

Virtual Open House And In-Person Open House Public Meeting Summary

US-412Alt Improvements

**From the intersection of US-412Alt and US-412 extending east
approximately 11.35 miles to the intersection of
US-412Alt and SH-10
Delaware County | Job Piece 30373(04)(07)**

**Virtual Open House Held July 27, 2023 thru August 10, 2023
In-Person Open House Held August 3, 2023**

Weblink:

www.odot.org/US412ADelaware

Prepared by:



Date:

August 31, 2023

TABLE OF CONTENTS

<u>1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</u>	2
<u>2.0 INTRODUCTION</u>	3
<u>3.0 VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE</u>	4
<u>3.1 MEETING NOTIFICATION</u>	4
<u>3.2 OUTREACH</u>	4
<u>3.3 MEETING INFORMATION AND FORMAT</u>	6
<u>4.0 COMMENTS</u>	6
<u>4.1 COMMENTS RECEIVED AT PUBLIC MEETING</u>	6
<u>4.2 PHONE CALL COMMENTS</u>	7
<u>4.3 WRITTEN COMMENTS</u>	9
<u>5.0 AGENCY SOLICITATION LETTERS</u>	12
<u>5.1 AGENCY COMMENTS AND ODOT RESPONSES</u>	12
<u>6.0 SIGN IN</u>	13
<u>7.0 WEB SITE DATA</u>	13

LIST OF TABLES

<u>TABLE 1: WRITTEN COMMENTS</u>	9
----------------------------------	---

LIST OF FIGURES

<u>MAPS 1 and 2: DIRECT MAIL ROUTE</u>	6
--	---

LIST OF APPENDICES

NONE PROVIDED FOR ODOT WEBPAGE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) held a virtual open house and an in-person open house public meeting for US-412 Alternative (Alt) in Delaware County. US-412Alt roadway improvements are from the intersection of US-412Alt and US-412 extending east approximately 11.35 miles to the intersection of US-412Alt and SH-10. The purpose of these open house public meetings is to present the proposed design for this segment of US-412Alt and obtain public input to aid ODOT in moving forward with the completion of the environmental studies, design, and construction. The purpose of these projects is to improve the narrow roadway and bridges, roadway geometry and skewed roadway intersection connections.

The virtual open house public meeting was held from July 27, 2023, to August 10, 2023. The virtual materials included tabs for handout and sign in, project presentation, project history, interactive project maps, right-of-way information, frequent questions and submitting a comment. The site was visited 1,408 times from July 26, 2023 to August 31, 2023.

The in-person open house public meeting was held August 3, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Leach Public School in Rose, Oklahoma. The preliminary project design was available for viewing on large aerial exhibit displays so participants could view the roadway improvements. There was no formal presentation. Staff were available at the open house public meeting to answer questions.

Now that the open house public meeting has concluded, the meeting material can be found at: <http://www.odot.org/publicmeetings>.

The open house public meeting had seventy-seven (77) participants that signed into the open house public meeting, six (6) phone calls were received, six (6) written comments were received, and seven (7) comments were provided on the webpage. The written and webpage comments have been grouped into broad categories as listed below. Some commenters had more than one comment per category:

# Of Comments	General Category
1	Safety for School Children
2	The Project is Unnecessary
4	Wanted to Know How Property Would be Impacted?
4	Support for Project
1	Other Projects – Support for improving SH-116
1	Will Improvements Include Turning Lanes
2	Highway Needs to be Mowed.
2	County Road Needs to be Graded
1	Information was Laid Out to View/Presenters Were Unable to Answer Specific Questions
1	Lift Turnpike Cost
2	Accidents and Turn Lanes
1	Sidewalks at US-412Alt at S Cherokee in Kansas

Four (4) agency letter responses were received and are summarized in Section 5.0.

