

VIRTUAL PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE November 6 - 23, 2020

US-77 in Lexington

from east end of Canadian River Bridge, north 1.0 mile to 0.25 mile south of Moffat Road Cleveland County: JP 20997(19)

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VIRTUAL PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation will host a virtual public open house to present the preferred alternative for the US-77 corridor through Lexington in Cleveland County. This open house will present the proposed design for the project and allow the public to submit input. Due to concerns over the spread of COVID-19, this will be a web-based format (no in-person meeting). The information will be available beginning November 6, 2020 and comments are requested by November 23, 2020.



Purpose

The purpose of the project is to improve safety and mobility on US-77 through Lexington. Existing US-77 is a two-lane roadway with multiple skewed intersections of local roads, business drives, residential drives, alleyways, and a multi-point intersection with SH-39. There have been 40 documented collisions within the project area since 2010, approximately half of which involved injury. Over 80% of these collisions occurred at intersections.

ODOT has recently tasked a Consultant to look at alternatives for improving US-77 through Lexington and the intersection at SH-39, while taking into consideration construction costs, right-of-way costs and environmental constraints. The public may view the project design on the virtual open house website and see additional information about the project.







ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS DIVISION

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October 29, 2020

Dear Stakeholders, Property Owners and Utility Owners:

Re: US-77 in Lexington: From east end of US-77 bridge over Canadian River north 1.0 mile to 0.25 mile south of Moffat Road in Cleveland County, ODOT JP No. 20997(19)

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is proposing reconstruction and widening of US-77 through Lexington in Cleveland County. Existing US-77 is a two-lane roadway with multiple skewed intersections of local roads, business drives, residential drives, alleyways, and a multi-point intersection with SH-39. The existing annual average daily traffic (AADT) volume on US-77 is approximately 12,000 vehicles per day (vpd). By 2045, volumes are expected to increase to approximately 16,680 vpd, resulting in unacceptable levels of congestion and delay. There have been 40 documented collisions within the project area since 2010, approximately half of which involved injury. Over 80% of the collisions occurred at intersections, with the highest number occurring at the US-77/SH-39 intersection.

ODOT has recently tasked a Consultant to look at alternatives for improving US-77 through Lexington and the intersection at SH-39, while taking into consideration construction costs, right-of-way costs and environmental constraints.

Due to ongoing concerns about COVID-19, ODOT will host a virtual public open house from **November 6 to November 23, 2020.** The purpose of the open house is to present information about the project and obtain input from the public to further assist in the identification of critical social, economic and environmental effects that may result from the project. This pamphlet contains additional information about the virtual public open house. After the virtual public open house, project information may be viewed at www.odot.org/publicmeetings.

If you are leasing this property, please notify your lessee of this virtual public open house.

Should you have any questions or would like additional information regarding this project, please email environment@odot.org, or call 405-325-3269.

Respectfully,

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Project Background

The US-77 through Lexington project is part of a larger corridor improvement on US-77 from west of the Canadian River Bridge in Purcell, continuing north approximately 11 miles through the City of Slaughterville, ending at Cherry Street in the City of Noble. A public meeting was held in February 2008 regarding the corridor project and an environmental document was completed in September 2008 for the US-77 corridor from the SH-39 junction in Lexington, north to Maguire Road in Noble. Improvements to this corridor are in various stages of design and construction. A 2.5-mile portion of this improvement has been constructed through the City of Slaughterville, and the US-77 bridge over the Canadian River was recently replaced. Construction recently began on the portion of the corridor north of Lexington.

Project Description

ODOT proposes to construct a 4-lane roadway through Lexington, consistent with improvements to US-77 to the north and west. Within Lexington, the roadway will have curb and gutter and sidewalks on both sides of the roadway (see **Figure 1** below). North of the city, the roadway will have an open section with 8-foot shoulders (see **Figure 2** below). The existing number of intersections on US-77 in Lexington will be reduced to five local roads and these intersections will be perpendicular rather than at the skewed angles they are today. The intersection of US-77 and SH-39 will be relocated further east to the current location of Ash and SW 3rd Street. SH-39 will be realigned to turn north at SW 3rd Street to intersect US-77 at this new location.

The enclosed map shows the design of the preferred alternative. The public may view the project design on the virtual open house website and read more about how the project will affect homes and businesses.

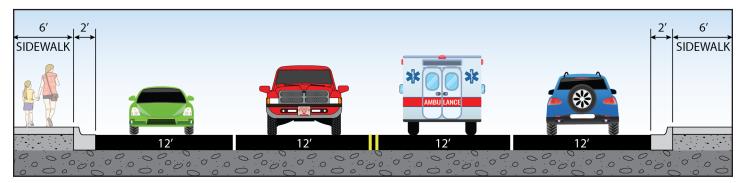


Figure 1: US-77 within Lexington

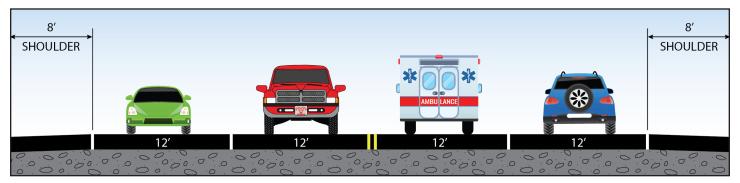
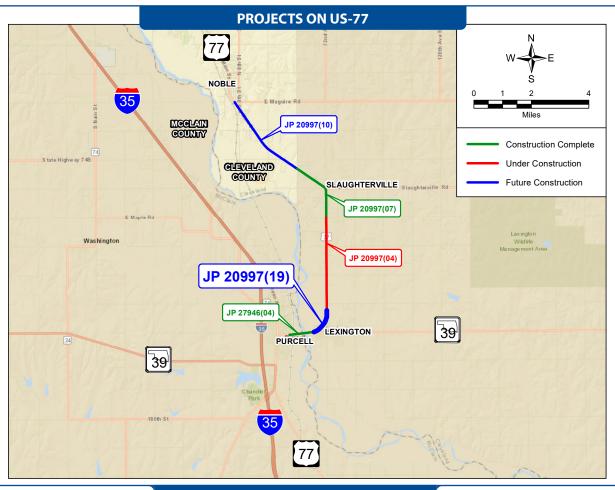


Figure 2: US-77 north of Lexington



PROJECT INFORMATION SUMMARY

- Total Estimated Construction Cost of Project: \$4.36 Million
- Right-of-Way Acquisition and Utility Relocation Anticipated to Start in: 2021
- Construction Anticipated to Start in: 2023
- Current Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) in year 2015: 12,000 vehicles per day
- Future Estimated AADT by Year 2040: 16,680 vehicles per day

*Totals **DO NOT** include *Toll Roads*

DIVISION 3 ENGINEER: RON BROWN, P.E.

**Totals <u>DO NOT</u> include *County Bridges*

*Total Road Miles: 1,791.65 *Total Interstate Miles: 163.67

**Total Bridges: 933

Counties: Cleveland, Coal, Garvin, Hughes, Johnston, Lincoln, McClain, Okfuskee,

Pontotoc, Pottawatomie, Seminole



PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS BY November 23, 2020

For more information about the project

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If you would like interpretation of documents please contact ODOT. Si desea interpretar los documentos, pongase en contacto con ODOT.

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