Delaware County, OK. The changes will make the road safer and reduce traffic.

The road needs repairs because:

- The pavement is wearing out
- Sidewalks aren't accessible to all users
- Daily traffic will reach 18,200 vehicles by 2050

To fix these issues, ODOT plans to make the following improvements:

- SH-10 from Main Street to Hazel Street will be repaved and restriped.
- A three-lane roadway will be built from Hazel Street to just east of St. Andrews Drive. It will have two 12-foot-wide driving lanes and a 14-foot-wide center turn lane.
- After St. Andrews Drive, SH-10 will be widened to be a five-lane roadway. It will have four 12-foot-wide driving lanes and a 14-foot-wide center turn lane.
- The five-lane roadway will extend to just west of the SH-25 junction.
- Through the SH-25 junction, SH-10 will change to a three-lane roadway.
- Upgraded sidewalks will be added from Hazel Street to Ford Road.
- Ditches and storm sewers throughout the project will be improved to drain properly.
- Culverts will be replaced or extended to match the bigger roadway.

- Angled intersections, drives and entrances will be straightened.

The road will stay open during construction. You will have access to homes, businesses and the school.

The SH-4 and Fox Lane intersection will be improved under a separate ODOT project (JP 34262(04)). That project will widen SH-4 to four lanes with a median and build a bridge so Fox Lane traffic can cross over SH-4. Project team members will be able to answer questions about this project, too.

PUBLIC NOTICES

- ODOT mailed invitation letters to various political entities, Native American Tribes, and other interested parties on March 25, 2025. These letters provided a short project description and included information about the Open House. Enclosed with the letter was a copy of the project location map.
- ODOT mailed solicitation letters to various state and federal agencies on March 25, 2025. These letters provided a short project description and included information about the Open House and requested that recipients provide input by May 13, 2025. Enclosed with the letter was a copy of the project location and preliminary plans map.
- ODOT mailed invitation letters to property and utility owners on April 1, 2025. These letters provided a short project description and included information about the Open House. Enclosed with the letter was a copy of the project location map.
- ODOT mailed Open House postcards using the US Postal Service's "every door direct" mailing service to property and business owners on two mailing routes within the project area on April 15, 2025.
- ODOT sent out a press release and general media announcements on April 16, 2025.

WEBSITE FORMAT

The Open House materials were available for public access online at www.odot.org/publicmeetings between April 15 and May 6, 2025. The Open House home page specified the date, time, and location the meeting was to be held, as well as the purpose of the proposed construction and the Open House. It also provided a description of the proposed project. From the home page, online visitors could select from the following downloads for more information:

- Postcard – A PDF copy of the Open House postcard mailed via Direct Mail.
- Public Meeting Handout – A PDF copy of the Open House handout.
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – A list of frequently asked questions regarding the project and their answers.
- Environmental Information – A compilation of the findings of the detailed environmental studies.
- Location Map – A map depicting the general location of the project.
- Overview Diagram - An overview poster of the project area.
- Strip Map Legend – A diagram showing the legend for the strip maps.
- Strip Maps 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 – A series of rollout posters detailing the proposed project for its entire length.
- Typical Section Map – A poster illustrating the proposed typical sections for the project.
- Comment Form – The public was encouraged to participate in the public outreach process and were provided several methods for submitting comments regarding the project. This page provided the deadline and contact information for providing comments.

OPEN HOUSE FORMAT

At the public Open House, attendees were asked to add their name and contact information to a sign-in sheet. A handout was available to everyone, which described the project and illustrated the proposed project alignment. Presentation boards were set up, and personnel from ODOT, including the engineering design team, District 8, and Environmental Programs Division, were available to answer questions and take comments from the public. Attendees were encouraged to write their specific questions or concerns related to the project on the available Comment Form.

TRANSLATED OPEN HOUSE MATERIALS

The Open House materials were translated into to “simplified” Chinese and made available to the public.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RESPONSES

During the Open House, attendees had the opportunity to speak with ODOT representatives about the project. These general oral comments are presented in the following table.