Based on the comments received, the project as planned will move forward. During the right-of-way acquisition process minimizing relocations and driveway adjustments may need to be investigated.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

This document summarizes a virtual open house and an in-person open house public meeting conducted for US-412Alt in Delaware County. US-412Alt roadway improvements are from the intersection of US-412Alt and US-412 extending east approximately 11.35 miles to the intersection of US-412Alt and SH-10. There are two separate construction projects that go through the communities of Leach and Kansas. The purpose of these open house public meetings is to present the proposed design for this segment of US-412Alt and obtain public input to aid ODOT in moving forward with the completion of the environmental studies, design, and construction. The purpose of these projects is to improve the narrow roadway and bridges, roadway geometry, and skewed roadway intersection connections.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is proposing roadway improvements on US-412Alt for 11.35 miles. This segment of US-412Alt consists of two (2) 12-foot-wide driving lanes and 0 to 2-foot-wide paved shoulders. There are several substandard vertical and horizontal curves along the roadway segment that will be evaluated for improvement. The intersection at S 510 RD and US-412Alt is in a horizontal curve and is skewed. The intersections of S 570 RD, S 594 RD, S 596 RD and S 601 RD are also skewed. The remaining intersections intersect with US-412Alt at 90-degree angles.

There are three (3) existing bridge structures along this segment of US-412Alt. There are thirty-five (35) existing roadway size reinforced concrete box (RCB) and reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) drainage crossing structures within the project area. Leach Public Schools is located adjacent to US-412Alt to the north and west of the intersection of S 530 Road. The proposed improvements for the US-412Alt roadway will consist of reconstructing the roadway to provide two (2) 12-foot-wide driving lanes with 8-foot-wide paved shoulders on existing alignment for the majority of roadway outside of the town of Kansas. Within the town of Kansas limits, the roadway will consist of two (2) 14-foot-wide lanes with 6-inch-tall mountable curb and 4-foot-wide sidewalks on both sides of the roadway. The US-412Alt roadway near S 510 RD will be realigned to the east to provide a horizontal curve correction and a new intersection with S 510 RD will be provided at a 90-degree angle. A new intersection at US-412Alt and S 530 RD is proposed to address the school traffic at Leach Public Schools. The intersections at US-412Alt and S 570 RD, S 594 RD, S 596 RD and S 601 RD will be corrected to provide a 90-degree intersection.

The three (3) existing bridge reinforced concrete boxes, two over Saline Creek and one over Spring Creek, will be extended. A new bridge reinforced concrete box over an unnamed creek will be constructed. It will be a 117-foot-long skewed RCB and will replace an existing roadway size RCB located just east of S 570 Road. Nine (9) of the thirty-five (35) existing roadway size RCB and RCP drainage structures will be replaced. The remaining twenty-six (26) roadway size RCB and RCP drainage structures will be extended. An additional six (6) roadway sized RCP drainage crossing structures will be constructed. The highway will remain open during construction. Access to residences and businesses will be maintained throughout the project.

3.0 OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETING

3.1 MEETING NOTIFICATION

Two-hundred-and-twenty-two (220) property owners were identified adjacent to the study area, which is largely rural and residential but with some commercial landowners. These owners were notified of the virtual and in-person open house public meeting by both a postcard in the mail and by direct mail. Housing Authority of Cherokee Nation, Baptist Church of Leach, Christians in Action Church, Leach Community Fire Department, Lowery Freewill Baptist, First Baptist of Leach, One Oak Baptist Church, Kansas school, Twin Oaks Church, and Leach School all own property adjacent to the project, and they were provided notification. Eight (8) utility companies located within the project area were also notified of the open house public meeting.

Thirty-one (31) invitation letters to the public meeting were mailed to various agencies and members of the public. The public officials meeting invitation list included ODOT Commissioners, Delaware County Commissioners, State and U.S. elected officials, Grand Gateway Economic Development Association, Leach Public School, Oaks Public School, Kansas Public School, Kansas Police and Fire Departments, Oaks Fire Department, Oaks Indian Mission, and Tribal Nations.

Two-hundred-and-twenty-two (220) property owners, eight (8) utility companies, and thirty-one (31) public officials were mailed a postcard, letter and/or letter July 25, 2023.

