

Public Meeting Summary For SH 66 in Oklahoma County



Executive Summary:

This document summarizes the public meeting conducted for the SH- 66 project in Arcadia, Oklahoma extending eastward to the Town of Luther, including the modification of intersections along SH 66 at Hiwassee and Indian Meridian Roads . The purpose of the public meeting was to present information about the proposed alternatives for the project and to obtain input.

The public meeting was held on March 8, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Arcadia, Oklahoma. One-Hundred Seventy-four (174) attendees signed in for the meeting. Seventeen (17) of the attendees were Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) employees. The meeting included a presentation on the project from Mr. Brian Taylor, P.E. Division 4 Engineer. Representatives from ODOT were available for questions before and after the presentation. A question and answer period was held at the end of the meeting. The comment period was open until March 22, 2016 with a total of twenty-six (26) written comments were received, including four (4) from agencies and twenty-two (22) from members of the public via comment forms or direct email. Agency responses are summarized in Table 1. Written Comments are in Table 2.

Agency Comments

Table 1: Agency Comment Summary

Agency	Comment
Oklahoma Department of Commerce	Supports the project
Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission	Adhere to FAA regulations concerning construction
Oklahoma Conservation Commission	Maintain water quality of waterways during
	construction and upon completion
National Park Service	No objections

Written Comments

Written comments have been organized into eight (8) categories:

- A. Personal Property questions and concerns
- B. Request for alteration of design proposal
- C. Drainage issues
- D. Bicycles
- E. Indicating a preference for option 1
- F. Indicating a preference for option 2
- G. Indicating a preference for option 3
- H. Indicating a preference for option 4

The number of comments corresponding to those categories has been summarized in Table 2 below:

Table 2

Comment Category	# of Comments
A. Personal Property Questions and Concerns	3
B. Request of Alteration of Design Proposal	8
C. Drainage Issues	3
D. Bicycles	3
E. Indicating a Preference For Option 1	3
F. Indicating a Preference For Option 2	1
G. Indicating a Preference For Option 3	6
H. Indicating a Preference For Option 4	2

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation's <u>responses</u> to comments A-D have been summarized in the following manner:

- A. <u>Personal Property Questions and Concerns-</u> ODOT takes personal property issues seriously; therefore, ODOT will strive to make accommodations for those concerns where they are feasible. All personal property concerns including fencing, landscaping, and driveways will be addressed on an individual basis during the Right-of-way process which begins in the summer of 2016.
- B. <u>Request For Alteration Of Design Proposal-</u> Several citizens asked if the design of the projects could be modified to enhance safety, minimize new Right-of-way needs, and minimize personal property impacts. For the majority of the project, it is not possible, but ODOT will review the areas that are in question and make sound engineering decisions which do not compromise the new roadway, but also work best with the citizens around the area.
- C. <u>Drainage</u>-ODOT will make required drainage improvement to eliminate standing water on or near the highway. Curb and Gutter will be limited to areas of necessity.
- D. <u>Bicycles</u>- ODOT is committed to accommodating all types of transportation modes. ODOT has updated the rumble strip standard to be more accommodating to bicyclists.