ORAL COMMENTS DURING OPEN HOUSE	
GENERAL COMMENT CONTEXT	INPUT
Design Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A couple was concerned about their driveway on the west side, three-lane section at 3rd Street. The driveway straddles their parcel and the NAPA Auto parcel. They would like the driveway to be moved fully on their parcel. An attendee asked if sidewalks would be added to the section of roadway included in JP # 32699(04). A person asked if the bumpy intersection at 3rd and Main would be fixed. One participant asked if ODOT would return everything back to the way it was. There was a discussion about widening O'Daniel Parkway. Many were happy about the addition of turning lanes.
Property Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several attendees had general questions and concerns about right-of-way acquisitions for both projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One property owner asked if ODOT is purchasing right-of-way for JP #32699(04). If so, they would like to get an entrance from their property to the highway instead of getting paid. (Also provided a written response of the same comment.) Another property owner asked about compensation for his land with regards to JP #32699(04). Several requested ODOT call them to discuss the right-of-way acquisitions. One person asked if ODOT planned to buy Muscari's Law Office building.
Signals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An attendee asked about an upcoming signal project and when it was going to be constructed. One person asked if a traffic light could be added at the school to create a break in traffic.
Drainage Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drainage concerns were brought up at Station 198-199 on the plan set.
Construction Timing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many had questions about when construction would begin.
Utilities & Billboards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An attendee mentioned there is a private water line on his property. Another attendee had concerns about what would happen to his billboard.

In total, ODOT received input from six agencies, no tribes, and seven individuals/citizens. The comments and responses associated with each media are presented in the following table.

INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS	
Individual	INPUT
Respondent 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The community's big concern is to have a traffic light at Ford Road. If not on Ford Road, then somewhere further east that would create a traffic break. This would be most important at the beginning and end of the school day. Future school expansion will happen at the high school campus, creating more traffic in the future.Sidewalks would be appreciated. When the city had long-range planning meetings, sidewalks are a concern raised by many people.
Respondent 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Would like to know if ODOT is purchasing right-of-way for JP #32699(04). If so, they would like to get an entrance from their property to the highway instead of getting paid.
Respondent 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">There are too many accidents on US-59 and Lake Road #6. A light needs to be installed at Tom Cat Corner.Would like to know if a future project is planned to have a bypass around Grove to ease the large volume of truck traffic.
Respondent 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Owns a Self-Storage facility.Doesn't agree with the amount of land ODOT is using on their side of the highway and across from them.Very concerned about space for his business. They need room for a keypad for people to get access to their storage units without it hanging out onto the highway.Most people that have storage units are usually pulling a 12-18-foot trailer behind them.
Respondent 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Would like to know when ODOT will start buying property and moving utilities.Asked how ODOT will compensate businesses for their losses while construction is taking place.Concerned about losing their renters over loss of business due to construction.
Respondent 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Owns property just west of the airport on the north side.
Respondent 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Approves and supports this project. Loves that the pavement on SH-10 from US-59/Main Street to SH-25 will be repaired which will improve safety and prolong the service life of SH-10 in Delaware County, Oklahoma.

ODOT Responses to Public Comments

The responses received were summarized and generically grouped into categories, each of which are presented below. Next to each comment is ODOT's response.

ODOT RESPONSES TO ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS	
ISSUE/COMMENT/CONCERN	RESPONSE
Design & Safety Concerns	<p>Driveway relocation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The driveway will be narrowed to match the existing width and moved entirely onto the property owner's parcel.

	Will sidewalks be added to JP #32699(04)? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes.
	Will the bumpy intersection at 3 rd and Main be fixed? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This improvement is planned for a future project.
	Will ODOT return everything back to the way it was? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ODOT will improve the highway as presented on the plans.
	Widening O'Daniel Parkway: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ODOT has no plans for widening of this street. This is a City of Grove street and they would be responsible for any improvements.
	Approval of the addition of turn lanes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ODOT appreciates the comment of support.
	Driveway relocation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The driveway will be narrowed to match the existing width and moved entirely onto the property owner's parcel.
	Request for sidewalks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sidewalks will be built in phases. At the time of the Open House, design plans stated sidewalks would be constructed along the entire length of the project area. After updates, it was determined that a sidewalk will be constructed initially from Hazel St. to Ford Rd. Additional sidewalks may be added at a later date.
	Concern about the number of accidents on US-59 and Lake Road #6: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improvements along US-59 are not included in this project.
	Will there be a bypass around Grove? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There will not be a bypass.
Property Impacts	General questions about right-of-way acquisitions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• R/W acquisition is anticipated for the project, as shown in the plans. The property owner will have an opportunity to voice their concerns and requests during the acquisition process.
	Right-of-way compensation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For any property that needs to be acquired for the project, a value of just compensation will be determined and presented to the property owner as an offer.
	Will ODOT buy Muscari's Law Office building? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ODOT does not plan to purchase Muscari's Law Office building.
	When will ODOT start purchasing right-of-way? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• R/W acquisition is expected to begin in late 2025 or early 2026.
	Request for alternate compensation for right-of-way: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specific requests can be discussed during the acquisition process.
	Concerns about impacts to local businesses during construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access to businesses will be maintained during construction but may be temporarily modified.
	How will ODOT compensate businesses for losses during construction? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compensation is only provided for the purchase of temporary or permanent R/W. Although the construction will be disruptive to business, the improvements are necessary and the contractor will be required to maintain access to businesses at all times.
	Concerns about impacts to the self-storage business on US-59: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proposed R/W shown is necessary for the relocation of utilities that are in conflict with construction. The designer will take another look to see if the proposed R/W can be reduced at all.

