



OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION US-70 PUBLIC MEETING

01-31-2013 @ 5:00pm
Mattie Terry Hunt Community Building
311 N. Johnson Street, Valliant, OK 74764

Welcome to The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) Public Meeting for U.S. 70 in McCurtain County, OK

PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING

The purpose of this meeting is to present the preferred option for the US-70 Valliant project and receive comments on the preferred alternative.

In 2003, an Environmental Assessment for US-70 was completed that proposed a 4 lane bypass for the Town of Valliant, as well as other improvements along the US-70 corridor. Since 2003, the Department has constructed many of these improvements and began the design process for the Valliant bypass. In 2009, ODOT participated in several meetings in which local elected officials and the public voiced concerns and opposition to this plan. Citizens of Valliant expressed a strong desire to re-evaluate the decision for a bypass and keep the improvements to US-70 on the existing alignment through town. In response to these concerns, the Department put all work on the proposed bypass on hold and began preliminary engineering and environmental evaluations for widening the existing US-70 to 5 lanes through town. Improvement to US-70 considered included options for at grade crossing or grade separation at a railroad on the west side of Valliant.

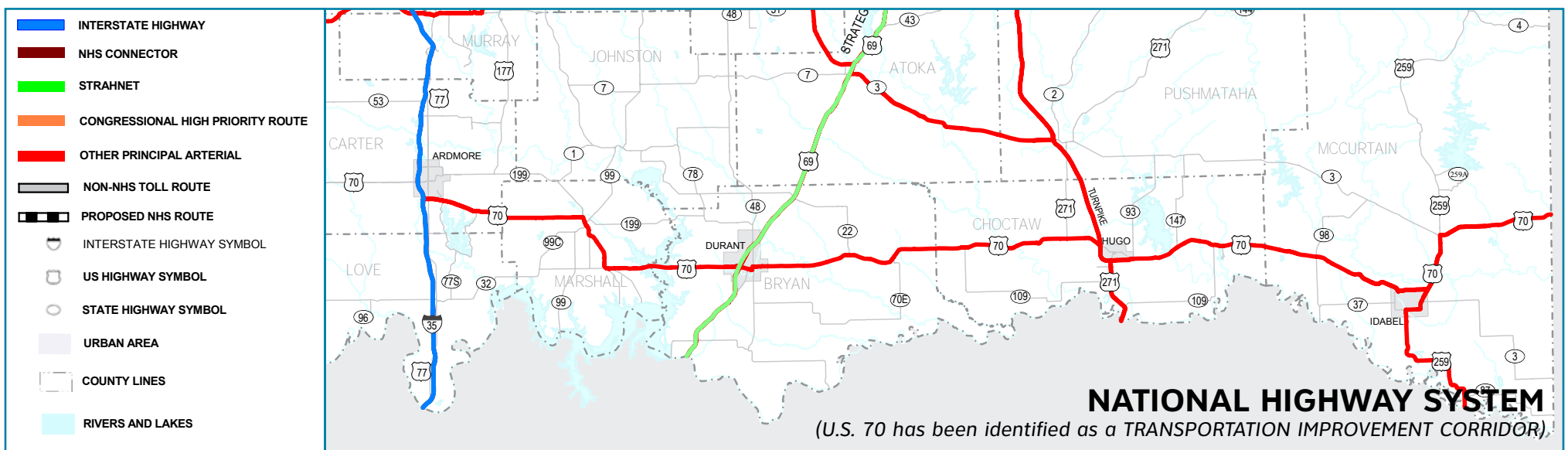
On June 16th, 2011, the Department conducted a follow up Public Meeting in Valliant and announced the bypass was no longer considered the preferred alignment and presented a 5 lane facility through town with options of an at grade railroad crossing and an option for an overpass over the railroad.

PURPOSE OF THIS PROJECT

The purpose of this project is to make various safety improvements to U.S. 70 in Valliant, OK as part of a NHS Transportation Improvement Corridor.



MAP OF PROJECT LENGTH
 (Project to be approximately 5 Miles)



PROJECT INFORMATION

- Estimated Highway Cost (not raised at railroad, 5-lane): **\$38 Million (preferred)**
- Estimated Highway Cost (raised at railroad, 5-lane): **\$43 Million**
- Estimated Highway Cost (Bypass, 4-lane): **\$58 Million (eliminated)**
- Project is to be constructed under traffic (**no road closure**)
- Project is part of the **NHS Improvement Corridor**.
- Current ADT (Average Daily Traffic) = **4500** vehicles a day in city.
- Future estimated ADT = **8000** vehicles a day in city.

DIVISION 2 INFORMATION

- Division Engineer: **Anthony Echelle**
- Total Lane Miles: **1,656.88**
- Total Bridges: **860**
- Counties Services: **9**

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

If you have any questions or comments about the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's proposed project, please visit www.odot.org/meetings/other.php to fill out an official comment form, or send an e-mail to m-coordinator@odot.org for any questions you have.



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TYPICAL EXAMPLE OF A RAIL-ROAD CROSSING
(An example of a Rail-Road Crossing configuration when crossing a highway)



BEFORE CONSTRUCTION
(Picture of Downtown Valliant, OK before highway construction)



AFTER CONSTRUCTION
(Artist Render of Downtown Valliant, OK after highway construction)