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Public Meeting For US-60 Over the Spring and Neosho Rivers, Ottawa County

July 13, 2017
PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING

...is to Discuss the Need and Present the Preferred Alternative for US-60 over Spring and Neosho Rivers in Ottawa County.
PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

...is to Correct the At-Risk Bridges on US-60 Over the Spring and Neosho Rivers and Improve Geometrics at the SH-137 Intersection
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

1. Identify Problem
2. Initial Data Collection
3. Develop Preliminary Alternatives
4. Initial Alternative Screening
5. Stakeholder Input
6. Public Meeting

TODAY
**EXISTING CONDITIONS**

- **Existing Conditions - Roadway**
  - **US-60**
    - Rural Minor Arterial
    - 12' Lanes With 6' Shoulders
    - Posted Speed 55 mph
    - Existing Deficiencies
      - Shoulder Width
      - Superelevation on Horizontal Curve at West
  - **SH-137**
    - Rural Major Collector
    - 12' Lanes With no Shoulders
    - Posted Speed 35 mph
    - Existing Deficiencies
      - Shoulder Width
      - Horizontal Curves
      - Steep Grade
      - Sight Distance
**EXISTING CONDITIONS**

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Existing Conditions - Traffic

- Volumes (2014)
  - US-60: 6,240 veh./day
    - 30% Trucks
  - SH-137: 3,040 veh./day
    - 6% Trucks

- Level of Service (LOS)
  - Mainline: LOS C
  - Intersection: LOS C
  - Both meet standards for current volumes.

- Characteristics/Observations
  - Skewed Intersection at SH-137
  - Overlapping Intersections
  - Conflicts Between Slow and Fast Moving Vehicles
EXISTING CONDITIONS

- **Existing Conditions - Traffic**
  - Collision Data (10 Year)
    - Total 36
      - 20 Personal Property Damage
      - 15 Injury
      - 1 Fatal
    - Spot Areas of Higher Concentration
      - Curve to West
      - Intersection
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Potential Environmental Considerations
  - Twin Bridges State Park
    [Section 4(f) and Section 6(f)]
  - Compensatory Flood Storage
  - Extensive Wetlands
  - Threatened and Endangered Species
  - GRDA Lands
  - Cultural Resources

- Detailed Environmental Studies will Be Completed in the Next Phase
PARK AND GRDA LANDS

Legend
- Study Area
- GRDA Property
- State Park
- Tribal Property

Twin Bridges State Park

Wyandotte Nation

Seneca Indian School

Wyandotte Cemetery
Much of the Project Area is Within the Flood Pool and May Require Compensatory Flood Storage
WETLANDS
THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

- American Burying Beetle
- Piping Plover
- Red Knot
- Gray Bat
- Northern Long-Eared Bat
- Ozark Big-Eared Bat
- Neosho Mucket
- Winged Mapleleaf
- Neosho Madtom
- Ozark Cavefish

![Images of Threatened and Endangered Species: Piping Plover, American Burying Beetle, Neosho Madtom, Neosho Mucket, Ozark Cavefish, Northern Long-Eared Bat]
DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVES
**DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS**

- **Future Traffic (2038)**
  - 50% Growth From Existing
  - US-60: 9,240 veh./day (6,240)
  - SH-137: 4,500 veh./day (3,040)

- **No Build Conditions**
  - LOS D on US-60 and SH-137
  - US-60/SH-137 Intersection:
    - LOS E/F Conditions on SH-137 during peak periods

- **Proposed Improvements**
  - 2-Lane Mainline Roadway
  - Turn Lanes on All Approaches
    - US-60 EB Left
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    - SH-137 SB Left

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**PROPOSED DESIGN CRITERIA & METHODOLOGY**

- **Roadway/Traffic**
  - **US-60**
    - 2-Lane w. 8 foot Shoulders
    - Design Speed = 65 mph
    - Clear Zone = 30 feet
  - **SH-137**
    - 2-Lane w. 4 foot Shoulders
    - Design Speed = 40 mph
    - Clear Zone = 22 feet

- **Bridge & Retaining Walls**
  - Evaluated different beam types and bridge layouts
  - Retaining walls used to avoid storage/wetland impacts
  - Assumed transition to retaining walls at 15ft

- **Hydraulics**
  - 50 year Design for Overtopping Roadway – ODOT Criteria
  - 100 year Design for Bridge (FEMA Zone A - 1 foot max rise)
DEVELOPMENT OF PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES

- Constraints and Considerations
  - Construction Costs
  - Bridge Length and Maintenance
  - Retaining Walls and Maintenance
  - Facility User Impacts
  - Relocations
  - Park Impacts
  - GRDA Lands
  - Flood Storage Impacts
  - Wetland & Stream Impacts

- Alternative 1 – On-Existing Alignment
- Alternative 2 – Partial South Offset
- Alternative 3 – Raised Crossing with SH-137 Connection at Peninsula
- Alternative 4 – Raised Crossing with Relocated SH-137 Connection
DEVELOPMENT OF PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES

- **Alternative 1 – On-Existing Alignment**
  - Minimalist Alternative with Regards to Impacts, Cost, and Construction Duration
  - Replace Bridges on Existing Alignment near Same Elevation
  - No Turn Lanes or Changes to SH-137 Grade
  - No Improvements to Horizontal Curve
  - Detours Likely During Construction
DEVELOPMENT OF PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES

