



VIRTUAL **PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE** *June 29 - July 13, 2022*

**US-70: From JCT SH-209 East Approximately
5.8 Miles to McCurtain County Line**

Choctaw County: JP 31854(04)

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***VIRTUAL* Public Open House**

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation will host a virtual public open house to update the public and present the latest information on US-70 from the junction of SH-209 east approximately 5.8 miles to the McCurtain County line. This open house will present the purpose and need for the project and proposed design, and allow the public to submit comments. This will be a web-based format (no in person meeting). The information will be available beginning of June 29, 2022 and comments are requested by July 13, 2022.



Purpose & Need

The purpose of this project are to improve the safety and efficiency of the highway.



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June 13, 2022

RE: Virtual Open House for US-70: Construction of 2-lane roadway to accommodate future 4-lane divided roadway from JCT SH-209 east approximately 5.8 miles to the McCurtain County line ; State Job Piece Number 31854(04), Choctaw County.

Dear Stakeholders, Property Owners and Utility Owners:

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) is continuing improvements to US-70 from JCT SH-209 east approximately 5.8 miles to the McCurtain County line, in Choctaw County. The proposed roadway will be on an offset alignment to the north of the existing alignment, to avoid impacts to the railroad on the south, and with enough offset to accommodate a future divided 4-lane facility with a 64-foot median. The existing section of roadway consists of 2 lanes with 4-ft wide asphalt shoulders. The proposed project is consistent with the original US-70 Environmental Assessment completed in 2002 for the construction of a 4-lane facility from 3.0 miles east to US-70/SH-93 junction to the junction of US-70/SH-98. A reevaluation of the original EA is being conducted for the continued improvements to the US-70 corridor. The purpose of the project is to enhance safety and accommodate future traffic growth.

ODOT will host a Virtual Open House from June 29 to July 13, 2022, at www.odot.org/US-70Choctaw. The purpose of the virtual open house is to inform the public about the continued improvements to US-70 and to provide an opportunity for the public to submit comments. This pamphlet contains additional information about the project. After the Virtual 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 regarding this project, please email environment@odot.org, or call 405-325-3269 and leave a detailed message.

Respectfully,

Amber McIntyre on behalf of

Joe Brutsché
Environmental Programs Division Manager

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

The current 2-lane roadway requires improvements to accommodate future traffic growth and to enhance safety. In 2002, an Environmental Assessment (EA) for US-70 was completed for the proposed construction of a new 4-lane highway and additional improvements for a portion of the US-70 corridor from 3.0 miles east to the US-70/SH-93 junction near Hugo to the junction of US-70/SH-98 in Choctaw and McCurtain counties. Since 2003, ODOT has constructed many of these improvements and is currently in the design process for improvements to US-70 from the junction of SH-209 east approximately 5.8 miles to the McCurtain County Line. A reevaluation of the original EA is being conducted for the continued improvements to the US-70 corridor.

