

- To lkoenig@fd9ns01.okladot.state.ok.us, Dawn Borelli/ODOT, jbowman@fd9ns01.okladot.state.ok.us, Craig Moody/ODOT@fd9ns01.okladot.state.ok.us
- cc KAMitchell@fd9ns01.okladot.state.ok.us, Brenda Perry/ODOT

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Subject Fw: Message from the Mayor

FYI

---- Forwarded by Kenna Mitchell/ODOT on 08/31/2010 09:48 AM -----

"Bixby Chamber" <info@bixbychamber.com>

08/31/2010 09:42 AM

To kamitchell@odot.org cc

Subject Message from the Mayor



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR Ray Bowen, City of Bixby August 31, 2010

Dear Bixby Citizens:

As you are aware, the City of Bixby has been aggressively pursuing improvements to its own municipal streets using a combination of local funds provided through Bixby citizen-approved bond issues, limited street and alley funds, Federal Highway/Oklahoma Department of Transportation matching grant funds for local streets, and by partnering with Tulsa county work crews. Such projects take many years to plan, finance, and construct, and we appreciate your support and patience as we continue to pursue them.

What some may not realize is that Memorial Drive -- one of the most significant transportation corridors in our community, and one most rapidly approaching its capacity level-- is actually a state highway (US 64), constructed and maintained primarily by ODOT. If you have found yourself frustrated with the growing traffic congestion along US 64, you might find it of interest to know that when ODOT released its latest 8 Year Construction Work Plan, there were no projects included in the plan for the community of Bixby.

Fortunately, ODOT is currently developing its future transportation planning policies and projects for the next four years as parts of its Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and an Inter-modal Plan involving alternative transportation modes for the next 25 years.

This means the opportunity is NOW for all citizens of Bixby to contact ODOT and voice their needs/concerns regarding public safety, travel times for commuters and emergency vehicles, traffic congestion, and level of service.

We urge you to contact ODOT by telephone or email provided on the right.

Thank you for doing your part to help provide input to ODOT as it plans to make road improvement plans for our state, and to help our community grow and prosper.

Respectfully,

Ray Bowen
Mayor, City of Bixby



CITIZENS OF BIXBY SHOULD VOICE THEIR CONCERNS AND DESIRES REGARDING
THESE ISSUES IMMEDIATELY!

Comments must be received by ODOT no later than

#### SEPTEMBER 6th, 2010

OK Department of Transportation Planning & Research Division (405) 521-2704

or Email

2035LRP@odot.org STIP@odot.org

for more information contact

**City of Bixby** 918.366.4430

www.bixby.com

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To <STIP@odot.org>
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Subject

Short, sweet and to the point – a second bridge across the Arkansas River in the Bixby/Glenpool area is in order and Memorial Dr is in desperate need of repairing and widening. I'm surprised with all the "Cone Zones" the Bixby area hasn't been included, why is that? Now is the time to change that.



To <STIP@odot.org>
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Subject Bixby Community

Please consider Bixby in the long range plans that include Memorial Drive which is already a highway. Who is missing the boat?

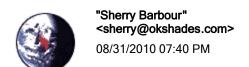
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To <STIP@odot.org> cc bcc

Subject Bixby growth

To Whom it May Concern.

#### RE: Hwy 64 / South Tulsa - Bixby

I live, work, and pay my taxes to the State of Oklahoma and Tulsa County.

The old saying "build it and they will come" is true in South Tulsa/ Bixby.

Our roads have widen and business has come..... but we are almost at capacity on our streets.

It is my understanding that ODOT does not have current plans to include South Memorial Drive/ Hwy 64 in any of its future growth projects.

I am sure ODOT conducts traffic counts and has the ability to compare them with a history of counts. The numbers will show.. Bixby is growing at a phenomenal pace.

Unless ODOT has near plans to put a highway extending south into Bixby there will be nothing but grid lock soon.

There is ONE access across the Arkansas River into Bixby, one road that continually goes south: Hwy 64.

Soon the citizens of Bixby will need greater access and more lanes to accommodate our growth or we will be like a bonsai tree, stunted by our roots - only able to grow so big!

Our demographics attest to a growing share of taxes..... give us something to show for it! **Invest in Hwy** 64 all the way to 171 South.

Sherry Barbour 18622 S 62 E Ave Bixby, OK 74008 918-366-6419 slb@olp.net





## "Angela Hock" <angela@stduntulsa.org>

08/31/2010 04:37 PM

Please respond to <angela@stduntulsa.org> To <STIP@odot.org>

cc "'Jack Maxwell" <jackmaxw@cox.net>

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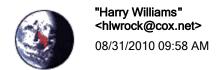
Subject Bixby Oklahoma

#### To the ODOT Management team:

The community of Bixby, Oklahoma is home to one of the most enterprising and engaged city councils and leadership that Oklahoma has to offer. Their efforts have created a growing, prosperous community with identity of its own beyond being a suburb of Tulsa. The artery that carries an increasingly heavy flow of traffic into and out of Bixby is Hwy 64/Memorial Avenue – frequently heavily choked once traffic is past 111<sup>th</sup> Street. We've been hoping and longing for a widening project that would allow the free flow of traffic well into downtown Bixby and that pay the state of Oklahoma back in increased revenues from successful businesses. This is a town with a future, but not if the artery develops a blood clot.

Please add this area to your plans for road improvement.

Angela Hock

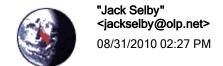


To <2035LRP@odot.org>
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Subject Bixby, Okla. traffic

I have been apprised that your organization has no near term plans to help alleviate the traffic problems for the City of Bixby, Oklahoma. Let me assure you that is a serious over sight. The traffic problems on Mingo and Memorial Drives are becoming very serious. Bixby is becoming one of the more rapidly growing cities in Oklahoma. You should be aware that such cities are always behind the curve concerning traffic issues. In my opinion Tulsa is "dying on the vine" while surrounding cities such as Bixby, Broken Arrow, and Owasso are continuing to grow. Part of the problem with Tulsa involves incompetent city and council members. Why reward them until they get there act together.

