

**SH-74 Closes Sunday;
Second Phase of SH-74
Reconstruction Continues**
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On Sunday April 13th, SH-74 (Portland Ave.) will be closed between N. 206th St. (Covell Road) and N. 248th St. (Waterloo Rd.) from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. as part of the ongoing SH-74 reconstruction and widening project. Weather permitting, the closure will allow crews to transport and set beams on the new SH-74 bridge over Deer Creek.

Traffic will be detoured utilizing N. 206th St., May Ave. and N. 234th St. (Sorghum Mill Rd.). Motorists are advised to avoid the area and find another route if possible. Local traffic on N. 220th St. (Coffee Creek Rd) will still be able to cross over SH-74, but N. 234th St. remains closed between SH-74 and Meridian Ave.

The \$16.5 million project will reconstruct SH-74 to five lanes from just north of N. 206th St. to half a mile north of N. 234th St. in north Oklahoma County. The project includes construction of the SH-74 bridge over Deer Creek as well as two bridges north of N. 220th St.

Construction on the new roadway and modifications to the intersection began in January. Because the new road and bridges are being built just east of the current roadway, lane closures are minimal and speed limits in the area are not affected. The project was awarded to Dobson Brothers Construction of Lincoln, Nebraska in late 2007 and is expected to last through November 2008.

The current project is second in the overall SH-74 corridor reconstruction and will replace three load posted bridges in the area, upgrade traffic signals and add safety features at N. 234th St. and N. 220th St.

In late 2006, crews completed the first project in the SH-74 corridor reconstruction which widened SH-74 between Waterloo Road and N. 234th St. and constructed a five lane bridge at Bloody Rush Creek, replacing what some officials considered one of the state's worst bridges.

When the entire SH-74 corridor reconstruction is complete, the road will be five lanes between Memorial Rd. and Waterloo Rd. at the Logan County line.

The overall reconstruction of the corridor began at the north end to address much needed bridge repairs in the area.

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