

**Welcome to the Public Hearing for the Proposed  
Widening of Covell Road from State Highway 74 to Interstate 35  
November 13, 2008**

The City of Edmond and Oklahoma County District 3, in cooperation with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), proposes to widen and reconstruct Covell Road from State Highway 74 to Interstate 35. The purpose of this hearing is to answer questions and receive comments regarding that proposal and the Environmental Assessment that has been done on the project.

**Project Summary**

**NEED FOR PROJECT**

- Edmond and Oklahoma County recognize the need for an east-west route connecting SH74 and I-35 to accommodate existing traffic and anticipated traffic growth.

**PROPOSED PROJECT SCOPE**

- The proposed project extends approximately 9.25 miles from roughly State Highway 74 to I-35. The proposed project segment located within the Corporate Limits of the City of Edmond (7.25 miles) includes widening the existing two-lane Covell Road facility to a four-lane separated boulevard with ADA compliant multipurpose paths on both sides. The proposed project segment located within the unincorporated area of Oklahoma County (2 miles) includes widening the existing roadway to a four-lane undivided curb and gutter facility. Covell Road will be built in phases due to the length and costs of the overall project.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND ANALYSES**

- Proposal consistent with local, state and federal planning for the area.
- Six (6) relocation impacts are possible.
- Proposed right-of-way will be secured in accordance with the Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Policy Act of 1970, as amended.
- Environmental Assessment completed February of 2006 including:
  - Traffic Noise Analysis Report
  - Wetland and Waters of the United States Impact (none identified)
  - Endangered Species Impacts (none identified)
  - Floodplain Impacts and Rechannelization (all proper permits will be obtained)
  - Historical and Archaeological Resources Impacts (none identified)
  - Hazardous Waste Sites/Underground Storage Tanks (none in corridor)
  - Air Quality (no impacts)
  - A letter soliciting comments related to the anticipated social, economic and environmental effects was mailed to 48 local, cities, county, state and federal agencies, organizations and individuals.

**PROPOSED SCHEDULE**

- Approval of final environmental document by ODOT and FHWA ..... Spring/Summer 2009
  - Final construction plans, right-of-way plans, right-of-way acquisition, and utility relocations ... Ongoing
  - Begin construction Santa Fe to Thomas..... Federal Fiscal Year 2013\*
  - Balance of corridor will be scheduled as funds are identified. Every effort will be made to keep roadway open during construction.
- \*Use of Federal Funds

**Meeting Agenda**

1. Welcome and Introductions ..... Tiana Douglas, Triad Design Group
2. Environmental Clearance Information ..... Tiana Douglas, Triad Design Group
3. Project Design ..... Susan Davis, Triad Design Group
4. Adjournment to Information and Comment Tables ..... Tiana Douglas, Triad Design Group

Representatives from Triad Design Group, the City of Edmond, and Oklahoma County will be available following the presentation to discuss the project further and answer questions. There is a tape recorder available this evening if you would like to make verbal comments that will become a part of the environmental document.

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

You may formally submit comments or concerns about this project in one of the three ways described below:

1. Written comments may be submitted at the sign-in table near the front doors. Written comment sheets are provided for your convenience in this handout.
2. Written comments may be emailed to [mcordell@triaddesigngroup.com](mailto:mcordell@triaddesigngroup.com)
3. Written comments may be mailed to Mary Cordell, Triad Design Group, 3020 N.W. 149<sup>th</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, OK, 73134.

**THE DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS IS NOVEMBER 25, 2008**

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