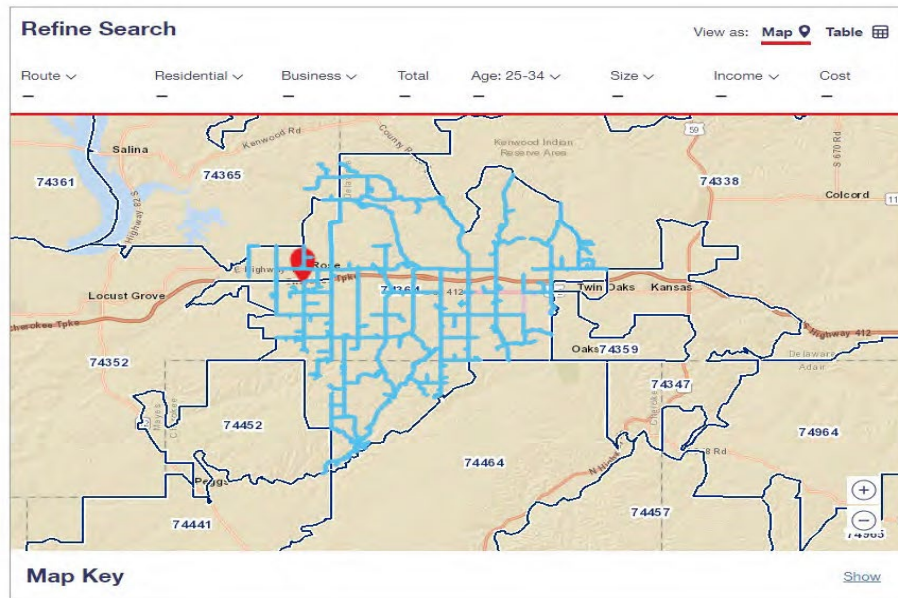
3.2 OUTREACH

Outreach was provided by direct mailing by the post office to two (2) mail delivery routes along the project area as noted in blue in maps 1 and 2. Two-thousand-one-hundred-and-thirty-nine (2,139) pamphlets, comment forms, property right brochure, relocation assistance and benefits booklet, and self-addressed stamped envelopes were printed and mailed by Mercury Press Plus and direct mailed to Post Office for distribution to routes.

- 74364 650 total
- 74347 1489 total

Direct mailing of pamphlets helps to ensure that individuals who are leasing property within the study area will get the information, as well as the property owners receiving notification through the mail. As the postal route serves a larger area, more people who use the US-412Alt roadway received the information, increasing the opportunity for input.

