

Virtual Public Open House Summary
US-70 and East Main Street
City of Durant

Job Piece Number 35186(04)
Project Number J3-5186(004)PM



April 10 to April 24, 2023

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document summarizes the virtual open house conducted for the proposed project to improve US-70 and East Main Street approximately 3.0 miles east of SH-78 in the City of Durant, Bryan County, Oklahoma. The purpose of the virtual open house is to present the proposed improvements for the interchange and receive public comment.

The Virtual Open House was held on-line, from April 10, 2023 to April 24, 2023 with the comment period through May 2, 2023. The virtual open house was a web-based format (no in-person meeting). The consultant hosted a website that included tabs for handout and sign-in, pamphlet/brochure, a project history, an interactive project map, project presentation with voice overlay, frequently asked questions, right-of-way information and an on-line comment form. The meeting presentation and materials can be found at www.odot.org/US70Durant.

Virtual public open house notification letters were mailed to twenty-one (21) public officials including four (4) letters to the Choctaw Nation and twenty-nine (29) agency notifications. Brochures, comment forms and notifications were sent to thirty (30) stakeholder, property owner and utility owners immediately adjacent to the project footprint.

The comment period was open from April 10 through May 2, 2023. There were three (3) responses received from the agency solicitation process. The agency responses received require no action. Six (6) individuals signed in with four (4) on-line comments that were in favor of the intersection improvements. One of the comments received was from the District III County Commissioner asking if ODOT included the resurfacing of Sawmill Road as part of the project. ODOT did not include the resurface of Sawmill Road as part of the project. Two (2) call-in comments from the same property owner and two (2) mail-in comments, one (1) from the property owner that called in and the other mail-in comment was in favor of the project.

According to the web analytics for the virtual public open house engagement overview, there were seven hundred fifty-five (755) views of the portal with two hundred and forty-one (241) sessions from the period of April 10 to May 2, 2023.

INTRODUCTION

Project Overview

This section of the US-70 around the south side of the City of Durant known as the Durant Bypass is showing an increase in traffic and a need for safety improvements at the intersection of US-70 and East Main Street. The existing section of US-70 consists of two 12' driving lanes with 8' shoulders. The speed limit along this corridor is 65 mph. On average this section of US-70 experiences approximately 3400 vehicles a day. East Main Street is at two-lane roadway with 12' driving lanes and 4' shoulders. The intersection configuration does not provide direct access from southbound US-70 to East Main Street and from East Main Street to northbound US-70. To access East Main Street to and from US-70, an access road known as Sawmill Road just north and east of the intersection is provided (N3750 Rd). This access road configuration is not the most desirable approach due to the growing traffic volumes and US-70 being a higher speed facility. ODOT is proposing to add additional ramps to provide direct northbound access to US-70 from East Main Street and direct southbound access from US-70 to East Main Street.

ODOT completed an Environmental Assessment in 2002 and is now in the process of performing a re-evaluation for the environmental document. The purpose of this US-70 and East Main Street interchange improvement project is to increase the safety and operation along the Durant Bypass.

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION

Virtual Open House Web Portal

US-70 Durant

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US-70 and East Main Street

City of Durant
Bryan County, Oklahoma
JP 35186(04)

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation is hosting a Virtual Open House to present the interchange improvements on US-70 at East Main Street in Durant, approximately 3.0 miles east of SH- 78. This site will present the design of the project and allow the public to submit input.

Handout & Sign In [Learn More](#)

Project Presentation [Learn More](#)

Project History [Learn More](#)

Interactive Project Map [Learn More](#)

Right-of-Way Information [Learn More](#)

Frequent Questions [Learn More](#)

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US-70 and East Main Street - Project Map

Map Placeholder

Interactive Project Map

The screenshot displays a web-based interactive map interface. At the top, a blue navigation bar contains a menu icon, the title "US-70 Durant", and a search bar with "Sign In" text. Below the navigation bar, a secondary bar shows the current map title "US-70 and East Main Street" and another search bar. The main map area shows an aerial view of a highway interchange with a purple highlighted section. A "Map Options" panel is open on the right, providing instructions for various map functions: "Use the map options to enhance your viewing.", "To view map layers:" (with a layers icon), "To change the basemap:" (with a grid icon), "To print a copy of the map:" (with a printer icon), "To measure a distance on the map:" (with a ruler icon), "To zoom in and out:" (with plus and minus icons), and "Type in an address to find a specific location." (with a search bar). A "Go to the Map" button is located at the bottom left of the interface.

Project/ Location History

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) has long been considering the need to provide safer and more direct access to and from US-70 and East Main Street. US-70 at East Main Street currently does not provide direct access from southbound US-70 to East Main Street and from East Main Street to northbound US-70. To access East Main Street to and from US-70, an access road known as Sawmill Road (N3750RD) just north of the grade separation is provided. This access road configuration is not the most desired approach due to the growing traffic volumes and US-70 being a higher speed facility.

ODOT is preparing to construct a safer and more direct access to and from US-70 and East Main Street, the construction of a northbound US-70 entrance ramp from East Main Street and a southbound US-70 exit ramp to East Main Street is warranted based on current traffic data. With the future expansion of US-70 to a four-lane divided section, the additional ramps will complete the full diamond interchange to ensure safe access and operation.

US-70 Durant

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Presentation



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US-70 & East Main Street
Durant Oklahoma



PE Poe & Associates, Inc.
Consulting Engineers

Welcome to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation Virtual Open House. ODOT is proposing to improve the intersection of US-70 and East Main Street in the City of Durant, Bryan County Oklahoma.

Project Location History



The proposed project is located on the Durant Bypass at US-70 and East Main Street in the City of Durant, Bryan County Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) has long been considering the need to provide safer and more direct access to and from US-70 and East Main Street. US-70 at East Main Street currently does not provide direct access from southbound US-70 to East Main Street and from East Main Street to northbound US-70. To access East Main Street to and from US-70, an access road known as Sawmill Road (N3750 RD) just north of the grade separation is provided.

