

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

All interested persons are hereby given notice that the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) will conduct a public hearing to discuss proposed improvements to US-70 in McCurtain County. The US-70 project corridor begins at the existing 4 lane section, 5 miles east of Broken Bow, and extends approximately 11 miles east to the Arkansas state line. A public hearing is scheduled for 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Thursday, August 7, 2008 at the Broken Bow Public Library located at 404 North Broadway, Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

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. Exhibits, figures, and maps pertaining to the project will be displayed and members of the project team will be available to answer questions.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes to improve the existing US 70 in McCurtain County, Oklahoma starting from the current four-lane section five miles east of Broken Bow and extending 11 miles east to the Arkansas State line. It is anticipated that the near term construction projects on this highway will address safety issues and bridge replacements for an improved two (2) lane facility. This process will also include planning, evaluation, and possible purchase of right-of-way for a four (4) lane facility at an undetermined future date.

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 at the Broken Bow Public Library, Broken Bow City Hall, and the ODOT Division II Office located on the East side of US-271 , 2 miles south of Antlers, Oklahoma. The document is also available for viewing over the internet at the following address:
<http://www.okladot.state.ok.us/meetings/other.htm>.

Questions before the meeting may be directed to Joan Lindley at Oklahoma Department of Transportation, 200 Northeast 21st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, (405) 521-3651 or jlindley@odot.org.

ODOT strives to accommodate the needs of all residents. If you require special accommodations for the meeting, please direct your request to Craig Moody, ODOT Public Involvement Specialist, at 200 NE 21st, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, (405) 522-1465 or cmoody@odot.org at least three (3) working days in advance of the meeting date.

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