



June 21, 2021

Board of County Commissioners
Washington County
400 S Johnstone, Rm 201
Bartlesville, OK 74003

Subject: Bridge and Approaches on SH 123 over Caney River, JP 24348(10), STP-274B(025)PM and Bridge and Approaches on SH-123 over an unnamed creek, JP 29592(04), STP-274B(036)PM in Washington County

Dear Commissioners,

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) is considering improvements to the subject bridges. This letter is to inform you of the proposed projects and to request your input on issues that are important to you as a resident, business owner, or local official in the area. If you are currently leasing this property, please notify your lessee of the proposed closure.

The projects are currently scheduled to be advertised for construction bids in November 2021, which will necessitate closure of the bridges and the approach roadways on State Highway 123. It is anticipated that the road closure will last approximately 270 days, with incentives to reduce the closure time. We are considering using the following as a state highway detour during the bridge closure. For northbound traffic from the junction of SH 123/US 60, proceed east on US 60 to the Junction of US 60/US 75, then north on US 75 to the junction of US 75/SH 123, proceed west on SH 123. For southbound traffic on SH 123 from the Junction of SH 123/US 75, proceed south to the Junction of US 75/US 60, then east on US 60 to the Junction of US 60/SH 123, proceed north on SH 123 (approximately 12 miles) - see attached map. While the state highway detour will have signs for the through traffic on the state highway, local traffic will be able to use local county or city roads. Once the project is awarded for construction, information on actual date of closure and duration of closure can be obtained from the ODOT Field District at (918) 838-9933.

This project is in the developmental stages and any comments relative to the road closure such as time and duration of closure and any other potential impacts to the surrounding community such as school bus or emergency route impacts, etc. are appreciated. To allow adequate time for evaluation of your suggestions, we would appreciate receiving your comments by **July 16, 2021**. Your written comments should be directed to the Environmental Programs Division Engineer, Oklahoma Department of Transportation, 200 NE 21st Street, Room 3 D2a, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105 or email environment@odot.org.

Additional information about the project can be obtained from ODOT's District 8 Construction Engineer, Jennifer Bullard, (918) 838-9933 or jbullard@odot.org.

ACKNOWLEDGED

7-6-2021

DATE

CHAIRMAN

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Sincerely,

for Siv Sundaram, P.E.
Environmental Programs Division Engineer

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Attachment: Project Location Map, Proposed Detour Map
Copy to: Field District Engineer, District 8
Project Management Division
Traffic Engineering Division

Roadway Design Division
Bridge Division
MPR Staff