

Media Advisory

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Public Input Needed on Proposed Bicycle/Pedestrian Access for Eastbound I-244/ Arkansas River Bridge

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation is seeking public input on a revised design concept for the bicycle/pedestrian facility on the eastbound I-244 bridge over the Arkansas River in Tulsa. This bridge is scheduled for replacement in FFY 2013.

The current proposal shows a pedestrian bridge spanning the entire length of the eastbound I-244 bridge. Public comments are needed on a revised proposal, which would replace the pedestrian bridge with a viewing platform area instead on the north side of the bridge. This would provide a scenic view of the historic Cyrus Avery Route 66 Memorial Bridge and be located near the future Route 66 history center. The revised proposal would also connect this platform via a trail to the pedestrian/bicycle facility on the westbound I-244 bridge, which is currently under construction.

Design concept renderings of the original and revised proposals can be found at <http://www.okladot.state.ok.us/meetings/other.htm>.

Early agency coordination and environmental studies relating to the social, economic and environmental impacts of the action have been completed. This notice is being sent to obtain public comment.

The public is invited to submit comments and concerns. All comments must be in writing and received by Nov. 13, 2012. Written comments may be mailed to the Environmental Programs Division Engineer, 200 N.E. 21st Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 or e-mailed to environment@odot.org. For additional information contact Joe Brutsché, at (405)521-2325.

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