

MEETING MINUTES

Stakeholder's Meeting GRDA | ODOT

41806 GRDA SH-28 Widening over Pensacola Dam

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Meeting Location:

GRDA Ecosystems and Education Center, Langley, OK

Meeting Date:

September 30, 2017 | 3:00 pm

Attendees:

Sign-in-Sheet attached.

❖ Project Summary | Scope

- Paul Green introduced the purpose for meeting:
 - Explain scope of the rehabilitation projects, and the potential for a widening project.
 - Incorporate community's concerns into project development early, before plans are set.
 - Restrictions that may affect how concerns are incorporated into project development.
 - Constructability
 - Weather
 - Timeline
- A variety of stakeholders, including schools, town/city officials, emergency responders, county commissioners, chambers of commerce, economic development entities, Cherokee Nation, etc. have been invited to this first stakeholder meeting.
- Relevant projects include:
 - ODOT overlay project
 - Curb-to-curb overlay of deck
 - Will consist of hydroblast to remove several inches of the deck before overlay is completed
 - GRDA rehabilitation project
 - Less obtrusive to traveling public because most work will be below deck
 - Will be done at same time as ODOT overlay project

- Potential GRDA widening of the bridges
 - This portion of the project would only occur if additional funding is obtained
 - Widen bridges to provide 12' travel lanes (current width is 9'10")
 - Would increase duration of construction but long term value is this would increase safety of roadway for traveling public
 - If community members support the project, they are encouraged to contact federal legislative representatives to voice support.
- Timeline
 - Projects are scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2019
 - ODOT overlay project is projected to take 6 to 9 months
 - GRDA rehab project is projected to take 18 months
 - GRDA widening project is projected to take 2 years
 - Some of the work would require road closures
 - Project development process will include planning for the road closures and coordinating with stakeholders, including a meeting next year.
 - Considerations for planning and minimizing closures:
 - night-time closures, weekend closures,
 - school year vs. tourism season
 - avoiding holiday weekends
 - staggered work zones
 - low speed limits through project area
 - maintaining one open lane whenever possible
 - incentives and disincentives for contractor
 - project would be sequenced between the dam and spillway bridges so that they weren't all closed at the same time
 - During later discussion, several stakeholders indicated it probably wouldn't make a difference if both auxiliary spillway bridges were closed at the same time.
- Project would include maintenance on SH 20/SH 82 as the detour route
- Project team must weigh the long term benefits versus the short term impacts

❖ **Open discussion | Comments**

- Joe Smart – Tia Juana Fire Department
 - Question about how much work could be done between 10:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m., closing the bridges at night and re-opening in the morning? Night closures worked the last time there was a project on the bridges
 - Response:
 - The overlay project would be different this time because several inches of the deck overlay would be removed and there may not be enough support to drive on the bridge once the old overlay has been removed. The earlier project was a ¾" microsurface, so was much faster.
 - ODOT will review incentives and disincentives for contractor, to decrease closure time as much as possible
- Richard Wright – Lakemont Shores Fire Department
 - Widening very important from safety standpoint
 - Question about whether there would be vehicle weight restrictions during and/or after construction? Tanker trucks weight about 65,000 lbs (32 tons).
 - Response: Bridges are currently load posted. Reviewing what can be done with rehabilitation to avoid load posting the bridges. During construction, may not be able to drive trucks on bridges after the hydroblasting has been completed until the new overlay has been completed.
- Russ Hogan – Hogan’s Offroad Park
 - Area very dependent on tourism. If tourism is curtailed for a couple of years, it would be a severe impact on the economy. Events include spring break, St. Pat’s Run.
 - Rock crawling events are held for major holidays plus at least one large non-holiday event each year. Best if no construction for 2 days before and 2 days after holidays and events.
 - Response: Project team will coordinate with stakeholders to prepare list of events and coordinate schedule as much as possible
 - They need at least five days for each of their events to accommodate set up and take down time where there are no issues with access to the rock crawling park
 - Request that it be written into the contract that access across the bridge be given during construction for events.

