



Public invited to help shape future of transportation for the next 25 years

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What should transportation look like in 25 years? The public will have opportunities to be heard this summer by giving input to help the Oklahoma Department of Transportation prepare the state's Long Range Transportation Plan for 2015-2040.

Public meetings will be held in three areas of the state in June, providing members of the public with information, access to ODOT staff and opportunities to give comments and suggestions for the state's Long Range Transportation Plan.

This plan will guide ODOT's transportation policies for improvements to highways, airport access, rural transit, waterways, rail, and pedestrian and bicyclist travel for the next 25 years. The plan will also address the state's goals for safety, accessibility, mobility, freight movement and other economic and quality-of-life concerns. The plan was last updated in 2010 and is required to be reevaluated every five years.

The meetings will be held in an open house format to give attendees opportunities to speak one-on-one with engineers and planners, comment on proposed plan goals and review materials on the existing conditions of highways and bridges, rail, transit, and waterways in Oklahoma.

The public meetings will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the following dates and at the following locations:

Tuesday, June 10 – Muskogee Civic Center, 425 Boston St., Muskogee Wednesday, June 11 - Moore Public Library, 225 S. Howard Ave., Moore (just northeast of the I-35 exit to SH-37/S. 4th St)

Thursday, June 12 – Frisco Center, 101 S. 4th St., Clinton

Comments will be taken during the meetings, can be mailed to ODOT Long Range Transportation Plan, 200 N.E. 21st St., Oklahoma City 73105 or submitted online at www.oklongrangeplan.org. Information from the meetings will also be made available on the website for viewing. The website will be active on June 1.

These locations are accessible to persons with disabilities, and all printed materials will be available in multiple languages. Anyone requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for language translation should contact Frank Roesler III at froesler@odot.org or (405) 521-2350 at least two days in advance of the meetings.

For more information about Oklahoma's Long Range Transportation Plan, visit: www.oklongrangeplan.org

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