

Open House
Public Meeting Summary

**US-62 Interchange – Goodyear Boulevard extension
from Cache Road, N. 0.50 miles and new interchange
at US-62**

Comanche County / JP Number 35730(004)

Held April 11, 2024

6:00-8:00PM

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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) held an open house public meeting for US-62 – Goodyear Boulevard extension from Cache Road, N. 0.50 miles and new interchange at US-62 in Lawton, Comanche County. The purpose of the open house public meeting was to present the proposed design for these improvements along US-62 and to obtain public input to aid ODOT in moving forward with the completion of the environmental studies, design, and construction. The purpose and need of the project are to improve the mobility and connectivity for the Lawton West Industrial Park. The road currently ends at Cache Road.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document was sent to Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) for their approval on October 15, 2024.

The open house public meeting was held on April 11, 2024 from 6:00-8:00PM. The public meeting had large poster boards set up on easels at various stations, including conceptual rendering, a project overview, construction phasing, project location, project limits, alternative analysis, proposed improvements, environmental overview, and next steps. Lastly, there was a table with sign in sheets, and comment forms.

Now that the open house public meeting has concluded, the meeting materials can be found at:

<http://www.odot.org/publicmeetings>.

The open house public meeting had thirty-two (32) participants that signed into the open house public meeting, no phone calls were received, three (3) citizen written comments were received. No public officials' comments were received.

<u># Of Comments</u>	<u>General Category</u>
3	Support for project

Based on the comments received, the project will move forward as planned.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

This document summarizes an open house public meeting conducted for US-62 a 4-lane limited access highway that runs east to west, and an extension of Goodyear Boulevard from Cache Road, N, 0.50 miles and a new interchange at US-62 in Lawton, Comanche County. The purpose of the open house public meeting was to present the proposed design for these improvements along US-62 and to obtain public input to aid ODOT in moving forward with the completion of the environmental studies, design, and construction. The purpose and need for the project are needed for increased capacity for direct route for commodities transit connecting to US-62, address safe transit of cargo, and to allow for economic development in the undeveloped areas of the West Lawton Industrial Park.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document was sent to Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) for their approval on October 15, 2024.

ODOT, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is proposing roadway improvements along US-62, including a new interchange and extension of Goodyear Boulevard from Cache Road to US-62, 1.94 miles east of Deyo Mission Road in Lawton, Oklahoma under City of Lawton Project Number EN2104 and ODOT program Job Piece Number – 35730(004)

Goodyear Boulevard is the arterial street running north/south through the West Lawton Industrial Park connecting multiple states and carrying large volumes of commercial traffic. This interchange is being designed due to the expected future traffic volumes following development in the City of Lawton. Goodyear Boulevard currently ends at Cache Road, with commercial development to the east and residential areas to the west. Vehicles entering the West Industrial Park from US-62 need more direct access to the industrial park. The proposed project will extend Goodyear Boulevard 0.5 miles north and create a new grade separated interchange with US-62.

New right-of-way will be required. The road will remain open during construction.

3.0 OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETING

3.1 MEETING NOTIFICATION

Seven (7) property owners, and seven (7) utility owners were identified adjacent to the study area, which is largely rural farmland. These owners were notified for the open house public meeting by letter, mailed November 29, 2024.

Seventy-one (71) invitation letters to the public meeting were mailed to various agencies and members of the public on November 29, 2023. The public officials meeting invitation list included ODOT Commissioners, Comanche County Commissioners, State and U.S. elected officials, City of Lawton, Southern Oklahoma Development Authority, and Tribal Nations.

