



## SH 3 EA Open House

September 27, 2007; 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Welcome** to the State Highway 3 (SH 3) Environmental Assessment Public Open House. The purpose of tonight's meeting is to obtain information on important issues pertaining to the proposed SH 3 improvements and to answer questions and concerns about the project and the Environmental Assessment process. The meeting is an open house format. There will be no presentation. Project representatives are on hand to explain the displays and answer questions.

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**Meeting Organization:** The open house is organized into five stations.

- 1. Welcome and Sign-In Table:** Please sign in. There are informational handouts and comment sheets available here. Also, information on the purpose of tonight's meeting will be provided.
  - 2. Environmental Assessment Information:** This station will have information on the environmental assessment process.
  - 3. Project Schedule and Proposed Improvements:** Here you will see a general timeframe for the Environmental Assessment process as well as where we are and what the next steps will be. The aerial photograph displayed here shows the project area and preliminary recommendations for improvements to the different segments of the roadway.
  - 4. Right-of-Way Information:** This station will have information on the right-of-way process.
  - 5. How to Submit Comments:** You are encouraged to fill out a comment form and leave it in the box, or you can mail it in later.
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### **Project Information:**

The existing SH 3 is predominantly a two-lane road, some segments of which have low sufficiency ratings due to restricted sight distances for passing opportunities and lack of adequate shoulders. The traffic volumes in some areas are nearing or exceeding the capacity of a two-lane road and there are high volumes of heavy trucks which use the corridor.

Preliminary recommendations to address these issues include improving or adding shoulders, adding passing lanes, and improving safety on curves. Other possibilities include replacing bridges, adding turn lanes, and improving intersection alignments. The environmental assessment will explore these options and their impacts on social and environmental resources in order to assist the planning team in finding the best possible alternative to meet the goals, purpose and need for this project.

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### **How to Submit Written Comments:**

ODOT is very interested in receiving your comments relative to the proposed improvements to SH 3. Any information you can provide regarding resources such as social, economic, historic (including Native American sites) or environmental (including hazardous materials sites) will be greatly appreciated. Please submit comments by 10/8/07.

### **Your Written Comments Should Be Mailed To:**

Attn: Joan Lindley  
Planning & Research Division, Rm. 3-A7  
Oklahoma Department of Transportation  
200 Northeast 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105  
*By no later than October 8, 2007*



## Frequently Asked Questions

To assist in answering the most frequently asked questions about this project, a list of questions and responses has been developed. This list is not all inclusive; however, we hope that it will offer a better understanding of the project and the reasons behind it.

➤ **Why is this project being undertaken?**

State Highway 3 has experienced an increasingly high accident due to factors including: restricted sight distances for passing opportunities; lack of adequate shoulders to provide for roadside pull-offs and safety; and poorly designed intersection alignments. In addition some segments of the roadway are experiencing traffic volumes that are nearing or exceeding the capacity for a two-lane roadway with a large number of those vehicles being large commercial trucks. This project is being undertaken to address these issues and improve safety, operational function and capacity of the roadway.

➤ **Will the project require the taking of any homes?**

The Feasibility Study completed in 2003, identified seven residences and one commercial property which may be acquired as a result of the proposed ultimate improvements. Right-of-way acquisition will comply with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act of 1970 (as amended).

➤ **Will any bridges on the route be removed and reconstructed?**

Preliminary studies indicated that at least three bridges within the project corridor may need to be reconstructed as part of this project. These include bridges located over Boktulo Creek, Lukfata Creek and Yashau Creek.

➤ **When will construction begin?**

Environmental clearance is anticipated to be completed in July of 2008. The current construction program shows interim improvements beginning in 2011.

