

WELCOME TO THE I-35 SOUTH PUBLIC MEETING

September 17th, 2009

ODOT is preparing an environmental assessment for proposed improvements along I-35 South, from the north end of the I-35 / S.H. 9W interchange ramps (located south of the Canadian River Bridge) North to approximately 1/2 mile north of Main Street in Norman. The proposed improvements include expanding I-35 to a 6-lane facility from the Canadian River Bridge to 1/2 mile North of Main Street, and reconstruction of the S.H. 9E, Lindsey Street, and Main Street interchanges. After Consideration of comments received from previous public meetings, ODOT has selected two (2) interchange alternatives for Lindsey Street and S.H. 9 East for final consideration. The purpose of tonight's meeting is to present the final interchange alternatives under consideration.

MEETING AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Project Status
3. Question and Answer Session
4. Open Forum Session

PRIMARY PURPOSES OF THIS PUBLIC MEETING

- Review I-35 South Project goals and time lines
- Present remaining build alternatives for interchange designs at Main Street, Lindsey Street, and S.H. 9 East currently under consideration
- Receive your input regarding critical social, economic, and environmental effects that may result from the project.

MEETING SCHEDULE

1 st Public Meeting	September 2007
2 nd Public Meeting	September 2008
3 rd Public Meeting	February 2009
4 th Public Meeting	September 2009
Public Hearing	Spring/Summer 2010

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The Department will review and consider comments received from this public meeting. The information and comments received will be incorporated into the project development process. The final environmental document will be prepared and submitted to the FHWA for approval. After final approval is received, federal funds may be utilized for design, right-of-way, and construction activities.

A comment sheet is available with this hand-out for your convenience. Please take note of the remittance date and address.

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? ADDRESS UPDATE?

Please submit your comments no later than
October 1st, 2009

Your input is very valuable to this process and to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. Please submit your written questions or comments to:

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Be sure to sign in tonight to add your name to the project mailing list, or send your mailing address to:

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Please visit: <http://www.okladot.state.ok.us/meetings/other.php> to get more information and to obtain digital content on this project.

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Public Meeting



SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2009
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NORMAN, OK 73069