Harry L. Williams hlwrock@Cox.net



To <STIP@odot.org>

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Subject Fw: Memorial Drive US 64

---- Original Message -----

From: Jack Selby

To: 2035LRP@odot.org

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 31, 2010 2:14 PM **Subject:** Re: Memorial Drive US 64

Gentlemen:

Memorial Drive is very important to the citizens of Bixby, Ok. I would like to see a plan for the next few years to include as much as possible

for the improvement of it. Bixby is growing very rapidly and US 64 (Memorial Drive) is so important to Bixby's future.

I want to urge you to expand Memorial Drive from 161st to 171st to four lanes and a turning lane in the center. I think a new bridge needs

to be built across the Arkansas River on the East side if Bixby, possibly 129th or 145th. This was supposed to be on the long range

plans. It would ease traffic from the N. to the S. to Leonard and points beyond (Haskell). It could then connect to 171st West to the Beeline (US 75).

Certainly a new bridge needs to be built West of Bixby on Yale or Yale Avenue for the above same reasons. However Creek Nation could build it as a toll bridge etc.

Thanks

Jack Selby Bixby Funeral Service



To <STIP@odot.org>
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Subject Highway (US-64) Bixby, OK

To whom it may concern,

I am a manager of a business right off of Highway US-64, or Memorial Drive, in Bixby and it was shocking to me that in your upcoming plan Bixby was left out. The reason I am writing this to you is that currently the intersection to turn into my property and TTCU is one of the most dangerous intersections in Bixby as told to me by the Bixby Police Department. This also includes the road to the south of us that leads to a new home development. The reason these two intersections are so dangerous is because there is no turn lane and anyone wishing to turn east off of Memorial has to make a complete stop on Memorial and hope that the individuals behind them see that they are turning.

There have been countless wrecks, some severe and some minor, and I have had a front row seat to almost all of them, but the point is that I hope it does not take a fatality before something is done. Memorial is a very busy street as I am sure you are already aware of, but is it going to take someone being killed because they have to stop on busy street just to go home, or to the bank, or to their storage unit? I hope that you say the answer is no and that you realize that something needs to be done proactively rather than wait until it happens.

Ciara Arnold Manager

Self Storage Depot 13455 S. Memorial Drive Bixby, OK 74008

Office 918-369-3888 Fax 918-369-3884



To <2035LRP@odot.org>, <stip@odot.org>

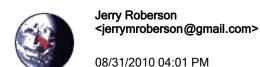
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Subject IMPROVEMENTS TO BIXBY STREETS

I URGE ODOT TO PLEASE PLAN FOR ANOTHER BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER. TRAFFIC CAN BE TERRIBLE NOW, AND IT IS ONLY GETTING WORST. BIXBY IS GROWING LEAPS AND BOUNDS. I HOPE THAT NOTHING EVERY HAPPENS TO THE ONE BRIDGE WE HAVE ON MEMORIAL BECAUSE ON A SAFETY NOTE OUR FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE NEED TO GET TO CALLS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SIX LANES OF TRAFFIC WOULD MAKE GETTING INTO AND OUT OF BIXBY MUCH EASIER. I HAVE WORKED IN BIXBY FOR OVER 7YRS AND WILL FOR MANY MORE YEARS TO COME, SO PLEASE INCLUDE BIXBY'S NEEDS IN ANY FUTURE PLANS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS. THANKS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE AN OPINION THIS MATTER.

DONNA LEE BILLING CLERK AT City of Bixby



To 2035LRP@odot.org, STIP@odot.org cc

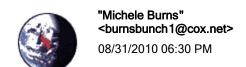
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Subject Memorial Drive (US-64) improvement - Tulsa

First of all, know that we are very pleased with the recent widening of Memorial Drive from the Creek Turnpike to 111th street. We live in Bixby and travel this route frequently. The syncronized traffic lighting and the widening to six lanes is a major improvement. This is a step in the right direction and I urge you to expand Memorial Drive to 6 lanes from 111th to 151st street and 4 lanes from 161st to 171st. Continued development along this corridor emphasizes our concerns for travel time for commuters/shoppers, emergency vehicles, traffic congestion and public safety.

Only two bridges are available to cross the Arkansas River in South Tulsa! Plan for a potential disaster? I also urge you to construct another Arkansas River crossing in South Tulsa County to improve public safety, economic development, congestion, and quality of life in this region.

This will benefit many! Jerry and Lynn Roberson 9923 East 124th St. S. Bixby, OK. 74008



To <STIP@odot.org>
cc "Ray Bowen" <ray@olp.net>
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Subject Memorial Widening

August 31, 2010

I have lived in the Bixby community now for almost 23 years and living off of and using Memorial Drive all 23...

I have to say that I was surprised that there were no ODOT expansion plans for Memorial Drive to the Bixby

community. . . Bixby was the fastest gorwing city in Oklahoma for awhile and the growth is continuing.. . It is frustrating enough that our community cannot get another passageway south and all traffic crosses the

Memorial bridge south . . . but to find out that ODOT has no plans for further widening in the foreseeable future was equally frustrating. . . I respectfully submit my opinion to reconsider this much needed improvement

and widening. . . Thanks for your time in this matter!!!

Respectfully submitted

Michele Burns 918 671-2333



To <STIP@odot.org>
cc <2035LRP@odot.org>

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Subject ODOT 8 year plans

To: Oklahoma Department of Transportation

I was quite surprised when I read the following notice from Bixby Mayor Ray Bowen:

"What some may not realize is that Memorial Drive -- one of the most significant transportation corridors in our community, and one most rapidly approaching its capacity level-- is actually a state highway (US 64), constructed and maintained primarily by ODOT. If you have found yourself frustrated with the growing traffic congestion along US 64, you might find it of interest to know that when ODOT released its latest 8 Year Construction Work Plan, there were no projects included in the plan for the community of Bixby."

Bixby is one of the fasting growing cities in Oklahoma. We have two festivals each year, the Green Corn Festival and the Bixby BBQ'n Music Festival. In the past 10 years the traffic has really gotten congested.

#### I therefore support two proposals:

- 1. I urge ODOT to expand Memorial Drive (US-64) to includes 6-lanes from 111th to 151st and 4-lanes from 161st to 171st to address growing traffic congestion problems along this vital transportation corridor. I urge you to put this project in your current plans.
- 2. I urge ODOT to help plan and construct an additional Arkansas River Bridge crossing in South Tulsa County to improve public safety, address growing traffic congestion, and enhance air quality, economic development and quality of life in the region. I also urge ODOT to put this in your current plans.

