

WELCOME

**ODOT PUBLIC MEETING
DUNCAN BYPASS CONNECTOR**

04/05/2011 – 6:00pm





MEETING INFORMATION

Purpose & Intent



PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING

The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public of the Department's proposal to construct the South Connector from the Duncan Bypass beginning at 27th St. to U.S. 81 at Cherokee Rd. & present the proposed alignment & configuration as well as receive input from the public on the Department's modifications to the original South connector configuration.





PURPOSE OF THIS PROJECT

The purpose for this project is to provide improved connectivity to the Duncan Bypass for north and southbound traffic on U.S. 81 by constructing a South Connector from the Duncan Bypass beginning at 27th St. to U.S. 81 at Cherokee Rd.





ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Because of modifications to the original proposal for the South Connector project, as well as other factors, the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project must be updated. This will be the fourth update to the EA.

- **Original EA for the Duncan Bypass was completed in 1998.**
- **EA was updated in September 2004 for construction of the Beech Avenue overpass.**
- **EA was updated again in May 2005 for the construction of the Bois D' Arc Avenue interchange.**
- **EA was updated again in December 2005 for the addition of interchange ramps at Beech Avenue.**



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Current update of the EA is for the proposed construction of the South Connector and will look at:

- **Biological & Water Resources**
- **Archeological & Historic Properties**
- **Hazardous Waste/Leaking Underground Storage Sites**
- **Noise Analysis**

These environmental study updates will be included along with input obtained from the Public Meeting and submitted for review to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).



ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

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, 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 of 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 & Irrecoverable Commitment of resources
- Joint Development
- Land Use Impacts
- Noise Impacts
- Permits
- Relationship of Local Short-Term vs. Long-Term productivity
- Relocation Impacts
- 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 Concerns
- Accidents/Safety Concerns



PROJECT HISTORY

- Division VII began work on the project September 1997
- Public Meeting February 19, 1998
- Public Hearing September 1998
- South ½ Contract December 1999
- North ½ Contract July 2000
- South ½ Opened to Traffic June 10, 2002
- North ½ Opened to Traffic July 29, 2002
- Beech Avenue Overpass Opened to Traffic 2008
- Beech Interchange Ramps Opened to Traffic 2009
- Bois D'Arc Interchange 2010



