



ODOT PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 5:00 p.m

Preston High School Cafeteria, 10061 Old Highway 75, Preston, Oklahoma, 74456

US-75 at Preston Road • Okmulgee County, OK • J/P: 30571(04)

Presentation of Proposed Improvements, Environmental Assessment, and Solicitation of Public Input

PROJECT INFORMATION SUMMARY

- Right-of-Way & Utility Location Start: 2021
- Construction Start: 2024
- Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) in year 2021: 22,860 vehicles per day
- Future Estimated AADT by year 2051: 36,600 vehicles per day

DISTRICT 1 ENGINEER: CHRIS WALLACE, P.E.

*Totals DO NOT include Toll Roads

**Totals DO NOT include County Bridges

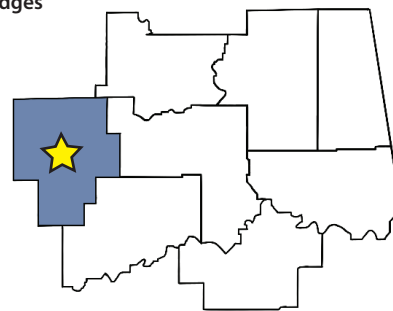
***Total Road Miles**
1,109.50

***Total Interstate Miles**
97.27

****Total Bridges**
706

COUNTIES

Adair, Cherokee, Haskell, McIntosh, Muskogee, **Okmulgee**, Sequoyah, Wagoner



Purpose of Public Hearing

The purpose of the public hearing is to present the findings of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the US-75 at Preston Road project and to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed improvements and EA findings. The EA document is available for public review.

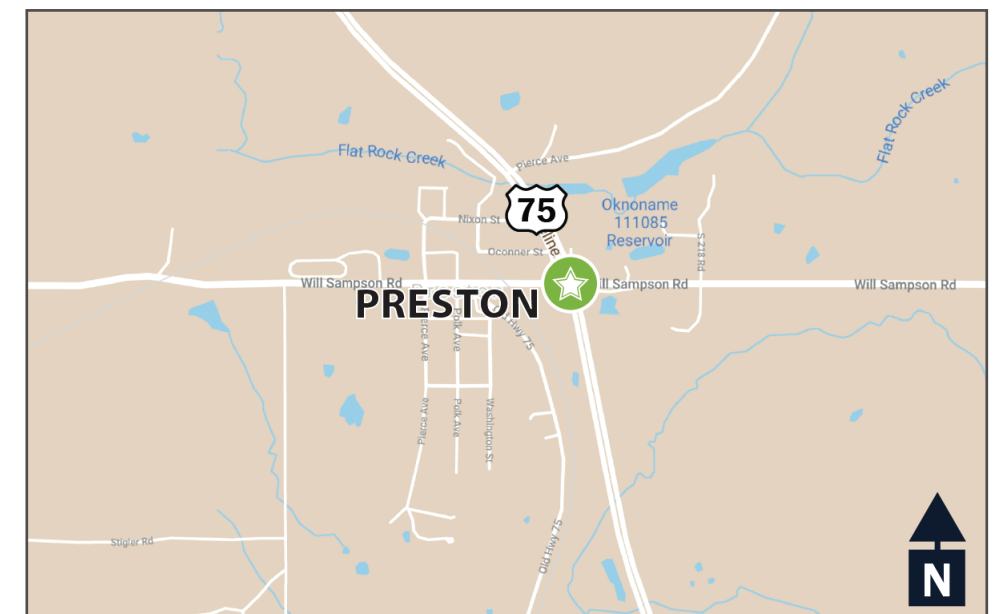


Project Background

US-75 is a four-lane divided highway with four 12-foot-wide driving lanes with 10-foot-wide outside shoulders and 4-foot-wide inside shoulders. 2021 traffic volumes are estimated at 22,860 vehicles per day (VPD) and are projected to increase to 36,600 VPD by 2051. US-75 at Preston Road is currently an at-grade intersection. There is a history of severe accidents at the US-75 and Preston Road intersection area, including 30 injury accidents and 2 fatalities in the ten-year period between 2011 and 2021. The purpose of the project is to improve the safety and accessibility of US-75 and Preston Road. A public meeting was held for the project in January 2020.



Project Location



PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS BY **NOVEMBER 24, 2021**

For more information about the project:

(405) 325-3269
environment@odot.org

<http://www.odot.org/PublicMeetings>



October 25, 2021

RE: Public Hearing for US-75 at Preston Road; State Job Piece Number JP 30571(04), Okmulgee County.