We can't wait 8 years for ODOT to start planning these improvements. We need them now, not 10 to 15 years from now, to allow continued growth in this area.

Jack Maxwell
Rotary Club of Bixby PP 02-03
D6110 Chair of Water / Health Concerns
Founder and Chairman of D6110 MSNI
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To stip@odot.org

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Subject Planning Recommendations

History:

This message has been forwarded.

#### ODOT.

I am urging ODOT to lend favorable consideration to the following:

- 1) Expansion of Memorial Drive (US-64) to include 6-lanes from 111th Street to 151st Street in Bixby;
- 2) Expansion of Memorial Drive (US-64) to include 4-lanes from 161st Street to 171st Street in Bixby.

Implementation of the above will positively address the growing traffic congestion problems along this vital transportation corridor.

Also, I am urging ODOT to lend favorable consideration to **helping to plan** and construct an additional Arkansas River Bridge crossing in South Tulsa County. Such crossing will help to improve public safety, address growing traffic congestion, and to enhance air quality, economic development and quality of life in the region.

Thank you, Jay Mauldin Bixby, OK resident



To <2035LRP@odot.org>, <STIP@odot.org> cc

Subject recommendatioon for Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

History: 

This message has been forwarded.

Below are my requests regarding planning for future road development in the Bixby, OK area:

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I urge ODOT to expand Memorial Drive (US-64) to include 6 lanes from 111<sup>th</sup> to 151 st and 4 lanes from 161<sup>st</sup> to 171<sup>st</sup> to address growing traffic congestion problems along this vital transportation corridor.

Also, I urge ODOT to help plan and construct an additional, non toll based, Arkansas River Bridge crossing in South Tulsa County to improve public safety, address growing traffic congestion, and enhance air quality, economic development and quality of life in the region.

Thank you, Alan & Susan Mason Residents of Bixby, OK



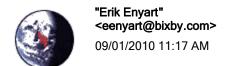
To <2035lrp@odot.org>, <stip@odot.org> cc bcc

Subject Requests for ODOT Road Planning - 2010

We understand from the Bixby Mayor that ODOT will be in the planning stages for road development. As a resident of Bixby, OK, please take into consideration these requests:

- 1. Please expand Memorial Drive (US-64) to include 6 lanes from 111th to 151st and 4 lanes from 161st to 171st to address growing traffic congestion problems along this vital transportation corridor.
- 2. Please help plan and construct an additional Arkansas River Bridge crossing in South Tulsa County to improve public safety, address growing traffic congestion, and enhance air quality, economic development and quality of life in the region.

Thank you, Rachel Crouse Bixby, OK Resident



To <2035LRP@odot.org>, <STIP@odot.org>

cc <djenevoldsen@olp.net>

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Subject Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Intermodal Plan

#### ODOT:

I have learned that the recently-published ODOT 8-year Construction Work Plan does not contain any projects in the City of Bixby ( http://www.okladot.state.ok.us/cwp-8-year-plan/archives/cwp2010-2017.pdf ).

I have observed the recently-completed Memorial Dr. (US Highway 64) widening project from the Creek Turnpike to 111<sup>th</sup> St. S., which borders Bixby's City Limits on the east side south of 101<sup>st</sup> St. S. Using this highway regularly, I have noticed an improvement in the traffic flow, and this improvement was desperately needed.

Memorial Dr. / US Highway 64 also needs to be widened south of 111<sup>th</sup> St. S.

I urge ODOT to expand Memorial Drive (US Highway 64) to 6-lanes from 111<sup>th</sup> St. S. to 151<sup>st</sup> St. S. and 4-lanes from 161<sup>st</sup> St. S. to 171<sup>st</sup> St. S. to address growing traffic congestion problems along this vital transportation corridor.

The Bixby Comprehensive Plan 2001-2020 designates Memorial Dr. as a "Primary Arterial" major street from 111<sup>th</sup> St. S. to 171<sup>st</sup> St. S. (See Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map following page 5 and also page 25, Engineering Design Criteria Manual Section C.4.3, and Subdivision Regulations Section 9.2.2). This widening is and will be consistent with the Bixby Comprehensive Plan.

Bixby's entire Comprehensive Plan is at http://www.bixby.com/pdf/comprehensive plan.pdf

Also, I urge ODOT to help plan and construct an additional Arkansas River Bridge crossing in South Tulsa County to improve public safety, address growing traffic congestion, and enhance air quality, economic development and quality of life in the region. Bixby has only one (1) roadway to connect the north and south sides of the Arkansas River, and this one (1) roadway is Memorial Dr. / US Highway 64.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Copy: City Manager Doug Enevoldsen

Erik Enyart, AICP, City Planner City of Bixby, PO Box 70 Bixby, OK 74008 Ph. (918) 366-0427 Fax (918) 366-4416 eenyart@bixby.com www.bixby.com **To**: Oklahoma DOT Planning and Research Division

From: Theresa Flannery, Vocational Programs Administrator

Deborah Copeland, Human Resources Manager Linda Sechrist, Employment Services Manager

Dale Rogers Training Center, Inc.

**Re**: Input for the ODOT long range transportation plan and statewide transportation

improvement plan

**Date**: August 30, 2010

Dale Rogers Training Center provides employment and training to almost 1,000 persons with disabilities in Oklahoma; mainly in the greater Oklahoma City and Lawton areas. We employ more than 200 people at Tinker Air Force base alone through federal contracts. Effective, efficient and affordable means of transportation are critical issues for our organization and the tax-paying citizens we support.

The current public transportation system is neither effective nor efficient. Effective, affordable transportation not only provides opportunities for people with disabilities to remain and/or become employed, but also allows for access to necessary resources such as shopping, social activities and medical care. Transportation is vital to providing for livable communities not only for those who have disabilities, but also to the overall aging population as the baby boomers move into retirement or choose to remain employed. Currently, 40% of Oklahoma County seniors depend on others for transportation which accounts for 14-18% of the total household expenditures. Additionally, working senior adults in Oklahoma County rely more heavily on public transportation about 11.4% than the national average of 6.8% to get to work (*Envision 2020* a project of the Oklahoma county senior summit). The development of a light passenger rail system should be developed within the largest metro areas of the state at the very least; OKC, Tulsa and Lawton. In addition to providing a clean fuel option, it would allow for additional transportation options for those with disabilities and for the senior population.

