

### **ATKINS**

# WELCOME

State Highway 51A in Blaine County ODOT Public Meeting

January 12, 2016 6:00 P.M.

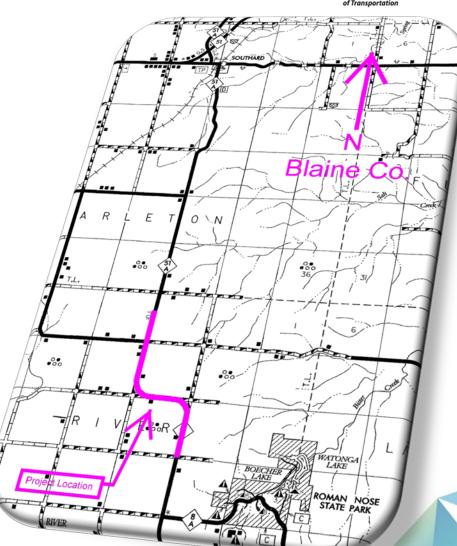




# Oklahoma Department of Transportation

# PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING

- Inform the public about the proposed improvements to SH-51A between EW-71 road and EW-74 road in Blaine County
- Present the Preferred Alternative
- Answer questions & address concerns



# PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT



### Improve the overall safety of SH-51A by:

- Correcting vertical and horizontal curves
- Addressing inadequate sight distances
- Allowing for safer county road intersections





# **EXISTING CONDITIONS**



- Original Highway Construction in the 1940's
- Widened and Resurfaced in the 1990's
- 2-Lane Roadway with 8-Feet-Wide Paved Shoulders
- Substandard Horizontal & Vertical Curves (Hills, Sags, and Turns)
- Speed Limit Posted 65 mph
- Existing Traffic (2015): 1,100 Vehicles/Day
- Projected Traffic (2045): 1,800 Vehicles/Day
- 26% Truck Traffic

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### ACCIDENT DATA



Total: 26 Documented Accidents (2009-2014)

- 16 Overturn/Rollover Accidents (61.5% of Total Accidents)
- 48.3% Involved a Truck and Semi-trailer
- 20 of the Total 26 Accidents were located around the curves

EW 72

EW 73

FGS SN

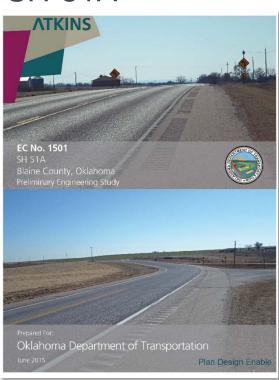
Significantly Higher than the State Average for Accidents on Rural State Highways



## PROJECT HISTORY



- Consultant tasked to develop several alternative alignments to improve this extent of SH-51A
- Considered:
  - Right-of-Way impacts (relocations)
  - Construction costs
  - Utility concerns
  - Environmental constraints
- Prepared Engineering Study
  - 4 alternatives developed
- Public Meeting
  - July 28, 2015 at Roman Nose State Lodge



# ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED





Considered Three New Alignment Alternatives and an "Improve Existing" Alternative

