

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

US-412A Delaware County: Job Piece Numbers 30373(04) & 30373(07)

How will I know if ODOT plans to acquire my property?

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 Spring of 2024, although this schedule is dependent on funding and subject to change. Click on the following link for additional information about ODOT's policy regarding property rights.

What is the process if ODOT needs some of my property? What if ODOT needs to buy my house or business?

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. Click on the following link for additional information about ODOT's policies regarding property rights and relocation assistance.

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 start buying property?

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.

When is construction scheduled to begin?

Construction of US-412A from the US-412A / US-412 Junction to State Highway 10 is currently scheduled in the Oklahoma Department of Transportation 8-year construction project plan to begin in fiscal year 2027 for Job Piece 30373(04) and fiscal year 2028 for Job Piece 30373(07). However, the schedule is dependent on funding and subject to change.

Why can't you just widen the existing highway?

Additional right-of-way is needed for the following reasons:

- To add 8-foot-wide shoulders
- To provide sidewalks and curbs within the Town of Kansas
- To account for drainage
- To account for utilities

What is a public utility easement (PUE)?

ODOT took steps to minimize relocations by using a public utility easement (PUE) along the proposed project, rather than acquiring additional right-of-way to move utilities. No other measures can be taken to mitigate displacements, while accomplishing the purpose of the proposed project for adding 8-foot-wide paved shoulders or adding curb and sidewalk through the Town of Kansas, due to the proximity of the structures to the roadway.

What is a mountable curb?

A mountable curb was designated for a section within the Town of Kansas. A mountable curb is one that allows vehicles to encroach on it without damaging the tires or wheels.

How will the project be built?

The existing roadway and bridge reinforced concrete boxes will remain open during construction. Temporary pavement will be added in segments that have vertical and horizontal curve corrections shifting traffic so that one lane of the curve can be built at a time. Once the new shoulders and vertical and horizontal curves are constructed, the existing pavement segments will be resurfaced. After completion of the resurfacing, the roadway will be opened as a two-lane highway with widened shoulders.

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.

What will happen to my driveway?

Existing driveways will be provided with a new asphalt or concrete driveway from the US-412A roadway to the right-of-way line. Drainage culverts will be replaced under the driveway as needed.

What will happen 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.

Will drainage improvements at existing ditch and stream crossings be part of the project?

Yes, the proposed project includes drainage improvements within the existing and proposed right-of-way to facilitate the highway widening. The proposed drainage improvements will be designed to convey stormwater and stream flows to existing and new culverts and bridges.