Existing Conditions

- US-70
 - US-70 over East Main Street
 - Speed Limit: 65 mph
 - Two-lane Open Typical Section; 12' Driving Lanes, 8' Shoulders
 - Southbound Exit and Northbound Entrance Ramps
 - 3400 Average Daily Traffic
- East Main Street
 - 2-lane Open Typical Section; 12' Driving Lanes, 4' Shoulders



This existing section of US-70 consists of two 12' driving lanes with 8' shoulders. The speed limit along this corridor is 65 mph. On average this section of US-70 experiences approximately 3400 vehicles a day. East Main Street is a two-lane roadway with 12' driving lanes and 4' shoulders. To access East Main Street to and from US-70, an access road known as Sawmill Road (N3750 RD) just north and east of the intersection is provided.

Environmental Re-evaluation



- A re-evaluation of the original Environmental Assessment is being conducted for the continued improvements to the US-70 Corridor. The proposed project is consistent with the original Environmental Assessment. ODOT is performing additional studies to update the original environmental document. Issues that will be analyzed include the project's effects to noise, water quality, cultural and natural resources and other effects to the environment.



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Environmental Study



Environmental Studies are Underway

- ODOT - is Performing Studies of:
 - Waters and Wetlands
 - Threatened and Endangered Species
 - Cultural Resources (Historic and Archeological)
 - Neighborhoods and Businesses
 - Noise
 - Hazardous Materials
 - No Significant Impacts are Anticipated
- Studies will be compiled in Environmental Assessment re-evaluation



ODOT is in the process of completing detailed environmental studies of the proposed project. Studies of waters and wetlands, threatened and endangered species, cultural resources, neighborhoods and businesses, and hazardous materials are not completed yet. No Significant impacts to any of these resources is expected. Additional commitments to avoid and/or minimize impacts to the environment will be added to the project.

Environmental Study Area



This slide shows the Environmental Study area and the addition of two proposed ramps to and from US-70 at East Main Street. The light grey shaded area does not depict the right of way for the proposed project.

Prioritized Improvements



- ① Add additional ramps to provide direct northbound access to US-70 from East Main Street and direct southbound access from US-70 to East Main Street
- ① Remove access road to US-70 from Sawmill Road (N3750 RD)
- ① Ramp connection configuration at East Main Street to and from US-70 to be determined by traffic analysis and coordination with District 2
- ① No improvements or modifications to East Main Street are anticipated at this time



ODOT is proposing to add additional ramps to provide direct northbound access to US-70 from East Main Street and direct southbound access from US-70 to East Main Street. Once the ramps have been constructed ODOT will remove the connector from US-70 known as Sawmill Road (N3750 RD). The construction of a northbound US-70 entrance ramp from East Main Street and a southbound US-70 exit ramp to East Main Street is warranted based on current traffic data. No improvements or modifications to East Main Street are anticipated at this time. The addition of these ramps will complete the full diamond interchange and provide a safer, more direct access to and from US-70 and East Main Street.

Project Schedule



- ① ROW/Utility Plan Submittal Summer 2023
- ① Environmental Assessment Document Re-evaluation Fall 2023
- ① Final Design Plan Submittal Spring 2025
- ① Project Letting FFY 2025
- ① This schedule is contingent on funding and subject to change.



The current programmed schedule for this project is as follows. The right of way and utility plans are to be submitted in the summer of 2023. The Environmental Assessment re-evaluation will be finalized in the fall 2023. The final design plans are to be submitted in the spring 2025. The project letting is currently scheduled for Federal Fiscal Year 2025

***Please note that this schedule is contingent on funding and subject to change.**

**PLEASE SUBMIT
YOUR COMMENTS
BY MAY 2, 2023**



www.odot.org/US70Durant

Thank you for participating in this virtual open house for the proposed project to improve US-70 and East Main Street in the City of Durant, Bryan County. Please submit your comments to ODOT by May 2, 2023.

Interactive Comment Form



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COMMENT FORM

[HTTP://WWW.ODOT.ORG/PUBLICMEETINGS](http://www.odot.org/publicmeetings)

US-70 Ramps at East Main Street, Approximately 3 Miles East of SH-78

JP35186(04)

Durant, OK

Thank you for your interest in this project and taking the time to provide us with your written comments. Putting your comments in writing is one of the most effective ways to have your concerns addressed.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS BY: 05/02/2023			
*personal information is optional			
Name:	Business / Organization:		
Address:	City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone Number:	Email Address:		
<i>I have the following comment(s) or question(s) about the proposed project to improve the US-70 Ramps at East Main St. , approx. 3 miles east of SH-78.</i>			

Comments on this project can be submitted in several ways, including but not limited to:

*By US Mail or ODOT
Self Addressed Stamped Envelope:*
ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS DIVISION
OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
200 N.E. 21ST ST.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-3204

By Email:
environment@odot.org

On the Web:
www.odot.org/publicmeetings



Comments received are subject to public disclosure under the Oklahoma Public Information Act.
Personal information will remain confidential.

Handout



Virtual Public Open House

April 10, 2023 - April 24, 2023

US-70 and East Main Street

City of Durant

Bryan County; JP 35186(04)

Virtual Public Open House

The purpose of the virtual open house is to inform the public about the proposed improvements to the intersection of US-70 at East Main Street and to provide an opportunity for the public to submit comments.

Purpose & Need

The purpose and need of the project are to improve the operation and capacity of the intersection US-70 and East Main Street to accommodate existing and future traffic volumes, improve safety, and enhance local and regional connectivity



PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS BY May 2, 2023

For more information about the project:
(405) 325-3269 | environment@odot.org



www.odot.org/publicmeetings

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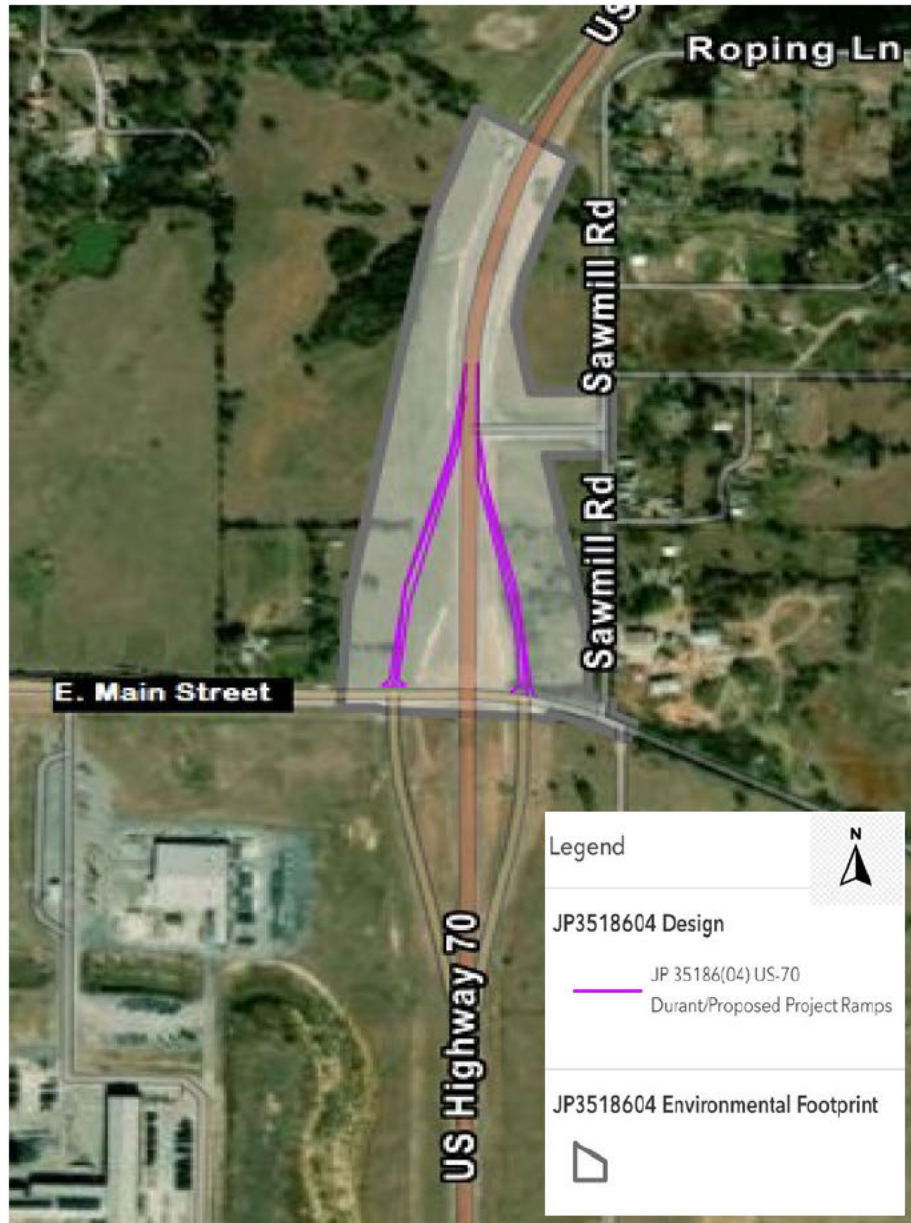
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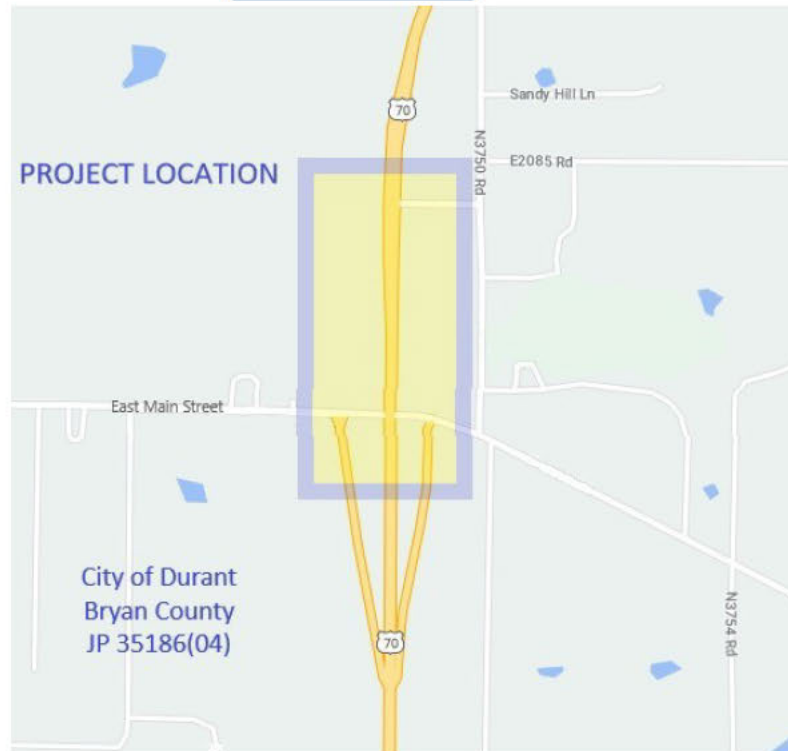
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ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY AREA AND PROJECT FOOT PRINT



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PROJECT LOCATION



PROJECT INFORMATION SUMMARY

- Design: 2023
- Construction Scheduled To Begin: 2025
- Currently Programmed Estimate: \$2.7 Million

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DISTRICT 2 ENGINEER: ANTHONY ECHELLE, P.E.

*Totals DO NOT include Toll Roads

***Total Road Miles**
1,656

COUNTIES

Atoka, Bryan, Choctaw, Latimer, Le Flore,
McCurtain, Marshall, Pittsburg, Pushmataha

**Totals DO NOT include County Bridges

****Total Bridges**
873



Frequently Asked Questions

The purpose of the virtual open house is to present the proposed improvements to US-70 at East Main Street, and to obtain public input to aid ODOT in moving forward with the completion of the environmental re-evaluation, design, and construction.

What is ODOT doing to improve the intersection at US-70 and East Main Street?

To provide safer and more direct access to and from US-70 and East Main Street, ODOT will construct a northbound US-70 entrance ramp from East Main Street and a southbound US-70 exit ramp to East Main Street which will provide a full diamond interchange.

Will additional right-of-way be acquired for this project?

Yes, however, ODOT is attempting to minimize the need for additional property acquisition. If your property is affected, an ODOT- authorized agent will contact you in the future. Click on the following link for additional information about ODOT's policy 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 right-of-way and for maintenance easements. In these cases, you will maintain ownership of the property. If your property is affected, an ODOT-authorized agent will contact you.