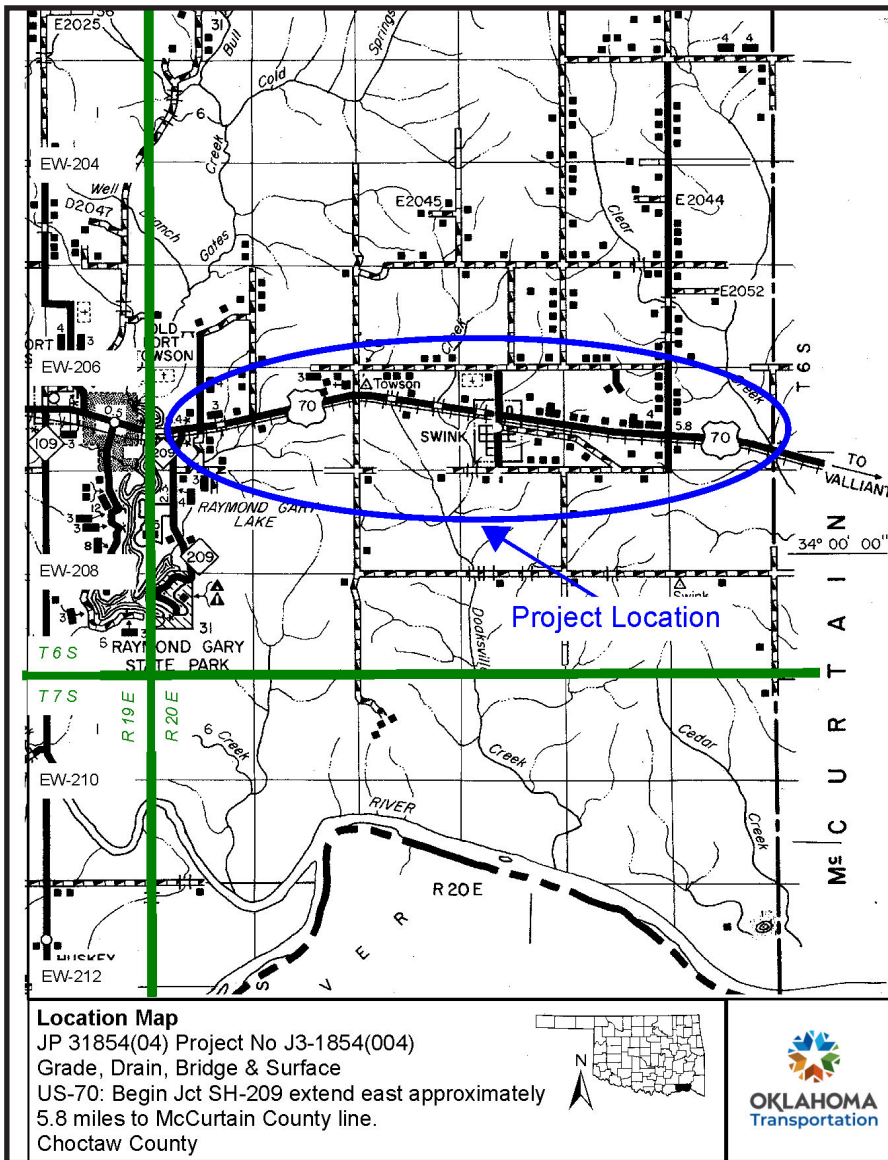
The proposed project is consistent with the original EA. A reevaluation of the original EA is being conducted for the continued improvements to the US-70 corridor.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

ODOT proposes to construct a 2-lane roadway with 8-foot shoulders on the approximately 5.8 miles between JCT SH-209 and the McCurtain County line. The proposed roadway will be on an offset alignment to the north of the existing alignment, to avoid impacts to the railroad on the south, and with enough offset to accommodate a future divided 4-lane facility with a 64-foot median. The purpose and need of the project are to improve the safety and efficiency of the highway.

The proposed project is consistent with the original and ODOT is performing additional studies to update the original environmental document. Issues that will be analyzed include the project's effects to noise, water quality, cultural and natural resources, and other effects to the environment.

Project Location



Project Information Summary

- Total Estimated Construction Cost of Project: **\$20 million**
- Right-of-way Acquisition and Utility Relocation Anticipated to Start in: **2023**
- Construction Anticipated to Start in: **2027**
- Current Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) in year 2021: **6,500 Vehicles Per Day (VPD)**
- Future Estimated AADT by Year 2041: **9,310 VPD**

District 2 Engineer: Anthony Echelle

**Totals DO NOT include Toll Roads*
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*Total Road Miles:

1,656.23

*Total Interstate Miles:

0

** Total Bridges

859

Counties: Atoka, Bryan, **Choctaw**, Latimer, Le Flore, McCurtain, Marshall, Pittsburg, Pushmataha

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS BY JULY 13, 2022.

For more information about the project

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If you would like interpretation of documents please contact ODOT.



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