PROJECT INFORMATION
Information about the project and its design

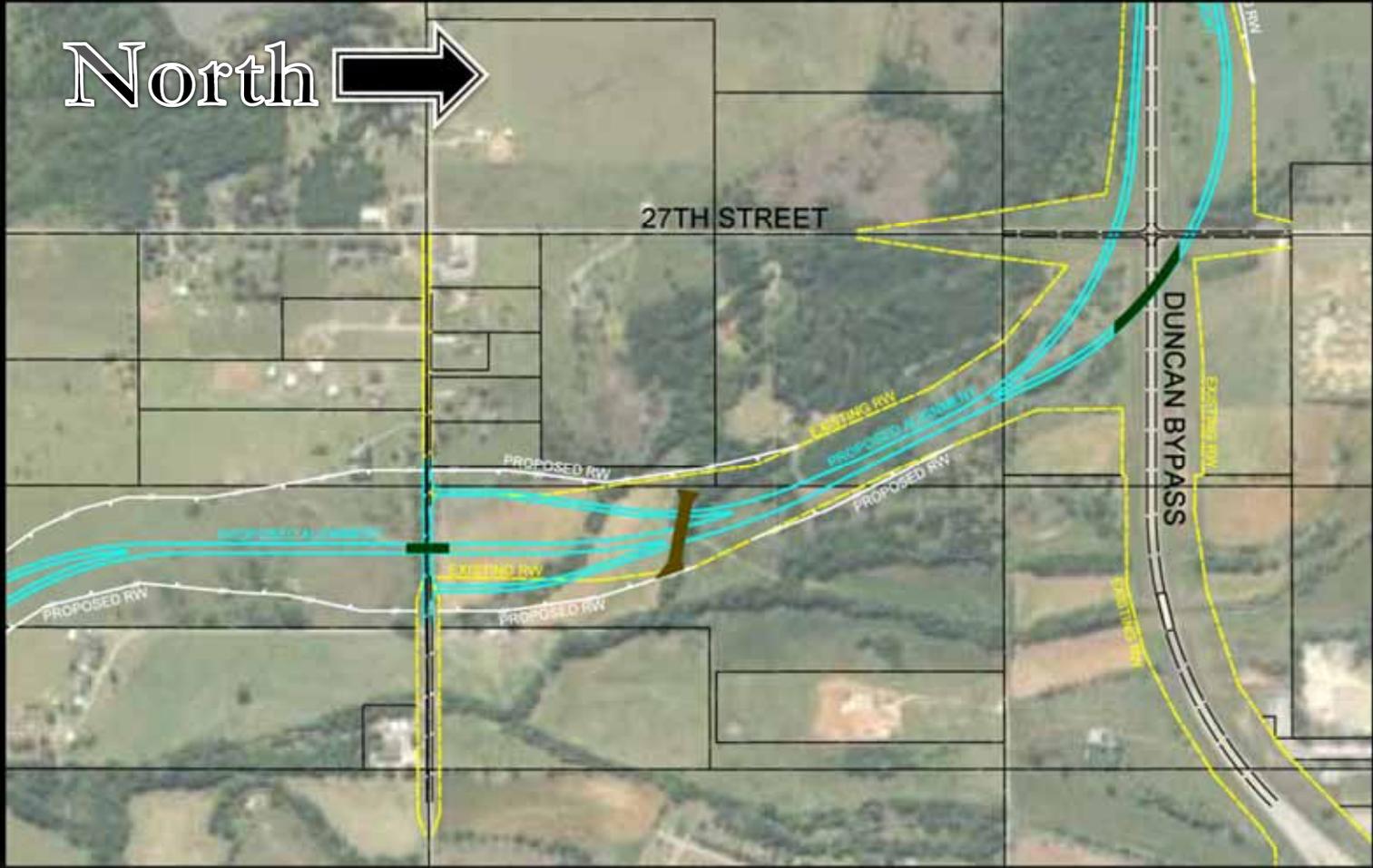


PROJECT LOCATION & DESIGN INFORMATION



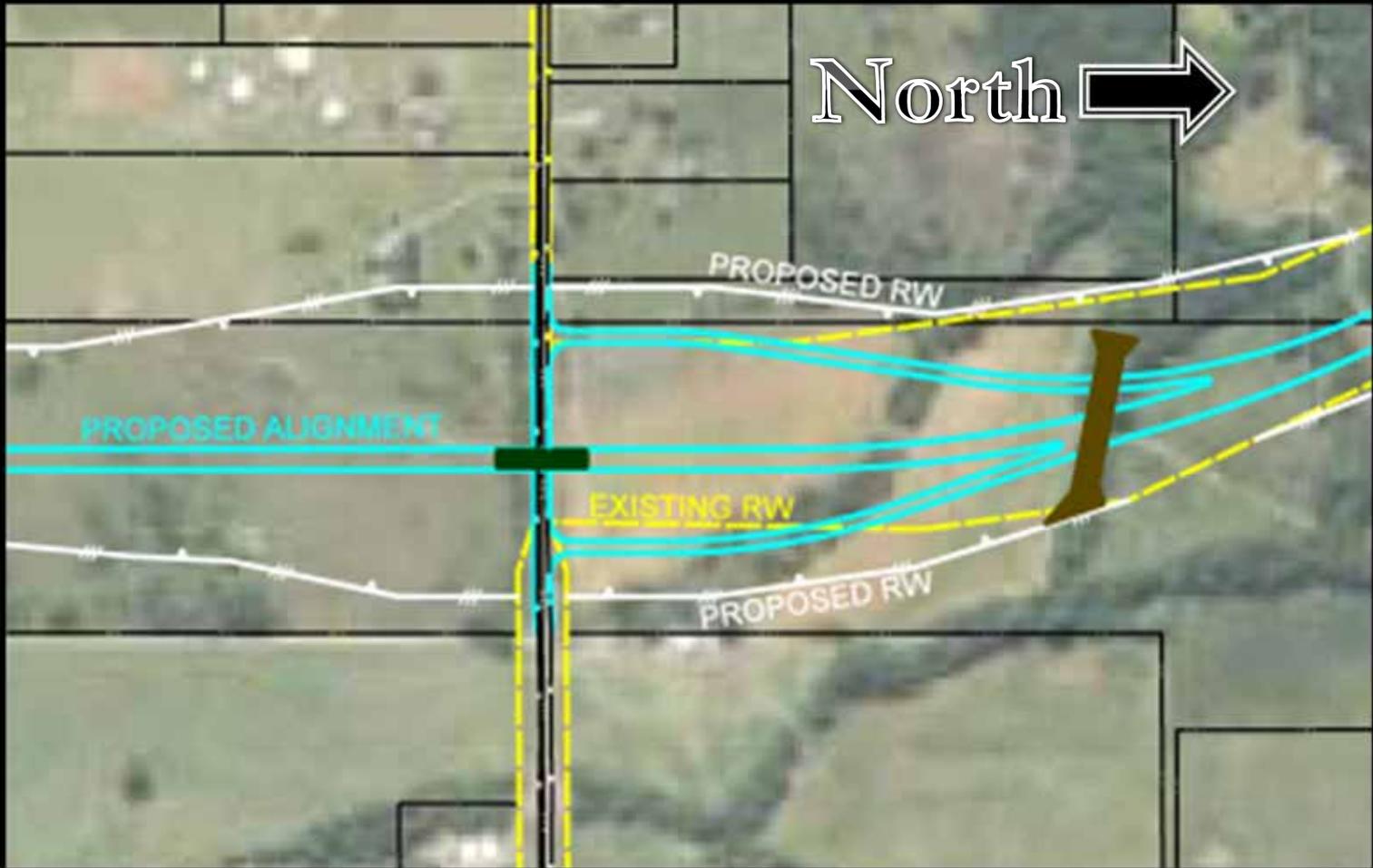


ACCESS TO 27TH ST.





SEMINOLE ROAD INTERCHANGE





2-LANE FACILITY





RIGHT-OF-WAY INFORMATION



RIGHT OF WAY AQUISITION





QUESTIONS?

COMMENTS?

THANK YOU FOR COMING

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