

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is the process if ODOT needs right-of-way in some of my property? What if ODOT needs to buy my house or business?

If your property is proposed to be affected, an agent has contacted the landowner. ODOT will obtain an independent appraisal and present a fair market value offer for your affected property. No property relocations, including houses or businesses, are proposed.

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

Sometimes ODOT will need temporary access or an easement during construction. Owners will be compensated for temporary right-of-way and for maintenance easements. In these cases, you will maintain ownership of the property.

Will there be access to my property during the project?

Yes, access to property adjacent to the project will be maintained during construction.

Does this project impact the bluff adjacent to SH-10 known as Hanging Rock?

No modifications or impacts to Hanging Rock are proposed as part of this project. This project would be below the bluff along the roadway and river embankment. Maintenance scaling of the loose rocks on Hanging Rock has already been completed.

Will SH-10 be open to vehicular traffic during the entirety of the project?

SH-10 is an important roadway for the region, and as such, the proposed construction activities have been designed to maintain traffic along SH-10 during construction. Both lanes are proposed to be open for the majority of construction, and single-lane closure with traffic control flaggers would be utilized during limited periods.

What impact will this project have on recreational activities along the Illinois River?

Construction activities for this project will take place in the channel and near the bank along SH-10. Recreational activities will be open adjacent to the project area, but space will be limited to the east side of the Illinois River. A buoy system is proposed to be placed along the edge of the temporary work platform to identify the restricted construction area.

What is the purpose of the proposed cable barrier that would be in the new road shoulder?

Cable barriers are a common form of safety barrier used along SH-10 to redirect wayward vehicles back to the roadway.

Have you considered how the project would affect erosion along the river?

The existing embankment is experiencing erosion, and the proposed retaining wall would prevent bank erosion along the retaining wall. An erosion study was conducted to evaluate how the proposed retaining wall would affect the Illinois River upstream and downstream of the proposed project area. The evaluation considered the existing conditions of an 8-mile reach of the Illinois River and the amount of erosion that occurs as part of natural river processes. The study concluded that the amount of sediment that could potentially increase from bank erosion is negligible when compared to what will continue to be delivered from upstream of the project. Additionally, minor alterations to the river bed would be limited to the immediate vicinity of the proposed retaining wall and is not expected to extend past 300 feet from the end of the retaining wall.

Will the color of the retaining wall be conducive to the natural landscape?

A neutral color is being proposed to be conducive with the surrounding landscape. The specific color has not been determined at this time.

Will the public be allowed to access the Illinois River through Peavine Hollow Creek during construction?

No, access to the Illinois River from the creek will not be allowed during construction. However, the Peavine Hollow Public Access Area located just south of the construction area will remain open during construction.