The business community and industry in general rely on effective public transportation in larger cities in order to have access to employees. Without effective transportation systems, new industry may choose not to locate to Oklahoma and existing industry may not expand locally because of the limited employee pool Fewer job opportunities create a strain on social services through state and federal subsidized programs like food stamps and TANF. A mobile society is an employed society and employed people are more self-sufficient and spend their earnings, which contributes to the overall health of the state economy.

Tinker Air Force base, the largest single-site employer in the state of Oklahoma, has no reliable public transportation directly to the base. Those who work at Tinker must transport themselves to and from work, causing congestion on the highways, on the base and increases air pollution. A multi-modal system that uses clean fuels and takes more cars off the roads is a great answer, but only if the system(s) itself are identified,

funding secured and a plan to actually put it in place developed with clear deadlines. In addition to providing an expanded workforce for employers like Tinker, it would allow Boeing more employee choices as they relocate 550 jobs to the OKC area in 2011.

Improving public transportation system operation and performance should further include a review of the existing routes to the actual need for services, employment and community resource locations and the population concentration to ensure that the current routes meet the needs of the traveling public. An example of overlaying the needs of the population to the existing routes will be published in the Oklahoma County *Vital Signs* through the United Way of Central Oklahoma.

In addition to review of the existing route lines, there should be a review of the days and times transportation is available to ensure that business and industry employee needs are met. For transportation to be a viable option for employment, routes would need to run in evening and weekend hours and extend out to locations such as Tinker AFB, for example. Adjusting existing route locations and days/times would go towards promoting livable communities for all populations. Also, review the passenger counts on the routes and down size to smaller vehicles when possible rather than using oversized buses.

Through the plan development process, DRTC strongly recommends that several persons with disabilities whose experiences are varied based upon the disability be an active part of the work group to provide practical, day-to-day insight and evaluation of the existing system as well as give valuable input to what is actually needed.



#### "mjhawe" <mjhawe@cox.net>

08/31/2010 10:14 AM

Please respond to <mjhawe@cox.net> To <STIP@odot.org>

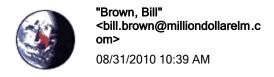
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Subject Memorial / US 64

We need Memorial also known as US 64, bigger, we have lived in North Bixby for only five years and the population seems to have explored during this time. Why would you stop where you did on US 64? Our community has grown so much in the last 5 years that we have lived here. The street size has not kept up with the population growth. So much traffic going north and south all day long. Help.

Thank you, MJ Hawe 10527 S 90th East Ave Tulsa, OK 74133 918-629-0990



To <STIP@odot.org>

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Subject US 64 planning

My name is William H. Brown.

I live in and my family owns businesses in Bixby, OK

I'd just like to take a second to urge ODOT to consider expanding hwy64 (memorial dr) into a 6 lane roadway from North Bixby through to  $161^{st}$  st.

Bixby is growing rapidly and its roadways are in need of expansion to support this growth.

Thanks for taking a moment to listen to my request.

I can be reached at 918-636-9446 if needed. Thanks

-Bill Brown

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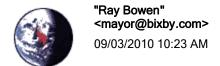
Subject US Hwy 64 (Memorial Drive) in Bixby

It has recently come to my attention that ODOT is currently developing its future transportation planning policies and projects for the next four years as parts of its Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. The Bixby community is currently experiencing significant congestion issues on Memorial Drive (US 64) between 111 Street and 161 Street in Bixby due to the growth of the community and the fact that there is only one Arkansas River crossing in South Tulsa. The issues currently noted are expected to worsen as the population continues to grow also this vital corridor.

Due to the current and expected future conditions, I would like to encourage ODOT to expand Memorial Drive (US 64) to include three lanes in each direction from 111 to 161, and also to help plan and construct an additional Arkansas River Bridge crossing in South Tulsa County. These improvements, if made, would improve public safety, address growing traffic congestion, and enhance air quality, economic development and quality of life in the region.

Thank you for your consideration.

David Kinkaid



To <2035LRP@odot.org>, <STIP@odot.org>

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Subject 8-year Construction Plan

#### ODOT:

I am most appreciative of the recent widening project of U.S. Highway 64 from the Creek Turnpike to 111<sup>th</sup>! I became quite concerned when I learned recently that ODOT's 8-year Construction Work Plan does not include any projects in the City of Bixby.

In my position as mayor for the City of Bixby and having lived in the area for the past 62 years, I know firsthand what a vital transportation corridor U.S. Highway 64 / Memorial Drive is to our community!

#### Please consider:

- Bixby grew **60.6%** from 2000 to 2009
- Bixby was the **3**<sup>rd</sup> **Fastest Growing** incorporated place in Oklahoma from 2000:2009
- Bixby was the **20th largest incorporated place** in Oklahoma, moving from 32<sup>nd</sup> in 2000

With the City of Bixby's future in mind and while considering the continued growth trend, I strongly urge ODOT to:

- Expand Memorial Drive (US-64) to include 6-lanes from 111<sup>th</sup> to 151<sup>st</sup> and 4-lanes from 161<sup>st</sup> to 171<sup>st</sup> to address growing traffic congestion problems along this vital transportation corridor
- Help plan and construct an additional Arkansas River Bridge crossing in South Tulsa County to improve public safety, address growing traffic congestion, and enhance air quality, economic development and quality of life in the region

Thank you very much for this consideration.

Respectfully Yours, Ray Bowen Mayor, City of Bixby



# Steve Currington <private@curringtonmortgage.com>

09/01/2010 12:40 PM

To "2035lrp@odot.org" <2035lrp@odot.org>

cc "stip@odot.org" <stip@odot.org>

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Subject Bixby

History:

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I urge ODOT to expand Memorial Drive (US-64) to include 6 lanes from 111th to 151st and 4 lanes from 161st to 171st to address growing traffic congestion problems along this vital transportation corridor.

#### And

I urge ODOT to help plan and construct an additional Arkansas River Bridge crossing in South Tulsa County to improve public safety, address growing traffic congestion, and enhance air quality, economic development and quality of life in the region.

