Virtual Open House

January 12, 2022 - January 26, 2022

US-270 from MacArthur St. south 2.1 miles to Kickapoo Spur Interchange, extending 0.3 miles south.
Pottawatomie County JP 31872(04)

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Virtual Open House

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) will host a virtual open house to present the latest information on the proposed improvements to US-270 from MacArthur Street south 2.1 miles to the Kickapoo Spur Interchange, extending 0.3 miles south to the bridges over the Union Pacific Railroad, in Pottawatomie County. This meeting will present the most recent design for the project and allow the public to submit input. Due to concerns over the spread of COVID-19, this will be a web-based format (no in-person meeting). The information will be available beginning January 12, 2022 and comments are requested by January 26, 2022.

Purpose

The purpose of the project is to reconstruct the pavement of US-270 to increase the longevity of the pavement and reconstruct the ramps at the Kickapoo Spur Interchange to improve the level of safety and operations of the interchange. The reconstruction of the pavement is needed because the condition of the existing pavement has deteriorated to an unsatisfactory level. The current average daily traffic (ADT) is 16,240 vehicles per day and is projected to increase to 22,740 vehicles per day by 2040.

To improve safety and traffic flow, ODOT is developing design plans for improving this segment of US-270 while taking into consideration the cost of construction, right-of-way and utilities impacts, and environmental constraints. The project will reconstruct the pavement of US-270 in Pottawatomie County from MacArthur Street south 2.1 miles to the Kickapoo Spur Interchange, extending 0.3 miles south to the bridges over the Union Pacific Railroad. The cable median barrier will be removed and reset in the central median. The Kickapoo Spur interchange will be modified to a traditional diamond interchange by realigning the two existing southbound on and off loop ramps. The northbound on and off ramps will be reconstructed to improve the pavement.

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**Total Programmed Estimated Cost of this project:** $16.4 million

- **Right-of-Way & Utility Relocation programmed to start in:** 2022
- **Construction programmed to start in:** 2024
- **Current Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) in year 2020:** 16,240 Vehicles per day
- **Future Estimated AADT by year 2040:** 22,740 Vehicles per day

During construction, one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction of US-270. The Kickapoo Spur Interchange is expected to experience short durations of closures; Leo Street will remain open to traffic.

**Total Bridges:** 993

**Total Road Miles:** 1,791.65

**Total Interstate Miles:** 163.67

**Counties:** Cleveland, Coal, Garvin, Hughes, Johnston, Lincoln, McClain, Okfuskee, Pontotoc, Pottawatomie, Seminole

### Project Purpose and Need

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### Project Description

ODOT is developing design plans for improving this segment of US-270 while taking into consideration the cost of construction, right-of-way and utilities impacts, and environmental constraints. The project will reconstruct the pavement from MacArthur Street south 2.1 miles to the Kickapoo Spur Interchange, extending 0.3 miles south to the bridges over the Union Pacific Railroad. The Kickapoo Spur Interchange will be modified to a traditional diamond interchange by removing the two existing southbound on and off loop ramps. The northbound on and off ramps will be reconstructed to improve the pavement.

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These improvements will be constructed as one single project that is included in ODOT’s eight-year construction program. Construction is programmed to start in 2024.
January 10, 2021

RE: Solicitation for Virtual Open House for grade, drain, and surface to US-270 from MacArthur St. south 2.1 miles to Kickapoo Spur Interchange, extending 0.3 miles south, in Pottawatomie County, JP 31872(04)

Dear Stakeholders, Property Owners, and Utility Owners:

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is proposing replacement of the existing pavement section (including shoulders) and significant design changes to the Kickapoo Spur Interchange ramps. Please see the attached project location map. The purpose of the project is to reconstruct the pavement of US-270 to increase the longevity of the pavement and to improve the level of safety and operations throughout the corridor. The reconstruction of the pavement of US-270 is needed because the condition of the existing pavement has deteriorated to an unsatisfactory level and the current average daily traffic (ADT) is 16,240 vehicles per day and is projected to increase to 22,740 vehicles per day by 2040. Please see the enclosed pamphlet and figures which depict the areas associated with the improvements.

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Due to ongoing concerns about COVID-19, a Virtual Open House will be held from January 12 to January 26, 2022 at www.odot.org/US270Shawnee. The virtual public open house will present the most recent design for the project and allow the public to submit input. The purpose of the open house is to present information about the project and obtain input from the public to further assist in the identification of critical social, economic and environmental effects that may result from the project. Following the meeting, the meeting material can be found at http://www.odot.org/publicmeetings.

To allow for adequate time for evaluation of your comments, please respond by January 26, 2022. Your written comments may be submitted on the Virtual Open House website (http://www.odot.org/publicmeetings) or in writing to the Environmental Programs Division, Oklahoma Department of Transportation, 200 NE 21st Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, or e-mail to environment@odot.org.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Should you have any questions regarding the project, please contact us at 405-325-3269, or e-mail to environment@odot.org.

Respectfully,

Joe Brutsché
Environmental Programs Interim Division Manager

Enclosures: Location Map, Pamphlet, Comment Form
Project Overview

JP 31872(04). Grade, Drain, & Surface on US-270 from MacArthur St. south
2.1 miles to Kickapoo Spur Interchange, extending 0.3 miles south
Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma

Data Sources: NHD (2021), BLM (2021)
Aerial Source: Maxar (2019)

Scale: 1:18,000
1 inch = 1,500 feet

ROW
Tribal Property
Shawnee City Limits
Section Line
Proposed Roadway Improvements
- - - NHD Stream
Thank you for your interest in this project and taking the time to provide us with your written comments. Putting your comments in writing is one of the most effective ways to have your concerns addressed.

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS BY: 01/26/2022**

*Personal information is optional and will be kept confidential*

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"I have the following comment(s) or question(s) about the proposed project to improve US-270 in Pottawatomie County, OK."

Comments on this project can be submitted in several ways, including but not limited to:

- **By US Mail or Dropoff:**
  
  **ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS DIVISION**
  OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
  200 N.E. 21st ST.
  Oklahoma City, OK 73105-3204

- **By Email:**
  
  environment@odot.org

- **On the Web:**

  www.odot.org/publicmeetings

Please be aware that all comments that you submit on this form are subject to public disclosure under the Oklahoma Public Information Act.