



South Extension Turnpike

June 2025

- The South Extension Turnpike corridor, which will carry traffic from I-35 in the vicinity of Purcell to the East West Connector, is a necessary component of the ACCESS Oklahoma program in providing growing traffic with a reliever route in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area.
- After the initial announcement of the ACCESS Oklahoma Program in February 2022, the program went through a series of legal challenges and was ultimately determined by the Oklahoma Supreme Court to be a valid reflection of legislative intent.
- It is rather common after initial research to expect adjustments in the early stages of the development of a new turnpike alignment. It has been determined that the preliminary alignment must be adjusted westerly to comply with the Bureau of Reclamation's congressional compatibility requirements at Lake Thunderbird.
- Many individuals and businesses have placed improvements and decisions on hold while waiting to know if they are impacted by the final South Extension alignment. Our goal is to move forward and bring certainty to those who may be directly affected along the corridor by having a modified alignment by fall 2025.
- OTA directed the Program Management Team and the Design Teams in March 2025 to begin working with stakeholders and the public to determine the best alignment for the South Extension Turnpike. Two public input meetings were hosted by OTA in May in Purcell and Norman. The team will closely consider public comments as part of the alignment selection process. Public comment on the alignment remains open through June 30 at [ACCESS South Extension Public Feedback](#)
- The development of the southern portion of the South Extension Turnpike will include a major river crossing and an interstate-to-interstate interchange with I-35. On the northern portion, the South Extension Turnpike will connect with the future East-West Connector Turnpike.
- Property owners with questions may reach out to OTA at any time at 1-844-56-ACCES(S) or info@accessoklahoma.com. Project updates will be on www.acesoklahoma.com as they become available.
- The South Extension Turnpike is slated to be constructed by 2034. The project will improve safety by lessening congestion between Purcell and Oklahoma City and increase mobility and travel options.