3.2 OUTREACH

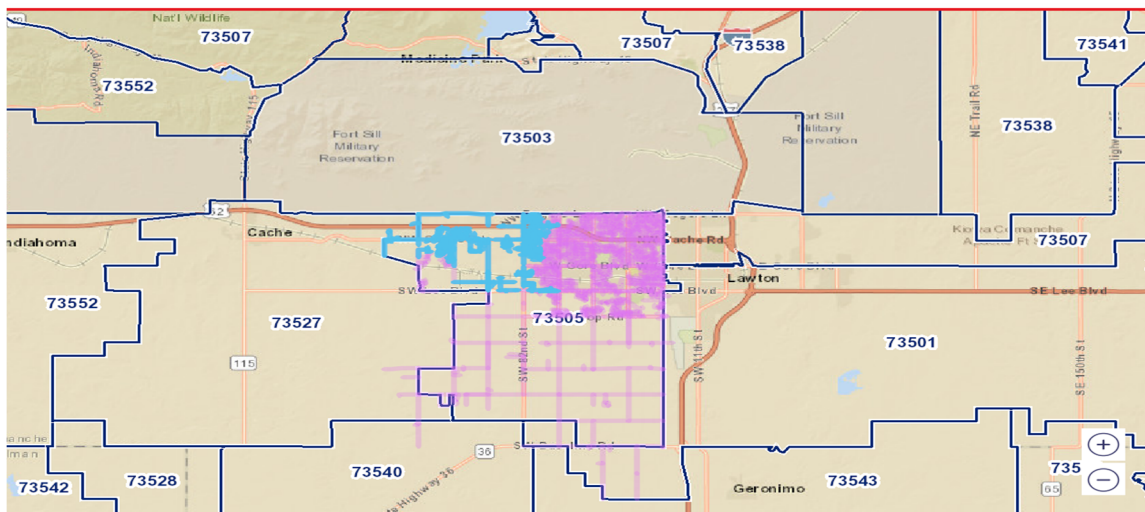
Outreach was provided by direct mailing by the post office to five (5) mail delivery routes along the project area as noted in blue and pink in Map 1 below. Three-thousand-one-hundred-forty-five (3,145) postcards were printed by Impressions Printing and mailed by Michael R. Adams and direct mailed to the Post Office for distribution to routes.

- 73505-C044 715 total
- 73505-C058 774 total
- 73505-C063 376 total
- 73505-R005 598 total
- 73505-R007 682 total

Direct mailing helps to ensure that individuals who are leasing property within the study area will get the information, as well as the property owners receiving notifications through the mail. As the postal route serves a larger area, more people who use US-62 roadway received the information, increasing the opportunity for input.

Map 1: Direct Mail Route

Route	Residential	Business	Total	Age: 25-34	Size	Income	Cost
73505-C044	703	12	715	15.7%	2.42ppl	\$62.07k	\$159.44
73505-C058	765	9	774	14.6%	2.36ppl	\$63.91k	\$172.60
73505-C063	375	1	376	10.3%	2.49ppl	\$76.71k	\$83.85
73505-R005	589	9	598	8.3%	2.77ppl	\$92.67k	\$133.35
73505-R007	652	30	682	11.2%	2.54ppl	\$69.66k	\$152.09



Map Key

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3.3 MEETING INFORMATION AND FORMAT

The open house public meeting was held on April 11, 2024, from 6:00-8:00PM at the Lawton City Hall Banquet Room, 212 SW 9th Street, Lawton, OK 73501. The first station contained the sign in sheet and comment forms. The second station contained the Project Location Map. The third station contained the Project Purpose and Need. The fourth station contained the Conceptual Alignment and Feasibility Report. The fifth station contained Proposed Improvements. The sixth station contained The Environmental Overview. The seventh, and last station contained Next Steps.

All comments were requested to be submitted at the Open House website (www.odot.org/publicmeetings), 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.com. All comments must be received on or before Friday, April 26, 2024.

4.0 COMMENTS

4.1 WRITTEN COMMENTS

The open house public meeting had thirty-two (32) participants that signed in. Three (3) written comments were received from the open house meeting. These comments are listed in the table below. An ODOT response has been added at the end of each comment.

WRITTEN COMMENTS	
Support for US-62	
1	Appreciate the invitation to participate in this public meeting. As the Director of Transportation for 16 counties in SW, OK (excluding the Lawton MPO) I believe it is imperative to coordinate with projects and plan developments.
ODOT Response: Thank you for your support.	

WRITTEN COMMENTS	
Support for US-62	
2	Appreciate the time and effort put into this project. I believe the project will greatly improve not only traffic flow in the area but the hard daily wear and tear on the road causing damage to taxpayers' vehicles. This proposed route seems to be a win-win for the area with minimal impact on land, housing, and wildlife. Businesses need resources to succeed, and taxpayers need businesses to survive. I appreciate the time you are providing to the public to see the changes!
ODOT Response: Thank you for your support.	

WRITTEN COMMENTS	
Support for US-62	
3	I think it looks good and hope it is completed safely and quickly.
ODOT Response: Thank you for your support.	

5.0 PUBLIC OFFICIALS COMMENTS

5.1 PUBLIC OFFICIALS COMMENTS AND ODOT RESPONSES

No public officials' responses were received.