Maps 1 and 2: Direct Mail Routes



Order Summary

Selected Routes
2

[Post Office™ Drop-Offs](#)
1

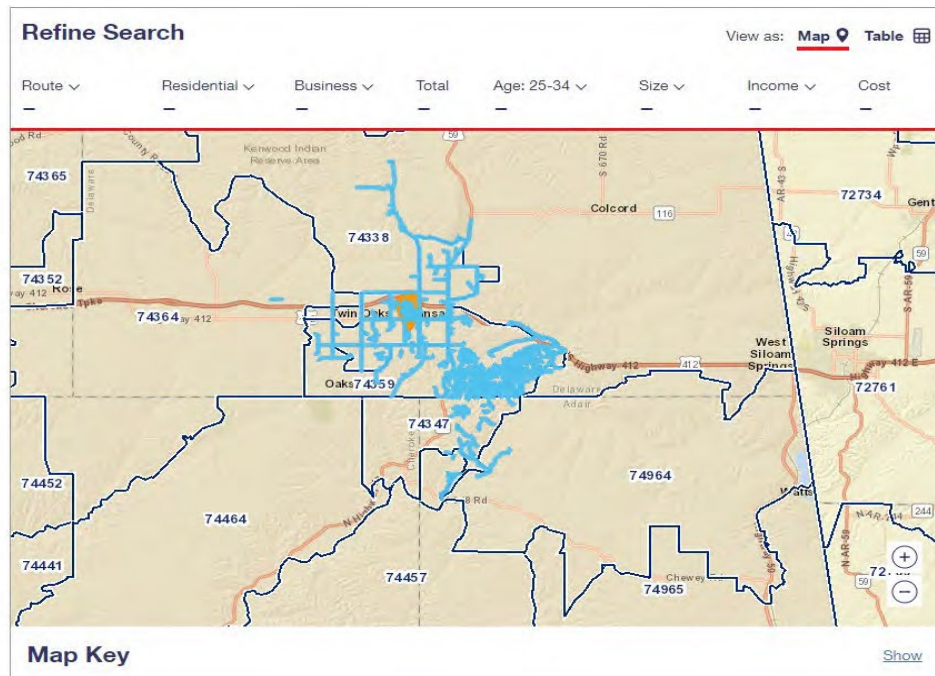
Total Mailpieces
650

Approximate Cost ⓘ
\$122.85

Next Step

Clear Routes

 **USPS.COM**



Order Summary

Selected Routes
4

[Post Office™ Drop-Offs](#)
1

Total Mailpieces
1469

Approximate Cost ⓘ
\$277.64

Next Step

Clear Routes

 **USPS.COM**

3.3 MEETING INFORMATION AND FORMAT

The virtual open house public meeting was held from July 27, 2023, to August 10, 2023. The materials for the virtual component can be found at ODOT's web page at <https://oklahoma.gov/odot/programs-and-projects/public-meetings-and-hearings/20230103.html>. The virtual materials included tabs for handout and sign in, project presentation, project history, interactive project maps, right-of-way information, frequent questions and submitting a comment. The presentation was available with audio presentation or downloadable with a transcript. The right-of-way information included both the ODOT property rights brochure and ODOT relocation Brochure.

The in-person open house public meeting was held August 3, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Leach Public School, located at 55979 S 530 Road in Rose, Oklahoma. Seventy-seven (77) residents signed into the meeting, including the Mayor of Kansas and State Senator Wood. Large signs were displayed during the meeting to direct citizens to the meeting location. The preliminary project design was available for viewing on large aerial exhibit displays so participants could view the roadway improvements. Other exhibits included boards showing the typical sections, horizontal curve correction at S 510 Road intersection, plan view of new vehicular access to Leach School from S 530 Road and re-alignment of S 530 Road, and next steps. Hudson Prince, Benham and ODOT staff were available for discussions with members of the public. There was no formal presentation.

All comments were requested to be received on or before August 17, 2023. Written comments could be submitted by mail, email, or by use of an online comment form as described on the submit a comment page.

4.0 COMMENTS

4.1 COMMENTS RECEIVED AT PUBLIC MEETING

A summary of the comments received from the open house public meeting is provided below.

Consultant Personnel Comments Received

- Benham had a question from a citizen asking why South 530 Road was shifted east rather than west of its' current north-south alignment. Consultant's response was South 530 Road was shifted east to improve safety along US 412A and to accommodate Leach Schools' preference for their student drop-off/pick-up traffic circulation to be located entirely on the east side of their property.
- There were several concerns about drainage and flooding across the highway.
- There were several remarks about providing a left turn lane at Leach School.
- There were several concerns about replacing existing fences and containing cattle during construction.
- There was a specific comment from citizen regarding access to the Kansas Post Office, Elementary School, and Northeast Tech. His impression was that Federal Funds would pay for an alternate route to these locations. He followed up with a written response as well.

4.2 PHONE CALL COMMENTS

1. 7/26/23

Just closed on house located in Kansas Oklahoma. Not near US-412Alt improvements. Distressed over receiving the pamphlet. Upset it was sent to her Called various ODOT staff and spoke to several people. Informed there were no projects near her new house.

Returned call 7/26/2023.

She was informed about direct mailing and how it is based on mailing routes, not just property location. She asked that information be clearer and state property may be impacted if within the project limits indicated on the maps. She is no longer distressed now that she understands her property will not be impacted.

2. 7/31/23

Her grandmother just had a brand new home built by the Cherokee Nation in Twin Oaks. She wants to know how this project will affect her. They were just getting ready to put up a chain-link fence.

Returned Call 8/1/23.

She was informed that from the edge of pavement to edge of PUE is about 55 feet at this location. She asked where she should build the new fence and I indicated I would build a minimum of 60 feet from the edge of pavement. She asked when ODOT would buy the property they needed. I informed that after this meeting and completion of environmental, the R/W process would start. It would take 9 to 2 months before the R/W plans would be available and at the time an agent would contact each property owner, review the property and how much R/W is needed and make the property owner an offer. She asked for my phone number to call if she had any other questions.

3. 7/31/23

Received the pamphlet. How long is it supposed to last?

Returned Call 8/1/23.

She knew this project had been in the books for a while as Electric company replaced electrical poles a few years ago and placed the lines inside her fence. At one time the plan was to provide sidewalks and turning lanes at Leach - sidewalks are not needed in that area She asked when right-of-way acquisition would start. I explained that right-of-way acquisition is anticipated to start in the Spring of 2024. I informed that after this meeting and completion of environmental, the R/W process would start It would take 9 to 2 months before the R/W plans would be available and at the time an agent would contact each property owner, review the property and how much R/W is needed and make the property owner an offer She asked about \$40.00 on Relocation Brochure. I said I could not answer that question and to ask the ODOT R/W agent that will attend the in person meeting.

