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**Total Programmed Estimated Cost of this project:** $14.0 Million

**Right-of-Way & Utility Relocation programmed to start in:** 2018

**Construction programmed to start in:** 2020

**Current Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) in year 2015:** 7,460 Vehicles a day

**Future Estimated AADT by year 2040:** 10,890 Vehicles a day

**Highway will remain open to traffic during construction.**

**Division 7 Engineer: Jay Earp, P.E.**

**Total Road Miles:** 1,423.98

**Total Interstate Miles:** 95.32

**Total Bridges:** 792

**Counties:** Caddo, Carter, Comanche, Cotton, Grady, Jefferson, Love, Murray, Stephens

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**US-281 • Caddo County, OK • JP: 29574(04)**

**Presentation of Proposed Alternatives & Solicitation of Public Input**

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The project will begin just north of Main Street in Anadarko and will extend approximately 1.5 miles north through the US-281/Riverside Drive intersection. In order to keep the road open to traffic during construction, two offset alignments are being considered for the improvement. The alternatives are similar except for how they replace the bridge over the Washita River. Alternative 1 would replace the bridge approximately 48 feet to the east of the existing bridge, and Alternative 2 would replace the bridge approximately 42 feet west of the existing bridge. The roadway improvements are the same for both alternatives. US-281 south of the Indian Health Center would be reconstructed with two 12-feet-wide driving lanes, a 14-feet-wide center left turn lane, curbs, and 5-feet sidewalks on both sides. North of the Indian Health Center, US-281 will be reconstructed with two 12-feet-wide driving lanes and 8-feet-wide shoulders with a separated 5-feet sidewalk on the west side. There will be a pedestrian crosswalk on US-281 at the Indian Health Center. There will be a 12-feet-wide center turn lane on US-281 at the Riverside Drive/CS 2670 intersection for north and southbound traffic.

**For more information about the project**

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Typical includes: four 12-foot driving lanes with Curb & Gutter; 14-foot wide two-way center turnlane.

Typical Section A–A: South of Indian Health Center
Typical includes: two 12-feet wide driving lanes; 14-feet wide center left turn lane; Curbs; 5-feet sidewalks on both sides

Typical Section B–B: North of Indian Health Center
Typical includes: two 12-feet wide driving lanes; 8-feet wide shoulders; Separated 5-feet wide sidewalk on the west side

Typical Section C–C: North of Indian Health Center
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