#### **LEGEND**

ALTERNATIVE 1

ALTERNATIVE 2
ALTERNATIVE 3

IMPROVE EXISTING

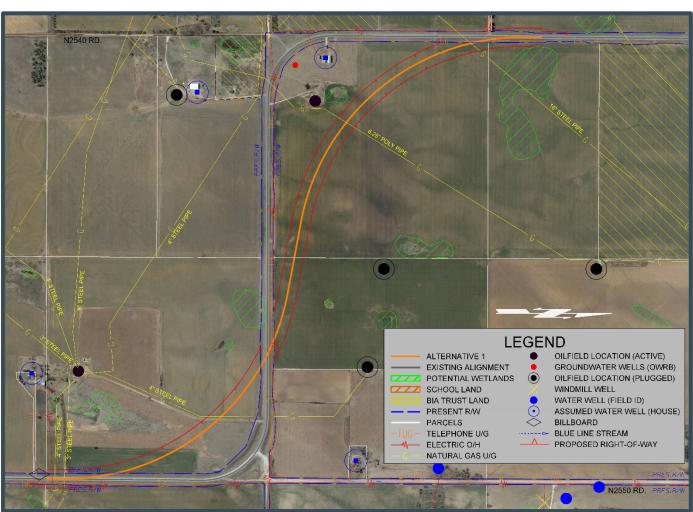
**EXISTING ALIGNMENT** 

# ALTERNATIVE 1 – PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE



#### Overview

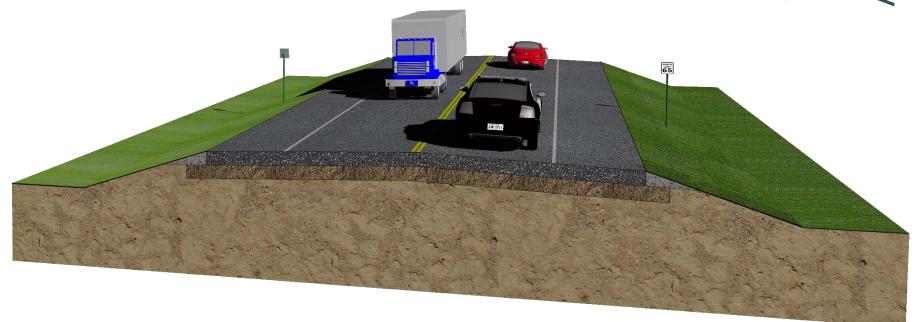
- Estimated Total
   Cost: \$6.2 Million
- 65 mph Design
   Speed
- Approx. 47 Acres of new Right-of-Way
- 5 Gas line Crossings
- 7 Property Impacts
- No Potential Residential Relocations



Based on the engineering study, public meeting participation and state and federal agency input, ODOT selected Alternative 1 as the "Preferred Alternative"

## PROPOSED ROADWAY



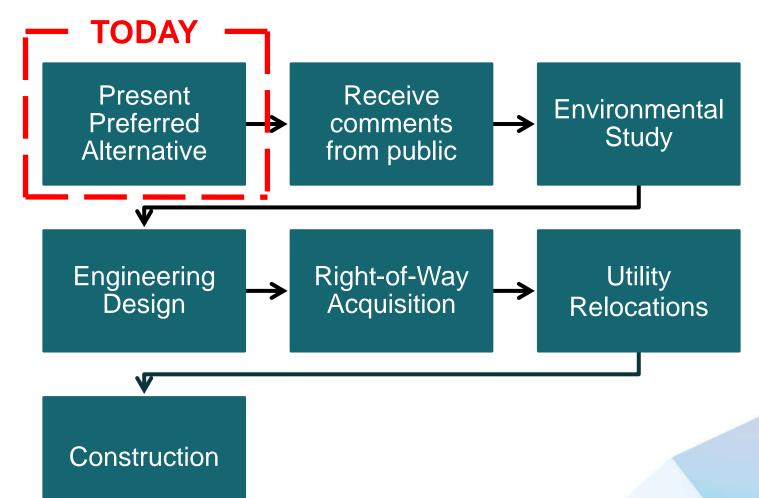


#### Proposed Design Criteria for all Alternatives

- Roadway Typical Sections
  - Two, 12-Foot Wide Driving Lanes
  - 8-Foot Wide Shoulders
- Design Speed
  - 65 mph

## **NEXT STEPS**





## **QUESTION & COMMENTS**



- More information is available online at www.odot.org/publicmeeting
- Comments may be provided as follows:
  - Leave your comment form here tonight
  - Download and fill out form online
  - Fax forms to ODOT:

(405) 521-5193

Mail forms to ODOT:

Oklahoma Department of Transportation Environmental Programs Division 200 NE 21<sup>st</sup> Street Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Email comments to:

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Comments due by January 26, 2016



# THANK YOU!