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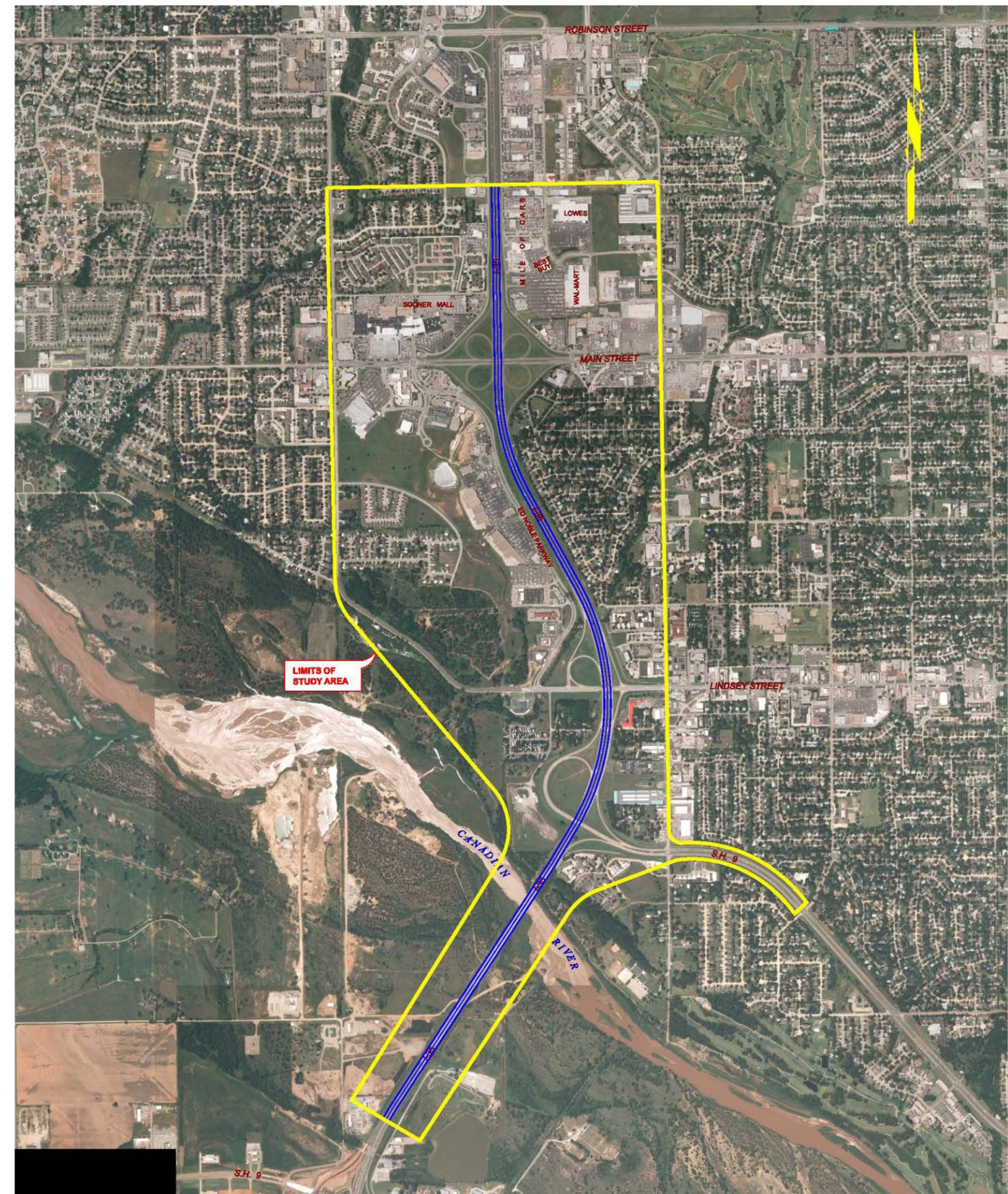
WHAT IS NEPA AND THE ODOT DECISION MAKING PROCESS?

NEPA is an acronym for the Federal Law called the National Environmental Policy Act, enacted in 1969. In order to use federal funds, a decision-making process that balances the social, economic, and environmental concerns must be conducted. Public Involvement and comments are part of the NEPA process. The Department will solicit comments from State, Federal, Tribal, public, and local agencies, and will continue to coordinate with them as necessary. Data will be collected on potential environmental issues such as noise, wetlands, cultural resources, historic resources, parks, displacements of homes or businesses, etc., to evaluate potential impacts of the proposed improvements. Economic impacts such as construction costs, estimated right-of-way, and utility cost data will also be evaluated. This information is utilized to make sound decisions in transportation improvements.



ITEMS CONSIDERED DURING PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

- Purpose and Need for Project
- Alternates
- Affected Environment
- Possible Environmental Consequences:
 - Air Quality Impacts
 - Community Impact Assessment
 - Consideration Relating to Pedestrians and Bicyclists
 - Construction Impacts
 - Cultural Resources and Archeological Sites
 - Economic Impacts
 - Effects on Public Parks, Wildlife and Waterfowl Refuges and Historic Sites
 - Energy
 - Environmental Justice
 - Farmland Impacts
 - Floodplain Issues
 - Hazardous Water / Underground Storage Tanks
 - Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitment of Resources
 - Joint Development
 - Land Use Impacts
 - Noise Impacts
 - Permits
 - Relationship of Local Short-Term Uses vs Long-Term Productivity
 - Relocation Impacts / Right-of-way Acquisition
 - Secondary and Cumulative Impacts
 - Social Impacts
 - Threatened or Endangered Species
 - Visual Impacts
 - Wetland Impacts
 - Wildlife Impacts
- Comments and Coordination / Public Involvement
 - State / Federal Agencies
 - Local / City Officials
 - Tribal Coordination
 - Interested Citizens
- Engineering / Design / Drainage Concerns
- Accidents / Safety Concerns



**I-35 SOUTH
STUDY AREA**