STEVE CURRINGTON 1 Mortgage Banker

Currington Mortgage Company

8516 E. 101st Street Suite F l Tulsa, OK 74133 p 918.394.5626 (LOAN) l f 918.394.5636 l c 918.810.0092 www.ownyourdoorbell.com, www.curringtonmortgage.com, www.21dayclose.com 21 Day Closing Guaranteed.

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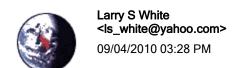
Subject Bixby OK

I urge you to consider funding for expand HWY 64 memorial to include 6 lanes and help construct an additional Arkansas River Bridge crossing into south Tulsa. I commute everyday from Tulsa and the traffic is growing to cause a normal 30 minute drive to take more that an hour and longer. Thanks you for your consideration.

Don Cash Park Director City of Bixby

Office: 918-364-2511 Ext. #425

Fax: 366-6373



To 2035LRP@odot.org cc STIP@odot.org

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Subject Expansion of Memorial Dr (US-64) in Bixby

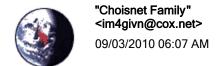
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As a citizen of Bixby Oklahoma, I would like to see Memorial Dr (US-64) widened to include from 161st to 171st. I feel that the traffic congestion problems along this main road need

I also would like to see ODOT help plan and construct an additional Arkansas River Bridge

Larry S White 10118 E 118th St S Bixby OK 74008

"Let every man be Swift to hear, Slow to speak, and Slow to anger."



To <2035LRP@odot.org>, <STIP@odot.org>

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Subject Expansion of Memorial Drive (US-64) & additional Arkansas River Bridge

Dear Oklahoma Department of Transportation,

Please accept this as a request to expand Memorial Drive (US-64) to include :

- 6 lanes from 111th to 151st, and
- 4 lanes from 161st to 171st

This will address the growing traffic congestion problems along this vital transportation corridor caused by the existing and prospective development in the area.

This really is a public safety issue that will also (1) reduce traffic congestion, (2) reduce travel times for commuters, school busses and emergency vehicles, and thereby (3) improve public safety.

Also please accept this as a request for ODOT to help plan and construct an additional Arkansas River Bridge crossing in South Tulsa County.

This would afford the benefits above of 1, 2, and 3 above, and also would encourage economic development and quality of life in the region.

Thank you for your serious consideration!

Kim Choisnet 11289 South 90<sup>th</sup> East Avenue Bixby, OK 74008-1705 (918) 369-2373 im4qivn@cox.net



"Pam Hodges" <hodges@lsb.state.ok.us>

09/03/2010 09:59 AM

Please respond to <hodges@lsb.state.ok.us>

To <2035LRP@odot.org>

cc <STIP@odot.org>, "'Ray Bowen'" <ray@olp.net>

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Subject FROM SENATOR MIKE MAZZEI

As State Senator for south Tulsa and Bixby, I urge ODOT to expand Memorial Drive (US-64) to include 6 lanes from 111<sup>th</sup> to 151<sup>st</sup> and 4 lanes from 161<sup>st</sup> to 171<sup>st</sup> to address growing traffic congestion problems along this vital transportation corridor.

I also urge ODOT to help plan and construct an additional Arkansas River Bridge crossing in South Tulsa County to improve public safety, address growing traffic congestion, and enhance air quality, economic development and quality of life in the region.

Best regards,

Senator Mike Mazzei

District 25

### **Pam Hodges**

Executive Assistant to Senator Mike Mazzei

Oklahoma State Senate 2300 North Lincoln Blvd., Room 413 Oklahoma City, OK 73105 Phone: 405.521.5675

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#### Randle White/ODOT

09/02/2010 11:16 AM

To "STIP Coordinator, Transportation Manager Dawn Borelli" <dborelli@fd9ns01.okladot.state.ok.us>

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Subject Fw: 8 year work plan from ODOT

---- Original Message ----

From: Brian Hicks [bixbychiropractic@gmail.com]

Sent: 09/02/2010 10:03 AM EST

To: rwhite@odot.org

Subject: 8 year work plan from ODOT

Mr White,

I am writing this to you in hopes that it might help people in my community get some relief from traffic congestion. I recently received an e-mail from the Bixby, OK mayor that stated that US-64 was not listed under the 8 year work plan from ODOT. I would plead to you to have someone reconsider this omission. The amount of traffic on this road has become unbelievably high. It was recently widened to 6 lanes all the way to 111th St along Memorial Drive (US-64). If something isn't done to the stretch of road from 111th to 151st in the next 8 years, then we will have some very dangerous issues presented to us due to the traffic. At a recent meeting that I attended that was discussing the growth of the Tulsa area, it came to my attention that within 5 years the busiest intersection in Tulsa will be 111th and Memorial. As you can imagine, if this does occur, that area will not be able to handle that large amount of traffic. I understand that there are many areas in the state that will need work to be done from ODOT, but I can assure you that if some attention is not paid to this area, it will lead to not only a lot of aggravation from the traffic, but it will also lead to a large number of accidents. This community has had to put up with such large amounts of traffic, I truly think that we will have many serious injuries or even fatalities due to the increased congestion.

Please get this e-mail in front of whoever is responsible for making decisions on the 8 year plan. If members of ODOT would come out and drive along this stretch of road, I promise you that all who do will realize how dire of a problem it will become if nothing is done on this stretch for 8 years. There is no way Tulsa can continue to grow the direction it is if this road is not addressed.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and I hope that you and members of your office will consider what I've suggested.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian S. Hicks



To <STIP@odot.org>

cc <2035LRP@odot.org>

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Subject FW: ODOT 8 year plans MUST BE RECEIVED BY ODOT BY 9-6-10!

My concerns on this topic are in sync with Jack's as noted below. Please consider this another voice in the community support of the items mentioned below!!!

Sincerely,

Bill Clark billclark@hmadvisorsgroup.com www.hmadvisorsgroup.com 918.740.4583 <a href="http://www.hmadvisorsgroup.com/">http://www.hmadvisorsgroup.com/</a>

----Original Message----

From: Jack Maxwell [mailto:jackmaxw@cox.net] Sent: Wednesday, September 01, 2010 11:00 AM

To: STIP@odot.org Cc: 2035LRP@odot.org

Subject: ODOT 8 year plans

To: Oklahoma Department of Transportation

I was quite surprised when I read the following notice from Bixby Mayor Ray Bowen:

"What some may not realize is that Memorial Drive -- one of the most significant transportation corridors in our community, and one most rapidly

approaching its capacity level-- is actually a state highway (US 64), constructed and maintained primarily by ODOT. If you have found yourself frustrated with the growing traffic congestion along US 64, you might find

it of interest to know that when ODOT released its latest 8 Year Construction Work Plan, there were no projects included in the plan for the

community of Bixby."