She asked if the right-of-way agent, designated by ODOT, would take care of the appraisal, acquisition, and relocation. I indicated that these were all separate functions within ODOT, but to confirm with the ODOT R/W agent that will attend the meeting.

4. 8/3/23

Wants to know if his property will be impacted.

Returned Call 8/3/23.

Caller did look at the interactive map on his phone. Caller has property in Kansas. He looked at the interactive map on his phone and looks like ODOT is taking the library and tire shop on either side of his property. I indicated that was correct. He wanted to know how many feet from the road I looked on the interactive map and provided approximately 35 feet from ODOT present R/W line to proposed R/W. There are two buildings that the line is very near on his property. It is hard to determine at this point if those buildings would be relocated. I informed the caller that after this meeting and completion of the environmental, the R/W process would start. It would take 9 to 12 months before the R/W plans would be available and at the time an agent would contact each property owner, review the property and how much R/W is needed and make the property owner an offer. The caller is going to try to come to the meeting tonight I informed him it has been moved from the gym to the cafeteria.

5. 8/3/23

Would like to know if his property will be impacted. The property address is in Rose.

Returned Call 8/3/23.

His property is not located within the project area, but north of the Turnpike Caller asked if other projects are planned on US-412. Informed that from Tulsa to Inola ODOT is planning interchanges to improve safety.

6. 8/7/23.

Did everyone receive pamphlets?

Returned Call 8/7/23.

No answer and left message

4.3 WRITTEN COMMENTS

Six (6) written comments were received from the open house meetings. These comments have been grouped into broad categories for ease of reading in the table below. An ODOT response has been added at the end of each general category.

Written Comments Received	
Safety for School Children	
1a	<p>Citizen called into KURM News Bulletin and provided notice of the public meeting. He stated we need this improvement. Been working on this for several years to correct a very hazardous situation on this US 412Alt highway that intersects with Leach, Oaks, Kansas, and NE Oklahoma Vo Tech. A great response and attendance from the community expressing most important the safety of the 1500 school children who attend these schools. His impression was that Federal Funds would pay for an alternate route to these locations during construction.</p> <p>ODOT Response: We agree this project will improve safety for all road users. During construction, the highway will remain open. Access to residences and businesses will be maintained throughout the project during construction.</p>
Project Is Unnecessary	
2a	<p>A citizen travels from Kansas, Ok.to Tulsa and uses US-412Alt because they enjoy the scenery and countryside views on the 412Alt road between Kansas, OK. and the Rose/Leach ramp. Also, they save money on the toll by using this exit/entrance point to the turnpike.</p> <p>This 11 mile stretch of road is a typical Oklahoma roadway that is duplicated many, many thousands of times throughout the state of Oklahoma. The condition of the road is perfectly fine, and they haven't seen anything dangerous or of any environmental concern whatsoever when driving it multiple times and various times throughout the day. They were quite surprised when I read about the "improvements" as described in the ODOT flyer which prompted me to submit my comments now.</p> <p>I am not an engineer nor am I familiar with the various regulatory provisions concerning highway safety and environmental issues, but it is quite clear to me this project is completely unnecessary! As a taxpayer and just using plain common sense, I am very concerned about this wasteful spending of tax dollars - there are plenty of roads, bridges and environmental issues throughout Oklahoma that need improving but not this stretch.</p> <p>Please note I could go on and on with multiple comments expressing my objections to this project, but I think the point has been made. I doubt if my comments to ODOT will have any effect on your plans to go forward, so I plan on contacting my local and statewide congressmen and notify them of this wasteful project and enlist their aid in preventing this totally unnecessary project from happening!</p>
4a	<p>Do not care for it much. It is just a bunch of traffic cones, and it looks pretty tacky. Besides that, no one seems to mind the yield signs – just seems like there are going to be more wrecks. Why are we only focused on that.</p> <p>Also, should have put the money toward repaving Flint Creek.</p> <p>ODOT Response: The purpose of the project is to improve safety along US-412A by improving the narrow roadway and bridges, improving the roadway geometry, improving the skewed roadway intersection connections, and upgrading the roadway to meet current Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) design standards.</p>