Dear Stakeholders, Property Owners and Utility Owners:

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is proposing to improve the US-75 at Preston Road intersection located seven miles north of the US-62 Junction in Okmulgee County, Oklahoma. The proposed project consists of the construction of a grade separated intersection at Preston Road/Will Sampson Road over US-75, adding on/off ramps and rerouting County Road N 220 (Pierce Avenue) along the east side of US-75 to connect Preston Road to the south, east of the Preston Road/US-75 intersection in Preston, Oklahoma. A public meeting was conducted in January 2020.

A Public Hearing has been scheduled from **5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at the Preston High School Cafeteria, 10061 Old Highway 75, Preston, Oklahoma, 74456**, to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the proposed action and the findings of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this undertaking. The first hour of the meeting will be an open house format, with exhibits available to view. A brief presentation will be made at 6:00 p.m. followed by an opportunity for public comment. Individuals should be signed up to speak by 6:15 p.m. and will have a maximum of three minutes to speak. Following the presentation and public comment period, the open house format will continue until 7:30 p.m. Comment forms will be provided, and a court reporter will be available to record verbal comments.

The EA Document describes the project's purpose and need, the range of alternatives considered including the Preferred Alternative, the social, economic and environmental effect of the alternatives, the Agency coordination and Public Involvement activities conducted as part of the Assessment. Copies of the EA are available for public inspection at the following locations and online at the ODOT website, www.odot.org/US75PrestonRoad, from **Monday, October 25, 2021, to Wednesday, November 24, 2021**.

Oklahoma Department of
Transportation
200 N.E. 21st Street
Oklahoma City, OK, 73015
Hours: Monday through Friday,
7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ODOT District 1 Field Office
2800 S. 32nd Street
Muskogee, OK 74401
Hours: Monday through Friday,
7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Preston Post Office
10040 Polk Avenue
Preston, OK 74456
Hours: Monday through Friday,
7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Saturday,
8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Comments on this project or the Environmental Assessment are welcome and must be received or postmarked by **Wednesday, November 24, 2021**. Comments can be mailed to Environmental Programs Division, Oklahoma Department of Transportation, 200 N.E. 21st St., Oklahoma City, OK, 73105, or emailed to environment@odot.org.

After the public hearing, project information may be viewed at www.odot.org/PublicMeetings.

If you are leasing this property, please notify your lessee of this public hearing. Should you have any questions regarding this project, please email environment@odot.org, or call 405-325-3269 and leave a detailed message.

Respectfully,



Joe Brutsché
Environmental Programs Interim Division Manager

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PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION



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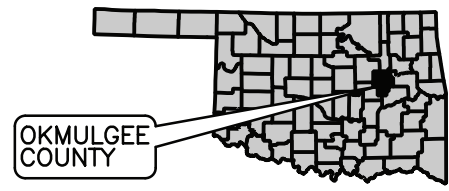
Project Overview

The proposed improvements include construction of a grade separated interchange, including a new 32-foot-wide, 182-foot-long bridge on Preston Road/Will Sampson Road over US-75, adding on/off ramps, a new bridge, and rerouting County Road N 220 (Pierce Avenue) along the east side of US-75 to connect to Preston Road to the south, east of the Preston Road/US-75 intersection. The intersection of County Road N 220 and US-75 will be removed to eliminate the direct access to US-75. The typical section of the reconstructed portion of Preston Road will carry two, 12-foot travel lanes with 4-foot outside shoulders. The on and off ramps would have 15-foot lanes with 10-foot asphalt shoulders. The project will require new location right-of-way.

Project History

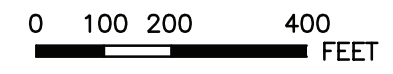
ODOT has recognized a need for improved safety at the US-75 and Preston Road intersection for several years. One of the first options considered to improve safety at the intersection was a project to close the US-75 median opening at Preston Road and add a "J-turn" several hundred feet south and north of the existing intersection. With the eliminated median opening, this would require traffic on Preston Road/Will Sampson Road to travel north or south on US-75 and turn around at the J-turn to cross US-75. Due to the rolling terrain on US-75, school buses turning on to US-75 would be required to travel immediately uphill on a high-speed facility, which was not determined to be safe. Therefore, the J-turn proposal was dismissed as a viable option.

Another option considered was adding traffic signals to the existing intersection. This option was not carried forward due to sight distance concerns and inadequate safe stopping distance. Closing the US-75 center median and requiring traffic to travel north or south to a median opening was also considered but determined to have substantial negative impact on emergency vehicle response times and would adversely affect school bus routes. These options were therefore dismissed from further consideration.



ROADWAY SCHEMATIC

J/P Number: 30571(04),
US 75 INTERCHANGE AT PRESTON



- US 75 CENTER LINE
- PRESTON ROAD
- N220 RD
- RAMPS
- BRIDGE
- REMOVAL
- EXISTING ROW
- PROPOSED ROW

