

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

All interested persons are given notice that the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will conduct a public hearing regarding proposed improvements to correct operational deficiencies on Interstate 40, between Interstate 240 and Choctaw Road in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County. The proposed improvements include reconstruction of I-40 between I-240 and Choctaw Road, modification of the Choctaw Road interchange and improvements to Choctaw Road in the area of the interchange. A Public Hearing has been scheduled for March 23, 2010 at 6:00PM in the Harmony Christian Church, 7100 S. Choctaw Road.

The purpose of this Hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to comment on the proposed action and the findings of the Environmental Assessment (EA) that has been prepared for this undertaking. A brief presentation will be made at 6:00 PM followed by an open house. Representatives from ODOT will be present to address questions pertaining to the alternatives considered, and the social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. Comment forms will be provided and a recorder will be made available to record verbal comments. ODOT will also have representatives available to answer questions on the relocation assistance program, the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition, and construction.

The EA Document describes the project's purpose and need, the range of alternatives considered, including the Preferred Alternative, the effects of the alternatives upon the surrounding environments, and the agency coordination and public involvement activities conducted.

Copies of the EA are available for public inspection at the following locations:

Midwest City Library
8143 E. Reno
Midwest City, OK

Choctaw Library
2525 Muzzy Street
Choctaw, OK

Harmony Christian Church
7100 S. Choctaw Road
Oklahoma City, OK

ODOT Central Office (Front Desk)
200 N. E. 21st Street
Oklahoma City, OK

or online at the ODOT website <http://www.okladot.state.ok.us/meetings/a2010/i40ea>.

If any person wishes to submit a written statement concerning this project or the Environmental Assessment, they may submit their comments to the Environmental Programs Division Engineer, Oklahoma Department of Transportation, 200 N.E. 21st Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 or email environment@odot.org by no later than April 23, 2010.

Additional information about the project and the upcoming meeting can be obtained from Nancy Ashton, ODOT Environmental Programs Division at (405)521-2676 or nashton@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 Officer, at (405)522-1465 or cmoody@odot.org at least three (3) working days in advance of the meeting date.