Project Description

ODOT recently developed design plans for improving this segment of SH-101 while taking into consideration the cost of construction, right-of-way and utilities, and potential environmental impacts. The proposed improvements include:

- Widening the approaches to create two, 12-foot wide paved driving lanes with 8-foot wide shoulders;
- Replacing the existing bridge over Big Skin Bayou with a 40-wide clear roadway span bridge on offset, north alignment;
- Reconfiguring driveways and intersections to provide better sight distances.

The proposed design will meet current standards. The highway would remain open during construction, and access to residences would be maintained.

Purpose of Open House

The purpose of the Open House meeting is to inform the public of the proposed improvements and answer questions regarding construction activities, sequencing, and scheduling.

Project Background

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), proposes to make safety improvements to SH-101 over Big Skin Bayou, 7.52 miles east of SH-59/SH-101 junction in Sequoyah County, Oklahoma. The existing bridge is a 22-foot wide span bridge that is narrow and is at risk for becoming structurally deficient. The existing segment of SH-101 is a two-lane, open section roadway with 11-foot wide driving lanes and no shoulders. Current traffic volumes are estimated at 760 vehicles per day (VPD) and are projected to increase to 1,100 VPD by 2041. Due to an elevated accident history, caused in part by a sharp curves, limited sight distances, and lack of shoulders, ODOT proposes to replace the existing bridge, reconfigure intersections, and widen and add shoulders to the approach roadways. The purpose of the proposed improvements is to correct deficiencies, enhance safety, and efficiently accommodate traffic to better serve the next generation of Sequoyah County residents.

PROJECT INFORMATION SUMMARY

- Right-of-Way & Utility Relocation programmed to start in: 2020
- Construction programmed to start in: 2022
- Current Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) in year 2021: 760 Vehicles a day
- Future Estimated AADT by year 2041: 1,100 Vehicles a day
- Construction will remain open to traffic at all times

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Total Road Miles*: 1,109.50
Total Interstate Miles*: 97.27
Total Bridges: 706

Counties: Adair, Cherokee, Haskell, McIntosh, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Sequoyah, Wagoner

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