

VIRTUAL PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE January 6 - 20, 2022

SH-80 Improvements from 0.85 miles south of junction SH-80/SH-51, north 0.5 miles Cherokee County: JP 31246(04)

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VIRTUAL PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation will host a virtual public open house to update the public and present the latest information on the improvements to SH-80 near the Town of Hulbert in Cherokee County. This open house will present the proposed design for the project and allow the public to submit comments. Due to concerns over the spread of COVID-19, this will be a web-based format (no inperson meeting). The information will be available beginning January 6, 2022 and comments are requested by January 20, 2022.



Purpose

The purpose of this project is to correct roadway deficiencies, enhance safety, efficiently accommodate traffic, and provide direct connection to SH-51. The current roadway is a two-lane roadway with 10-foot-wide driving lanes and no shoulder. This portion of SH-80 has deteriorating pavement, no shoulders, and goes through the Town Hulbert to connect to SH-51.

To date, ODOT has developed and studied three alternatives for this segment of SH-80. An open house was held on February 4, 2020 to present the alternatives to the public and obtain input. Based upon the completed engineering review, public meeting participation and state and federal agency input; ODOT selected a new alignment west of existing S. Wilson Lane as the preferred alternative. The public may view this preferred alternative on the virtual open house website and more details about the proposed improvements.



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January 3, 2022

Dear Stakeholders, Property Owners and Utility Owners:

Re: Grade, Drainage, Bridge, and Surface improvements on SH-80 from 0.85 miles of junction SH-80/SH-51 north 0.5 miles in Cherokee County, ODOT JP No. 31246(04)

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is proposing improvements to State Highway (SH) SH-80 from 0.85 mile south of junction SH-80/SH-51, north 0.5 mile (on new alignment) near the Town of Hulbert in Cherokee County, Oklahoma. The existing segment of SH-80 has deteriorating pavement, no shoulders, and goes through the Town of Hulbert to connect to SH-51. The purpose of the proposed improvements is to correct roadway deficiencies, enhance safety, efficiently accommodate traffic, and provide direct connection to SH-51.

A Public Open House was held on February 4, 2020 to inform the public of the three alternatives that were being considered for the proposed improvements and obtain input. Based upon the completed engineering review, public meeting participation and state and federal agency input; ODOT selected a new alignment west of existing S. Wilson Lane as the perferred alternative. This preferred alternative is presented in the current virtual public open house.

Due to ongoing concerns about COVID-19, ODOT will host a virtual public open house from **January 6 to January 20, 2022**, to present the perferred alterantive for the project and allow the public to submit input. This pamphlet contains additional information about the virtual public open house and our Property Rights Brochure. This brochure is for informational purposes only as your property may or may not be affected by the proposed project. After the virtual public open house, the meeting materials will be available on the ODOT Public Meeting Website: www.odot.org/publicmeetings.

If you are leasing this property, please notify your lessee of this virtual Open House.

Should you have any questions or would like additional information regarding this project, please email **environment@odot.org**, or call 405-325-3269.

Respectfully,

Chris Wallace, P.E. District 1 Engineer

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Project Background

ODOT tasked a design consultant in February 2019 to evaluate realignment/improvement alternatives for SH-80 to directly connect to SH-51 near the Town of Hulbert in Cherokee County. Three alternatives were developed as part of the February 2019 contract, which were presented at a public meeting on February 4, 2020 in Hulbert. Based upon the completed engineering review, public meeting participation and state and federal agency input; ODOT selected a new alignment west of existing S. Wilson Lane as the preferred alignment. This meeting presents the preferred alternative which achieves the purpose of the project. The purpose of this project is to correct roadway deficiencies, ehance safety, efficiently accommodate traffic, and provide direct connection to SH-51.

Project Description

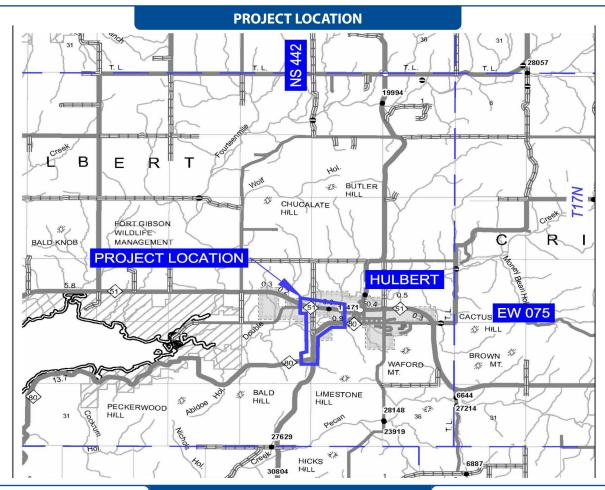
ODOT proposes to add shoulders, widen the driving lanes, and construct a new bridge on a new alignment. The new roadway will have two 12-foot wide driving lanes with 8-foot paved shoulders. See Figure 1 for details. The new bridge over Double Spring Creek will have a clear roadway width of 40-feet. The proposed SH-80 alignment will be west of S. Wilson Lane which will provide a direct connection to the existing SH-51. The existing highway would remain open during construction, and access to residences and businesses would be maintained. The purpose of proposed improvements is to correct roadway deficiencies, enhance safety, efficiently accommodate traffic, and provide direct connection to SH-51.

The enclosed map shows the design of the preferred alternative. The public may view the project design on the virtual open house website and read more about how the project will affect homes and businesses.





Figure 1: Proposed Typical Section



PROJECT INFORMATION SUMMARY

- Total Estimated Construction Cost of Project: \$4.9 Million
- Right-of-Way Acquisition and Utility Relocation Anticipated to Start in: 2022
- Construction Anticipated to Start in: 2025
- Current Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) in year 2019: 320 Total VPD/102 trucks per day (S. Wilson Lane)
- Future Estimated AADT by Year 2043: 1,210 Total VPD/387 trucks per day (S. Wilson Lane)

*Totals <u>DO NOT</u> include *Toll Roads*

DIVISION 1 ENGINEER: CHRIS WALLACE, P.E.

**Totals <u>DO NOT</u> include *County Bridges*

*Total Road Miles: 1,110.70 *Total Interstate Miles: 97.31

**Total Bridges: 698

Counties: Adair, Cherokee, Haskell, McIntosh, Muskogee, Okmulgee,

Sequoyah, Wagoner



PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS BY January 20, 2022

For more information about the project

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If you would like interpretation of documents please contact ODOT.

