

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

November 9, 2023

4:00 – 6:30 PM

Mid County Community Center

75371 SH-59

Westville, OK 74965



WIDEN, RESURFACE & BRIDGE US-59: FROM BARON TO WESTVILLE

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PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) will host an in-person Open House to inform the public of the proposed improvements to US-59 from just north of the Shell Branch Creek bridge near Baron, OK and extending north approximately 5 miles to the US-62/US-59 Junction in Westville, OK. At the Open House, the public can ask questions, learn about the proposed construction activities, sequencing, and scheduling, provide input, and submit comments. It will be a come-and-go format with no formal presentation. Meeting materials and supplemental information will be available at www.odot.org/publicmeetings beginning November 2, 2023, and comments are requested by November 16, 2023.



PURPOSE & NEED

The purpose for the proposed project is to improve the safety of US-59 by replacing deteriorating pavement, correcting steep hills and dips, widening narrow shoulders, and facilitating traffic flow.



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PROJECT BACKGROUND:

ODOT, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), proposes to make safety improvements to US-59 beginning just north of the Shell Branch Creek bridge near Baron, OK and extending north approximately 5 miles to the US-62/US-59 Junction in Westville, OK. This is a continuation of the US-59 corridor improvement project (ODOT JP #30570(04)) starting in Maryetta and extending north approximately five miles to just south of the Shell Branch Creek bridge near Baron, OK.

This segment of US-59 is a principal arterial US highway with two 12-foot-wide asphalt lanes and varying width shoulders. It has deteriorating pavement, narrow shoulders, poor traffic flow, and limited sight distances in places. Within the project extent, there is one bridge sized structure (NBI #01676) over an unnamed tributary to Shell Branch Creek. This structure is a reinforced concrete box bridge with 2 cells measuring 10 feet wide by 6 feet tall by 39 feet long. The box bridge is narrow with a 32-foot-wide roadway clearance. The 2022 traffic volume was 4,150 vehicles per day (vpd), which is projected to increase to 5,050 vpd by 2042.



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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

ODOT is developing design plans for improving this segment of US-59 while taking into consideration the cost of construction, right-of-way and utilities impacts, and potential environmental concerns. Overall, the proposed improvements consist of widening and reconstructing the roadway. From just north of the Shell Branch Creek bridge and extending north for approximately 4.7 miles, the highway will be widened to create two 12-foot-wide driving lanes with 8-foot-wide shoulders. To improve traffic flow along certain segments, an additional 12-foot-wide passing lane will be added in alternating north- and southbound directions. Just south of Schultz Drive in Westville, OK, the roadway will transition to a five-lane curb-and-gutter facility with four 12-foot-wide driving lanes and a 12-foot-wide center turning lane. Improvements will be made on the existing alignment and most of the widening will be symmetrical; however, some slight offsets will be necessary to improve safety, and to avoid utilities and environmentally sensitive areas.

Additionally, angled intersections, driveways and entrances will be realigned to be perpendicular, and steep hills and dips will be corrected to address limited sight distances. The box bridge over the tributary to Shell Branch Creek will be replaced and lengthened to create a 40-foot-wide roadway clearance.

The acquisition of new temporary and permanent right-of-way will be needed, and the relocation of utilities will occur. The highway will remain open during construction, and access to residences and businesses will be maintained throughout the project duration.

PROJECT INFORMATION SUMMARY

- Right-of-Way anticipated to start in: **2024**
- Construction anticipated to start in: **2028**

Highway will remain open to traffic at all times during construction.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS BY NOVEMBER 16, 2023

For more information about the project:

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