
July 2020 UPDATE
I-40 and Douglas Boulevard Bridge and Interchange Improvements,
Oklahoma County, Oklahoma,
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Dear Interested Citizen – This flyer is to update you as to ODOT’s Preferred Alternative for I-40 and Douglas Boulevard bridge and interchange improvements.

Public Involvement Summary

At a public meeting held January 17, 2017, three improvement alternatives were presented, based on the results of an engineering design study. These alternatives were:

Alternative 1 – Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI)

Alternative 2 – Tight Urban Diamond Interchange (TUDI) with Future Flyover Ramp

Alternative 3 – Cloverleaf Interchange

Based upon review of comments received from the public and state and federal agencies, ODOT selected Alternative 1 as the Preferred Alternative. Alternative 1 improves safety, accommodates large volumes of traffic, and provides greater mobility for both cars and large trucks due to long, gradual turns. Alternative 2 was eliminated due to higher construction costs and less efficient traffic operations and turning traffic mobility. Alternative 3 was eliminated due to less than desirable interchange geometry, fewer safety improvements, and difficulty in providing pedestrian facilities.

All interested parties were notified by an April 11, 2017 letter of the Preferred Alternative decision and the project schedule at that time.

Preferred Alternative Design Clarification

The Preferred Alternative, a Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI), also includes the removal of Engle Road Bridge, which is no longer in service. Additionally, the existing ramp configuration between Industrial Boulevard and Douglas Boulevard contains inadequate merge and diverge spacing between the interchanges; therefore, the on and off ramps to Industrial Boulevard on the east side of the Industrial Boulevard interchange will also be removed. Traffic that previously utilized the Industrial Boulevard interchange eastern ramps will be able to utilize either the Douglas Boulevard interchange (approximately 0.5 miles east) or the Town Center Drive interchange (approximately 1 mile west).

For additional clarification, please see the updated Preferred Alternative graphic on ODOT’s webpage:

https://www.ok.gov/odot/Programs_and_Projects/Public_Meetings_and_Hearings/20170117.html

Schedule Update

ODOT is proceeding with preliminary design and environmental documentation for this project. The current updated schedule for the project is utility relocation in 2023 and construction in 2025. Public involvement is a vital element of successful transportation planning, and ODOT thanks you for your participation in this very important transportation project.

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