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- David Harding – RWD #3, Mayes County
 - Main water line running along dam on upstream side, but it doesn't sound like that will be an issue since widening will be on downstream side
 - Question if a new bridge, even if a temporary one, downstream of the dam has been explored as a detour option? In particular a temporary bed/route for emergency response.
 - Response: Project team will look into this possibility
 - John Matney – Resident
 - Question about the detour route – The route goes through Jay. What about Topsey Road?
 - Response: Detour would be on state roads.
 - Ryan Ball – Mayes County Commissioner
 - Mayes County shares a road behind Tia Juana Fire Department with Delaware County. Concerned about potential for increased traffic on the road and the impacts that would have on it.
 - The road was recently chipped and sealed. Want to have included in the contract provisions to repair the road if it is damaged.
 - Response: ODOT doesn't usually typically include that type of provision. Randle planned to discuss with County Commissioners after meeting
 - Russell Martin – Delaware County Commissioner
 - Similar concern about using Topsey Road and using county roads. This cuts off 10 miles from the detour route.
 - Is there anything that can be done to keep traffic off of them?
 - Already having issues with road surface due to large trucks accessing the chicken farms.
 - Jim Smart – Tia Juana Fire Department
 - Have fatality accident on Topsey Road every 18 months or so with current traffic. If more people use the road, the potential for accidents is tremendous.
 - Currently life-flights us the Langley Landing Pad. Can there be a life-flight pad placed on the Tia Juana side, so that life-flight is not completely cut-off during construction?
 - Ryan Ball – Mayes County Commissioner
 - Are there any emergency grants to funnel to Tia Juana for a helicopter landing pad or can that provision could be added to the grant funding search being done for the widening project.

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- Also concerned about Disney and Tia Juana being cut-off during construction and the inability to have support from Langley emergency services. Would like to have GRDA keep an officer on the Disney side to provide assistance when needed. Tim Thompson, Mayes County Sheriff concurs.
 - David Harding – RWD #3, Mayes County
 - Concern about getting into Disney from the east end and would like to know time line for project
 - Response: Time line for project is general at this time because it is early in the project development process.
 - Not concerned about both spillways being closed at the same time
 - Mike Dunham – Mayes County Emergency Management
 - Discussion about coordination between emergency responders from Tia Juana, Disney, Langley, and Lakemont Shores. They coordinate as the “South Grand Lake Emergency District”.
 - EMS base south of Langley – concerned about the length of time to respond during bridge closures.
 - Ryan Ball – Mayes County Commissioner
 - Asked how likely it is for the project to happen?
 - Response: ODOT overlay and GRDA rehabilitation projects will happen. Unknown is the widening project
 - Jim Smart – Tia Juana Fire Department
 - Will ODOT overlay project happen before decision about widening project is made?
 - Response:
 - Decision about widening project is anticipated approximately one year from now – Fall of 2018 – so no projects would happen until decisions are made.
 - Project team will have additional stakeholder meeting in Fall of 2018
 - Project team will coordinate with emergency response organizations regarding timeline, detours, etc. once more project details are known
 - Devone Chezem – South Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce
 - Suggest open line of communication to keep everyone well informed, well ahead of the start of the project, so that businesses can make provisions, notify customers, etc.
 - Will GRDA amp up ways to get to the other side of the lake with boats?

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- Response: Will consider innovative ways to access Disney, etc. using boats (e.g. ferry service of some type). Particularly for Emergency Services such as ambulance or volunteer fire/EMS personnel.
 - William Long – Langley Fire Department
 - Temporary road, located on public land, by golf course could be a potential bypass for emergency responders' use only
 - Russ Hogan - Hogan's Offroad Park
 - Consider releasing at the beginning of the project a schedule of construction events to keep everyone informed of closures, etc. and keep it updated throughout project.
 - Response:
 - Project team will identify ways to keep public informed, and may include the following:
 - Media coverage
 - ODOT website
 - Email notices
 - Message boards
 - Russ would put any notices on his website, if it is accurate information, because he has many followers and can get the word out quickly.
 - Laura Holden – Town of Langley
 - Agrees signage/message boards would be good idea
 - Let the city/town officials know in advance about closures so that when people call to complain, city/town officials can provide updated information

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