

**Federal Emergency Management Agency  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA)  
for the Proposed Relocation of D4598 Road (Memorial Drive)  
Sequoyah County, Oklahoma**

On May 9, 2008, President Bush declared that a major disaster (FEMA-1754-DR) due to severe storms beginning April 9, 2008. Portions of D4598 Road (Memorial Drive) in Sequoyah County, Oklahoma were severely damaged by sheet flow during this event. This structural damage leaves the roadway rutted and contributes to the safety issues on this road. D4598 Road (Memorial Drive) is currently closed due to embankment failure. Interested persons are hereby notified that Board of Commissioners of Sequoyah County has applied to FEMA for assistance with the proposed Relocation of D4598 Road (Memorial Drive) in Sequoyah County, Oklahoma.

Sequoyah County proposes to reconstruct D4598 Road (Memorial Drive) and relocated the road uphill approximately 100 feet to the east of the existing alignment. The reconstructed roadway would be 26 feet wide and 0.5 miles in length with an asphalt surface and will vary in elevation from 590 to 672 feet above National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD). Nine (9) reinforced corrugated pipes and two (2) ditches would be used to convey storm water under the new roadway. A Hydraulics and Hydrology (H&H) Study would be conducted to approximate the size and placement of these storm water structures under the new roadway. The existing roadway would be abandoned and barricaded at each end. The primary purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety and insure access to area residents, emergency vehicles and the general public. It would also reduce the incidence of future embankment failure.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the implementing regulations of FEMA, a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human and natural environment. The Draft EA summarizes the purpose and need, alternatives, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences for the proposed action. The Draft EA is available for comment and can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents>. The Draft EA can also be viewed at the Sequoyah County Courthouse located at 117 South Oak Street, Suite 112 in Sallisaw, Oklahoma during the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday, except for holidays.

The comment period will end 30 days from the initial notice publication date in the newspaper. Written comments on the Draft EA can be mailed or faxed to the contact below. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued for the project. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

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