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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### HOW WAS THE CURRENT PROPOSED ROUTE CHOSEN?

Oklahoma Turnpike Authority engineers reviewed available traffic, development, floodplain and other characteristics of the areas to draw the proposed routes, taking care to minimize impacts to local communities.

Widening existing highways will not accommodate the traffic needs as we move into the future.

### ARE THESE NEW TURNPIKE ALIGNMENTS NECESSARY? IF SO, WHY NOT MAKE THEM PUBLIC HIGHWAYS?

Traffic growth, accident frequency and severity as well as future growth all are indicative of a needed solution. This has required both OTA and ODOT to look at reliever routes to the east of I-35 for many years. ODOT has limited resources to address its statewide needs, and the OTA is able to complement ODOT's efforts by providing a user fee-based system. OTA, with bond funds, is able to leverage current interest rates to maximize possible solutions to Oklahoma's traffic needs. The turnpike system alleviates traffic on a voluntary basis and thereby improves conditions on the taxpayer-based network.

### HAS OTA BEEN BUYING PROPERTY NEAR THE I-35 INTERCHANGE WITH INDIAN HILLS ROAD?

OTA has not been acquiring property near the I-35 and Indian Hills Road interchange. Actually, ODOT has purchased property in this area for its proposed interchange upgrades scheduled for 2024 in the agency's Eight-Year Construction Work Plan. This work will now be blended with the East-West Connector to provide access in this area.

### HAS OTA COMPLETED ANY ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES YET?

OTA has initiated the environmental study phase. OTA will complete studies on all ACCESS Oklahoma corridors in accordance to state and federal regulations. These studies will include bodies of water and wetlands, threatened and endangered species, and cultural resources (historic and archeological). For project areas that intersect federal highways, compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) will be required, which may necessitate additional studies. Both the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration will need to approve any NEPA documents. The public will be involved in the completion of the NEPA document and will have an opportunity to provide input.

### WHEN WILL OTA HOST PUBLIC MEETINGS?

OTA has scheduled four public meetings to document citizen input and provide progress updates. OTA welcomes information regarding local features or conditions that can be incorporated into the decision processes that improve aspects of the project.

- **Thursday, April 14** from 6-8 p.m. in Noble
- **Monday, April 18** from 6-8 p.m. in Newcastle
- **Tuesday, April 19** from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Norman
- **Thursday, April 21** from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Moore

The time and location of these meetings are also posted on the ACCESSOklahoma.com website.



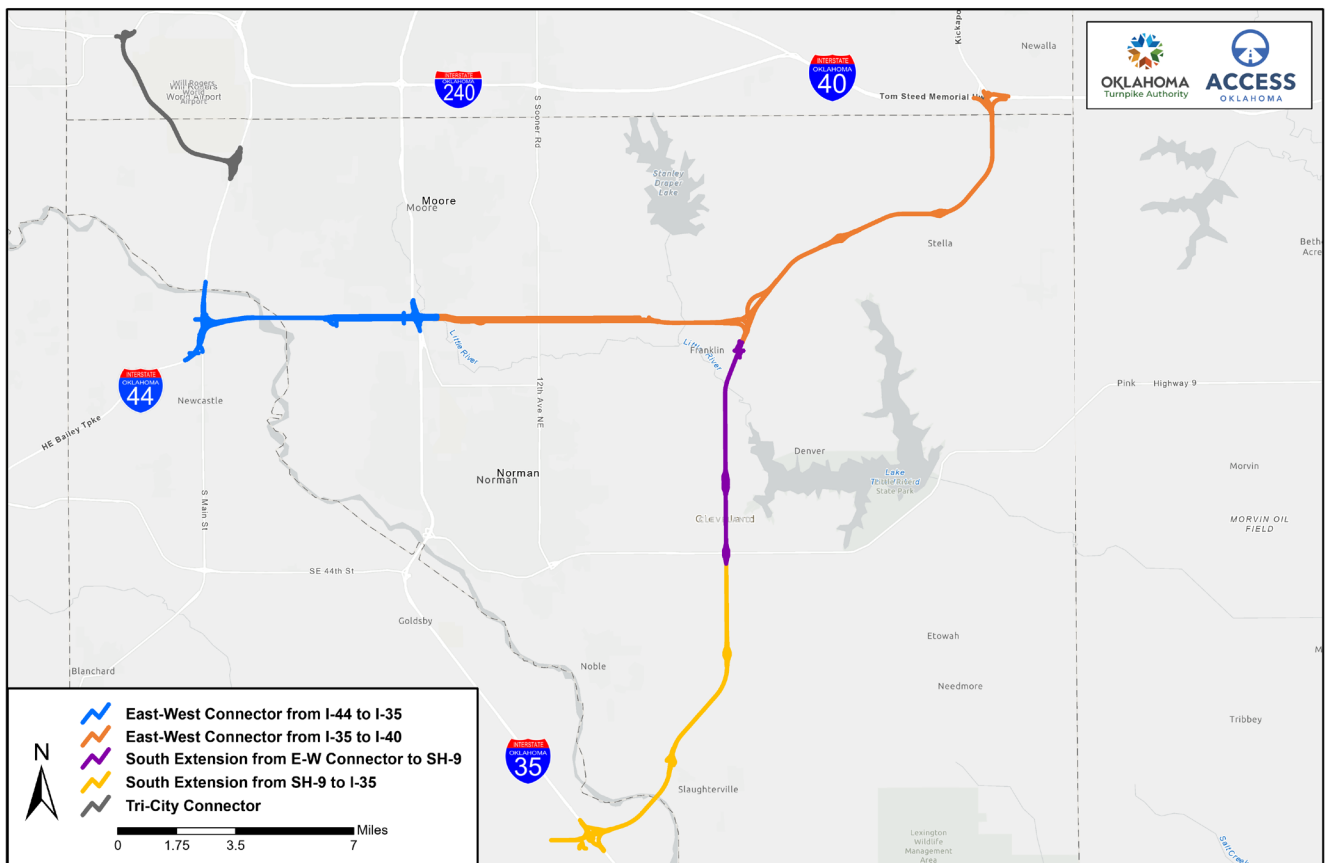
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**ACCESS Oklahoma stands for Advancing and Connecting Communities and Economies Safely Statewide. This \$5 billion, 15-year long-range plan identifies and addresses on-going highway infrastructure needs to improve access to communities across the Oklahoma turnpike network.**

The ACCESSOklahoma.com website provides an interactive map showing the program's preliminary route and locations of the new turnpike. The projects are subject to change during this process. Any changes will be updated on the website.

For a list of the benefits of these projects, visit [ACCESSOklahoma.com](https://www.accessoklahoma.com)

## PROJECT TIMELINE



## PUBLIC MEETINGS

**Thursday, April 14, 2022**  
 6-8 p.m.  
 Noble High School  
 Commons Area  
 4601 E Etowah Rd  
 Noble, OK 73068

**Monday, April 18, 2022**  
 6-8 p.m.  
 Newcastle Public Schools  
 Administration Building  
 101 North Main  
 Newcastle, OK 73065

**Tuesday, April 19, 2022**  
 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
 Norman Central Library  
 3rd Floor  
 Oklahoma Redbud Room  
 103 W Acres St  
 Norman, OK 73069

**Thursday, April 21, 2022**  
 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
 Moore Library  
 Room A&B  
 225 S Howard Ave  
 Moore, OK 73160



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