**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 Polecat Creek, 3.11 miles east of the SH-64B Junction in Sequoyah County, Oklahoma. The existing segment of SH-101 has narrow driving lanes with no shoulders, and a narrow bridge in poor condition. The purpose of the proposed improvements is to provide a safe crossing.

**Project Description**

ODOT is developing design plans for improving this segment of SH-101 while taking into consideration the cost of construction, right-of-way and utilities impacts, and environmental constraints. The proposed improvements include widening the approaches to create two, 12-foot wide paved driving lanes with 4 to 8-foot wide shoulders, and replacing the existing bridge over Polecat Creek with a 40-foot wide clear roadway span bridge on existing alignment.

The proposed design will meet current standards. Highway access would remain open with one lane of traffic during construction, and access to residences would be maintained throughout the project duration.