When will ODOT notify me if my property is impacted?

Right-of-way acquisition for this project is anticipated to start in late 2023. However, the schedule is dependent on funding and subject to change.

When is construction scheduled to begin?

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

How will the project be built?

US-70 and East Main Street will remain open during construction and phased construction will be utilized to maintain traffic.

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



Environmental Programs Division
200 N.E. 21st Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-3204
www.odot.org

April 4, 2023

RE: Virtual Open House for the modifications to intersection of US-70 and East Main Street approximately 3.0 miles east of SH-78 in the City of Durant. J/P 35186(04).

Dear Stakeholders, Property Owners and Utility Owners:

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) is proposing to improve the intersection of US-70 at East Main Street approximately 3.0 miles east of SH-78 in the City of Durant. The existing intersection configuration does not provide direct access from southbound US-70 to East Main Street and from East Main Street to northbound US-70. To access East Main Street to and from US-70, an access road just north and east of the grade separation is provided (N3750 Rd). The purpose and need of the project are to improve the operation and capacity of the intersection US-70 and East Main Street to accommodate existing and future traffic volumes, improve safety, and enhance local and regional connectivity. The road will remain open, and construction phased to maintain traffic in each direction.

ODOT will host a virtual open house from **April 10, 2023** to **April 24, 2023** at www.odot.org/US70Durant. The purpose of the Virtual Open House is to inform the public about the proposed improvements to US-70 at East Main Street and to provide an opportunity for the public to submit comments. This pamphlet contains additional information about the project. Project information may be viewed at www.odot.org/PublicMeetings.

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Sanabury".

For Joe Brutsché
Environmental Programs Division Manager

Enclosures: Pamphlet

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) ensures that no person or groups of persons shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, retaliation or genetic information, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any and all programs, services, or activities administered by ODOT, its recipients, sub-recipients, and contractors. To request an accommodation please contact the ADA Coordinator at 405-521-4140 or the Oklahoma Relay Service at 1-800-722-0353 no later than 72 hours before any scheduled event. If you have any ADA or Title VI questions email ODOT-ada-titlevi@odot.org.

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Comments Received

Official Comments

No comments received.

Agency Comments



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April 4, 2023

Mr. Grayson Ardies
Director
Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission
110 N. Robinson, Suite 200
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102

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APR 10 2023



RE: Solicitation for improvement of US-70 and East Main Street, ODOT J/P 35186(04) ODOT J3-5186(004)PM
(Latitude 33°50'12.11"N, Longitude 96°20'22.45"W)

Dear Mr. Ardies,

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), in cooperation and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is proposing to improve the intersection of US-70 and East Main Street approximately 3.0 miles east of SH-78 in the City of Durant. The purpose and need of the project are to improve the operation and capacity of the intersection US-70 and East Main Street to accommodate existing and future traffic volumes, improve safety, and enhance local and regional connectivity. Please see the attached project location map.

The proposed project will add additional ramps to provide direct northbound access to US-70 from East Main Street and direct southbound access from US-70 to East Main Street in the City of Durant, Bryan County.

A Virtual Open House will be held from April 10, 2023 to April 24, 2023 at www.odot.org/US70Durant. The purpose of the virtual public meeting is to inform the public about the proposed improvements to the intersection of US-70 at East Main Street and to provide an opportunity for the public to submit comments. The meeting materials can be found at www.odot.org/PublicMeetings.

To allow for adequate time for the evaluation of your comments, please respond by May 2, 2023. Your written comments may be submitted on the virtual Open House website www.odot.org/US70Durant or in writing to the Environmental Programs Division Manager, Oklahoma Department of Transportation, 200 NE 21st Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, or email to environment@odot.org.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Should you have any questions regarding the project, please contact ODOT's Environmental Project Manager Kathy Koon at (405)746-1930 or KKoon@odot.org.

Respectfully,


For Joe Brutsché
Environmental Programs Division Manager

No hazard

ODOT EPM KK/POE PM CM
Enclosures: Location Map

CC: As noted in the Agency Solicitation List

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Planning & Management Division
Oklahoma City, OK

PUBLIC NOTICE REVIEW

We have no comments to offer. We offer the following comments.

Project located on state property?

WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU CONTACT THE LOCAL FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR FOR POSSIBLE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PROJECT.

A directory of floodplain administrators is available on the OWRB website; http://www.owrb.ok.gov/floodplain/pdf/fpa_list.pdf . All developments on state owned or operated property require a floodplain development permit from OWRB. The Chapter 55 Rules and permit application for this requirement can be found on the OWRB web site at; <http://www.owrb.ok.gov/floodplain/forms.php> . If this project is proposed in a community which does not participate in the National Flood Insurance Program, ensure that this project is completed so that it is reasonably safe from flooding and does cause flooding or drainage problems on adjacent property.

Reviewer: Cheyenne Reynolds


Date 4/12/2023

Project Name: Proposal to improve the intersection of US-70 and East Main Street approximately 3.0 miles east of SH-78 in the City of Durant.

FIRM Name: Oklahoma Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration

* <Community> participates in the NFIP and has a floodplain development permitting system.

Stakeholder, Property Owner & Utility Owner Comments



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US-70 Ramps at East Main Street, Approximately 3 Miles East of SH-78

JP35186(04)

Durant, OK

Thank you for your interest in this project and taking the time to provide us with your written comments. Putting your comments in writing is one of the most effective ways to have your concerns addressed.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS BY: 05/02/2023
*personal information is optional

Name:	Business / Organization:

"I have the following comment(s) or question(s), about the proposed project to improve the US-70 Ramps at East Main St., approx. 3 miles east of SH-78."

Cant you start this project To morrow?
We live closest to road where traffic
Starts up the hill to get to CMC because
of no access to eastmain
Come spend the day with us on a
busy day : [REDACTED]


P.S. It's a shame you have to use county road
to get to a multible million dollar company

Comments on this project can be submitted in several ways, including but not limited to:

By US Mail or ODOT
Self Addressed Stamped Envelope:
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OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
200 N.E. 21st ST.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-3204

By Email:
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ODOT



US-70 Ramps at East Main Street, Approximately 3 Miles East of SH-78

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PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS BY: 05/02/2023

*personal information is optional

RECEIVED



"I have the following comment(s) or question(s) about the proposed project to improve the US-70 Ramps at East Main St., approx. 3 miles east of SH-78."

