

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## BRIDGE AND APPROACHES PROJECT ON COUNTY ROAD EW 530 OVER TWO UNNAMED CREEKS (BR 85 & 89) SECTION 4(F) DE MINIMIS IMPACTS TO USACE HELD LAND FOR PRYOR CREEK GOLF COURSE

Mayes County in coordination with Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is proposing to replace two bridges on County Road EW-530 over two Unnamed Creeks outside of the City of Pryor in Mayes County, Oklahoma. The project is located approximately 5.5 miles east of US-69/SH-69A junction and the two creeks are tributaries to the Grand River.

The proposed project consists of replacing two existing structurally deficient bridges to provide a 26-foot-wide clear roadway at both bridge locations. The approach roadway will consist of two (2)-12 ft wide driving lanes with 5-6-foot-wide shoulders. The entire project length is approximately 1,880 feet long. The roadway will be closed to traffic during construction for approximately six months. The project is currently scheduled for construction in Year 2025.

Right-of-way within U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) held lands associated with Fort Gibson Lake will be required to replace these bridges. Due to the proposed conversion of recreational property to transportation use for the property located within USACE lands, Section 4(f) regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 apply to the project. Section 4(f) affords protection to publicly owned recreation areas including city, state, and national parks, wildlife refuges and management areas and historic sites.

ODOT has coordinated with the USACE Fort Gibson Lake and City of Pryor (Pryor Creek Golf Course) regarding avoidance and minimization of impacts of this project on USACE held lands. The USACE has leased approximately 430 acres to the City of Pryor that include the Pryor Creek Golf Course and Earl Ward Park. The land required is located on the Pryor Creek Golf Course leased land. Both parties are supportive of replacing the two bridges and approach roadways. The USACE, as owner of the land, has determined that no specific mitigation measures will be required for this action. Any required additional right-of-way will be minimized as much as possible.

The County is proposing to obtain by easement approximately 1.22 acres of the 75,000 total land acres managed on Fort Gibson Lake by the USACE, which constitutes less than 0.01 percent of the USACE land area. The use of appropriate best management practices including storm water, erosion, dust control, and chemical/fuel handling will be conscientiously implemented.

Based on the avoidance and minimization of impacts to USACE held lands for Fort Gibson Lake as described above, and the need for no mitigation measures, the County, in coordination with ODOT and FHWA, are proposing a *de minimis* impact finding with regard to Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act (1966). The County welcomes your comments on the effects of this project on the projected activities, features, and attributes of USACE land associated with Fort Gibson Lake, leased to the City of Pryor that include the Pryor Creek Golf Course and Earl Ward Park (the Section 4(f) resource). Please mail or e-mail any comments you have by **November 23, 2020** to:

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