

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) TAB

PAVEMENT REHABILITATION SH-72 FROM 0.3 MILE NORTH OF SH-51B JUNCTION IN COWETA, EXTEND NORTH 0.4 MILE WAGONER COUNTY J/P 34345(04)

What are the proposed alternatives for this project?

Alternative 1 - Two Lane Option: This alternative would maintain the current traffic flow pattern with one driving lane in each direction. Parking would be converted to “back-in” angled parking spaces on both sides of the street. Sidewalks, ramps, and crossings will be reconstructed to allow for safer, ADA compliant, and easier pedestrian access.

Alternative 2 - Three Lane Option: This alternative would maintain the current traffic flow with one driving lane in each direction, but would improve vehicle flow by adding a center turn lane. Parking would be change from angled slots to parallel parking on both sides of the street. Sidewalks, ramps, and crossings will be reconstructed to allow for safer, ADA compliant, and easier pedestrian access.

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

No new right-of-way will be needed for this project. All work will be done within the existing right-of-way.

What if ODOT needs temporary access for construction or a maintenance easement?

No right-of-way is anticipated; however, there may be a chance that ODOT would require some temporary access to construct a driveway or modify drainage. In that case, you would be compensated for temporary right-of-way access, and you would maintain ownership of the property. If your property will be affected, an ODOT-authorized agent will contact you.

When is construction scheduled to begin?

Construction is anticipated to begin in 2028. However, this schedule is dependent on funding and subject to change.

How will the project be built?

Construction will occur in phases. The proposed phasing would allow SH-72/Broadway Avenue to remain open during construction, and access to local residences, the school, and businesses would be maintained throughout the project duration.

Will drainage improvements be part of the project?

Yes, the proposed project includes some drainage improvements within the existing right-of-way. Storm water drainage structures will be constructed, where required, along SH-72/Broadway Avenue. Curb and gutter sections will be improved and/or constructed to convey drainage and reduce pooling and ponding on the roadway.

Will any of the intersections have new signals?

The existing signal at Chestnut Street will be improved and will provide pedestrian signalization.

Will the road be asphalt or concrete?

Asphalt. The existing roadway will be milled and overlaid with asphalt. Pavement design is based on the subgrade, traffic (including truck traffic) and design life.

Will there be access to my business, home, and property during the project?

Yes, access to businesses, the school, residences, and other properties adjacent to the project will be maintained during all phases of construction with temporary drives until permanent access can be restored.

What happens to my driveway?

Existing driveways may be reconstructed or repaved up to the existing right-of-way line, and approximately perpendicular to the roadway.

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 the 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.