Greetings ODOT of Oklahoma:

I am a property owner impacted by the proposed project 3 miles east of SH 78 in the city of Durant at US 70 at East Main.

I have no information on your compensation to my satisfaction of the confiscation of property and privacy along with other factors that bring happiness. (over)

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By US Mail or ODOT

Self Addressed Stamped Envelope:

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We have much to talk about.

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COMMENT FORM



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Department of Transportation
200 N. E. 21st Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-3204

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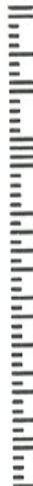
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POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE

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OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
200 N E 21ST STREET
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73105-9988

NO POSTAGE
NECESSARY
IF MAILED
IN THE
UNITED STATES



Comments Continued

We have much to talk



Call-in Comment

Voice Message Transcript

From: [REDACTED] Property Owner
Date: May 10, 2023
Phone Number [REDACTED]
JP: 35186(04) Bryan County, US-70 Durant
Duration of the Message: 27 seconds

I'm [REDACTED] down here at Durant and I'm at [REDACTED]. Uh, this is concerning about that project east of Durant on the Bypass. Please give me a call.

Voice Message Transcript

From: [REDACTED], Property Owner
Date: May 10, 2023
Phone Number [REDACTED]
JP: 35186(04) Bryan County, US-70 Durant
Duration of the Message: 1 minute 18 seconds

Let's see. This is [REDACTED] down here at Durant. Um and you know I don't see the project number here, I was looking for that. But this is the project. That's east Main Durant, three miles. East, on east main Durant. Um, that's from highly 70. It's on the own off-ramp. Papas. The east end. And, I was just wanting to talk to someone. I tried to call. Um, I believe the Koon lady Um, Hadn't got any response back from her.

This impacts property that I own there. And, Naturally, I'm pretty concerned with what's going on. And, Look. You know. What do I have to say on any of this? So I would like to talk someone. Thank you.



Memo

Phone Call Recipient: [REDACTED]
From: Anjie King, ODOT District #2 Project Manager
Company: Property Owner
Phone Number [REDACTED] @ 9:44am, call duration: 41 minutes
Re: JP: 35186(04) Bryan County, US-70: Grade, Drain & Surface

The following is a general summary of the phone conversation:

- He owns property (over 10 acres) adjacent to this project at the northwest corner of the intersection of US-70 & Hillcrest. He is also a Choctaw Native American. He is in the agricultural business and has cattle on his land. He said because he is a farmer he is on the bottom of the ladder. But he raises the best cattle that there is.
- He mentioned that he wanted to speak his peace. He feels that the previous improvements to the Durant Bypass were a poor design. But feels as if adding the additional ramps is not necessary, he said it is working right now as-is.
- He knows what our government is like. He doesn't approve of the President of the United States, and he thinks the Oklahoma Governor is up to something. He has a voice even though he feels that he will be run over as we have done in the past. He says China is going to own us and that the big guy with the cigar and feet on the desk makes the decisions with no investment or risks involved, and that he feels like a victim.
- He also discussed the vote on pot is unfair because if it doesn't get passed and legalized then we will just vote on it again and keep voting until it passes and said the same goes for abortion rights in our country. He said democracy runs this way, and that things are already planned ahead of time. Progress is not progress; it is going backwards.
- He feels his family is the backbone of the United States, having family members serving in World War I, World War II & Vietnam.
- The Oklahoma Highway Division will annex and take out a housing addition and back you into a corner.
- He said we get everything from Wal-Mart and China.
- He closed the conversation with stating that he currently mows some of the adjacent right-of-way and bales the hay for his cattle, adding that the original contractors that were doing it did a pretty sorry job and just did what they wanted.
- I assured [REDACTED] that I would document and pass along his information to the team. I also explained the design process and projected schedule as well as the right-of-way activities and what to expect. He said he was happy to talk with me and said he enjoyed visiting and apologized for talking my ear off. I gave him my cell phone number and told him after the Preliminary (30% Plans) team meeting coming up we would have a little more information on the direction of the design. I also told him to call anytime and I would be happy to offer an update on the progress of the project.
- Call ended at: 10:25am

On-Line Comments

Creation Date	Name	Business / Organization	Address, City, State, Zip Code	Phone Number	Email	I have the following comment(s) and/or question(s) about the proposed "US-70 and East Main Street" project.
4/14/2023 15:35	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	I believe this project is long overdue. The heavy truck traffic on Sawmill Rd has caused severe damage to the roadway. This project will move almost all of the traffic from Sawmill Rd. It will also allow for safer access to E. Main Street from US-70.
4/17/2023 18:49	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Due to the fact that the bypass was built the metal company moved in and brought heavy truck traffic to sawmill rd and they are tearing it up because there are not on and off ramps going north. Was just curious if the proposed plan could include fixing Sawmill rd.
4/19/2023 22:07	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	I approve and support ODOT's US-70 Durant Project. The aspect that I love about ODOT's US-70 Durant Project is that the US-70 and East Main Street Interchange will be improved by adding a northbound on ramp and southbound off ramp, which will increase access to US-70.
4/29/2023 16:47	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	I live on the section of Sawmill Rd that is used to access the East Main Street. Our small road is inadequate to serve as a route for the tractor trailer vehicles traveling to and from the Commercial Metals Corporation facility. I wish that the on and off ramps had been completed during the original construction of the bypass. This project can't start soon enough in my opinion.