Bixby is one of the fasting growing cities in Oklahoma. We have two festivals each year, the Green Corn Festival and the Bixby BBQ'n Music Festival. In the past 10 years the traffic has really gotten congested.

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from 111th to 151st and 4-lanes from 161st to 171st to address growing traffic congestion problems along this vital transportation corridor. I urge you to put this project in your current plans.

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We can't wait 8 years for ODOT to start planning these improvements. We need them now, not 10 to 15 years from now, to allow continued growth in this area.

Jack Maxwell
Rotary Club of Bixby PP 02-03
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Subject memorial/highway 64 bixby, ok

Definition for <u>Road Rage</u>: Driving north or south on Memorial/ highway 64 from 151<sup>st</sup> to the Creek Turnpike.

If you had to drive Memorial every morning and every afternoon from the direction of Bixby, you would start off your day bad and end your day very bad!!!

It's amazing how (#1) Oklahoma drivers are some of the worst drivers in America and (#2) to have to drive on Memorial EVERY DAY at some point with these terrible drivers!, I can feel my blood pressure elevating.

Bixby community has grown so much in the last 6 years since moved to Bixby from New England so why are the streets and highways also a factor in the growing community??? Nothing has been down with our highway as far as the expansions from 111<sup>th</sup> to 151<sup>st</sup>, why not??? BUT it has after 111<sup>th</sup> and north... If driving on memorial, north bond, at 7:30 in the morning and hit every light, as I do, it takes me at least 25 minutes to get from 151<sup>st</sup> to the Creek Turnpike, **ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS!!!** 

#### **PLEASE HELP BIXBY HIGHWAY 64!!**

Sincerely Dawna Bartling



To <STIP@odot.org>, <2035LRP@odot.org> cc bcc

Subject Highway 64 in Bixby

#### Hello

The Daily Family YMCA in Bixby, 7910 E. 134th St. South is located just south and west of 134th and Memorial (State Highway 64).

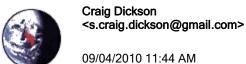
Please consider Memorial (State Highway 64) in your planning.

Making a left turn on to Memorial (having to dodge the traffic) is often frightening. Please help develop a solution. Do we need more stop lights? Do we need more traffic lanes?

Also, please consider adding another bridge over the Arkansas River. (Not too long ago our Y kids got "trapped" on the bus because of an accident that had occurred on the only bridge. Having an alternate route should address many safety concerns).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Jeri Strange, CEO Daily Family YMCA of Bixby



To 2035LRP@odot.org, STIP@odot.org CC bcc

Subject Hwy 64 (Memorial Drive) in Bixby, OK

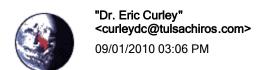
First of all, it is great to see all the progress on the I-44 corridor through Tulsa! In my hometown of Bixby and my daily commute into Tulsa, the recent expansion of US64 between the Creek Turnpike and 111th St has been a tremendous improvement.

I'm writing now due to the lack of funding for US64 from 111th St south to US67 in Bixby. This corridor is getting increasingly congested and expansion to six lanes will be constrained by a major Arkansas bridge project - as the current bridge appears to be limited to only four lanes. Commuting across the river becomes a major problem when there is a traffic problem on or near the US64 bridge - as the nearest bridges are the Creek Turnpike and Coweta!

It would seem to me that in a <u>comprehensive 8 year plan</u>, there should at least be some funds to study this corridor for expansion. A short term fix may be to work out a deal with the Creek Turnpike to incent large trucks to continue on the Creek to US75, rather than exiting at US64 to travel to US75 via US67.

We have a great high speed road network in Tulsa - thank you for all you do to maintain and expand these roads!

Craig Dickson 918-289-2450 s.craig.dickson@gmail.com 9521 E 117th St S Bixby, OK 74008



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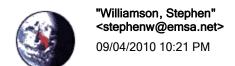
Subject Bixby/ Hwy64

I would like to take the time to say what a difference it has made having 6 lanes from the Creek turnpike to 111<sup>th</sup> st. Thank you for completing that project. I would also like to recommend that Memorial be widened from 111<sup>th</sup> to 151<sup>st</sup>. As someone who drives this road every day, the traffic has continued to increase. I think it is also dangerous that the Arkansas river bridge is only 4 lane. This is a major thoroughfare for economic and neighborhood traffic and should continue to be widened.

Also I would like for ODOT to take the lead in getting another bridge crossing at Yale. This would alleviate some traffic on Memorial and be a considerable public safety enhancement. It is crazy that the city of Tulsa has been able to prevent this from happening.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

ERIC S. CURLEY, D.C. 7333 E. 111<sup>th</sup> Pl. S. Bixby, OK 74008 curleydc@tulsachiros.com www.tulsachiros.com



To <2035LRP@odot.org>, <STIP@odot.org>

cc "Doug Enevoldsen" <djenevoldsen@bixby.com>

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Subject Memorial Drive and Arkanas River bridge

In my position as president of Emergency Medical Services Authority, I can attest to the urgent need for better access for the citizens of Bixby. The congestion and the lack of access across the Arkansas river can extend response time for those living in Bixby.

I urge ODOT to expand Memorial Drive (US-64) to includes 6-lanes from 111<sup>th</sup> to 151<sup>st</sup> and 4-lanes from 161<sup>st</sup> to 171<sup>st</sup> to address growing traffic congestion problems along this vital transportation corridor.

I also urge ODOT to help plan and construct an additional Arkansas River Bridge crossing in South Tulsa County to improve public safety, address growing traffic congestion, and enhance air quality, economic development and quality of life in the region.

