

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)**

### **I-35 From I-40 (Fort Smith Junction) extending north to I-44 (Deep Fork) Oklahoma County JP 20330(04)**

#### **What types of improvements will be made to I-35?**

The existing roadway will be widened to (3) three 12-foot driving lanes in each direction with new pavement along the corridor. Additionally, the existing bridges will be replaced with new structures and modifications will be made to the ramps, acceleration, and deceleration lanes to facilitate the development of the (6) six-lane corridor in conjunction with the on-going improvements to the I-44 Interchange on the north end of the project.

#### **When is construction scheduled to begin?**

Construction is anticipated to begin in 2031. However, this schedule is dependent on funding and subject to change.

#### **Will noise walls be included in the project?**

When the design is further along, ODOT will conduct a Traffic Noise Study according to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and ODOT policies and procedures using FHWA Traffic Noise Model version 2.5. This study will identify any anticipated noise impacts and the feasibility and reasonableness of noise walls, if necessary.

#### **How will I know if ODOT plans to acquire my property?**

No new right-of-way will be needed for this project. All work will be done within the existing right-of-way.

#### **What if ODOT needs temporary access for construction or a maintenance easement?**

No right-of-way is anticipated; however, there may be a chance that ODOT would require some temporary access to move utilities, modify drainage, or construct retaining walls. In that case, you would be compensated for temporary right-of-way access, and you would maintain ownership of the property. If your property will be affected, an ODOT-authorized agent will contact you.

#### **How will the project be built?**

ODOT aims to minimize disruptions to peak travel times as much as possible. The construction project's phasing plan is designed to keep (2) two lanes of traffic open in each direction on I-35 throughout the construction period. While temporary lane closures will be required to move traffic over for bridge removal and reconstruction, these will be scheduled during off-peak hours whenever feasible to minimize impact on travelers.

#### **Will there be access to my home and property during construction?**

Yes, access to businesses, residences, and other properties adjacent to the project will be maintained during all phases of construction.