

**FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
(FONSI)**

FOR

US 81 REALIGNMENT, CHICKASHA, GRADY COUNTY
From Curve North of US 81/SH 19 West Junction
North to US 81/US 62 Intersection

FEDERAL AID PROJECT No. J2-4428(004)

Issued Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c), 23 U.S.C. 128(a), 23 U.S.C. 138, and 49 U.S.C. 303
(This action complies with Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetland: the Farmland
Protection Act of 1981: and the National Historic Preservation Act)

The Federal Highway Administration has determined that the proposed construction of a controlled-access four-lane divided realignment of US 81 west of Chickasha will have no significant impact on the human or natural environments. Upon completion of the action described by this FONSI, the US 81 realignment will be a controlled access four-lane divided facility that will begin at the curve north of the US 81/SH 19 West junction and extend north eight miles to the US 81/US 62 intersection. Along the new realignment, interchanges will be constructed at US 81 (Quail Road), I-44, Country Club Road, Grand Avenue, Iowa Avenue, and US 62.

This FONSI is based on the attached Environmental Assessment (EA), which has been independently evaluated by the FHWA and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the need, environmental issues, and impacts of the proposed project.

The EA was made available for public review on February 23, 2017 until April 7, 2017. The public review copies were placed at the Chickasha Public Library and at the ODOT Central Office in Oklahoma City. An electronic copy of the EA document was also made available on the ODOT website at the same time. The legal notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Chickasha Express Star on March 12 and 19, 2017. A Public Hearing was held on March 23, 2017 at the Grady County Fairgrounds Community Building #2, 500 East Choctaw Avenue, Chickasha. A total of 166 people signed the public hearing roster. During and immediately following the public hearing, seven (7) verbal statements were provided and included in the official transcript. During the public comment period, which ended April 7, 2017, 15 written comments were received. All transcripts, materials and comments are contained in Appendix L (February 23, 2017) of the EA.

This FONSI is also based on implementation of measures described in Section VI of the EA and outlined in this FONSI, below:

1. Relocations are anticipated for the project. Acquisition and relocation assistance will be conducted in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, effective February 3, 2005. Housing of last resort may be required and will be provided if sufficient comparable replacement housing is not available within the financial means of those displaced.

2. As construction plans are developed, the ODOT Noise Specialist will review the plans to confirm the ultimate status of noise receivers and the need for abatement.
3. The project, as proposed, will likely impact Cliff Swallows, Barn Swallows, or other species protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), if construction activities occur during the nesting season of these species. A Migratory Bird plan note requiring avoidance of construction or demolition of any existing structures with swallow use during the nesting season will be added to the final construction plans.
4. The action may involve work in potentially jurisdictional waters and potentially jurisdictional wetlands. The Section 404 permit application form will be submitted by the Designer through Project Management Division to Environmental Programs Division at the time of right-of-way submittal for evaluation and determination of the appropriate Clean Water Act Section 404 permit application for the project.
5. The action may require a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Letter of Map Revision (LOMR). ODOT will coordinate with the local floodplain administrator for permit requirements for the project.
6. Construction plans will be reviewed to determine the need for further characterization of a site noted in the Initial Site Assessment (ISA), and ODOT's Hazardous Waste Coordinator will develop plan notes as appropriate.
7. The action may require notifying the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) of proposed construction via FAA Form 7460-1 prior to construction, in accordance with 14 CFR 77.13-77.17, due to the presence of Chickasha Municipal Airport, located approximately two miles north of the project.
8. All properties will remain accessible during construction of the project.
9. As construction plans are developed for each phase, a re-evaluation will be done to confirm the impact and commitments.

The FHWA takes full responsibility for the accuracy, scope, and content of the attached EA.

Date

10-17-2017


for Federal Highway Administration