

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document summarizes the extensive 5-year public involvement program associated with the SH-10A project, which included a number of meetings, open houses, and written communications to provide project information to the public and solicit public input. These events are summarized briefly as follows:

In 2016 and 2017, ODOT held a stakeholder meeting and a public open house to present the seven (7) alternatives considered and to explain rationale for selection of Alternative 2 as the Preferred Alternative. After the public comment period was over, ODOT mailed a letter to the public confirming selection of Alternative 2 as the Preferred Alternative. Summaries of the comments received are in the following tables.

TABLE ES.1: STAKEHOLDER MEETING COMMENT SUMMARY

Stakeholder	Comment
Commissioner Muskogee County District 1	Expressed support of T-intersection at SH-10/SH-10A to improve visibility
Business Owner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested advance notice if ROW will impact his business (i.e., Gene's Aqua Pro) Requested construction be scheduled outside the lake recreational season (i.e., summer months)
Paradise Hill Trustee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for Alternative 2 Concerned moving SH-10/SH-10A intersection south of existing will create sight distance hazards and suggests a 3-way stop instead
Area Landowner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expressed desire for a public meeting Observed Alternative 5 is "least invasive" to landowners Landowners impacted by realignment alternatives prefer Alternative 1A Concerned with Alternative 2 impacts to her property
Area Landowner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would have liked to attend meeting in person Questions the benefits/need for the project, and consideration of potential impacts

TABLE ES.2: 2017 AGENCY COMMENT SUMMARY

Agency	Comment
Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission	Recommends determining if a Form 7450-1 should be submitted
Oklahoma Department of Commerce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expressed support for Alternative 2 Noted that safe access to area recreational facilities is important
Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that construction projects disturbing greater than 1 acre require storm water permitting ODEQ attached a list of recommendations for general construction/improvement projects which addressed items such as plumbing codes, lead-based paint, asbestos, fugitive dust, solid waste, and OPDES permitting
Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department	Responded that the Preferred Alternative may have adverse impacts to the Gum Springs School ballfield and playground area which are protected by Section 6(f) due to the use of Land and Water Conservation Funds at the ballfield.
Oklahoma Water Resources Board	Recommended contacting the Muskogee and Sequoyah County floodplain administrators for possible permit requirements
United States Department of Agriculture	Stated that the project would have no impact on easements, watersheds, and prime farmlands protected by the Farmland Protection Policy Act.

TABLE ES.3: 2017 PUBLIC COMMENT SUMMARY

Comment	# of Comments
Expressed support for Alternative 1	2
Expressed support for Alternative 1A	4
Expressed support for Alternative 2	1
Against all improvements; project is not needed	3
Criticism of Open House video clarity	1
Believe project outcome controlled by a few local influential citizens	2
Concerns regarding speed	3
Concerns about impacts to their property, including historic claims and spring/creek water supply	3
Suggests improvements only between Paradise Hill and Boys' Ranch	1
Questions the collision data	3
Project is too expensive/waste of money	2
Concerns regarding extent of ROW	1
Safety concerns at SH-10/SH-10A intersection	1
Owner name/ mailing address correction	1

In 2019, ODOT held another public open house to present the preliminary plans for and results of environmental studies associated with the Preferred Alternative, which included a segment of new alignment. However, based upon review of the public comments received, ODOT revised the Preferred Alternative to stay on or near the existing alignment. The public was notified of the decision to revise the Preferred Alternative through a design update public flyer mailed to the public.

TABLE ES.4: 2019 AGENCY COMMENT SUMMARY

Agency	Comment
Bureau of Indian Affairs	Recommended that ODOT coordinate directly with the Cherokee Nation, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Osage Nation, Shawnee Tribe, and United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians
Bureau of Land Management	No concerns or objection to the proposal.
National Park Service	No comment.
Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission	Recommends determining if a Form 7450-1 should be submitted
Oklahoma Archeological Survey	Expects receiving/reviewing documentation as part of the pending consultation process
Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that construction projects disturbing greater than 1 acre require storm water permitting Any burning associated with land clearing operations must be conducted in accordance with OAC 252:100, Subchapter 13

TABLE ES.5: 2019 PUBLIC COMMENT SUMMARY

Issue Expressed	# of Comments Expressing Issue
Positive Comments	
Believes any potential roadway improvement is much needed	1
Praise for the Public Open House and the answers given at it	1
Offset Alignment Comments	
Concerned two family members' ashes will be disturbed by project	11
Concerned natural springs will be impacted by project	12
Concerned project will impact abandoned Gum Springs school house	1
Concerned noise impacts from offset alignment will cause daughter to have increased seizures	1
Does not want any impact to NS 444.5 Road	1
Concerned personal property, repair business, garden, and spring will be impacted by project	2
Believes the only section of road that needs improvement on existing alignment is the 90° stair-step curve	1
Believes the offset alignment is for tourists only	1
Concerned the project will impact both marked and unmarked gravesites, Native American and otherwise	1
Paradise Hill Comments	
Would like a stop sign on SH-10A at the intersection of SH-10A and Indian Road near the Dollar General	1
Would like to know the extents through Paradise Hill where the shoulder widths will be reduced	1
Their property is a rental property through Vacation Rentals By Owners (VRBO)	1
General Project Comments	
Concerned for the native vegetation and species, landscape, and beauty of the corridor	2
Believes the best solution is to widen SH-10A, fix the superelevation rates, and put guardrails where needed	2
Would like ODOT to consider walking or biking paths on this project	1
Believes that straightening SH-10A would make the traffic move faster and be less safe	1
Concerned for her children's plans to build homes on the land and would like to know the timeline of the project	1
Concerned the project will impact Bald Eagle habitat	1
Would like the speed limit lowered	1

In 2021, ODOT held a virtual public open house to present the design plans of the revised Preferred Alternative and provide the public opportunity to comment. After review of the resulting public comments, ODOT has determined the public involvement program has been completed.