- **Alternative 2 – Partial South Offset**
  - Replace Bridges 26’ South of Existing Centerline (cut to the north)
  - US-60 Raised 5’ at Peninsula to Improve SH-137 Grade
  - US-60 Raise impact on Marina Drive
  - Retaining Walls along US-60
  - Includes Turn Lanes at Intersection
  - Reconstruction of Curve to West
  - Staged Construction – Maintain Two Lanes of Traffic
DEVELOPMENT OF PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES

- **Alternative 3 – Raised Crossing with SH-137 Connection at Peninsula**
  - Replace Bridges With One Longer Bridge Over the Peninsula
  - US-60 Raised Approximately 25’ at Peninsula to Improve SH-137 Grade
  - Elevated “T” Intersection, Shifted East From Existing
  - Shifts Marina Access to SH-137
  - Includes Turn Lanes at Intersection
  - Staged Construction - Maintain Two Lanes of Traffic
DEVELOPMENT OF PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES

- Alternative 4 – Raised Crossing with Relocated SH-137 Connection
  - Eliminates Intersection at Peninsula, Creates New Intersection to West
  - Creates New SH-137 Alignment and Bridge Across the Neosho River
  - Existing SH-137 Becomes County Road to Access Park
  - Replace US-60 Bridges With One Longer Bridge Over the Peninsula
  - US-60 Raise 25’ to provide Vertical Clearance at Marina
**PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE**

- Meeting was Held With ODOT to Discuss the 4 Preliminary Alternatives

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- Alternatives Were Eliminated That:
  - Did not address capacity issues
  - Did not improve steep grade on SH-137
  - Caused greater impacts on properties and the environment
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Alternative Impact Matrix

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Alternative 3 is Preferred Because it Corrects the Bridges, Improves the Grades and Safety on SH-137 and on US-60, and Balances Costs with Minimizing Impacts to Properties and the Environment
STAKEHOLDER MEETING

- ODOT Presented to Key Project Stakeholders – October 24, 2016
- Stakeholders Included Agencies with Jurisdiction over Resources in the Area
  - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
  - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Wyandotte Nation
  - Ottawa County Commissioner
  - Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department
  - Grand River Dam Authority
- Feedback from Stakeholders Included
  - Need to keep US-60 open during construction
  - Any closures should be coordinated with Twin Bridges State Park and attempt to avoid spoonbill season
  - Will need to coordinate with Tourism and Recreation Department on any acquisition needed from the Park
  - Prefer aesthetic treatment of retaining walls
  - Appreciate the minimization of impacts to wetlands
PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE
(ALTERNATIVE 3)

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- Raised Crossing with Existing SH-137 Connection
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  - Bridge from West Causeway to East Causeway
  - Elevated SH-137 Connection

EXISTING CONDITION

PROPOSED CONDITION
PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE (ALTERNATIVE 3)

- Raised Crossing with Existing SH-137 Connection
  - Bridge Extension and General Lane Configuration (Tapers and Turn Lanes).
  - Slab on Girder (Two Bridges) with Retaining Walls.
  - 26’ Partial South Offset Distance to Existing US-60.
  - US-60 (2600’ with 19 Spans). SH-137 (60’ with 1 Span).
PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE
(ALTERNATIVE 3)

- Raised Crossing with Existing SH-137 Connection
  - Marina Drive Vertical and Horizontal Clearance.
  - Cut Retaining Walls Along SH-137 and Marina Drive.
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- Raised Crossing with SH-137 Connection at Peninsula
  - Construction Sequencing and Traffic Control
    - US-60
    - Maintain Two Lanes of Thru Traffic
    - Temporary Pavement Widening Required at Tie-in Points
  - SH-137
    - Temporary Closures and Require Detours
PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE (ALTERNATIVE 3)

- Raised Crossing with SH-137 Connection at Peninsula

- Construction Sequencing – SH-137
  - Marina/Park Access Open at All Times but may Require Detour
  - Attempt to Coincide Construction Sequence with Local Considerations
  - Anticipated Duration of Closure and Detour is 6 Months.
PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE (ALTERNATIVE 3)

- Temporary Detour Route
PROJECT IMPACTS
Alternative 3 is Preferred by ODOT Due to Better Grades, Safer Intersection with SH-137, and Reduced Impacts

Impacts to Wetlands and Flood Storage have been Minimized with the use of Retaining Walls – these will be Investigated Further during Design

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ENVIRONMENTAL NEXT STEPS

- Detailed Environmental Studies Will be Performed
  - Archaeological and Historic Survey
  - Wetland Delineations
  - Biological Assessment – USFWS Consultation
  - Hazardous Waste Investigation

- ODOT will Coordinate with the OK Dept of Tourism and Twin Bridges State Park on Impacts to the Park

- Studies Will be Summarized in an Environmental Document that Will Outline the Commitments to Minimize Impacts to the Environment
NEXT PROJECT STEPS

Public Input

Submit Comments by July 27, 2017

Refine Preferred Alternative

Design and Environmental Document

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THANK YOU!

Please Submit Your Comments by July 27, 2017

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