How will my property be impacted	
3a	Will this road improvement affect this address? If it does there is an outstanding mortgage. How would I be compensated on this if place is needed on HWY relocation project.
5d	Our homes, businesses, churches, library etc. are important to this small community. Lots of dollars and work hours have been put into laying cables, waterlines, electrical poles. Our house would be too close to the HWY with noisy, speeding traffic the way ODOT has it laid out. Large cities handle this with controlled speed and not the heavy traffic 412 would get. Thank you for this opportunity to share our thoughts. We have lived here 50 years and would like it to be our choice to move or stay – not ordered to move. We are very concerned about this huge project, and its effect on our area.
ODOT Response: ODOT will obtain an independent appraisal and present a fair market value offer for your property. Owners of affected homes or businesses will be provided with additional relocation assistance. Right-of-way acquisition for this project is anticipated to start in the Spring of 2024. However, the schedule is dependent on funding and subject to change. Utilities would be moved, if needed, and ODOT would pay the cost of that if within existing ODOT owned right-of-way. The design speed and the actual posted speed limit may be different. If your property is impacted, ODOT staff and or agent will work with each property owner to address your concerns.	
Support for Project	
3b	I agree the road improvement project needs to be done.
5c	We are not against reasonable work being done on HWY 412Alt, like resurfacing, adding some shoulders, trimming tree limbs that extend over the HWY. Traffic entering from the sideroads needs to be made safer. Lowering the speed limit at these entries could help. Proper drainage is important.
ODOT Response: Thank you for your comments.	
Other Projects	
3c	I drive SH-116 from the Arkansas State line to SH-59 north. It seems some of this improvement could stand a re-pavement makeover too.
ODOT Response: As funding becomes available, other State Highway Roadways can be added to the ODOT 8-Year Construction Program.	
Turning Lanes	
3d	Will these improvements involve turning lanes too?
ODOT Response: Turning lanes were investigated in Leach and Kansas. Turning lanes were not added on US 412Alt in Leach, although a turn is proposed on S 530 Road at the Leach School to improve the school traffic flow and get vehicles off of US-412Alt. Turning lanes were not added in Kansas due to right-of-way impacts.	
Mowing	
4b	When was the last time the HWY was brush hogged? It has gotten taller than my car. It also needs to be brush hogged to Flint Creek.

6b	There are important road signs you can't even see. But your road construction signs are visible, with no road construction in place?
ODOT Response: ODOT mows its right-of-way two times a year. District 8 has over 1,660 miles of roadway to maintain and phases the mowing based on the time of year.	
County Road Graded	
4c	Is this a state or county project? If county, why can't we get our roads graded? We complained for 3 years, and finally they came. It was the same the next week and they haven't done anything since. About to take my oil pan off. They put the gravel on the wrong side, and it cannot drain.
6c	Is this a state or county project? If county, why can't we get our road graded? We complaints for 3 years, finally they came. It was the same the next week and they have not done anything since. About to take my oil pan off. They put the gravel on the wrong side, and it cannot drain.
ODOT Response: US-412A is a state highway. ODOT does not have any control over county roads. We recommend that you contact your county commissioner regarding road grading.	
Information was Laid Out to View/Presenters Were Unable to Answer all Questions	
5a	Property owners affected received the plan packet without giving comments and input before this was drawn out. We attended the 8/3/2023 open house public meeting at Leach. Information was laid out to view but the presenters were unable to answer all questions and concerns.
ODOT Response: ODOT construction, environmental, project management, and right-of-way staff, plus consultant design staff were available to answer questions. Specific right-of-way questions cannot be addressed until the right-of-way plans are developed to see each property vs the right-of-way need for the highway improvement.	
Lift Turnpike Cost	
5b	There has been much speculation about this improvement plan is to provide the connection from Arkansas to Tulsa. That is already in place from AR-OK state line in West Siloam Springs is a free 4-lane HWY that continues west to Flint Creek area where the 4-lane Cherokee Turnpike provides 32.8 miles of safe travel to east of Chouteau. From these is a free 4-lane HWY continuing to Tulsa. Lift the cost on the Cherokee Turnpike and you have your good road to Tulsa.
ODOT Response: Oklahoma Turnpike Authority would have to have authority to lift the cost of the Cherokee Turnpike. We encourage you to contact them regarding your concerns.	
Accidents and Turn Lane	
6a	This year there have been numerous accidents. Our business was destroyed because of one of them. Due to the high volume traffic during business hours safety has been a concern twenty plus years. Many drivers also use our driveways as a turnaround, including the school buses. I believe it would be safer to have a turn lane and move the west driveway back east sixteen feet, it would give a better long range view of the oncoming traffic.
ODOT Response: During the right-of-way acquisition process, we encourage you to make this request for the driveway move. It can be addressed at that time knowing your property boundaries and the proposed improvement.	

