***FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)***

*(Updated 4/5/2021)*

**WIDEN, RESURFACE & BRIDGE SH-100: FROM 3 MILES NORTH OF CHEROKEE C/L EAST APPROXIMATELY 6 MILES**

**ADAIR COUNTY, J/P 32098(04)**

**How will I know if ODOT plans to acquire my property?**

The Project Plan View map shows the areas where new permanent and temporary right-of-way (R/W) is proposed, and they are shown on the Interactive Map. If your property will be affected, an ODOT- authorized agent will contact you in the future. Click on the following link for additional information about ODOT's policy regarding property rights.

[ODOT Property Rights Brochure](https://clients.freese.com/ODOTI40PottawatomieCo/documents/ODOT%20Property%20Rights%20Brochure%202020.pdf)

**What is the process if ODOT needs some of my property? What if ODOT needs to buy my house or business?**

Property relocations, including houses and businesses, are anticipated for this segment of SH-100. Owners of affected homes or businesses will be provided with additional relocation assistance. Click on the following link for additional information about ODOT's policies regarding property rights and relocation assistance.

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ODOT Relocation Brochure

**What if ODOT needs temporary access for construction or a maintenance easement?**

Sometimes ODOT will need temporary access or an easement to maintain drainage structures. Owners will be compensated for temporary right-of-way and for maintenance easements. In these cases, you will maintain ownership of the property. If your property will be affected, an ODOT-authorized agent will contact you.

**When will ODOT start buying property?**

While authorization to start the process is anticipated in 2021, it may be fall or winter of 2021 before agents begin contacting property owners.

**When is construction scheduled to begin?**

Construction is anticipated to begin in 2024.

**Will my commute be impacted by construction?**

ODOT tries to minimize peak travel times as much as possible. The intent of the construction sequencing will be to maintained on one lane of traffic in each direction on SH-100, and one lane of traffic in each direction on local roads during construction. Temporary lane closures may be necessary at different times during the project and will be planned to occur at non-peak travel times or at night, if possible. Traffic will crossover between old and new alignment sections during construction. During some phases, traffic may be reduced to one lane and controlled with a traffic signal.

**How will the project be built?**

SH-100 will remain open during construction, and phased construction will be utilized to maintain traffic. Two lanes of traffic will be carried throughout construction. Lane shift detours, also known as shooflys, will be used to keep the highway open.

**Will any of the intersections have new signals?**

No signal lights are currently planned. ODOT can conduct a warrant traffic study in the future at these intersections, as needed to determine if a traffic signal is warranted. This would occur as a separate project.

**Will drainage improvements at existing ditch and stream crossings be part of the project?**

Yes, the proposed project includes drainage improvements within the existing and proposed right-of-way to facilitate the highway widening. The proposed drainage improvements will be designed to convey stormwater and stream flows at existing and new culverts and structures.

**How does ODOT calculate traffic volumes?**

Traffic counts are taken every two years on state highways. The existing traffic numbers reflect the current condition. The future traffic numbers are projected based on a multiplier based upon area.

Annual average daily traffic (AADT) is a measure used primarily in transportation engineering. Traditionally, it is the total volume of vehicle traffic of a highway or road for a year divided by 365 days. Therefore, there are days when there is more traffic, but this is an average. AADT is a simple, but useful, measurement of how busy the road is.

**Will the road be asphalt or concrete?**

The type of roadway based on the pavement design will be asphalt. Pavement design is based on the subgrade, traffic (including truck traffic) and design life.

**Why aren't noise walls included in the project?**

A Traffic Noise Study was completed according to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and ODOT policies and procedures using FHWA Traffic Noise Model version 2.5. The proposed project will result in seven (7) noise impacts. A barrier analyses was performed in consideration of abatement for two (2) of the impacted receivers. Although both barriers proved feasible in achieving a 7-dB reduction, they were determined to exceed the reasonableness of cost per benefitted receptor allowed under the ODOT Noise Policy, and therefore mitigation is not reasonable. For the remaining five (5) impacted receptors, consideration of abatement is not feasible because of driveway connections. Without access control, the gap that would be required for driveway connections would make noise abatement measures ineffective. Therefore, mitigation in the form of a freestanding sound wall is not recommended as part of this project.

**Will there be access to my home and property during the project?**

Yes, access to homes, businesses, and properties adjacent to the project will be maintained during all phases of construction with temporary drives until permanent access can be restored.

**What happens to my driveway?**

Existing driveways will be paved with new asphalt up to the proposed right-of-way line, and approximately perpendicular the SH-100 roadway. Drainage culverts will be replaced under the driveway as needed.

**What will happen to my existing fence?**

If right-of-way is required on your property and you have an existing fence, the fence will be replaced, or you will be given reimbursement to replace the fence as the property owner.

**How can I get more information?**

The best way to have your question answered is to submit a comment on the Submit a Comment page or email to environment@odot.org. If you would like to speak to a project representative, please call (405) 325-3269 and leave a detailed message.