**PROJECT INFORMATION SUMMARY**

- Right-of-Way and Utility Relocation programmed to start in 2022
- Construction programmed to start in 2025
- Current Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) in year 2021
  - 3,575-5,000 vehicles per day
- Future Estimated AADT by year 2041
  - 4,835 - 6,500 vehicles per day
- Highway will remain open to traffic at all times during construction.

**DISTRICT 1 ENGINEER: CHRIS WALLACE, P.E.**

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

**COUNTIES**

- Adair, Cherokee, Haskell, McIntosh, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Sequoyah, Wagoner

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS BY: September 8, 2021

For more information on the project, call (405) 325-3269 or email environment@odot.org.

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**VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE**

8/25/2021 to 9/8/2021

**SH-51 IMPROVEMENTS**

From SH-16 junction east 5.25 miles in Wagoner County JP 32819(04) and 29746(04).

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this open house is to present the proposed design for this segment of SH-51 and obtain public input to aid ODOT in moving forward with the completion of the environmental studies, design, and construction. The purpose and need for this project is to enhance safety, correct a narrow roadway, and provide operational improvements.

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August 21, 2021

Dear Stakeholders, Property Owners and Utility Owners:

RE: Virtual Open House for SH-51 Roadway Improvements from SH-16 junction east 5.25 miles in Wagoner County;
State Job Piece Numbers JP 32819(04) and 29746(04).

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is proposing roadway improvements on SH-51 from SH-16 junction east 5.25 miles. The purpose and need for this project is to correct a narrow roadway, enhance safety, and provide operational improvements.

Due to ongoing concerns about COVID-19, ODOT will host a virtual open house from August 25, 2021 through September 8, 2021 to present the design for the project and allow the public to submit input. Results of the detailed environmental studies conducted for the project will also be available to view. This pamphlet contains additional information about the virtual open house and a handout describing our right-of-way acquisition process. This right-of-way handout is for information purpose only as your property may or may not be affected by the proposed project.

ODOT has tasked a Consultant to determine the best alternative for correcting the roadway deficiencies while taking into consideration construction costs, right-of-way and utility costs and environmental constraints. Following the virtual open house, the meeting material can be found at: http://www.odot.org/publicmeetings.

If you are currently leasing this property, please notify your lessee of our Open House.

Should you have any questions regarding the project, please call (405) 325-3269 or email environment@odot.org.

Sincerely,

Siv Sundaram, P.E.
Environmental Programs Division Engineer

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Project Background

The purpose and need of this project is to correct a narrow roadway, enhance safety, and provide operational improvements. Part of the project is located adjacent to the US Army Corps of Engineers land for the Fort Gibson Waterfowl and Wildlife Refuge on both sides of the SH-51 roadway. SH-51 is also adjacent to the Indian Lodge Motor-Court which is an eligible National Register of Historic Property located on the south side of SH-51. The Pioneer Memorial Cemetery and Missouri Pacific Railroad are located on the south side of SH-51.

Project Description

In an effort to increase safety, ODOT proposes to improve this segment of SH-51 by widening the shoulder, realigning Long Bay Road and extending, replacing, or adding drainage structures. Most of the project length will be widened symmetrically on both sides of the existing alignment to create two 12-foot-wide paved driving lanes with 6-foot-wide paved shoulders. In the causeway area of Fort Gibson Lake 10-foot-wide shoulders will be added. Beginning at N 433 Rd. (Morgan’s Corner), the roadway will be improved to a three lane section consisting of two 12-foot-wide driving lanes and a 14-foot-wide center turn lane. The Long Bay Road intersection will be realigned to remove the skewed intersection. At the Missouri Pacific Railroad, Pioneer Memorial Cemetery, and the Indian Lodge Motor-Court a curb with storm sewers will be utilized to minimize impacts to these areas. The highway will remain open during construction and access to residences and businesses will be maintained throughout the project.
SH-51 Roadway Improvements from SH-16 junction east 5.25 miles in Wagoner County; JP 32819(04) and 29746(04)