



July 2019 UPDATE SH-10A Improvements through Paradise Hill, Sequoyah County, JP #30562(04)

This flyer is to update you on ODOT's proposed improvements to SH-10A beginning two miles east of the SH-10 junction and extending east approximately 4.1 miles to the SH-100 junction in Sequoyah County. The existing SH-10A has no shoulders and substandard horizontal and vertical curves, which contribute to a substantial accident history. The purpose of the proposed improvements is to correct roadway deficiencies, enhance safety, and efficiently accommodate traffic.

Summary of Public Involvement

ODOT has communicated SH-10A project information to the public and sought public input through several public involvement activities. At a stakeholder meeting held October 18, 2016 in the Great Hall meeting room of the Fin & Feather Resort and also a public open house held January 31, 2017 in the Town of Gore Community Building, ODOT presented seven improvement alternatives, as well as ODOT's rationale for selecting a Preferred Alternative. Upon review of public input following these events, ODOT issued a letter dated September 1, 2017 to all agencies, officials, and involved members of the public that explained ODOT's intent to proceed with the environmental studies and design plans for ODOT's Preferred Alternative. At a public open house held April 4, 2019, ODOT presented the results of the environmental studies and the preliminary design plans for the Preferred Alternative.

Design Update in Response to Public Input

After having the opportunity to visit with the local residents at the April 4, 2019 public open house and reviewing written comments received, ODOT has decided not to move forward with the proposal for an offset alignment for the section of SH-10A between Orchard and Tower Roads. Instead, ODOT is considering staying on or near the existing alignment in this section and making corrections at the curves to reduce the sharp turns and minimize the amount of right-of-way required.

For more information about this project, please visit ODOT's webpage:

https://www.ok.gov/odot/Programs_and_Projects/Public_Meetings_and_Hearings/20190404.html

Upon completion of the re-design and additional environmental studies, ODOT will schedule another public meeting to present the proposed re-design. Please note that as a result of this design update in response to public input, the right-of-way acquisition will need to be delayed until 2020, and the construction date will slide from year 2021 to late 2022.

Public involvement is a vital element of successful transportation planning, and ODOT thanks you for your participation in this very important transportation project.

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