

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) will conduct a public hearing to discuss proposed improvements to the I-35 and I-240 Interchange in Oklahoma City. The public hearing is scheduled from 5 to 8 pm, Thursday, June 9, 2005, at the Crossroads Mall located at 7000 Crossroads Boulevard, Oklahoma City, 73149 on the 1st Level, near Foley's. The project area includes the interchange along I-35 from north of S.E. 66<sup>th</sup> to south of S.E. 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and along I-240 from west of Shields Boulevard to Eastern Avenue.

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss improvements that would best meet the current and future travel demands in the area while balancing social, economic, and environmental effects that may result from the project. The hearing will be conducted using an open house format with no formal presentation. This will allow residents and interested persons to learn more about the proposed design, environmental study process and analysis, and provide the opportunity to ask questions one-on-one with representatives from ODOT and the project study team. Exhibits, figures, and maps pertaining to the project will be displayed.

The existing I-35/I-240 Interchange is a low-speed clover-leaf design that is experiencing major congestion and operational issues. The Department proposes to reconstruct the interchange to a multi-level semi-directional interchange to improve safety, operational function, and capacity. An Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project has been developed which provides information regarding the project's social, economic, and environmental impacts. The EA is available for public inspection and review ODOT Oklahoma City Residency located at 1021 S.E. 59th Street, Oklahoma City, 73129; Southern Oaks Library (Reference Section), 6900 South Walker Avenue, Oklahoma City, 73139; Oklahoma City, City Hall, 200 North Walker Avenue, Oklahoma City, 73102; and South Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, 701 West I-240 Service Road, Oklahoma City, 73139.

Comments from the public regarding this project are requested. Written statements and other exhibits may be mailed to Mr. Joe Khatib, Environmental Coordinator at Oklahoma Department of Transportation, 200 Northeast 21st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. Comments must be received no later than **June 23, 2005**, to be included in the public hearing record. Questions before the meeting may be directed to Mr. Khatib at (405) 521-3651.

ODOT strives to accommodate the needs of all residents, including those who may be disabled. If you would like to attend this hearing but find it difficult because of a disability, architectural barrier, or another special need, please contact Mr. Joe Khatib at (405) 521-3651.

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