

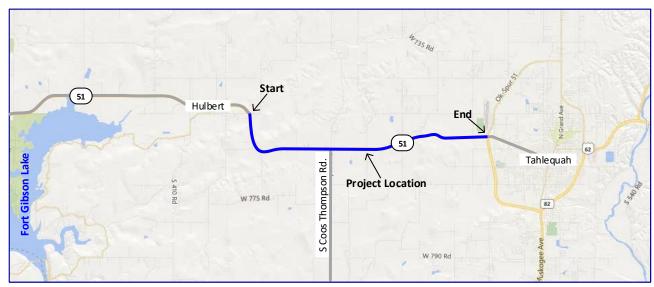
## August 20, 2019 @ 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. Hulbert Community Public Library / 210 N. Broadway Hulbert, OK 74441

**SH-51 · Cherokee County · JP: 30553(04)** 

ODOT invites you to an Open House meeting regarding proposed safety improvements on SH-51.

## Purpose of Meeting

The purpose of the Open House meeting is to inform the public of the proposed improvements, solicit input, and answer questions regarding construction activities, sequencing, and scheduling.



## **Project Description**

ODOT is developing design plans for improving this segment of SH-51 while taking into consideration the cost of construction, right-of-way and utilities impacts, and environmental constraints. The proposed improvements include widening and resurfacing the highway to create two, 12-foot wide, paved driving lanes with 8-foot wide shoulders on existing alignment.

The highway would remain open during construction, and access to residences and businesses would be maintained.

## Project Background

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), proposes to make safety improvements to SH-51 from Hulbert, extending east approximately 8 miles to Tahlequah in Cherokee County, Oklahoma. This segment of SH-51 is a two-lane, open section, minor arterial facility with 12-foot wide driving lanes and 4-foot shoulders. Current traffic volumes are estimated at 5,712 vehicles per day (VPD) and are projected to increase to 7,956 VPD by 2039. This portion of SH-51 has steep slopes, a substandard horizontal curve, limited sight distances, poor pavement, and narrow shoulders. Due to safety concerns, ODOT proposes to lessen the slopes, upgrade the substandard curve, reconfigure driveways and entrances, improve driving surfaces, and widen the shoulders. The purpose of the proposed improvements is to correct roadway deficiencies, enhance safety, and efficiently accommodate traffic.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Should you have any questions regarding the project, please contact our consultant Mr. Geoff Canty, CC Environmental, at (405) 761-1225, <a href="mailto:geoff@ccenviro.net">geoff@ccenviro.net</a> or Mr. Tim Vermillion, ODOT Environmental Project Manager, at (405) 521-2676, <a href="mailto:tvermillion@odot.org">tvermillion@odot.org</a>. Alternately, visit ODOT's public involvement web page at <a href="mailto:http://www.odot.org/publicmeetings">http://www.odot.org/publicmeetings</a> to provide your input via a project survey.



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