➤ **What kind of delays can I expect during the construction period?**

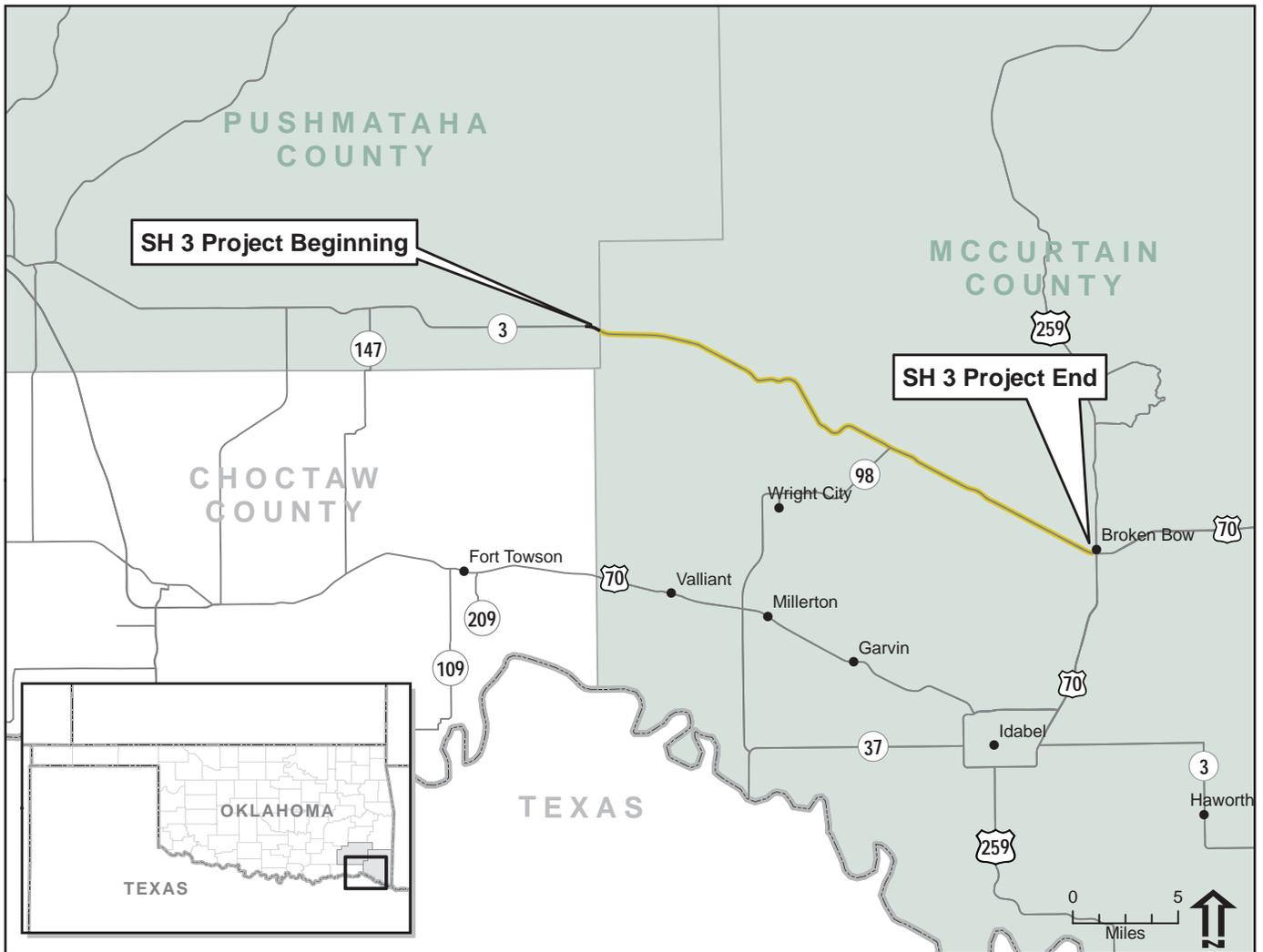
There may be short-term delays associated with construction of improvements proposed to occur on State Highway 3. Impacts to residents and businesses would be minimized by providing good communication to emergency services providers, communities and residents with regard to road delays, changes in access and special construction activities.

➤ **What information can I offer that will assist in the project planning?**

Please feel free to submit comments, suggestions or concerns that we will attempt to address through the planning process or design alternatives. Of particular interest to us at this time is information regarding specific environmental, social, economic or historic resources that may be impacted by the proposed improvements. These may include locations of Native American sites, or possible locations of hazardous materials sites near the project area.



## Project Location





## Proposed Schedule

