

Appendix 9: Public Meeting Minutes

PROJECT: US 70: East of Broken Bow to the Oklahoma/Arkansas State Line
PROJECT NO.: ODOT 17427(05)
C&B 022094.010
PRESENT: See Attached Sign-In Sheets
MEETING DATE: August 30, 2005
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

The following is our understanding of the subject matter covered in this meeting. If this differs from your understanding, please notify Sandy Wesch-Schulze at 214-638-0145 within five (5) working days.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) conducted a Public Meeting (open house format) to solicit public comments on the proposed improvements to US 70 from east of Broken Bow to the Oklahoma/Arkansas State Line. The meeting was held at the Broken Bow Public Library located at 404 North Broadway in Broken Bow, Oklahoma on Tuesday, August 30, 2005. The meeting was scheduled from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. However, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm due to the low community attendance.

A total of 60 public meeting notices were mailed to persons listed on the mailing list (to elected officials and interested parties). Newspaper ads for the open house meeting were published in two newspapers:

- McCurtain Daily Gazette – August 21, 2005
- McCurtain County News – August 24, 2005

A registration table was set up at the entrance to the conference room with sign-in sheets for attendees, elected officials, and the media. Handouts made available to the attendees included a fact/information sheet with a location map and time schedule and a written comment form. The registration attendance totaled 16 people: three people registered from the public and 13 people registered as part of the ODOT team. One elected official, State Representative Jerry Ellis, was also present at the public meeting.

Exhibits displayed at the open house included aerial photos of the entire project length showing environmental constraints, a display board showing the typical section of the proposed roadway, and environmental process cards. Viewing of the project exhibits and informal discussion sessions were held throughout the duration of the meeting to give attendees an opportunity to view the displays and to ask questions regarding the proposed project with the project team members present. No formal presentation was given at this meeting. No written comment forms were received at the public meeting.

A comment period (until September 14, 2005) was given after the meeting to allow comment forms to be submitted to ODOT. No comments were mailed or received by ODOT after the public meeting regarding the proposed project.

REPORTED BY: Nathan Drozd

Attachments: August 30, 2005 Sign-In Sheets