

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

**WIDEN, RESURFACE & BRIDGE ON US-59 FROM APPROXIMATELY 200 FT. NORTH OF SHELL
BRANCH CREEK & EXTEND NORTH APPROXIMATELY 4.83 MILES TO WESTVILLE, OK
ADAIR COUNTY
J/P 33461(04)**

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

The project maps shows the areas where new permanent and temporary right-of-way is proposed. If your property is affected, an ODOT-authorized agent will contact you in the future. Additional information about ODOT's policy regarding property rights is available at www.odot.org/publicmeetings.

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

Significant effort is made to minimize right-of-way impacts to homes and businesses. However, properties located along the highway's right-of-way may require partial or full acquisition depending upon the location. Property relocations, including houses and possibly a few businesses, are anticipated for this segment of US-59. Owners of affected homes or businesses will be provided with additional relocation assistance. Additional information about ODOT's policies regarding property rights and relocation assistance are available at www.odot.org/publicmeetings.

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

Sometimes ODOT will need temporary access to construct portions of the project or an easement to maintain drainage structures. Owners will be compensated for temporary right-of-way and for maintenance easements. In these cases, you will maintain ownership of the property. If your property is affected, an ODOT-authorized agent will contact you.

When will ODOT start buying property?

The process will start in 2024. However, it may be 2025 before agents have contacted all property owners.

When is construction scheduled to begin?

Construction is anticipated to begin in 2028.

Will my commute be impacted by construction?

ODOT tries to minimize peak travel times as much as possible. The intent of the construction sequencing will be to maintain one lane of traffic in each direction on US-59, and one lane of traffic in each direction on local roads 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.

How will the project be built?

US-59 will remain open during construction, and phased construction will be utilized to maintain traffic. Two lanes of traffic will be carried throughout construction.

Will any of the intersections have new signals?

No new signal lights are currently planned. The existing signal in Westville at the intersection of US-62 will remain.

Will drainage improvements at existing ditches and stream crossings be part of the project?

Yes, the proposed project includes drainage improvements within the existing and proposed right-of-way to facilitate the highway widening. The proposed drainage improvements will be designed to convey stormwater and stream flows at existing and new culverts and bridges.

Will the project consider an increase in traffic volume over time?

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 the area.

Annual average daily traffic (AADT) determines the average vehicles per day over a year period. It is the total volume of vehicle traffic on a highway or road for a year divided by 365 days. AADT is a simple, but useful, measurement of how busy the road is.

To accommodate existing and future traffic demand passing lanes will be constructed.

Where will the passing lanes be located and in what direction of travel?

Alternating passing lanes will be located between the towns of Baron and Westville. There will be approximately 2-miles of passing lane in the southbound direction and 2-miles in the northbound direction.

Will the road be asphalt or concrete?

The pavement will be asphalt. Pavement design is based on the subgrade, traffic (including truck traffic) and design life.

Will there be access to my home and property during the project?

Yes, access to homes, businesses, stores, restaurants, and properties 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 paved with new asphalt up to the proposed right-of-way line, and approximately perpendicular to the US-59 roadway. Drainage culverts will be replaced under the driveway as needed.

What will happen to my existing fence?

If right-of-way is required on your property and you have an existing fence, the fence will be replaced, or you will be given reimbursement to replace the fence as the property owner.

What about highway noise?

Noise analysis is performed on all "type 1" federal aid projects as outlined in ODOT's Noise Policy and Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 23 Part 772. The scope of the proposed work will be reviewed to determine whether it meets the criteria of a type 1 project. If those criteria are met, full analysis will be performed to determine if noise mitigation is feasible and reasonable. This project meets the type 1 criteria, and a noise analysis is currently underway.