Public Meeting

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation will host a public meeting to present four (4) improvement alternatives for the I-35 and SH-9W interchange in McClain County. The meeting will feature a presentation explaining the purpose and need for the improvements, history of the project, and details of the four interchange improvement alternatives under consideration. A question-and-answer session will be held after the presentation. Upon conclusion of the formal meeting, design staff will be present to meet informally with the public and answer any further questions. The public's comments are requested by December 9, 2021.

Purpose

The purpose of the proposed improvements is to address increases in traffic volumes and localized congestion by improving the operation of the interchange. After the meeting, the public may view the four (4) interchange alternatives on the ODOT meeting website and see additional information about the project.

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Due to ongoing concerns about COVID-19, ODOT will, in addition to hosting a public meeting, post project information and a recording of the presentation after the meeting at www.odot.org/publicmeetings.
November 1, 2021
Dear Stakeholders, Property Owners, and Utility Owners:

Re: I-35 and SH-9W Interchange, McClain County, Oklahoma, State Job Piece: J/P No. 19314(04), Project No.: J1-9314(004)

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is proposing improvements to the I-35 and SH-9W interchange in McClain County, Oklahoma. The existing interchange is a partial cloverleaf interchange with diamond ramps on the west side of I-35, a loop ramp and a diamond ramp in the southeast quadrant, and a free-flow ramp in the northeast quadrant. The purpose of the proposed improvements is to address increases in traffic volumes and localized congestion by improving the operation of the interchange. ODOT recently studied several alternatives to improve the I-35/SH-9W interchange while taking into consideration operation improvements, safety, construction cost, right-of-way requirements, and environmental constraints.

ODOT will host a public meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on November 18, 2021, in the Golsby Community Building at 164 East Center Road, Golsby, OK. The purpose of the public meeting is to present four (4) interchange improvement alternatives, obtain the public's input regarding the alternatives, and also obtain information from the public to further assist ODOT in the identification of critical social, economic and environmental effects that may result from the project. Due to ongoing concerns about COVID-19, ODOT will, in addition to hosting a public meeting, post project information and a recording of the presentation after the meeting at www.odot.org/publicmeetings. If you are leasing this property, please notify your lessee of this public meeting.

Should you have any questions or would like additional information regarding this project, please email environment@odot.org, or call 405-325-3269.

Respectfully,

Joe Brutsché
Environmental Programs Interim Division Manager

Enclosures: Interchange Alternative Graphics (4) and Comment Form

Cc: Project Management Division
Field District Engineer

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**Project Background**

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), in cooperation with Federal Highway Agency (FHWA), is soliciting comments on possible improvements to the I-35 and SH-9W interchange in McClain County, Oklahoma.

The existing I-35 and SH-9W interchange is a partial cloverleaf with diamond ramps on the west side of I-35 for southbound I-35 traffic exiting to SH-9W and for SH-9W traffic entering to southbound I-35. The southeast quadrant of the interchange contains a loop ramp for eastbound SH-9W traffic headed to northbound I-35 and an exit ramp for northbound I-35 traffic destined to SH-9W. The northeast quadrant of the interchange contains a free-flow ramp for westbound SH-9W traffic headed to northbound I-35.

The SH-9W bridge over I-35 is two driving lanes with additional turn lanes, 80-ft wide with a sufficiency rating of 84.6. The current annual average daily traffic (AADT) on SH-9W is 34,690 vehicles per day (vpd) and is projected to increase to 58,900 vpd by the year 2050.

I-35 north of SH-9W is a four-lane divided urban interstate with a 30-ft wide paved median with concrete barrier, 12-ft wide driving lanes, 10-ft wide inside shoulders, and 10-ft wide outside shoulders. South of SH-9W, the median transitions to a 30-ft wide grass median with cable barrier and 3-ft to 4-ft wide shoulders. The current AADT on I-35 is 81,500 vehicles per day (vpd) and is projected to increase to 128,000 vpd by the year 2050.

**Project Description**

Four (4) interchange alternatives have been identified for consideration:

- **Alternative 2A - Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI).** A DDI is a type of diamond interchange in which the two directions of traffic on the non-freeway road cross to the opposite side on both sides of the bridge at the freeway. Both directions of SH-9W traffic would cross to the opposite side on both sides of the bridge crossing I-35.

- **Alternative 2B - DDI with Reliever Ramp.** Alternative 2 is similar to Alternative 1 but adds a "reliever ramp" to facilitate southbound I-35 traffic bound for South Harvey Avenue or NW 12th Avenue.

- **Alternative 3D - Loop Interchange with Reliever Ramp.** This interchange routes eastbound SH-9W traffic bound for northbound I-35 via a loop. The alternative also includes a loop reliever ramp directing both southbound I-35 and westbound SH-9W to the west side I-35 frontage road, i.e., South Harvey Avenue or NW 12th Avenue. A roundabout east of the interchange facilitates exiting northbound I-35 traffic and both directions of SH-9W traffic.

- **Alternative 4 - Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI).** A SPUI is a basic diamond interchange with a single signalized central intersection in the center of the bridge. The SH-9W and the I-35 ramp traffic will converge to a single point utilizing the single set of traffic signals.

All alternatives increase the existing signal spacing between the southbound I-35 off ramp and Harvey Avenue. Alternatives 1 and 4 achieve this through a partial realignment of South Harvey Avenue and adding a ramp onto the existing frontage road. Alternatives 2 and 3 achieve this through a full realignment of South Harvey Avenue and connecting to the west frontage road at West Lamar Road.

Lastly, all alternatives include a realignment of North Harvey Avenue to improve safety and traffic flow to/from local businesses.