Virtual Open House Engagement Overview

Date Range 4/2/2023 - 5/2/2023

Engagement Overview

Date Range: 4/2/2023 - 5/1/2023

Last 30 Days ▾

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Sessions ⓘ

241



Avg. Time on Site ⓘ

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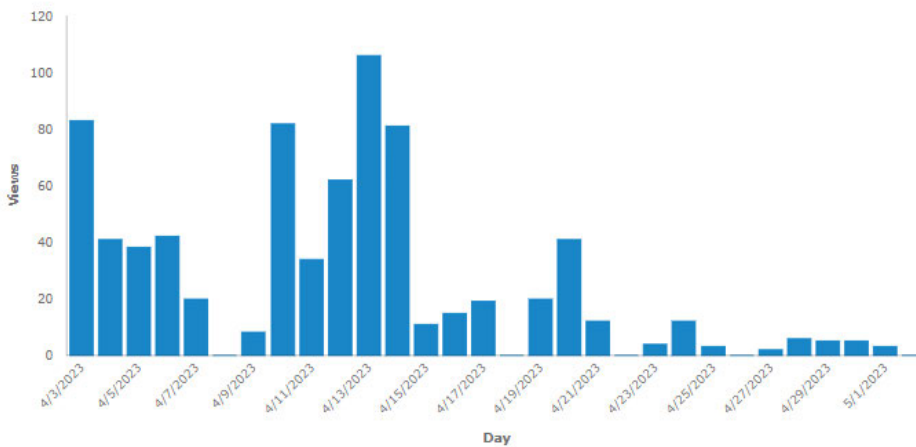
