



Oklahoma Department of Transportation

Welcome to the SH 28 Public Meeting August 12, 2008 Pensacola Community Center

ODOT is proposing improvements to SH 28 from the intersection of SH 69 / SH 28 near Adair, east approximately 13 miles to the intersection of SH 82 / SH 28 near Langley, Mayes County, Oklahoma. It is anticipated that the near term construction projects on this highway will address safety issues and bridge replacements for an improved two (2) lane facility. This process will also include planning, evaluation, and possible purchase of right-of-way for a four (4) lane facility at an undetermined future date. This meeting is to present the results of the ongoing environmental data collection, and to solicit public input.

Primary Purposes of this Public Meeting

- ◆ Present SH 28 proposed improvements and project schedule
- ◆ Present results of ongoing environmental data collection
- ◆ Explain the opportunities for public involvement in the project
- ◆ Receive your input regarding critical social, economic, and environmental effects that may result from the project

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Project Overview
3. Question and Answer Session
4. Open Forum Session

Your input is valuable to this process. Please submit your questions or written comments to:

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We must receive your comments no later than August 26, 2008.



Enclosure

A comment sheet is included with this handout for your convenience.



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What is NEPA and the ODOT Decision Making Process?

NEPA is an acronym for the Federal law called the National Environmental Policy Act, enacted in 1969. In order to use federal funds, a decision-making process that balances the social, economic, and environmental concerns must be conducted. Public involvement and comment are part of the NEPA process. The Department has solicited comments from State, Federal, Tribal and local agencies, and will continue to coordinate with them as necessary. Data is being collected on potential environmental issues such as noise, wetlands, cultural resources, historic resources, parks, displacements of homes or businesses etc. to evaluate potential impacts of the proposed improvements. Economic impacts such as construction costs, estimated right-of-way, and utility cost data will also be evaluated. This information is utilized to make sound decisions in transportation improvements.

What Happens Next?

The Department will review and consider comments received from this public meeting, and will select a proposed improvement alternative. A draft environmental document (EA) will be prepared and submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for review and approval. Upon receiving FHWA's approval of the draft document, a public hearing will be scheduled. Comments received at the hearing will be evaluated and considered. The final environmental document will be prepared and submitted to FHWA for its approval. After this final approval is received, federal funds may be utilized for design, right-of-way and construction activities.

Project Development Process Schedule

Public Meeting	August 2008
Public Hearing	Winter 2008/2009



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ITEMS CONSIDERED DURING PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

- **Purpose and Need for Project**
- **Alternates**
- **Affected Environment**
- **Possible Environmental Consequences:**
 - ▶ Air Quality Impacts
 - ▶ Community Impact Assessment
 - ▶ Consideration Relating to Pedestrians and Bicyclists
 - ▶ Construction Impacts
 - ▶ Cultural Resources and Archeological Sites
 - ▶ Economic Impacts
 - ▶ Effects on Public Parks, Wildlife and Waterfowl Refuges and Historic Sites
 - ▶ Energy
 - ▶ Environmental Justice
 - ▶ Farmland Impacts
 - ▶ Floodplain Issues
 - ▶ Hazardous Waste/Underground Storage Tanks
 - ▶ Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitment of Resources
 - ▶ Joint Development
 - ▶ Land Use Impacts
 - ▶ Noise Impacts
 - ▶ Permits
 - ▶ Relationship of Local Short-Term Uses vs. Long-Term Productivity
 - ▶ Relocation Impacts/Right-of-way Acquisition
 - ▶ Secondary and Cumulative Impacts
 - ▶ Social Impacts
 - ▶ Threatened or Endangered Species
 - ▶ Visual Impacts
 - ▶ Wetland Impacts
 - ▶ Wildlife Impacts
- **Comments and Coordination/Public Involvement**
 - ▶ State/Federal Agencies
 - ▶ Local/City Officials
 - ▶ Tribal Coordination
 - ▶ Interested Citizens
- **Engineering/Design/Drainage Concerns**
- **Accidents/Safety Concerns**