

June 2020 UPDATE SH-80 Improvements from 0.85 miles south of Junction SH-80/SH-51, north 0.5 miles Cherokee County, JP No. 31246(04)

This flyer is to update you on ODOT's proposed improvements to SH-80 from 0.85 miles south of junction SH-80/SH-51, north 0.5 miles (on new alignment) in the town of Hulbert, Cherokee County, Oklahoma. The existing highway has deteriorating pavement, no shoulders, and goes through the Town of Hulbert to connect to SH-51. The purpose of the proposed improvements is to correct roadway deficiencies, enhance safety, and efficiently accommodate traffic.

Summary of Public Involvement

In February 2020, three alternatives were presented at a public meeting in Hulbert, which were based on the results of an engineering alignment review:

- Alternative 1: New alignment west of existing S. Wilson Lane
- Alternative 2: New alignment along existing S. Wilson Lane (section line)
- Alternative 3: New alignment along existing S. Wilson Lane (section line) with curb and gutter on the left of the alignment, north of the creek

Each of the three alternatives proposed two 12-foot wide driving lanes and 8-foot wide paved shoulders. ODOT received comments from residents along with state and federal agencies. The summary of comments received are included in the ODOT project webpage.

Design Update in Response to Public Input

Based on the completed engineering review, public meeting participation and state and federal agency input, ODOT selected Alternative 1 as the preferred alignment (see attached map). The preferred alignment will best meet the improvement goals. Alternatives 2 and 3 were rejected because they would not fully address safety concerns.

For more information about this project, please visit ODOT's project webpage: https://www.ok.gov/odot/Programs and Projects/Public Meetings and Hearings/20200204.html

ODOT will move forward with the preliminary design for Alternative 1. Currently, the project is scheduled for right-of-way and utility relocations in FY 2021 with projected construction in FY 2023. Future public updates on the design will be announced as they are scheduled.

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

