

**Environmental Assessment for Oklahoma City Boulevard Available for Review,
Alternative Chosen and Public Hearing Scheduled**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 17, 2014

PR# 14-042

The next step in finalizing plans for the Oklahoma City Boulevard begins Friday as the Oklahoma Department of Transportation completed and made available the project's environmental assessment which includes its preferred alternative. The document is available for public review and official comment on ODOT's website at www.odot.org and also in printed form for review at the following locations in Oklahoma City:

ODOT Headquarters	City of Oklahoma City	Metropolitan Downtown Library
200 N.E. 21st Street	200 N. Walker Avenue	300 Park Avenue
Oklahoma City	Oklahoma City	Oklahoma City

This document describes the project's purpose and need, the different design alternatives discussed in previous meetings as well as the selected preferred alternative, Alternative C with modifications from input received in previous meetings. In addition, the document outlines the social, economic and environmental effect of each of the alternatives and ODOT's coordination and public involvement activities conducted as part of the formulation of the assessment.

For this project, ODOT and the Federal Highway Administration worked to develop a more user friendly environmental assessment based on FHWA's Every Day Counts initiative which focuses on accelerating project delivery through innovative ideas and collaboration.

In addition, ODOT and the City of Oklahoma City, in cooperation with FHWA, have scheduled a public meeting to present the findings of the Oklahoma City Boulevard environmental assessment and to obtain official public input. The public hearing will occur:

Thursday, Nov. 13

5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Chevy Bricktown Events Center

429 E. California St.

Oklahoma City

(free parking available in lot south of center)

The public will have a variety of ways to be part of the official comment record for the Oklahoma City Boulevard. The public meeting will begin at 5 p.m. to give the citizens the chance to talk to planners and engineers about specific questions they may have about the project. A formal presentation will start at 5:30 p.m., followed by a public comment forum. Individuals wanting to make public comments must sign up to speak at the meeting and will be limited to three minutes each to assure that everyone has a chance to be heard. Additionally, citizens can make private verbal comments at the public meeting.

Written comments concerning this project or the environmental assessment can be made at the public meeting, mailed to Environmental Programs Division Engineer, ODOT, 200 NE 21st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73105 or emailed to environment@odot.org through Dec. 1, 2014.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation strives to accommodate the needs of all residents. If you require special accommodation or translation services for the meeting, please direct your request to Frank Roesler III, ODOT Public Involvement Officer, at (405) 521-2350 or froesler@odot.org at least three working days prior to the public hearing.

---www.okladot.state.ok.us---

(Editors and News Directors: For more information, please call the ODOT Media and Public Relations Office at 405-521-6000.)