

# Media Advisory

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## **First Cable Barrier Installment in Tulsa Completed**

The first cable barrier system in Tulsa is now in place, on the eastbound SH-51 (Broken Arrow Expressway) off-ramp to southbound US-169. Installation is already underway for the second set of cable barriers, which will run on the Interstate 44 median between Lewis Ave. and 41<sup>st</sup>. Street South. This work is expected to be complete in early November.

These barriers are designed to help prevent median cross-over accidents. Other advantages of the cable barrier system:

- \*Repairs to the barrier can be made quickly following accidents.
- \*On average, it usually costs less than other barriers, sometimes only 10 percent of the cost of concrete barriers.
- \*Energy created by an impact of an accident is deflected over an 8 to 10 foot area, reducing injuries to vehicle occupants.

When installed on Oklahoma City's Lake Hefner Parkway in 2001, the cable barrier was the first of its kind in the United States, and has been credited with saving hundreds of lives. Thirty other states have since followed Oklahoma's lead in improving highway safety. Under ODOT's eight-year program, 270 miles of cable barriers will be put in place along high traffic corridors across the state.

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