

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES FINDINGS

IMPROVEMENTS TO US-75 BETWEEN US-62 & SH-56 IN OKMULGEE, OK OKMULGEE COUNTY J/P 34343(04)

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The project area was assessed for environmental resources or conditions that pose any type of problems. The following is a summary of known environmental challenges in the project area:

Waters and Wetlands:

No adverse impacts are expected.

There are no streams, wetlands or ponds within the project area.

Threatened and Endangered Species:

A habitat review was completed and threatened and endangered wildlife species were identified in the project area. No adverse impacts to protected species are expected.

Habitat reviews were conducted for federally listed threatened and endangered species, as well as for other protected bird species. There are several protected species of birds, bats and insects potentially located within the study area or general vicinity, but there was no designated critical habitat. Consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was conducted and it was determined that no permanent adverse impacts to protected species are anticipated.

Cultural Resources:

A study to determine the effects on cultural resources was completed. No effects on cultural resources are anticipated.

No potentially significant historic or pre-historic sites or properties were found within the project area during the study. ODOT completed the Section 106 consultation on behalf of FHWA and determined the project will have no effect on cultural resources. ODOT also consulted with the following tribes: Alabama Quassarte Tribal Town, Kialegee Tribal Town, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Osage Nation, Thlopthlocco Tribal Town, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians and Wichita and Affiliated Tribes. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation responded that there are important cultural resources in the area, but the project does not seem to affect them. The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians responded that they have no comments or questions.

Hazardous Materials:

A full hazardous materials study was completed by ODOT. Some hazardous materials sites were found in the study area that may impact construction. ODOT is reviewing the design plans to determine what should be done to manage the issues.

Hazardous materials and waste related impacts were determined by evaluating the regulatory database reports, assessing the Oklahoma Corporation Commission's (OCC) records, reviewing the Oklahoma Water Resources Board's (OWRB) well databases, and by performing a field study. Some areas were identified that could pose an environmental risk within the proposed project footprint and adjacent to the study area. ODOT determined that these sites may have an impact on project construction. ODOT is reviewing the design plans to determine what should be done to manage the issues.

Floodplains:

The project is not located within a floodplain. No permitting will be required.