

Jacob's Road Bridge over I-35 • Love County, OK Update of Proposed Alternatives

Bridge History

The Jacob's Road Bridge was constructed in approximately 1965 as a part of the original I-35 construction. The bridge, that crosses over I-35, was recently damaged by a tractor trailer on October 18, 2017. The vehicle traveled behind the guardrail and up the embankment, striking the westernmost span of the Jacob's Road Bridge. The force of the impact shifted the bridge span approximately 4.7 feet to the south. The force of the impact rendered all beams, rail, and deck in the westernmost span unsalvageable. An emergency contract was awarded for removal of the westernmost span, and the span was removed on October 30, 2017. The bridge was previously damaged by over-height loads in 1985 and in June 2014.

Project Update

This is to update you as to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's (ODOT) preferred alternative for Jacob's Road Bridge. At a public meeting held November 28, 2017 at the Marietta Public School Cafeteria, ODOT presented three alternatives: Repair the damaged span of bridge, Replace the entire bridge to accommodate future 6 lanes of traffic on I-35, and Remove the entire bridge. The presented preferred alternative was for the removal of the entire bridge due to the low traffic volume and the existence of available crossings over I-35 within 2 miles north and south of the bridge. ODOT received numerous public comments and, upon a thorough evaluation of these comments, has revised the preferred alternative to reconstruct the damaged span and reopen Jacob's Road Bridge. The reconstruction will be done with the understanding that if Jacob's Road Bridge is damaged and in need of structural repair in order to maintain traffic or it is deemed necessary to replace the bridge in the future due to condition or proximity to future construction, the bridge will be removed and Jacob's road will dead-end on either side of the current Jacob's Road Bridge. It is estimated that construction will begin late summer/early Fall 2018.



