

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

US-70 in Carter County; JP 33757(04)

Why are you planning a construction project on US-70?

To improve the pavement condition, safety, and operations on US-70.

What are you going to do?

The proposed improvement consists of reconstructing the existing US-70 roadway to provide four (4) 12-footwide driving lanes, a 40-foot-wide median with 10-foot-wide outside and 4-foot-wide inside paved shoulders on existing alignment. Vertical curve corrections, or sags in the roadway will be improved in places.

Left turn-lanes will be added at median openings and right-turn lanes will be added at all major intersections. Median openings may remain in place, be moved, or removed along the project to reduce the number of turning movements. Highway lighting will be replaced at existing lighted locations. Traffic signalization will be added at Brock Road and replaced at Plainview Road and Michelin Road.

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

The Interactive Map on this website shows the locations of proposed right-of-way, temporary right-of-way, public utility easements, and present right-of-way. The proposed right-of-way, temporary right-of-way, and public utility easements are preliminary and will be refined as the design for construction plans are developed. If your property is affected, an ODOT-authorized agent will contact you in the future. It is anticipated that right-of-way acquisition for this project will begin in late 2024 and continue through 2025, although this schedule is dependent on funding and subject to change. A brochure with information on ODOT's policy regarding property rights is available for download at Station 5 in the virtual public meeting room.

What is the process if ODOT needs some of my property?

ODOT will obtain an independent appraisal and present a fair market value offer for your property. Brochures for additional information about ODOT's policies regarding property rights and relocation assistance and benefits are available for download at Station 5 in the virtual public meeting room.

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

Sometimes ODOT will need temporary access or an easement to maintain the highway and 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 is affected, an ODOT-authorized agent will contact you.

When will ODOT start buying property?

Right-of-way acquisition for this project is anticipated to begin in late 2024 and continue through 2025. However, the schedule is dependent on funding and subject to change.

When is construction scheduled to begin?

Construction of US-70 is currently scheduled in the Oklahoma Department of Transportation 8-year construction project plan to begin in fiscal year 2029. However, the schedule is dependent on funding and subject to change.

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.

What happens to my driveway?

Existing driveways will be provided with a new asphalt or concrete driveway from the US-70 roadway to the right-of-way line. 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.

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 improvements. The proposed drainage improvements will be designed to convey stormwater and stream flows at existing and new culverts and bridges.

How will the project be constructed?

ODOT will maintain one lane of traffic in each direction on US-70. Local streets may need to be temporarily closed during construction.