

PUBLIC NOTICE
RIVERSIDE DRIVE
RECONSTRUCTION FROM SOUTH 24TH STREET TO SOUTH 33RD PLACE
SECTION 4(F) DE MINIMIS IMPACTS TO
RIVER PARKS, TULSA, OK

The City of Tulsa, in coordination with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), proposes to reconstruct Riverside Drive from South 24th Street south approximately 1.0 mile to South 33rd Place. The City of Tulsa - proposes to make several improvements to Riverside Drive, including the reconstruction of Riverside Drive from South 24th Street south to the intersection at East 33rd Place, the reconstruction of the Riverside Drive intersections at East 33rd Place and at East 31st Street, the replacement of the Riverside Drive bridge over Crow Creek, and the replacement of an existing waterline main along the right-of-way (ROW). These improvements are in support of the environmental documentation for the proposed Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant federally funded portion of Riverside Drive reconstruction. Surrounding the project area is the proposed new construction of the Tulsa Gathering Place, which is ongoing.

Right-of-way within River Parks will be required in order to reconstruct this roadway and provide improvements. Due to the proposed transportation use of property located within a recreational area (Tulsa's River Parks), 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.

The City of Tulsa has coordinated with the River Parks Authority, an Oklahoma public trust which owns and administers the park property included in and adjacent to the improvement, with regard to avoidance and minimization of impacts of this project on River Parks, and the River Parks Authority is supportive of these measures. As this portion of River Parks land is owned by the City of Tulsa and leased to the River Parks Authority, extensive coordination has taken place in development of these improvements. Minimization of impacts to River Parks will be accomplished in part by closing the roadway during construction to avoid additional impacts to the park. The existing Riverside Drive roadway is 4-lanes, and will be totally reconstructed to 4-lanes plus a center median. The proposed median will have plantings to maintain the park setting and will be installed and maintained by River Parks Authority through Tulsa's Gathering Place LLC. The western curb line, along the River Parks is being maintained as much as possible in order to save the trees along the trail, but some park right-of-way will be needed. The existing Crow Creek Bridge will remain in place, as the proposed new bridge will span over the bridge and creek. The new bridge will be built in two stages, without requiring a temporary bridge structure and thus minimizing impacts. The City of Tulsa will be adding an additional traffic signal for the River Parks entrance at the 2700 block of Riverside Drive to improve accessibility to the Park.

The City of Tulsa proposes to obtain approximately 407 square feet of the 800 acre River Parks Authority managed land, which constitutes 000011679 percent of the overall River Parks area. The use of appropriate best management practices including storm water, erosion, and dust control, and chemical/fuel handling will be conscientiously implemented.

Based on the avoidance and minimization of impacts to River Parks and proposed enhancements as described above, the City of Tulsa, 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). ODOT welcomes your comments on the effects of this project on the projected activities, features, and attributes of River Parks (the Section 4(f) resource). Please mail or e-mail any comments you have by **February 13, 2015** to:

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