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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

# Why is a three-lane roadway being constructed instead of a four- or five-lane roadway?

A three-lane roadway with a two-way left-turn lane is being considered over a four- or five-lane roadway for safety and R/W reasons. Four-lane, undivided highways experience a number of crash types as traffic volumes increase, including rear-end and sideswipe crashes from differing speeds, stopped vehicles attempting to make left turns, and the need to frequently change lanes. A five-lane roadway with a two-way left-turn lane would require large amounts of R/W and would lead to the displacement of several businesses along US-277.

### What is the process if ODOT needs some of my property?

ODOT will obtain an independent appraisal and present a fair market value offer for your property. Click on the following link for additional information about ODOT's policies regarding property rights. **ODOT Property Rights Brochure** 

## What if ODOT needs temporary access for construction or a maintenance easement?

Sometimes ODOT will need temporary access or an easement to maintain the highway and drainage structures. Owners will be compensated for temporary R/W and for maintenance easements. In these cases, you will maintain ownership of the property. If your property will be affected, an ODOT-authorized agent will contact you.

## When will ODOT start buying property?

R/W acquisition for this project is currently scheduled to start in 2025 but is anticipated to advance. The schedule is subject to change.

### When is construction scheduled to begin?

Construction is currently scheduled to start in 2027 but is anticipated to advance. The schedule is subject to change.

### Will there be access to my home and property during construction?

Yes, access to homes, businesses, and property adjacent to the project will be maintained during all phases of construction.

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