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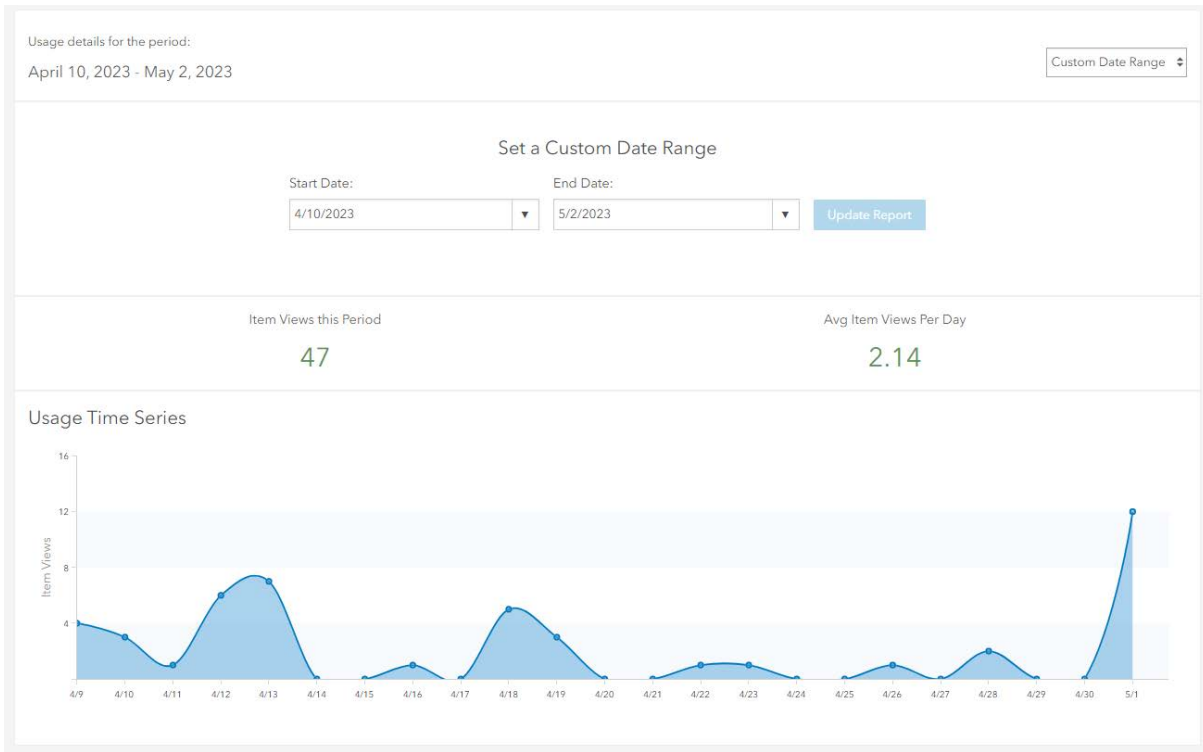
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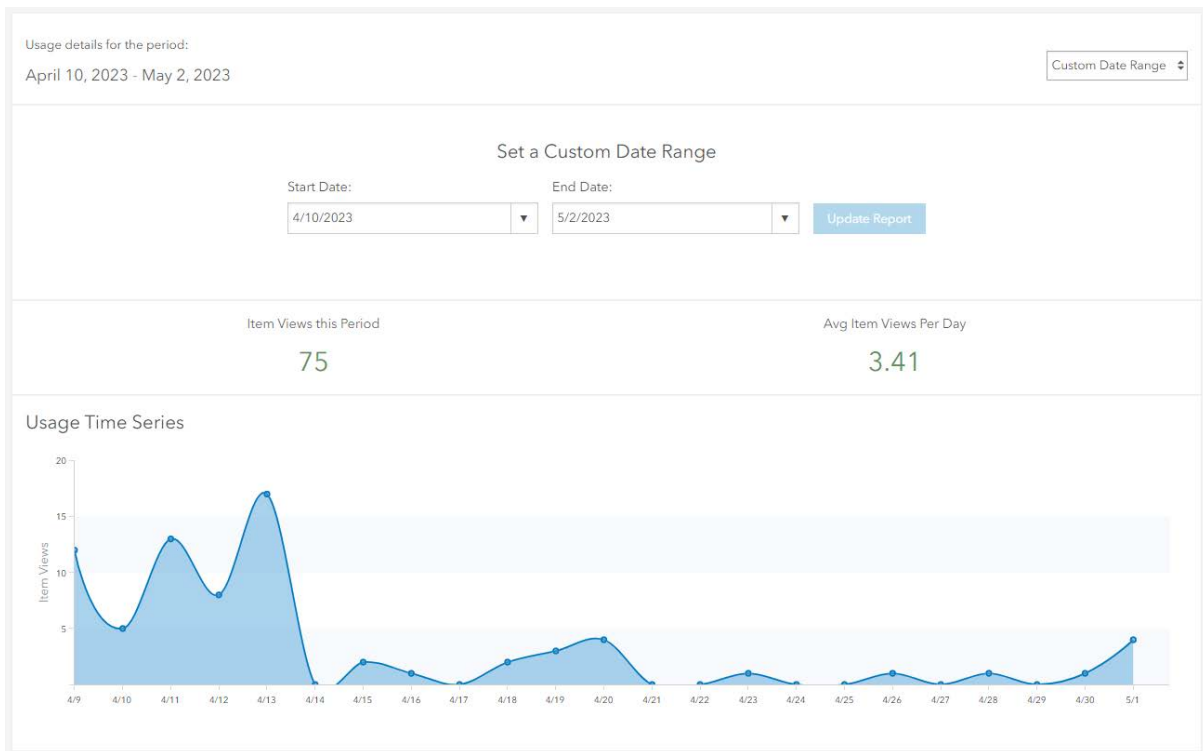
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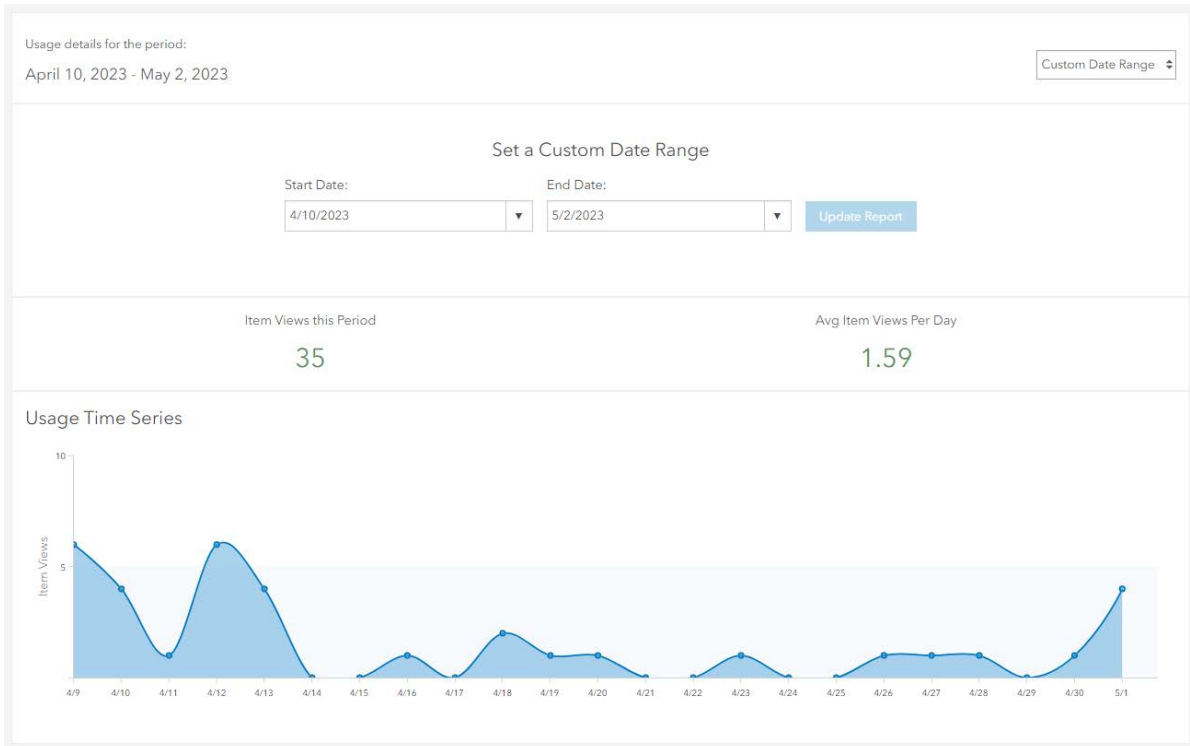