5.0 AGENCY SOLICITATION LETTERS

Agency solicitation letters were dated July 25, 2027 and were mailed July 27, 2023. These letters provided a short project description, and enclosed project location and aerial maps. The letter requested recipients provide input by August 17, 2023 and included a link to the project presentation information. This letter was sent to twenty-nine (29) State and Federal agencies including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

5.1 AGENCY COMMENTS AND ODOT RESPONSES

Four (4) agency letter responses were received and are summarized below along with an ODOT response.

- 1) The **Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC)** stated that after reviewing the attached plan there is a plugged well 2/10th of a mile north of the work area in the NE/4 SE/4 SE/4 of Section 15-T20N-R22E. The well has been plugged in since 1925 and should not pose any problem. There are no other plugged or producing wells in the entire work area.

ODOT Response:

This comment is noted and ODOT will place this plugged well on the project plans if located within the project limits.

- 2) The **Caddo Nation** has reviewed the project location and has determined that it does not affect known cultural, traditional, or sacred sites of interest to the Caddo Nation. As such, the Caddo Nation has no objection to the project at this time. However, in the event that an inadvertent discovery of potentially relevant cultural sites, funerary objects, or human remains occurs, we request that the project be immediately halted, and the proper authorities be contacted. Additionally, The Caddo Nation would need to be notified of an inadvertent discovery within 24 hours.

ODOT Response:

This comment is noted and ODOT Cultural Resources Group has plans in place if an inadvertent discovery occurs during construction.

- 3) The **Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)** stated no adverse environmental impacts under DEQ jurisdiction are anticipated for the project; however, please be aware of the following regulatory requirements:

A. Prior to beginning any construction activity disturbing more than one acre, you must submit an NOI and obtain authorization under OKR10, construction stormwater. If you need assistance, please contact DEQ's Stormwater Unit at (405) 702-6100.

B. It is unclear if water and wastewater utilities will need to be relocated as part of this project. Water and wastewater infrastructure projects that will require a construction permit from DEQ's Water Quality Division include the following:

- Construction of new water and wastewater treatment facilities;
- Modifications and upgrades to existing facilities;
- Construction of new water distribution and wastewater collection lines;
- Relocation of existing water distribution and wastewater collection lines.

Projects that do not require a construction permit include:

- Replacement of existing equipment with same type and size equipment;
- Replacement of existing water and wastewater lines with the same size line in the same location.

ODOT Response:

These comments are noted and ODOT will obtain authorization under OKR10, construction stormwater prior to construction.

- 4) The **Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Department** stated they oversee parks funded by the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), and the preservation of outdoor recreation areas encompassed by LWCF Federal 6(f)3 boundaries pursuant to the LWCF Act 54 U.S.C. 200305(f)(3). Based on our research of your project area, there is a Federal 6(f)3 LWCF boundary around Kansas City Park in Kansas, OK near where your project will take place. Please let us know if any rights-of-way will permanently disrupt the park's features or uses.

ODOT Response:

These comments are noted. The Kansas City Park is located one block south of the project on US-412Alt and east of S Cherokee Street. The Park will not be impacted.

6.0 SIGN IN

Not provided for ODOT webpage.

7.0 WEB SITE DATA

The virtual open house public meeting was held from July 27, 2023, to August 10, 2023. The virtual materials included tabs for handout and sign in, project presentation, project history, interactive project maps, right-of-way information, frequent questions and submitting a comment. Seven (7) people used the sign in form to register into the virtual meeting.

The site was visited 1,408 times from July 26, 2023 to August 31, 2023. Two (2) pamphlets were downloaded, and the presentation was downloaded 29 times. The interactive map was viewed 393 times.

Written comments from the web site included:

1. How will this impact the Harvest House?

ODOT Response: The Harvest House will lose parking in front of the building to provide for the roadway improvement and drainage. A perpetual utility easement is planned in this area to minimize permanent right-of-way impacts. A new paved driveway will be provided.

2. I approve and support ODOT's US-412A Improvements Project. The aspect that I love about ODOT's US-412A Improvements Project is that US-412A will be widened from 2 lanes to 4 lanes in each direction from US-412 to OK-10 which will improve safety, reduce congestion, and improve freight mobility.

