

## **Page 8. Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. How will I know if ODOT plans to acquire my property?**

ODOT will reach out to you if your property is needed.

The map included with the Project Pamphlet shows the areas where new permanent and temporary right-of-way (R/W) is proposed. These areas are also shown on the Interactive Map. The proposed R/W is preliminary and will be refined as the design for construction plans is developed. If your property will be affected, an ODOT-authorized agent will contact you in the future. It is anticipated that R/W acquisition for this project will begin in 2026, although this schedule is dependent on funding and subject to change. Click on the following link for additional information about ODOT's policy regarding property rights.

*ODOT Property Rights Brochure*

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

ODOT will reach out to you if your property is needed.

ODOT will obtain an independent appraisal and present a fair market value offer for your property. Owners of affected homes or businesses will be provided with additional relocation assistance. Click on the following links for additional information about ODOT's policies regarding property rights and relocation assistance.

*ODOT Property Rights Brochure*

*ODOT Relocation Brochure*

### **3. What if ODOT needs temporary access for construction or a maintenance easement?**

ODOT will reach out to you if your property is needed.

Sometimes ODOT will need temporary access or an easement to maintain the highway and 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 will be affected, an ODOT-authorized agent will contact you.

#### **4. When will ODOT start buying property?**

Right-of-way purchasing for this project is likely to start in 2026. The schedule relies on funding and could change.

#### **5. When is construction scheduled to begin?**

Construction is planned to begin in 2028. The schedule relies on funding could change.

#### **How will the project be built?**

SH-74 will remain open during construction. Phased construction will be used to maintain traffic. One lane of traffic in each direction will be provided during construction.

#### **6. Will noise walls be included in the project?**

No.

A Traffic Noise Study was conducted using FHWA Traffic Noise Model version 2.5. The Study concluded that the project will not result in meeting or exceeding the allowable noise levels for places of worship, parks/outdoor pavilions, public institutional structures, or outdoor dining facilities. Further, the project will not result in a substantial increase (15 dB) over existing sound levels. Based upon these results, noise mitigation is not necessary.

#### **7. Will there be access to my home and property during construction?**

Yes, access to homes, businesses, and property adjacent to the project will be maintained during all phases of construction. In some cases, temporary drives may be required until permanent drives can be reconstructed.

#### **8. What other projects are planned for SH-74 or I-35 in this area?**

JP 35589(04) is a grade, drain, bridge, and surface project on I-35 from 1 mile south of Ladd Road extending north 4.2 miles to SH-74 that will let in 2025. This project will add through lanes on I-35 under the SH-74 bridge, widened to the inside.

#### **9. What happens next? What is the project schedule?**

The comment period ends November 12, 2024. Right-of-way purchasing and utility relocation is scheduled for 2026. Construction is scheduled for 2028.