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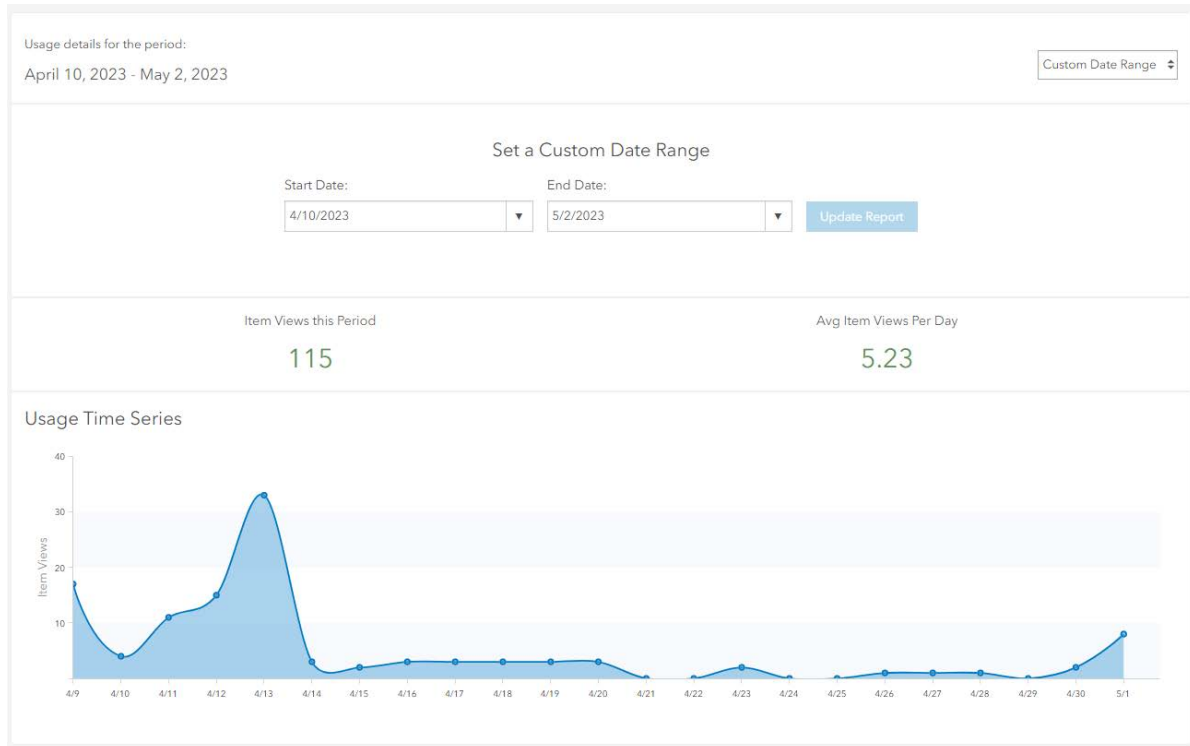
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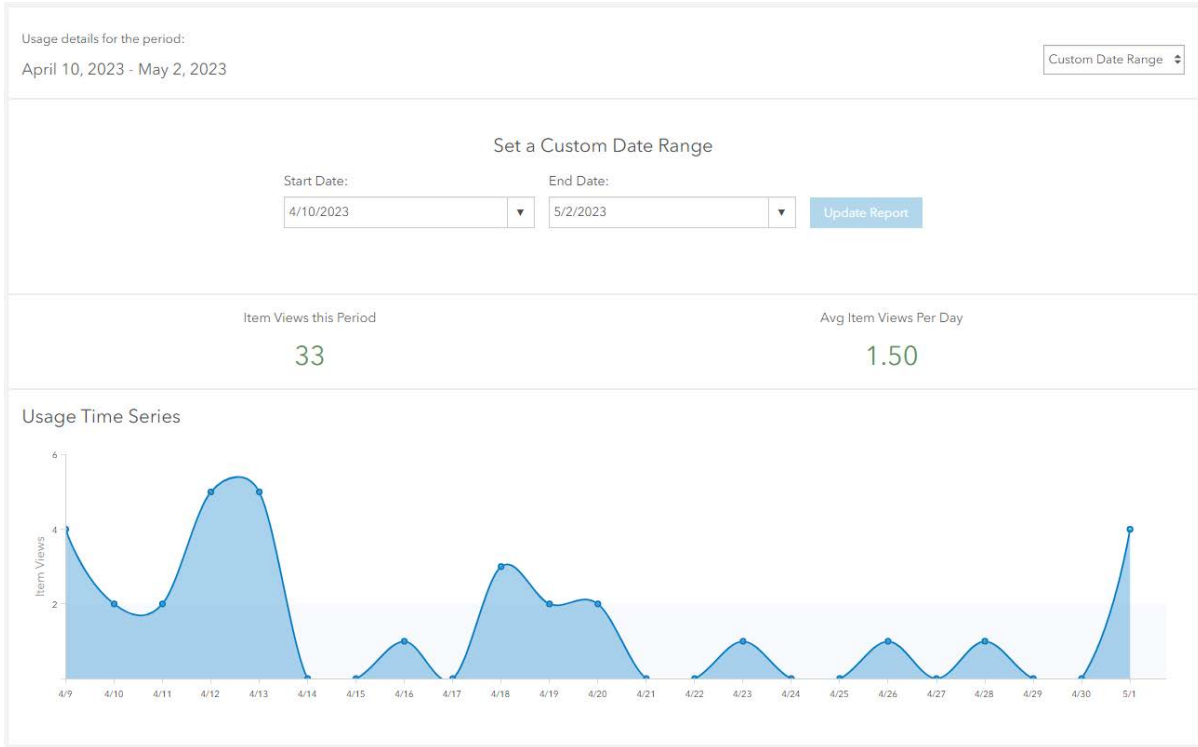
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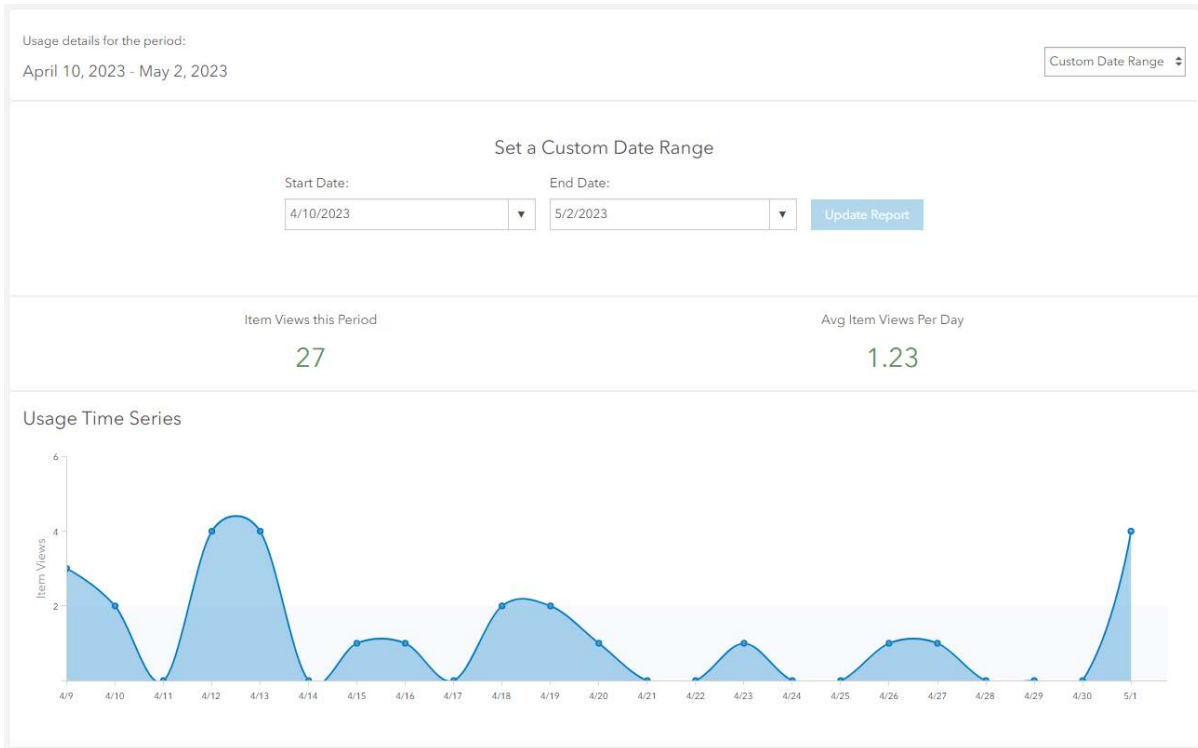
04. Interactive Project Map



05. Right-of-Way Information



06. FAQs



07. Comments