TABLE ES.6: 2021 AGENCY COMMENT SUMMARY

Agency	Comment
Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It does not appear that the project poses a hazard to the safe and efficient use of navigable airspace. • Summarized the CFR Title 14 Part 77.13 stipulations and suggested ODOT utilize the FAA's notice criteria tool online.
Oklahoma Corporation Commission	Found no new intents or permits in the project area.
Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No adverse environmental impacts under DEQ jurisdiction are anticipated. • Also provided a summary of three regulatory requirements.

TABLE ES-7: 2021 PUBLIC COMMENT SUMMARY

Comment	Number of Individuals Expressing Comment
In support of project	5
Concerns about proposed ROW impacts to property	8
Asks if Western Avenue will be reconstructed	1
Interested in being a construction subcontractor (trucking)	1
Asks if property will abut improved SH-10A and, if so, will ODOT provide a driveway	1
Disagrees with accident history, thinks money better spent improving SH-10 from Ft. Gibson to Gore	1
Suggests improvements should include entire SH-10A from SH-10 to SH-100	2
TOTAL	19

TABLE ES-8: 2021 PUBLIC COMMENT RESPONSE SUMMARY

Notes/Summary of Comment	Response
Asking about ROW near Scottie's mobile home park	Triad emailed 8/4/2021 explaining temp ROW only, no impacts to mobile home park
Will Western Avenue be reconstructed	Responded via phone call on 8/30/2021, that the shaded area shown on the Interactive Map on the website will be reconstructed
What happens near 444873 East 967 Road	Responded via phone call on 8/30/21, that it appears as though this address is off the project extents, so no right-of-way impacts are anticipated. However, access may briefly be changed during construction, but property owners will always have access to their properties throughout the duration of the project construction
Has questions	Responded via phone call on 8/30/2021, that there is an amount of temporary right-of-way required; however, there are no permanent impacts to the mobile home park
Perry Truck Lines, has questions	Responded via phone call on 8/30/2021, that ODOT will hire a contractor to construct the project based upon the low bid at the time of letting. Contacting the contractors who intend to bid for this work would be the best way to have an opportunity to participate in this project
Asks to see plans to understand amount of ROW from his frontage	No contact information given.
Asks if 2 houses will be taken	No contact information given.
Wants to discuss ROW at his property on SH10A	Responded via phone call on 8/30/2021, that right-of-way will be required on both sides of SH-10A through this extent to accommodate shoulder widening and the relocation of utilities. On the south side of SH-10A in this location, approximately 60-70 feet of right-of-way is expected to be required from the centerline of survey which is approximately the centerline of the existing roadway. A right-of-way agent will contact property owners in late spring or early summer of 2022 to discuss any right-of-way acquisitions required
Just left her name and contact info. Asks about ODOT providing her a driveway.	Responded via phone call on 8/30/2021 that once a right-of-way agent contacts the property owners to begin negotiations, adding a drive as a part of the negotiations should be requested
Approves/supports Project, especially adding 8' wide paved shoulders for safer pull off areas.	Thank you for your comment

Notes/Summary of Comment	Response
Doesn't believe improvements will lower accident rate, (thinks accidents due to speeding and alcohol), will displace people needlessly. Suggests instead improving SH-10 between Fort Gibson and Gore, which lacks shoulders.	Thank you for your comment
What impacts are expected at his property.	Responded via phone call on 8/17/21. It was explained that approximately 65' of right-of-way measured from approximately the centerline of the road would need to be acquired as the design is now, that he should express to the right-of-way agents whether he would prefer a total take or a partial take, and that these negotiations are expected to be late spring or early summer of 2022
Wanting to have an overview of the SH-10A project. In strong support of project.	Responded via phone call on 8/18/2021 to see what questions he may have. Triad gave him a project overview as he is a newly-elected Sequoyah County Commissioner. Triad discussed the Preferred Alternative selection history, project terminii, proposed improvements, and scheduling. He expressed strong support for the project
Thinks the remaining 2 miles of SH-10A westward to the SH-10/SH-10A should also be improved as part of this project. States the SH-10/SH-10A junction is dangerous.	Thank you for your comment
In support of project. Lived here 35 years, anxious for project to be implemented, states the road is dangerous and curvy.	Thank you for your comment
Wants all of SH-10A to be improved, with emphasis on the 2miles westward from SH-10A/SH-100 junction.	Thank you for your comment
In support of project. Anxious for project to be implemented.	Thank you for your comment
Has mobile home on family land owned since 1970. Can't move it back further, wonders if he will have to relocate? (Map ID 88)	Responded via phone call on 8/31/202 that at this location, approximately 75' to 85' feet of right-of-way is expected to be required from the centerline of survey which is approximately the centerline of the existing roadway. A right-of-way agent will contact you in late spring or early summer of 2022 to discuss any right-of-way acquisitions required
Supports project	Thank you for your comment