Frequently asked questions

How will highway access change?

During construction, one lane of traffic in each direction on US-270 will be maintained and access to property adjacent to the project will be maintained during all phases of construction with temporary drives until permanent access can be restored. Existing driveways will be provided a new asphalt driveway from the US-270 roadway to the right-of-way line. The Kickapoo Spur interchange will be modified to a traditional diamond interchange by removing the two existing loop ramps. At this time, there are no proposed permanent drive closures or permanent median opening closures.

When is the time frame for construction?

Construction is scheduled to begin in 2024 and is anticipated to last approximately ten months.

What is the project cost?

The current estimated total construction cost of the project is $16.4 million.

How does ODOT calculate its traffic numbers?

Traffic counts are taken every two years on state highways. The existing traffic numbers reflect the current condition. The future traffic numbers are projected based on a multiplier based upon area. Annual average daily traffic (AADT) is a measure used primarily in transportation engineering. Traditionally, it is the total volume of vehicle traffic of a highway or road for a year divided by 365 days. Therefore, there are days when there is more traffic, but this is an average. AADT is a simple, but useful, measurement of how busy the road is.

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

The project is intended to stay within the present right-of-way and to not impact any adjacent properties. If your property is proposed to be affected, an agent will contact you.

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

ODOT will obtain an independent appraisal and present a fair market value offer for your affected property. No property relocations or property buyouts are proposed at this time.
When is construction scheduled to begin, and how long is it anticipated to last?

Construction will be scheduled to begin in 2024 and is anticipated to last approximately ten months.

Will there be access to my property during the project?

Yes, access to property adjacent to the project will be maintained during all phases of construction with temporary drives until permanent access can be restored.

What happens to my driveway?

Existing driveways will be provided a new asphalt driveway from the US-270 roadway to the right-of-way line. Drainage culverts will be replaced under the driveway as needed.

Will my commute to work be impacted by construction?

It’s in the interest of the department to minimize impacts to the peak travel times as much as possible. The intent of the construction sequencing will be to maintain 1 lane of traffic in each direction on US-270 during construction. Temporary lane closures may be necessary at different times during the project and will be planned to occur at non-peak travel times or at night if possible. Temporary closures of the Kickapoo Spur Interchange Ramps will be needed to facilitate reconstruction.

How can I get more information?

The best way to have your question answered is to submit the comment form or email to environment@odot.org. If you would like to speak to a project representative, please call (405) 325-3269 and leave a detailed message.