# I-44 • Tulsa County, OK • JP: 32728(04) Presentation of Proposed Alternative & Solicitation of Public Input

## **Purpose of Meeting**

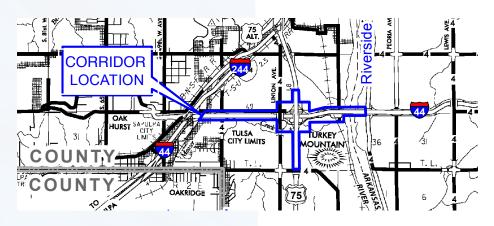
The purpose of the meeting is to present the proposed design for I-44 from I-244 (west junction) to the Arkansas River and obtain public input.

### **Study Background**

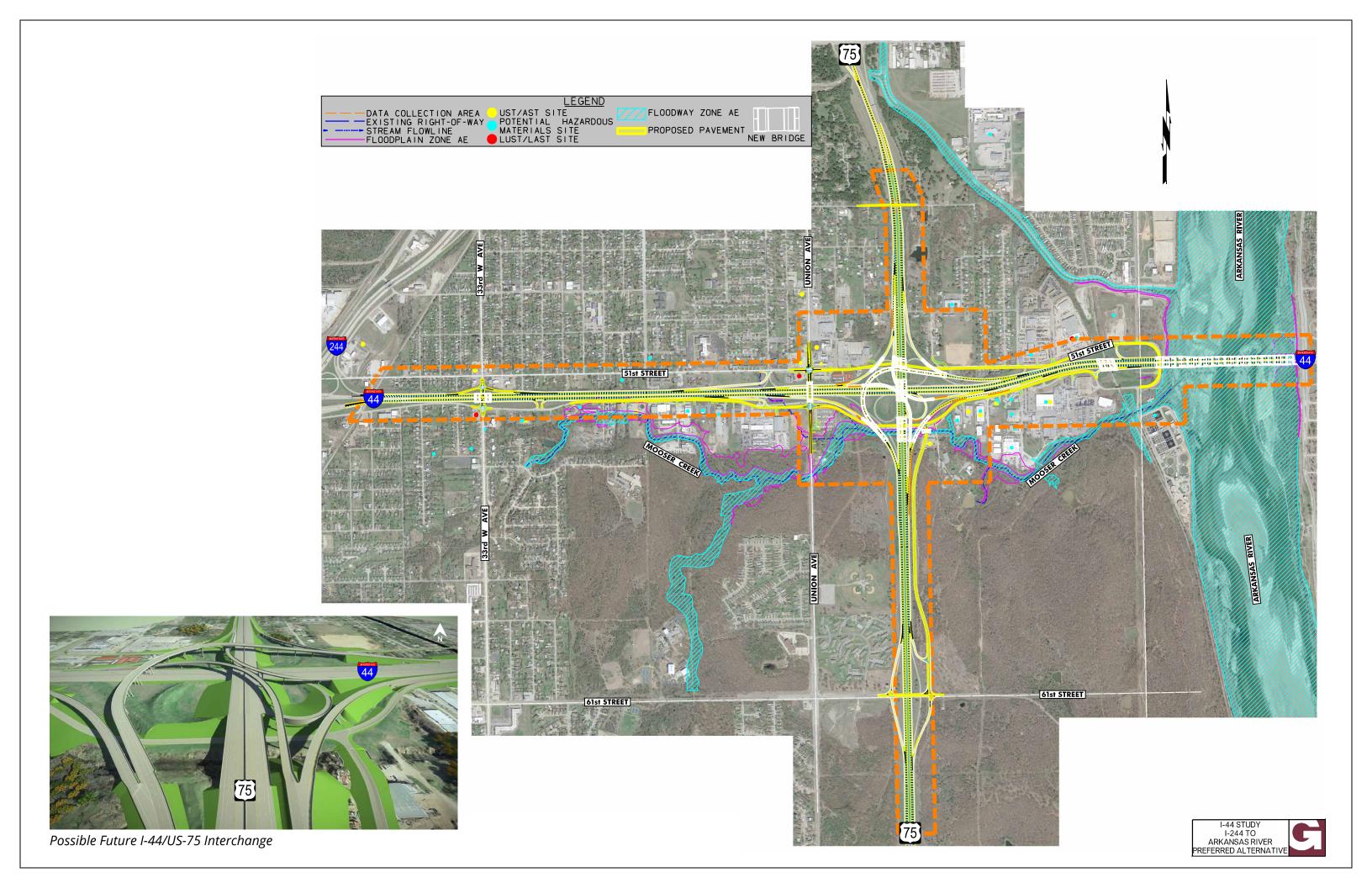
I-44 is part of the Primary Highway Freight System, which includes the most critical highway portions of the nation's freight transportation network. This segment of I-44 is one of the oldest remaining portions of interstate in Oklahoma and is the only remaining 4-lane piece in the Tulsa metro area. There is a high accident rate, and the existing highway will not adequately accommodate the anticipated future traffic volumes. The existing I-44/US-75 interchange experiences significant congestion in several directions during peak travel periods.

## **Study Description**

The purpose of this study is to identify ways to improve safety, traffic operations, and mobility in the I-44 corridor. ODOT has tasked a consultant to look at alternatives for improving the roadway and bridges in the corridor and reconstruct the I-44/US-75 interchange while taking into consideration construction costs, right-of-



way and utility costs, and environmental constraints. Several design options were considered, including options for the realignment and connection of 51st Street under US-75, options for 1-way and 2-way traffic on Skelly Drive, and options for the different ramps at the I-44/US-75 interchange. These options were evaluated and compiled into a preferred alternative for the corridor. The preferred alternative is to reconstruct I-44 from I-244 to the Arkansas River with 6 lanes (3 in each direction), divided by a concrete median barrier. US-75 would also be reconstructed from north of 71st Street to south of 41st Street with 6 lanes (3 in each direction) with a wide enough inside shoulder to accommodate a future lane, if needed. The I-44/US-75 interchange would be reconstructed to provide direct ramp connections for most directions of traffic, except eastbound I-44 to northbound US-75, which would remain a loop ramp similar to today. 51st Street would be extended and connected under US-75. Skelly Drive would carry 2-way traffic, similar to today.





#### **PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION FOR I-44**



#### **PROJECT INFORMATION SUMMARY**

- Current Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) in year 2016: 84,500 Vehicles a day
- Future Estimated AADT by year 2045: 112,240 Vehicles a day
- Resurfacing of I-44 from 33rd W. Avenue to the Arkansas River scheduled for FY 2018
- Replacement of I-44 bridges over 33rd W. Avenue scheduled for FY 2022
- Replacement of Union Avenue bridge over I-44 scheduled for FY 2022
- No other projects currently programmed

\*Totals <u>DO NOT</u> include *Toll Roads* 

**DIVISION 8 ENGINEER: RANDLE WHITE, P.E.** 

\*\*Totals **DO NOT** include County Bridges

\*Total Road Miles: 1.664.63 \*Total Interstate Miles: 39.56

\*\*Total Bridges: 1,117

Counties: Craig, Creek, Delaware, Mayes, Nowata, Osage, Ottawa, Pawnee, Rogers,

Tulsa, Washington



#### PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS BY NOVEMBER 16, 2017

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