



Frequently Asked Questions

The purpose of this meeting is to present the findings of the preliminary alternative evaluation to connect SH-51 with the Muskogee Turnpike (SH-351), and to obtain public input to aid ODOT in moving forward with the completion of the environmental studies, design, and construction.

^ Who wants this connection?

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA) have worked jointly with Wagoner County, City of Broken Arrow, City of Coweta and Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG) in development of this proposal. This connection is within INCOG's 2045 Regional Transportation Plan and both the Cities of Coweta and Broken Arrow are supportive of the project.

^ When will ODOT select a preferred alternative?

ODOT/OTA recommend Alternatives 1 & 2 receive no further consideration due to utility and right-of-way costs, potential relocations, noise impacts, and community disruption. Therefore, Alternative 3 becomes the preferred alternative.

^ Will there be a toll to use the connection?

No. The Muskogee Turnpike will have tolls, but the connection from SH-51 to the Turnpike will not have a toll.

^ Will there be a new signal to use the connection?

An Intersection Evaluation will be performed during preliminary design.

^ When is construction scheduled to begin?

There is no date for construction, the schedule is dependent on funding and subject to change.

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

There will be new right-of-way required for any of the alternatives. The proposed right-of-way is preliminary at this time and will be refined as the design and construction plans are developed. If your property will be affected, an ODOT-authorized agent will contact you in the future. Currently, there is no funding for right-of-way acquisition.

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

ODOT will obtain an independent appraisal and present a fair market value offer for your property. Owners of affected homes or business will be provided with additional relocation assistance.

^ When will the project proponent start buying property?

Right-of-way acquisition for this project has not been set. OTA has set aside \$7.5 million for an interchange project. Other funding will be required for the approximately \$31 million project.

^ Will there be access to my home and property during construction?

Yes, access to homes, businesses, and property adjacent to the project will be maintained during all phases of construction. In some cases, temporary drives may be required until permanent drives can be restored.

^ How will I be notified in the future of further project developments?

As project planning proceeds, additional public information may be from ODOT, OTA, or one of our public partners.

^ Why were noise abatement measures not evaluated for this project?

When traffic noise impacts are identified, noise abatement must be evaluated to determine if it is feasible and reasonable. Because no noise impacts were identified in the noise analysis screening for this project, evaluation of noise abatement was not necessary.

For additional information on Noise Analysis/Screening, please go to the [Noise Study](#) tab.