ODOT Response: Outside of the Town of Kansas US-412Alt will be widened to consist of two 12-foot driving lanes and 8-foot paved shoulders. In segments that require vertical or horizontal alignment corrections the entire roadway will be reconstructed. In sections that do not require an alignment correction the existing roadway will be milled and overlaid with shoulders widened to 8 feet.

3. Your proposed right of way is going to be right on top of my fence and building and is going to completely disrupt my business. What is your plan to remedy that? It looks to me that you could move the right of way somewhat and I could continue to do business as usual. What is the plan ?

ODOT Response: The Interactive Map on this website shows the locations of proposed right-of-way, temporary right-of-way, public utility easements, and present right-of-way. The proposed right-of-way, temporary right-of-way, and public utility easements are preliminary and will be refined as the design for construction plans are developed. If your property is 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 the Fall of 2024, although this schedule is dependent on funding and subject to change. 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. 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.

4. Being a lifetime resident of Delaware County, I have requested improvement to this section US 412-A for several years noting hazards and safety issues that have been recognized in traffic fatalities during my lifetime of 69 years, some before. Glad to see the ODOT issuing the job piece 30373 (04)(07) number My family and family members have lived farmed worked and owned businesses and still do at Kansas Harvest House Restaurant, home at Junction roundabout home, and business next to Arvest home at Spring Creek Bridge homes, Cherokee Street South Church attendance, Long Prairie, Twin Oaks Baptist Freedom Worship, Lowry Free Will Baptist, Leach First Baptist, Elm Prairie schools, Kansas, NEO votech Lowry Leach Oaks business, Ma's Country Kitchen, Carroll's APCO station, Fred Sisk Phillips 66, Ollie Sisk DX, Fred Smith 66 Duncan DX, and grocery, dairy farm beef cattle over 100 years being involved with the church schools community and Civic organization and groups on the roadway cc Sen Rep Del Com

ODOT Response: Thank you for your support for improvements to US-412Alt to improve safety.

5. Noting concerns and request job piece 30373(04)(07) it would be beneficial and safe for sidewalk to go south on S Cherokee Street to connect with Kansas town hall and senior citizen building and public park and also sidewalk to extend to Kansas PO and schools. New bridge to be named in honor of WWII Vets and survivors of the Belgium Bulge PVT Woodrow W Carroll our families own Hometown Son 8/14/13-2/3/90. Historical markers at/for Long Prairie dating to 1828 and the Mann Cemetery Spring Creek 1st settlement of early settlers dating about 1818 at 590 Rd S 1 mi 570 CR and the New Spring Place marker of Twin Oaks all very important to the efficient lives lived leading up to statehood 1907 with respect for early settlers Trail of Tears Civil War World War I, II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Etc., there are graves

as recorded in cemeteries and burial places of Del. Co. Vol IV at 567 Rd S of US412A NW corner near driveway Carl Smith Farm also 564 N side of US412A E Lowry Sch. Bean grave OK Value History.

ODOT Response: These comments regarding sidewalks will be investigated. Naming the new bridge in honor of someone takes place on the State legislative level. We encourage you to speak to your local state senator and representative. Historical markers are selected by the Oklahoma Historical Society. You can access the webpage at <https://www.okhistory.org/about/markers> and provide an application for a historical marker.

6. In review of the proposed right of way, I have the following suggestions to take in consideration. Intersection of Tulsa Ave and N Woods (Main access entrance to Fire Station/post office and high school entrance). Turn lanes in area to adequately give room for vehicles turning in area to move over to allow for traffic to flow freely and a crosswalk to cross Tulsa Ave from one side of street to other due to Tulsa Ave splitting town. A cross walk should also be addressed at the intersection located at Cherokee St and Tulsa Ave as this is the primary road connecting both sides of town with elementary school located near and city park. Also, at the intersection of Tulsa Ave and N Woods I would like to see the roadway heading north toward the high school/post office and fire station be widened and sidewalks continued to these locations to help with safe pedestrian and traffic movement leading up to Tulsa Ave. This project is much needed.... Thank you!

ODOT Response: These comments regarding turn lanes and cross walks at N Woods and US-412Alt will be investigated. Roadway improvements northward on N Woods would have to be completed by the city.