These issues are grave now and will only get worse as this vibrant area grows. Thank you

Stephen Williamson President *EMSA* 1417 N. Lansing Ave. Tulsa, Oklahoma 74106 918.596.3150

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# Paul.Harris@gardnerdenver.c om 09/02/2010 08:56 AM

To STIP@odot.org, 2035LRP@odot.org

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#### Subject Memorial Needed improvements

To: Officials of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation >> I was really surprised and disappointed when I read the following notice from Bixby Mayor >> Ray >> Bowen: >> >> "What some may not realize is that Memorial Drive -- one of the most >> significant transportation corridors in our community, and one most >> rapidly >> approaching its capacity level-- is actually a state highway (US 64), >> constructed and maintained primarily by ODOT. If you have found yourself >> frustrated with the growing traffic congestion along US 64, you might >> find >> it of interest to know that when ODOT released its latest 8 Year >> Construction Work Plan, there were no projects included in the plan for >> the >> community of Bixby." >> >> Bixby is one of the fasting growing cities in Oklahoma. We have two >> festivals each year, the Green Corn Festival and the Bixby BBQ'n Music >> Festival. In the past 10 years the traffic has really gotten congested. >> >> >> I therefore support two proposals: >> >> 1. I urge ODOT to expand Memorial Drive (US-64) to includes 6-lanes >> from >> 111th to 151st and 4-lanes from 161st to 171st to address growing >> traffic >> congestion problems along this vital transportation corridor. I urge >> you to >> put this project in your current plans. >> >> 2. I urge ODOT to help plan and construct an additional Arkansas River >> Bridge crossing in South Tulsa County to improve public safety, address >> growing traffic congestion, and enhance air quality, economic >> development >> and quality of life in the region. I also urge ODOT to put this in your >> current plans. >> We can't wait 8 years for ODOT to start planning these improvements. >> need them now, not 10 to 15 years from now, to allow continued growth in >> this area.

### Bixby resident:

Paul Harris Mgr Sales & Customer Service Gardner Denver Petroleum Pumps Tulsa, Oklahoma Ph 918-664-1151 Fx 918-664-6225

"Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there"  $\,$  --Will Rogers



To <STIP@odot.org>

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Subject ODOT 8 year plans and inclusion of Bixby area project US 64

To: Oklahoma Department of Transportation

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Bixby is one of the fasting growing communities in Oklahoma. The continued commercial and residential growth over the past several years has contributed to growing congestion and safety issues along the US 64, known as Memorial Drive. We have two large community festivals each year, the Green Corn Festival and the Bixby BBQ'n Music Festival, which along with Bixby High School events cause increasing traffic problems.

#### I therefore support two proposals:

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As citizens of the Bixby area, we can't wait 8 years for ODOT to start planning these improvements. We need them now, not 10 to 15 years from now, to allow continued growth in this area.

Thank you for your consideration of this area need.

Paula O'Dell

Bixby Area resident and Bixby Rotary Club member.



"Kyle Baker" <kbaker@fabscollc.com>

09/01/2010 12:52 PM

Please respond to <a href="mailto:kbaker@fabscollc.com">kbaker@fabscollc.com</a>

To <STIP@odot.org>

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Subject ODOT 8- Year Construction Work Plan (Bixby Area)

#### Hello,

This is Kyle Baker, Bixby school district resident and First United Methodist Church of Bixby member. For years now, my family has been dealing with the heavy traffic on the Memorial Drive (US-64) and the inconvenience of driving many extra miles to get to the businesses south of 121<sup>st</sup> Street on Memorial due to the lack of a South Tulsa County bridge. We live in the 131<sup>st</sup> and Elm area in the midst of many developing subdivisions whose residents must take the same "out of the way" routes.

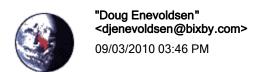
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And.....

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Best regards,

Kyle Baker Bixby School District Resident & Frequent South Tulsa Shopper



To <2035LRP@odot.org>, <STIP@odot.org>

cc <djenevoldsen@olp.net>

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Subject RE: 8-year Construction Plan

September 3, 2010

Dear ODOT Planners:

Due to a conflicting meeting obligation, I was unable to attend your recent public hearing held in Tulsa concerning your STIP and 2035 Long Range Plan. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to same via this e-mail.

I developed a keen appreciation for the importance of transportation to our state economy at the very beginning of my professional career nearly 30 years ago, serving as the Oklahoma House of Representatives Legislative Fiscal Analyst who annually helped write the Oklahoma Department of Transportation budget. That only grew as I served as House Fiscal Director, and Deputy Director of State Finance, where I was responsible for developing state economic and fiscal policy for the Governor.

During the past four years, while serving as City Manager for the City of Sand Springs, I worked with ODOT officials to see that your 8 Year Construction Plan was successfully updated to include widening of state highway 97 from four lanes to six lanes between 2nd Street and Morrow. That made a lot of sense, as that stretch of highway is at capacity and will gradually see further traffic generators entering the picture in the coming years. I observed where your latest approved 8 year plan continued to allocate funding for said project.

A few months ago, I began serving as the new City Manager for the City of Bixby and am enjoying learning the issues and getting settled into my new position. One of my biggest adjustments has involved experiencing first-hand the rapid growth and consequent transportation challenges facing the community of Bixby and surrounding area. The City of Bixby was actually the third fastest growing community in the state over the past decade, having grown by more than 60%, with more people moving into the area every month. In light of this phenomenon, I was surprised to see that ODOT's current 8 Year Plan does not have any projects included in it for its facilities located within the City of Bixby.

While I realize there are many needs around the state, I would respectfully recommend and request that you direct your planning attention and appropriate future resources towards expanding the transportation capacity of the Bixby area as follows:

\* Expand Memorial Drive (US-64) to include 6-lanes from 111th to 151st and 4-lanes from 161st to 171st to address growing traffic congestion

problems along this vital transportation corridor. The previous widening work from Creek Turnpike to 111th was a great start, but needs to be continued to keep up with traffic demands, maintain the public safety, preserve air quality and quality of life.

\* Help plan and construct an additional Arkansas River Bridge crossing in South Tulsa County to improve public safety, address growing traffic congestion, and enhance air quality, economic development and quality of life in the region.

I devoted the past four years of my career in SS working with persons from throughout the Tulsa metro area who deemed completion of the Gilcrease Expressway, including a new bridge crossing over the Arkansas River, as critical to the future of our region. Interestingly, I have discovered the very same need for an additional bridge crossing in South Tulsa County, for many of the same reasons as the proposed Gilcrease crossing, but with even more rapid traffic growth. In fact, due to the greater traffic congestion in the Bixby area and the nature of the related bridge designs, I believe the public safety hazard associated with the single Memorial bridge crossing is even greater than that of the single Highway 97 crossing.

