



South Extension Turnpike Cleveland and McClain counties

September 2025

- Many homeowners, individuals and businesses have placed improvements and decisions on hold while waiting to know if they are impacted by the final South Extension Turnpike alignment. The OTA is pleased to meet the goal of bringing certainty to those who may be directly affected along the corridor by having a modified alignment by fall 2025, as promised.
- 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. Additionally, there were hundreds of direct contacts made between the project team and citizens that were also considered as part of the decision-making process. The engineering team closely considered public comments as part of the alignment selection process to help us make an educated selection based on many of the issues raised as part of the public engagement process.
- Many factors were considered while the alignment was being moved west with the homeowners always being at the top of the priority list. The engineering team looked at all options and primarily at areas of least impact to property owners and specifically homes. Other factors considered were environmental or flooding issues, historic landmarks, utility corridors, amongst other factors.
- The South Extension Turnpike corridor, which will carry traffic from I-35 in the vicinity of Purcell north to the East-West Connector, is a necessary component of the ACCESS Oklahoma program in providing a reliever route for the growing traffic needs 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 in August 2023, to be a valid reflection of legislative intent.
- The OTA and its representatives have been in contact with stakeholders including homeowners, city officials and engineers, OU leadership and staff, the chambers of commerce, county commissioners, the public and the media to provide accurate information and updates, answer specific questions and dispel misinformation spread by the opposition group.
- It is rather common after initial research to expect adjustments in the early stages of the development of a new turnpike alignment. OTA began to adjust the route to the west from the original proposal to meet the Bureau of Reclamation's compatibility requirements at Lake Thunderbird.

- 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.
- Construction of the South Extension corridor is expected to impact about 75 homes.
- The South Extension Turnpike is slated to be open to traffic between the East-West Connector and SH-9 by 2032 and between SH-9 and I-35 by 2034. The project will improve safety by lessening congestion between Purcell and Oklahoma City and increase mobility and travel options.
- 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.accessoklahoma.com as they become available.

ABOUT THE ALIGNMENT

- The northern portion of the alignment parallels a large utility line between 48th St. and 60th Ave. N.E., which is consistent with Norman's AIM plan for land use east of 48th St.
- Locations for the SH-9 interchange were limited due to existing subdivisions, wetlands and streams. This location works well because it avoids many of those issues.
- South of SH-9, the alignment moves southeasterly to avoid developments and moves east of 60th Ave. S.E. to be consistent with City of Noble plans for more dense development west of 60th Ave. S.E. It also avoids Noble High School.
- Due to development along US-77 and extensive utilities in that area, no changes were made to the alignment between US-77 and I-35 from what was proposed in 2022.
- **New interchanges will be constructed at 4 locations:**
 - East-West Connector interchange just south of Indian Hills Road between 48th St. and 60th Ave. N.E.
 - SH-9 between 48th St. and 60th Ave. N.E.
 - US-77 between 48th St. and 60th Ave. S.E.
 - I-35 north of Purcell
- **Possible interchanges, upon request of local entities, include:**
 - Alameda between 48th St. and 60th Ave. N.E.
 - Lindsey between 48th and 60th Ave. N.E.
 - Etowah between 60th Ave. S.E. and 72nd Ave. S.E.
 - Maguire between 60th Ave. S.E. and 72nd Ave. S.E.