



THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC MEETING

November 17th, 2015

6:00 p.m.

Welcome to
The Oklahoma
Department of
Transportation Public
Meeting for US-259 in
McCurtain County, OK

Idabel Public Library
103 E. Main Street
Idabel, OK 74745

DESCRIPTION

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), proposes to improve US-259 from south of Idabel to 2 miles north of the Red River Bridge at the Oklahoma - Texas border. The existing US-259 has narrow shoulders, sharp curves and inadequate safety sight distance for motorists that all contribute to a substantial accident history.

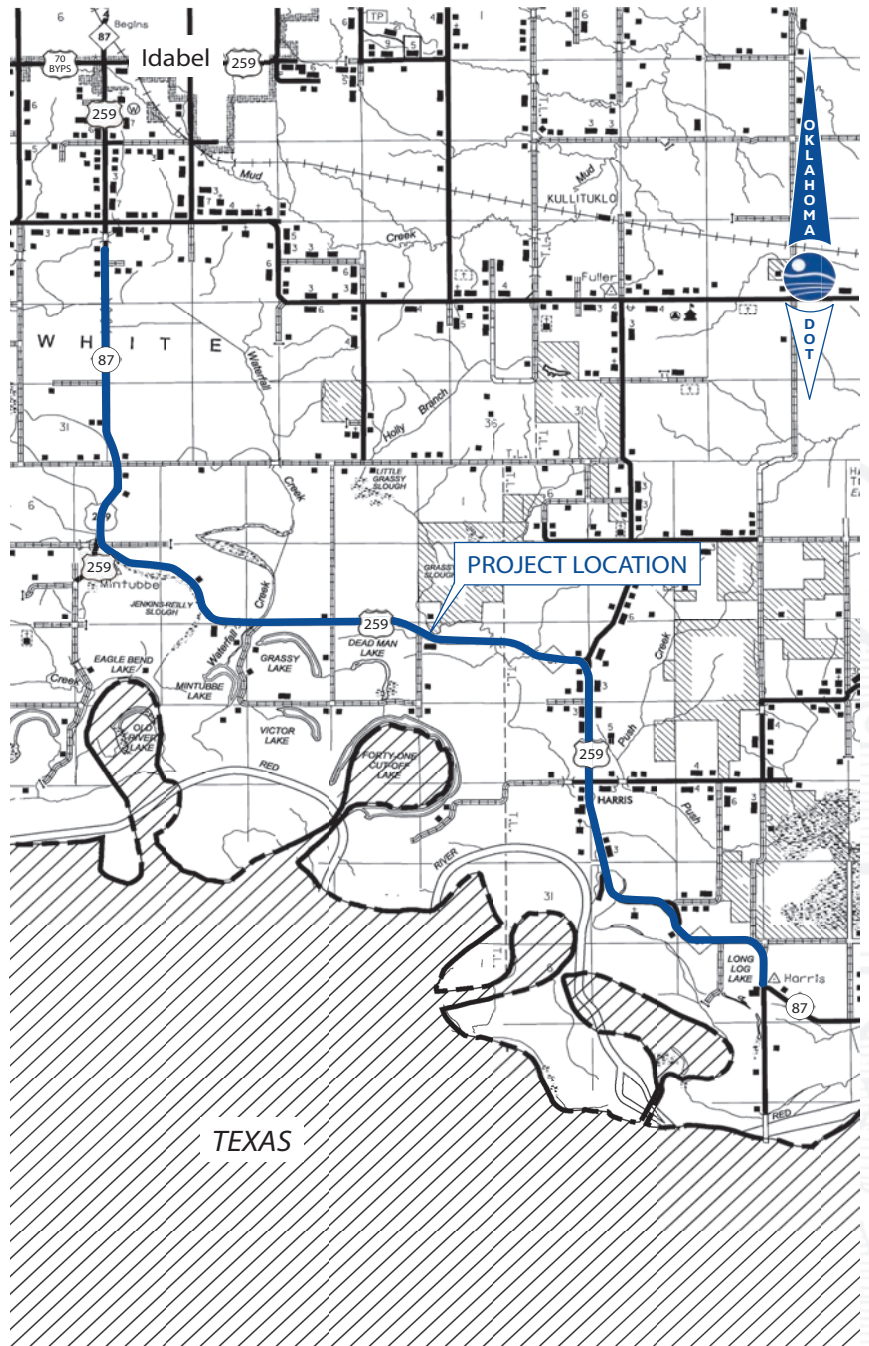
ODOT had tasked a consultant to study several alternatives to improve US-259 while taking into consideration construction costs, right-of-way requirements and environmental constraints. The preliminary engineering study done based on a reconnaissance level data recommended going on a new alignment.

After further evaluation ODOT has made a decision not to proceed with a project on a new alignment. ODOT is considering a new project to improve the existing highway alignment by adding 8 foot paved shoulders and improving the side slopes.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this meeting is to inform the public & solicit comments about the Departments decision to make improvements along the existing US-259 corridor.

The purpose of the project is to improve the safety and functionality of the US-259 corridor, south of the City of Idabel, in McCurtain County, OK.



PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTIONS

(Vary based on location)



2-Lane Open Section

PROJECT INFORMATION

- Add Shoulders to existing highway
- Improvements to existing curves
- New project has greater chance of staying on schedule
- Signed at 65 mph
- Estimated Total Cost of this project approximately: *\$34 Million*
- Right-of-way & Utility relocation projected to start in: *2017*
- Construction projected to start in: *2020*

	Project Information	
	Previous Project	New Project
<i>American Burying Beetle Credits:</i>	15	< 1
<i>Wetland Impacts:</i>	28.6 Acres	3.4 Acres
<i>Construction, Right-of-Way, & Utility Cost:</i>	\$44.6 Mil.	\$34.0 Mil.



INFORMATION DIVISION 2

Division Engineer:
Anthony Echelle P.E.



Counties:

Atoka
Bryan
Choctaw
Latimer
Le Flore
McCurtain
Marshall
Pittsburg
Pushmataha

Total Road Miles:
1,657.20

Total Bridges:
866

Totals DO NOT include Toll Roads



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- GET INVOLVED -

If you have any questions or comments about the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's proposed projects, please visit our new ODOT website at www.odot.org/publicmeetings to fill out an official comment form, send an e-mail to odot-environment@odot.org, or send a letter to:

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Please provide your comments by December 1st, 2015