Public Meeting for I-40 & Gary Blvd. (Exit 65) Interchange

February 28, 2019
Purpose of the Meeting

- To Inform the Public and Present the Selected Alternative for I-40 Exit 65 in Clinton, OK
Purpose of the Project

• Improve Safety
• Improve Traffic Operations and Mobility
  • On I-40
  • On City Streets and Intersections
• Improve Access to Existing and Future Commercial and Residential Development
Project History

• In May 2015 ODOT Commissioned an Interchange Study for I-40/Gary Blvd
• The Study Evaluated the Current Functionality of the I-40 Exit 65 Interchange, and Traffic at Nearby Intersections
• A Public Meeting was Held May 24, 2016 in Clinton
• Six Alternatives Were Shown
• Comments at the Meeting Included:
  o Desire for Eastbound and Westbound I-40 Access From Both Neptune Blvd. (Exit 65A) and Gary Blvd. (Exit 65)
  o Desire to Keep Both Exit 65 and 65A Open
  o Concerns Regarding Accessibility of Frontage Roads
Project History

• As a Response to Public Comments, ODOT Developed two Additional Alternatives to:
  o Keep Both Exit 65 and 65A
  o Provide Improved Frontage Road Access
  o Improve Local Access and Intersections

• Minor Differences Between the two Alternatives Consisting Mainly of the Alignment of Red Wheat Drive/Gary Blvd
Project History

• Alternative 7 was Selected for the Following Reasons:
  o Provides Full Access to I-40 in all Directions from Both Gary Blvd. and Neptune Dr.
  o Shorter and More Direct Connection to I-40
  o Lower Environmental Impact
  o Lower Construction Cost

• Remainder of Presentation will Discuss Only Alternative 7
Project Area Information

• I-40
  o 4-Lane Divided Highway With 10-ft Outside Shoulders, 4-ft Inside Shoulders and Grass Median
  o Twin Bridges Over Red Wheat Dr./Railroad and Neptune Dr./Railroad
  o Posted Speed Limit is 70 mph
  o Projected Traffic (2050): 30,700 Vehicles/Day (45% Trucks)
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Project Area Information

- Gary Boulevard
  - 4-Lane Divided Roadway With 10-ft Outside Shoulders, no Inside Shoulders and Grass Median
  - Left Turn Lanes
  - Posted Speed Limit of 40 mph
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- Intersections
- Drives
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Project Area Information

- Collision Data
    - 5 Fatalities
    - 12 Serious Injury
  - Most Common Type of Collision (>50%)
    - Fixed Object
    - Rear-End
  - Gary Blvd./Red Wheat Dr./Ramps Intersection Included 22% of the Collisions
Existing Roadway Conditions
Warrant Improvement

• Highway Deficiencies
  o Interchange Spacing
  o Missing Ramp Movement
  o Ramp Departures

• Local Road Deficiencies
  o Intersection Confusion
  o Weave Area Traveling North
  o Driveway Proximity

Weave Area = 1000 ft

Gary Blvd.
Chapman Rd.
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[Map showing existing roadway conditions with labels such as Gary Blvd, Red Wheat Dr, Oliver Ave, Lexington Ave, and I-40 Access Ramps. Annotations indicate closely spaced intersections 110 ft and weave area 170 ft.]
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  o Vertical Clearance

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Gary Blvd.
Chapman Rd.
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Land Use and Environment

- Land Use is Mostly Commercial With a few Residential Areas
- South of I-40 Commercial and Church Properties are Under Development
- Important Community Facilities Include:
  - Schools
  - Churches
  - Recreational Facility
Land Use and Environment

- Environmental Resources Include:
  - Streams & Wetlands
  - Sites Containing Potentially Hazardous Materials (e.g. Gas Stations)
  - Portions of original Route 66 roadway along Gary Boulevard and Neptune Drive
  - Public Recreational Property (high school tennis courts and trees)
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- Reconstruct I-40 With New Bridges
- Green areas are potential pavement removal
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- Remove Red Wheat Dr.
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- Two-Way Frontage Roads
  - North Frontage Rd.
  - Relocated Blvd. of Champions
- Consolidate Two Interchanges Into One
- Direct Access to Both Gary Blvd. & Neptune Dr.
Proposed Design

- Exit Ramps off I-40
- Entrance Ramps onto I-40
- Longer Acceleration and Deceleration Lanes for Ramps
Proposed Design

- Roundabouts
  - Designed for Semi Trucks
  - Utilizes Truck Aprons
  - No Signals
  - Fewer Collision Points
Roundabout: Rules of the Road

Vehicles Within the Roundabout Have the Right-of-Way

1. As you Approach, Look to the Left to see if any Drivers are Traveling in the Roundabout
2. Once There is an Adequate gap in Traffic, Enter the Roundabout
3. Use Your Turn Signal as you Approach Your Exit
4. If you Miss Your Exit, go Around Again
Maneuver Thru the Roundabout

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- Thru Movements
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3D Visualization
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BLVD. OF CHAMPIONS

GARY BLVD.

AT EXIT 65 INTERCHANGE SELECTED DESIGN
What are the Impacts?

- Construction Cost Estimated at $37.9M
- Purchase of Land (no Relocations Anticipated)
- Potential to Sell Surplus Land
Maintenance of Traffic During Construction

• One Ramp in Each Direction Will Remain Open at Either Gary Blvd. or Neptune Dr.

• A Temporary Ramp Will be Constructed and Used for Travelers Wanting to go East on I-40

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Impacts

• Environmental
  o Commercial Properties
    - Minor Changes in Access to Some Properties. No Relocations are Anticipated
  o Community Facilities
    - Some Land may be Required From Church Property
  o Route 66
    - Unlikely to be historically significant
  o Tennis Courts & Trees
    - Potential for Minor Temporary Impacts During Construction. Trees will be Avoided.
  o Small Portion of a Creek may Require Relocation
  o Noise
    - A Noise Study Will be Completed to Determine if There Will be Noise Impacts
Next Steps

- 2nd Public Meeting TODAY
- Comment Period March 14, 2019
- Compile and Review Comments SPRING 2019
- Design and Environmental Document 2020
- Right-of-Way Acquisition 2020
- Construction 2024

Schedule is Tentative and Dependent on Funding
Thank You!

• Please Submit Your Comments Using the Forms Provided
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• Please Return Your Comments By March 14, 2019
• Thank you for Attending!