Purpose of Public Hearing

The purpose of the public hearing is to present the findings of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the US-70 Realignment project and to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed improvements and EA findings. The EA document is available for public review and comment at the locations identified in this pamphlet.

Project Background

The existing US-70 facility consists of both curbed and open roadway sections varying from two-lanes to five-lanes. This route, which passes through downtown Madill, shares up to five highway designations and has three signalized intersections. There is a history of collisions along US-70, including 42 injury collisions for the 10-year period between January 1, 2011 and December 16, 2021. The purpose of the project is to improve safety, efficiency, and travel times along the US-70 corridor.

Please provide your comments by May 27, 2022

For more information about the project:

(405) 325-3269
environment@odot.org

http://www.odot.org/PublicMeetings
Dear Stakeholders, Property Owners and Utility Owners:

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is proposing to realign US-70 near Madill, Marshall County, Oklahoma. The proposed project consists of constructing US-70 on a new location east of Madill. The western terminus for the project begins approximately 0.5 mile west of US-177 at Mockingbird Lane and extends east approximately 1.3 miles crossing US-177 and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad, then southwest on the new alignment to SH-199, then due south for approximately 2.8 miles connecting back to US-70 near Archard Road. The purpose of the project is to improve safety, efficiency and travel times along the US-70 corridor.

A Public Hearing has been scheduled from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at the Madill Community Center, 810 South 2nd Ave, Madill, Oklahoma, 73446, to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the proposed action and the findings of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this undertaking. The first hour of the meeting will be an open house format, with exhibits available to view. A brief presentation will be made at 6:00 p.m. followed by an opportunity for public comment. Individuals should be signed up to speak by 6:15 p.m. and will have a maximum of three minutes to speak. Following the presentation and public comment period, the open house format will continue until 7:30 p.m. Comment forms will be provided, and a court reporter will be available to record verbal comments.

The EA Document describes the project’s purpose and need, the range of alternatives considered including the selected alternative, the social, economic and environmental effects of the alternatives, the agency coordination and public involvement activities conducted as part of the Assessment. Copies of the EA are available for public inspection at the following locations and online at the ODOT website, www.odot.org/US70realignment, from Wednesday April 27, 2022, to Friday, May 27, 2022.

Comments on this project or the Environmental Assessment are welcome and must be received or postmarked by Friday, May 27, 2022. Comments can be mailed to Environmental Programs Division, Oklahoma Department of Transportation, 200 N.E. 21 Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, or emailed to environment@odot.org.

After the public hearing, project information may be viewed at www.odot.org/PublicMeetings.

If you are leasing this property, please notify the lessee of this public hearing. Should you have any questions regarding this project, please email environment@odot.org, or call 405-325-3269 and leave a detailed message.

Respectfully,

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Environmental Programs Interim Division Manager

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The realignment of US-70 around Madill has been studied by ODOT since the 1990’s. A US-70 Feasibility Study completed in 1997 evaluated the roadway based on future travel demand, safety, and congestion. The feasibility study reviewed four potential realignments of US-70 near Madill and concluded the recommended alternative was an eastern bypass around the City of Madill and the Town of Kingston and the widening of the existing US-70 between the two bypasses.

After extensive public involvement and coordination beginning in 2001, Environmental studies were completed on a proposed eastern US-70 realignment corridor in 2008.

In 2015 ODOT initiated additional stakeholder and public meetings, and in 2016, environmental studies were performed in support of the proposed realignment of US-70. Due to funding challenges, the project was not advanced immediately following the 2016 studies. ODOT is updating the original environmental studies.