

IMPROVEMENTS FOR NEW US-412 INTERCHANGE AT 4170 RD PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY

Date: September 2, 2025

To: Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT)

From: Garver

RE: Public Involvement - proposed improvements to the US-412 at 4170 Rd from an at-grade intersection to a diamond interchange for the development of the future I-42 corridor from I-35 to Siloam Springs, Arkansas.
JP 35510(07)

Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) is proposing improvements for the new US-412 interchange at 4170 Rd in Rogers County. This memorandum summarizes the virtual public open house that was held from June 17, 2025 through July 8, 2025. The subject of the meeting was to show the proposed improvements for the new US-412 interchange at 4170 Rd in Rogers County. Public Input was requested to further assist in the identification of social, economic, and environmental effects that may result from the project.

Two new bridges will be constructed to carry US-412 traffic over 4170 Rd. Slip style ramps will be constructed for traffic to exit and enter the highway. A slip style ramp is a short ramp used to enter and exit a highway. They help drivers merge with other cars in a safe manner. Two-way stop signs will be at the intersections of the on and off ramps and 4170 Rd. With the addition of the stop signs, slip style ramps, new bridges, and one-way ramps, we can expect crashes to be reduced by up to 40%.

1.0 Meeting Notifications

A notice of the virtual public open house meeting was sent to public officials, tribal representatives, and social media platforms (i.e., Facebook and Next-door Neighbor). Additionally, a notice was distributed via Every Door Direct Mail (EDDM) route using 1,196 postcards to local landowners. The postcard included a brief overview of the meeting's purpose, the project website, timeframe, QR code, and contact information. Postcards were mailed on June 17, 2025. A copy of the postcard and the EDDM route is provided in **Appendix A**.

2.0 Meeting Details

The virtual public open house to present project information and receive public input was posted on June 17, 2025 through July 8, 2025. at [Interchange US-412 at 4170 Rd. - US-412 at 4170 Rd.](#) The virtual public open house featured an online presentation that informed the public about the project's purpose, environmental considerations, traffic data and intersection characteristics, collision history, existing roadway challenges, proposed interchange improvements, traffic management during construction, potential environmental impacts, and the project schedule. A copy of the virtual open house meeting presentation is included in **Appendix B**.

3.0 Summary of Comments

3.1 Public Comments

A total of 21 typed comment forms were submitted by the public through the website’s comments portal, by phone, and email to ODOT. The majority of the comment forms included more than one question or comment. Comments from the public are summarized in **Table 1** and responses to the public comments can be found in Section 3.2. Similar comments were grouped into categories, with the number of comments per category indicated. Since most submissions included more than one question or comment, the total number of individual questions and comments exceeds 21. A copy of all comments is included in **Appendix C**. Attendee participation data from the website analytics is included in **Appendix D**.

Table 1: Public Comment Summary

Traffic Flow & Road Design	
Concerns on road closure and the detour routes durability.	2
Suggestions for one bridge over US-412 instead of two.	5
Suggestions for alternative bridge and ramp designs.	2
Concerns about ramp length for safe merging.	1
Safety & Environmental Concerns	
Noise concerns from elevated bridge traffic.	1
Visibility issues due to overgrown grass.	2
Potential hazards from wind and ice on east-west bridges.	1
Community Impact & Accessibility	
Proposals for access roads to support local businesses and residents.	1
Effects on home resale values due to construction.	1
Project Planning & Prioritization	
Concerns on timeline for construction.	2
Why certain intersections are prioritized over other intersections.	5
Governance & Oversight	
A proposal for a citizen oversight committee to ensure public input in decisions made by the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA).	1
I do not support turning this highway into a turnpike.	1
I do support this project.	8
I do not support this project.	0

3.2 Responses to Public Comments

1. Will any paving improvements be made to the detour routes to accommodate increased traffic? *No improvements are currently planned for the detour routes.*
2. How can a bridge raise traffic by 20 feet without increasing noise in the surrounding area, including the housing development north of the highway? *Although this project and projected future traffic will increase ambient noise, predicted levels remain below thresholds that would impact noise-sensitive receptors (e.g., residential areas, schools, hospitals) under FHWA's noise abatement criteria, therefore no mitigation is proposed. In addition, it appears the roadway adjacent to the housing development will remain largely unchanged as it is at the end of the project and nearly a half mile from the bridge.*
3. There should be citizen oversight committee for the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA) to ensure public representation in their decisions. *This is not an OTA project, and this suggestion should be directed to OTA.*
4. Why build two bridges instead of one over Highway US-412? *The project goal was to stay within right-of-way, and the US-412 over 4170 was able to achieve this goal.*
5. Why not build one bridge over 4170 Rd with four on/off ramps? *Same as #4.*
6. Can the entrance ramps be made long enough to allow safe car passing on southbound 69 and westbound US-412? *This project includes improvements to US-412 at 4170 Road. Any future improvements at the US-69 and US-412 junction would be addressed under a separate project.*
7. Can the grass along the highway be mowed more often to help with visibility? *ODOT will pass this comment along to maintenance personnel.*
8. Why not focus on 4160 Rd due to the no right-hand, especially given the frequent horse trailer traffic turning off US-412 to Riverbend Arena? *S 4170 Rd was previously identified as a location for an interchange in the Planning and Environmental Linkages Study on the US-412 corridor. This location was determined because of the higher traffic volumes on 4170 Rd, a higher potential for future traffic growth, and it is not as constrained by the close proximity of the river to the west.*
9. Will 4200 Rd be closed for access to Highway US-412? *This project will not make any changes to US-412 and 4200 Rd.*
10. Why is it taking five years to begin construction? *Projects are scheduled to align with projected funding and statewide critical needs. These schedules are subject to change as projected funding and statewide needs change.*
11. How will this project affect the resale value of homes in the area? *Property values are influenced by a number of factors, and it is difficult to predict the effects of a single transportation project.*
12. Could a two-way business/access road with traffic lights be built to support businesses affected by highway access closures and help residents travel more efficiently? *Access is only temporarily being*

modified during construction. Access will be greatly improved and safer upon completion of this project. Access roads are not being considered with this project.

13. Would building east-west bridges expose traffic to direct north winds and increase the risk of hazardous icing conditions? ODOT will treat the new bridges for ice and snow similar to other bridges in the area
14. Why is the US-412 & 4170 Rd project being prioritized over more dangerous intersections like 412P/N 305th E Ave, Hwy 88, and S 4200 Rd, and will improvements be made to other high-risk intersections such as 4220, 4190, 4180, 4195, 4115 Rd, and 4130 & Pine? *All the at-grade intersections along US-412 must be addressed in the future to accommodate an interstate designation. Projects are currently scheduled for SH-412P, 4190 Rd., 265th E Ave, and 289th E Ave.*
15. Does closing highway access unfairly shift the traffic burden onto Rogers County, is this a fair use of taxpayer funds, basically forcing an unfunded mandate onto Rogers County? *Access will be temporarily closed only for construction and is not anticipated to place an undue burden on the County.*