

May 16, 2025

## **South Extension Turnpike public input meetings set for May 19 in Norman and May 21 in Purcell**

The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority is inviting the public in Cleveland and McClain counties to attend one of two public meetings in Norman and Purcell next week to share input on the future South Extension Turnpike route alignment. These are the first round of meetings since the turnpike route was cleared to be built with follow-up meetings planned for later this year.

To be clear, there is no new alignment location determined yet for the South Extension. Those attending the open house public meetings will have the opportunity to speak directly with engineers and experts to ask questions and share their own knowledge of the study area with OTA to help determine the best route possible with the least amount of impact. Attendees will be able to mark on tabletop maps, look at recent aerial views of the area, see numerous layers of publicly available information on a new digital mapping application and will be asked to provide their feedback through a digital comment form or printed forms available at the meetings. Public input will be accepted digitally through June 30 at [www.accessoklahoma.com](http://www.accessoklahoma.com).

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**5-7 p.m. Monday, May 19, at Countdown Event Center,  
3201 Deskin Dr., Norman**

**5-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, at the Purcell Multi-Purpose Center,  
1400 Chandler Park Rd., Purcell**

Work on the South Extension Turnpike was paused due to legal challenges and OTA has since received clearance from the Oklahoma Supreme Court to continue with the new routes in the ACCESS Oklahoma program. The initial alignment of the South Extension Turnpike must be modified and moved to the west to comply with the Bureau of Reclamation compatibility findings from the initial application process. This is not an uncommon occurrence and often expected after studies begin in the development of new routes. This gives OTA the opportunity to receive as much feedback from the

public as possible before shaping a new route. While these meetings are not required, the agency wants to hear from residents, property owners and business owners, especially those who may not have had an opportunity to provide input yet.

The South Extension Turnpike will connect the future East-West Connector with I-35 to the south near Purcell, serving as a traffic reliever route for the congested I-35 Southern Corridor. This will improve safety by lessening congestion between Purcell and Oklahoma City and increasing mobility and travel options such as adding a new river crossing.

Input now is critical, which is why OTA is inviting the public to be part of the process. OTA also will provide information about the need for the project and share its vision and timeline for the design process. Input from these meetings will be used in developing a new route alignment for the South Extension Turnpike, which is slated to be constructed by 2034.

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## Public Meeting - May 19, 2025 3201 Deskin Dr, Norman, OK 73069



The South Extension Turnpike public meeting in Norman will be from 5-7 p.m. Monday, May 19, at the Countdown Event Center, 3201 Deskin Dr., Norman. This map shows its location and the available parking areas.