



ODOT Presents Future Outlook to Citizens; Public Meetings Scheduled

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The Oklahoma Department of Transportation encourages citizens to take an active role in transportation planning policies and projects. The department is hosting a series of open house meetings across the state to receive feedback from communities on its drafts of two important planning documents.

Citizens will have the opportunity to review and comment on proposed policies which represent the core of the Statewide Intermodal Transportation Plan, also referred to as the Long Range Plan, outlines policies governing transportation planning for a minimum of 20 years into the future. It contains information and policies for highways, airports, transit, waterways, rail and pedestrians/bicyclists.

Comments will also be accepted on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, a short-range planning tool which educates the public on future transportation needs and assures that federal funds are spent on projects consistent with approved long-range plans. The document identifies necessary improvements of both regional significance and priority on projects such as transit, highway and others to be carried out by the state, cities and counties over the next four years. The STIP outlines the facilitation of the development, management and operation of those needs.

Comments on both the Long Range Plan and the STIP must be received by Sept. 6, 2010. Written comments may be submitted during the meetings or mailed to Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Planning & Research Division, 200 NE 21st St., Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

The draft policies for the Long Range Plan are available at www.oklongrangeplan.com and the STIP will be available on August 16 at www.okladot.state.ok.us under Transportation Programs. For questions regarding the Plan call 405-522-0171 or the STIP call 405-521-6433.

Anyone requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for language translation may call 405-521-2705 or email fcampbell@odot.org 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Meetings scheduled:

OKLAHOMA CITY

Monday, August 23;
4-6 p.m.
Metro Tech, Spring Lake Campus,
Big Dipper room 1720 Springlake Drive

CHICKASHA

Tuesday, August 24
10 a.m. - noon
City Council Chambers, 117 N. 4th St.

LAWTON

Tuesday, August 24
4-6 p.m.
Public Library, 100 SW 4th (Room 1)

TULSA

Wednesday, August 25
4-6 p.m.
Downtown Tulsa Library, Aaronson
Auditorium, 400 Civic Center

ADA

Thursday, August 26
4-6 p.m.
Ada Public Library, 124 S. Rennie

CLINTON

Friday, August 27
4-6 p.m.
Frisco Conference Center, 101 S. 4th St.

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