Public Meeting
Proposed Improvements
to US-69 through Calera

Calera Public Schools Gymnasium

June 15, 2017
Meeting Purpose
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- Purpose and need for project
- Proposed improvements
- Public input/feedback
Project Background
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- US-69
  - National Highway System
  - Freight corridor, extending from Laredo, Texas to Canada

- Heavily Traveled
  - Current = 28,500 vehicles per day
  - Future = 53,600 (Year 2045)
  - Truck volume is 22%

- Collision data from 2007 - 2016
  - 71% of collisions occurred at an intersection
  - 25% of collisions involved a commercial motor vehicle
  - 2.6 times the statewide average fatality rate for a similar facility
  - 5.4 times the average collision rate for a similar, improved segment of US-69 in Pittsburg County
Union Pacific Railroad is parallel to and east of US-69
- 20 – 25 trains per day
- 130 - 140 cars per train
- Rail traffic is expected to increase by 80% by year 2040
- Calera Main Street traffic waiting for the train to pass frequently backs up and across US-69, resulting in congestion and delay

Improvements proposed for the 4-mile segment from Chickasaw Road north to US-70

This project has received a Federal “FASTLANE” grant
(Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies)
Purpose and Need

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• Improve efficiency of high volume freight traffic

• Improve safety

• Reduce delay for local Calera traffic
Environmental studies performed to identify constraints:

- Wetlands and waters
- Threatened & endangered species critical habitat
- Archeological sites and historic properties
- Aboveground or underground storage tanks
- Oil/gas wells
- Residences
- Commercial facilities
- Tribal properties
- Utilities
Proposed Improvements:

- 4 lane freeway
- Full access-controlled with grade-separated interchanges
- One-way frontage roads on each side of facility for length of project
- Anticipate minimal right-of-way needed
- Grade separations:
  - B street connector over US-69 and Union Pacific Railroad
  - US-69 over Main Street (full interchange)
  - Southbound on ramp from South 9th Avenue
  - Cemetery Road over US-69
  - US-69 over Choctaw Road (full interchange)
Three Dimensional (3D) Model
Evaluation of Impacts
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• Residential or commercial relocations
  • None anticipated

• Archeological sites and historic properties
  • No significant impacts anticipated

• Wetlands and waters
  • Minimal impacts anticipated

• Threatened & endangered species critical habitat
  • American Burying Beetle habitat mitigated through credit program
  • Swallow nesting survey to be completed prior to construction
Evaluation of Impacts (continued)

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- Hazardous waste assessment
  - No significant impacts anticipated

- Noise assessment
  - Modeling predicts some residences and commercial facilities will experience noise impacts (>66 decibels)
  - Noise abatement (noise walls) were modeled
    - Not feasible (engineering or acoustics) and/or
    - Not reasonable (economics)
Evaluation of Impacts (continued)

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- **US-69 access**
  - Modified at-grade intersection at Chickasaw Road
  - Full interchanges at Main Street and Choctaw Road
  - Calera east-west streets will access US-69 via one-way frontage roads, with some exceptions:
    - Wilson Road – Southbound US-69 off-ramp conflict
    - McKennon Road – Railroad crossing conflict

- **One-way frontage road access**
  - All existing city street access will be maintained, with some modifications:
    - Two drives between McKennon Road and Wilson Avenue
    - Southern drive of Sports City Cafe to South 9th Avenue
• Social and economic impacts
  • Access and travel patterns
    • Safety benefits across the project area
    • Improved local traffic circulation
    • Coordination with local businesses to address access concerns
  • Community cohesion and community services
    • Some changes to travel patterns and access
    • No substantial impacts to community cohesion anticipated
  • Right-of-way and displacements
    • No displacements of residents, community facilities, or businesses anticipated
  • Environmental justice
    • No disproportionate impacts to minority communities in the project area
What Happens Next?

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- Consider comments from public meeting
- Complete environmental document and design plans
- Right-of-way acquisition/utilities relocation: Soon as Fall 2017
- Construction tentatively scheduled: Year 2019
- Estimated construction cost: $120 million
Submit Your Comments
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- Leave your written comments with us tonight.
- Download and submit a comment form at:
  http://www.odot.org/publicmeetings
- Submit your written comments by mail to:
  Oklahoma Department of Transportation
  Environmental Programs Division
  200 N. E. 21st Street
  Oklahoma City, OK  73105
- Fax your written comments to:
  (405) 522-5193
- Email your comments to:
  environment@odot.org
- Please submit your comments by July 5, 2017.
Thank you!