



## Lawton-area projects included in new eight-year Construction Plan

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In the more than \$4 billion construction plan approved by the Oklahoma Transportation Commission Tuesday, Sept. 8, some Lawton-area projects are closer to becoming reality.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation's eight-year Construction Work Plan is a blueprint for bridge and highway projects during federal fiscal years 2010-2017.

The new Lawton-area projects include reconstruction and safety improvements for the US-62 (Rogers Lane) at Sheridan Road interchange as well as the Ft. Sill Boulevard interchange, both estimated at \$2 million and tentatively scheduled to let in 2010. Additionally, an estimated \$7 million reconstruction and safety improvement project is planned in 2013 for the I-44/US-62 (Rogers Lane) interchange.

"Recognizing the importance of Ft. Sill Military Base to southwest Oklahoma's economic development, I am pleased with ODOT's opportunity to add these projects which are deemed to be important to Ft. Sill and its military mission," Transportation Commissioner Brad Burgess said.

ODOT's Division VII, which offices in Duncan and oversees activities throughout Caddo, Comanche, Cotton, Grady, Jefferson, Love, Murray and Stephens counties, introduced new projects into the next few years of the department's new eight-year Construction Work Plan.

"The additions were possible without delaying other needed improvements already in the program, as a result of economic stimulus monies being made available to fund transportation projects," Division 7 Engineer Bob Rose said.

ODOT's eight-year Construction Plan is normally updated each year to reflect project completions and funding changes. Additionally, this year's plan reflects more new projects than would have otherwise been possible due to gaps created by economic stimulus funds.

The new eight-year Construction Plan is available on the ODOT Web site at [www.okladot.state.ok.us](http://www.okladot.state.ok.us), then click News and Media.

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