Signals	When will an upcoming signal project begin construction? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction is expected to begin in 2028.
	Can a traffic light be added at the school to create a break in traffic? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A traffic signal is not planned for the Ford Road intersection.
Drainage Concern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Localized ponding around Station 198+50 will be addressed with this project.
Construction Timing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction on this project is planned to begin in 2028.
Utilities & Billboards	There is a private water line on a property in the project area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comment noted.
	Concern about a billboard in the project area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The plans are designed to minimize conflicts with utilities and billboards. A closer look will be taken for the billboards near Station 245+00 to 250+00 Lt.
Project Appreciation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ODOT appreciates the comment of support.

Public Official & Tribal Comments & Responses

Before the start of the Open House, Oklahoma's senators and representatives, six tribes associated with the project area, local officials, and other interested parties were mailed Public Invite letters to notify them of the Open House and invite them to participate. No responses were received.

Agency Comments & Responses

Before the start of the Open House, several state and federal agencies were mailed solicitation letters requesting comments on the proposed project. Six agencies responded. Individual comments are summarized below.

PUBLIC OFFICIAL, AGENCY & TRIBAL COMMENTS	
PUBLIC OFFICIAL	INPUT
Oklahoma Department of Aerospace & Aeronautics (ODAA) Aviation Program Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on the location of this project, The Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics requests that ODOT coordinate construction with Lisa Jewett, airport manager of the Grove Regional Airport, so the appropriate Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs) can be issued for the period of construction within the runway protection zone of that airport. Requests ODOT to advise ODAA if the project will affect the height of the road surface. If so, ODOT could be required to file a tall structure permit, under the rules of the Aircraft Pilot and Passenger Protection Act, with the Department. The potential project may pose a hazard to the safe and efficient use of navigable airspace. Due to the location of the project, a form 7460-1 will be required with the FAA. ODAA recommends a 7460-1 detailing the road itself and a separate temporary filing for the construction equipment used filed at the maximum height of that equipment.
	ODOT RESPONSE

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments noted.
Oklahoma Conservation Commission (OCC) Water Quality Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydric soils do not appear to be a concern within the project boundary. The east project area does contain one mapped stream and therefore riparian wetlands may occur within the project boundary. OCC recommends contacting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulator Branch for guidance regarding disturbance to the stream or stream corridor. OCC requests avoidance of wetland habitat as possible and best construction practices to minimize stream disturbance and soil laden runoff during and following construction activities. If bridge or culvert replacement is required, OCC requests adequate cross-sectional drainage and consistent streambed gradient be incorporated at these stream crossings to minimize short and long-term erosion impacts to adjacent lands.
	ODOT RESPONSE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments noted.
Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) Oil & Gas Conservation Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The OCC has no comments. Notified ODOT of new Manager of Field Operations.
	ODOT RESPONSE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments noted.
Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) General Counsel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No environmental concerns under DEQ jurisdiction are anticipated. DEQ Recommended ODOT 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
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 LWCF Outreach & Compliance Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project will have "No Adverse Impact" on any Oklahoma State Park or Federal 6(f)3 boundaries pursuant to the LWCF Act 54 U.S.C. 200305(f)(3).
	ODOT RESPONSE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments noted.
Oklahoma Water Resources Board Planning & Management Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ODOT should contact the state NFIP coordinator for possible permit requirements for this project. All developments on state owned or operated property require a floodplain development permit from OWRB. This community participates in the NFIP and has a floodplain development permitting system.
	ODOT RESPONSE

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
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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	1
Specifically Disapprove of Project	0
General Comment Categories	-
o Design & Safety Concerns	9
o Property Impacts	8
o Signals	3
o Drainage Concerns	1
o Construction Timing Questions	1
o Utility & Billboard Impacts	2