- \* Maintain your commitment to partnering with municipalities through provision of FHWA STP project funding for improvement of municipal streets. Our community has worked very closely with ODOT to garner and implement STP projects to the benefit of our city, region, and state, and pledge to continue to do all we can to do so in the future.
- \* Continue to partner with municipalities through the delivery of FHWA Enhancement Grants, for such projects as community trails which help keep motor vehicles off the road, and improve public safety, air quality, and quality of life.
- \* Work to help develop and implement appropriate alternative modes of transportation throughout the Tulsa Metro region, Bixby included, as currently being studied through INCOG's "Alternatives Analysis" planning initiative. Design and implementation of such systems can alleviate burdens on traditional transportation infrastructure, aid economic growth, and help improve air quality and quality of life.

In closing, I wish to express our appreciation to ODOT officials for their hard work and partnering support to plan for and address critical transportation infrastructure needs of our city, region and state. We offer our continued support for improving transportation funding initiatives as the opportunities arise, at both the state and federal level. Thank you for this consideration of my comments, and please let us know if we can be of any further assistance in this regard.

Respectfully,

Doug Enevoldsen

City Manager, City of Bixby



To "2035LRP@odot.org" <2035LRP@odot.org>, "STIP@odot.org" <STIP@odot.org>

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Subject US-64/Memorial Drive/South Tulsa County Bridge

Memorial Drive (Sate Highway US 64) is one of the most significant transportation corridors in our community, and one most rapidly approaching its capacity level. It was constructed and is maintained primarily by ODOT. I am a resident of south Tulsa County residing at 131<sup>st</sup> and Garnett. I speak for all in my area that we are frustrated with the growing traffic congestion along US 64.

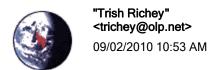
As a citizen living in this area, and As ODOT is currently developing its future transportation planning policies and projects for the next four years as parts of its Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and an Intermodal Plan involving alternative transportation modes for the next 25 years, I urge ODOT to expand Memorial Drive (US-64) to includes 6-lanes from 111<sup>th</sup> to 151<sup>st</sup> and 4-lanes from 161<sup>st</sup> to 171<sup>st</sup> to address growing traffic congestion problems along this vital transportation corridor. I also urge ODOT to help plan and construct an additional Arkansas River Bridge crossing in South Tulsa County to improve public safety, address growing traffic congestion, and enhance air quality, economic development and quality of life in the region.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you would like to reach out to me, I can be reached at:

Matt Pivarnik Executive Vice President mattpivarnik@tulsachamber.com (918) 560-0208 - o (918) 830-3278 - c



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To <2035LRP@odot.org>, <STIP@odot.org>

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Subject STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) AND INTERMODAL PLAN

History: 

This message has been forwarded.

#### ODOT:

I am most appreciative of the recent widening project of U.S. Highway 64 from the Creek Turnpike to 111<sup>th</sup>! I became quite concerned when I learned recently that ODOT's 8-year Construction Work Plan does not include any projects in the City of Bixby.

In my position as Director of Economic Development for the City of Bixby and having lived in the area for the past 25 years, I know firsthand what a vital transportation corridor U.S. Highway 64 / Memorial Drive is to our community!

#### Please consider:

- Bixby grew **60.6%** from 2000 to 2009
- Bixby was the **3** Fastest Growing incorporated place in Oklahoma from 2000:2009 (Taft # 1, Jenks # 2)
- Bixby was the **20th largest incorporated place** in Oklahoma, moving from 32<sup>nd</sup> in 2000

With the City of Bixby's future in mind and while considering the continued growth trend, I strongly urge ODOT to:

- Expand Memorial Drive (US-64) to include 6-lanes from 111<sup>th</sup> to 151<sup>st</sup> and 4-lanes from 161<sup>st</sup> to 171<sup>st</sup> to address growing traffic congestion problems along this vital transportation corridor
- Help plan and construct an additional Arkansas River Bridge crossing in South Tulsa County to improve public safety, address growing traffic congestion, and enhance air quality, economic development and quality of life in the region

Thank you very much for this consideration.

Cc: Doug Enevoldsen, City Manager Mayor Ray Bowen

Respectfully yours,

# Trish Richey

**Director Economic Development** 

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Subject STIP and Intermodal Plan

To Whom It may concern,

Please include Bixby in your plans for the following areas:

- 1) Widening of Memorial (US 64) to include 6 lanes from 111<sup>th</sup> to 151<sup>st</sup> and 4 lanes from 161<sup>st</sup> to 171<sup>st</sup> to address growing traffic congestion.
- 2) Include in your plans to include a second bridge across the Arkansas river crossing South Tulsa County. The bridge will address congestion, air quality issues, SAFETY issues with fire and ambulance service.

Sincerely,

Mark Musser, CLU, Agent

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Fax: 918-369-3206

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Subject STIP concern

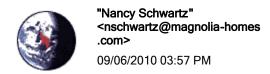
# To whom it may concern:

I would like to ask that you please widen Memorial Drive, US-64, to include 6 lanes from 111th to 151st to address the ever growing traffic problem on this highway. This area is rapidly growing and the highway does not currently accommodate the high traffic and only promises to get worse with all the recent and upcoming growth.

I also urge ODOT to help plan and construct an additional Arkansas River Bridge crossing in South Tulsa County to improve public safety, address growing traffic congestion, and enhance the quality of life in this area. We live in Bixby and I am also a realtor and this would not only increase residents quality of life but also sales for the residents and builders across the river. The inaccessibility of this location is a deterrent for people.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Tyler



To <STIP@odot.org>

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Subject US-64

As Bixby, OK business owners and future residents we urge ODOT to widen Memorial Drive (US-64) from 111th to 171st including another bridge. Bixby is growing and the traffic congestion is not only a problem for businesses but also for emergency vehicles.

Thank you for your time,

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Schwartz



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But again, the second bridge needs to be planned. I can't tell you how many times my commute home from Tulsa was completely at a standstill because of an accident on the bridge. It is not in the best interests of Bixby residents (also taxpayers) to have only one entrance into their city and since we have to cross a river, only one bridge to go over the river. This should be viewed as a public safety concern more than anything.

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