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There will be little permanent new right-of-way required the project. Although utility and construction easements will be needed in some areas. The proposed right-of-way could be refined as the design and construction plans are developed. If your property will be affected, an ODOT- authorized agent will contact you in the future. It is anticipated that right-of-way acquisition for this project will begin in Summer of 2022, although this schedule is dependent on funding and subject to change.

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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.

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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 right-of-way 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.

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When will ODOT start buying property?

Right-of-way acquisition for this project is anticipated to start in Summer of 2022. However, the schedule is dependent on funding and subject to change.

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When is construction scheduled to begin?

Construction is anticipated to begin in Summer of 2025. However, the schedule is dependent on funding and subject to change.

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How will the project be built?

The existing SH-80 will remain open during construction, and access to residences and businesses will be maintained.

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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 construction. In some cases, temporary drives may be required until permanent drives can be restored.

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How does ODOT calculate the existing and future traffic volumes?

Traffic counts are taken every two years on state highways. The existing traffic numbers reflect the current condition. The future traffic numbers are projected based on a multiplier based upon area.

Annual average daily traffic (AADT) is a measure used primarily in transportation engineering. Traditionally, it is the total volume of vehicle traffic of a highway or road for a year divided by 365 days. Therefore, there are days when there is more traffic, but this is an average. AADT is a simple, but useful, measurement of how busy the road is.

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Will noise walls be included in the project?

A traffic noise analysis has been completed based on the current project design. As a result of future condition noise modeling, one residential dwelling will be impacted at 66.0 decibels. In considering noise mitigation, this impacted receptor is in close proximity to the new intersection of SH-80/SH-51 and the intersection of Wilson Lane/SH-51. Implementing control measures such as a free standing noise wall within the highway right of way would impede access or prove ineffective due to being unable to achieve adequate wall length resulting in noise refracting around the terminal ends of the wall. Noise abatement measures have been proven not feasible, therefore, noise walls are not required as part of this project.

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Will the road be asphalt or concrete?

The type of roadway based on the pavement design will be asphalt. Pavement design is based on the subgrade, traffic (including truck traffic) and design life.

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What happens to my driveway?

Existing driveways will be provided a new asphalt driveway from the SH-80 roadway to the right-of-way line. Drainage culverts will be replaced under the driveway as needed.

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What will happened to my existing fence?

If right-of-way is required on your property and you have an existing fence, the fence will be replaced, or you will be given reimbursement to replace the fence as the property owner.

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What is the parking lot and drive depicted within the United States Army Corps of Engineers' property?

In response to Section 4(f) mitigation with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, ODOT is designing a parking lot and drive for public parking for individuals that hunt in the area.

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How do I contact someone about this project?

The best way to leave a comment or ask a question is to submit a written comment at the Submit a Comment (hyperlink) page, or email environment@odot.org. If you would like more information on the project, you may call (405) 325-3269.

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