



OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC MEETING

US-81 / Chickasha Bypass Grady County Fairgrounds October 4, 2011 @ 6:00pm

Welcome
to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation
(ODOT) Public Meeting for US-81 / Chickasha Bypass in Chickasha, OK

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for proposed construction of a controlled-access 4-lane divided western bypass of Chickasha from South of the US-81/SH-19 East intersection North to the US-81/US-62 intersection as recommended in a corridor study completed by the Department in 2007.

PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING

The purpose of this meeting is to inform the public & solicit input about the Department's proposed project to construct a 4-lane controlled-access divided western bypass in Chickasha, OK.

PURPOSE OF THIS PROJECT

The purpose of the project is to reduce travel time for traffic traveling through Chickasha as well as reduce congestion & improve the safety along the existing US-81 route through town.

GOALS OF THIS PUBLIC MEETING

- Provide project background
- Explain the NEPA (Nation Environmental Protection Act) process
- Share environmental constraints information
- Describe project schedule & opportunities for public participation
- Receive your input regarding critical social, economic, & environmental effects that may result from the project.

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 Waste / Underground Storage Tanks
 - Irreversible and Irrecoverable 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**

MEETING AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Project Information
3. Question & Answer Session
4. Open Forum Session

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS & TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- Public Meeting October 2011
- Public Meeting No. 2 Spring 2012
- Public Hearing Spring 2013

WHAT IS NEPA & 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 comment 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.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The Department will review and consider comments received from this public meeting in identifying a Preferred Alternative. Another public meeting will be scheduled to present the Preferred Alternative & solicit public comment. After consideration of the public comments, a draft Environmental Document (EA) will be prepared & submitted to FHWA for it's approval. When the draft EA is approved, a public hearing will be held for review of the EA. Upon consideration of comments from the public hearing, the EA will be finalized & submitted to FHWA for final approval. After this approval is received, federal funds may be utilized for design, right-of-way, & construction activities.

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

If you have an questions or comments about the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's proposed project, please visit www.odot.org/meetings/other.php to fill out an official comment form, or send the enclosed comment form to:

Also, 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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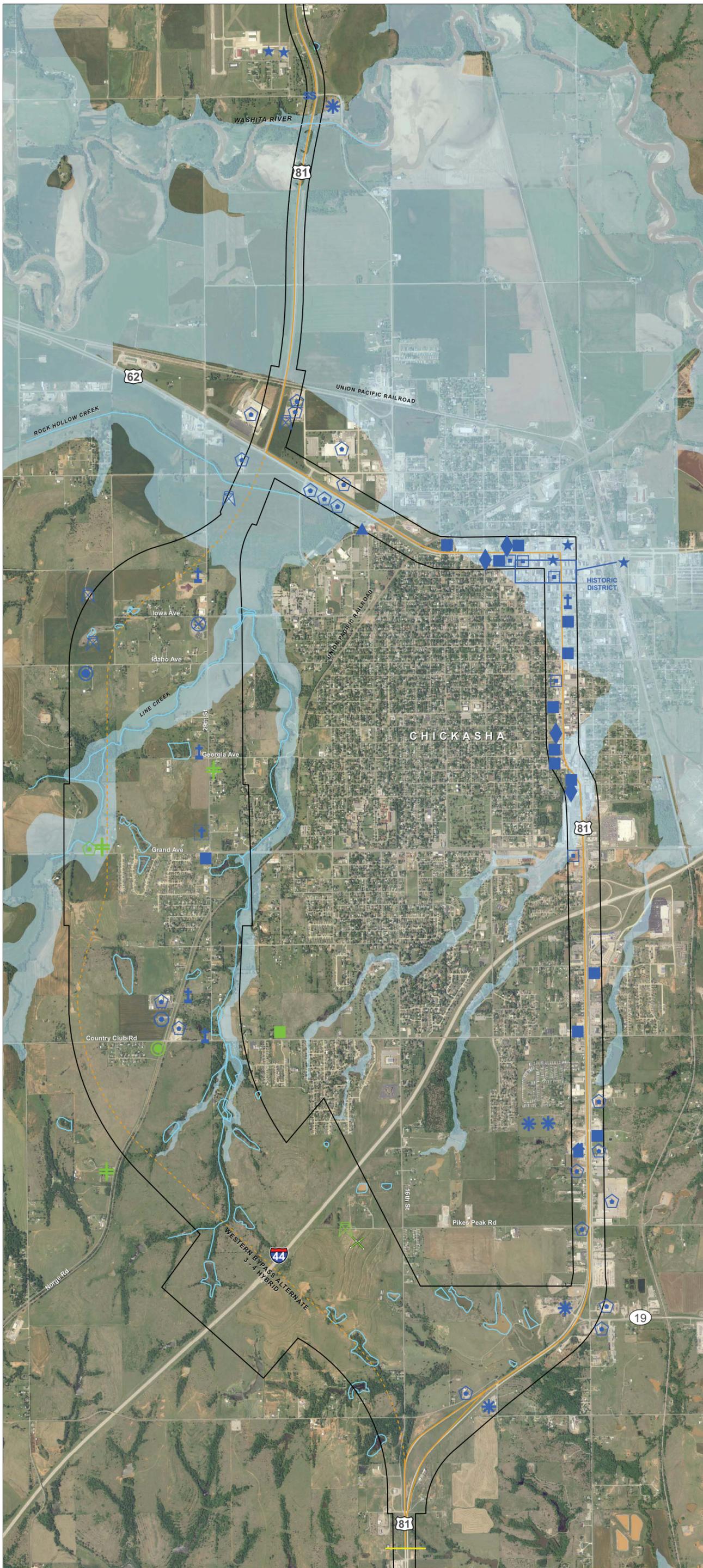
DIVISION 7 INFORMATION

Division Engineer: **Bob Rose**
3,767.91 Total Lane Miles
901 On-System Bridges
Division 7 services 9 counties

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PLEASE SUBMIT COMMENTS BY NO LATER THAN OCT. 18 2011



MAP KEY

- Environmental Investigation Perimeter
- - - Recommended Bypass
- Existing Alignment
- Potential Wetlands or Waterway
- Underground Fiber Optic Line
- 100-Year Flood Plain

Constraints Identified During 2007 Corridor Study

- ⊕ Cemetery
- 🏫 School
- 🌳 Park
- ⛪ Church
- 🏠 Underground Storage Tank (UST)
- 🛢 Former Gas Station
- ⊗ Rest Home
- ✳ Salvage Yard
- 🏭 Industrial Activity and Chemical Storage
- 🚗 Automotive Maintenance
- 🏠 Highway Maintenance Barn
- ⚡ Electrical Substation
- 📶 Telephone Equipment Station
- 🛢 Oil and Gas Production
- 🚒 Fire Department
- 🌊 Water Well or Tower
- ★ National Register of Historic Places
- 📶 Communication Tower
- ⚔ Correctional Facility
- SS Sewer Lift Station
- RR Railroad Facility
- ✂ Pipeline Crossing

Additional Constraints - 2010

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