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TXDOT SEEKS INPUT FROM RESIDENTS IN ARDMORE AND OKLAHOMA CITY ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF TEXAS-OKLAHOMA PASSENGER RAIL

TxDOT kicks off study with public meetings to research viability of passenger rail line

WHEN/WHERE:

All meetings run from 6 to 8 p.m.

- March 25 Oklahoma City Metro Tech Center, 1900 Springlake Dr.
- March 26 Ardmore Ardmore Train Station, 251 E. Main St.

Background — The federally-funded Texas-Oklahoma Passenger Rail Study (TOPRS) will evaluate existing passenger rail services in an 850-mile corridor from Oklahoma City to south Texas as a potential future transportation option that can help reduce demands on the state's roadways, particularly along the highly-congested I-35. These open houses are the first step in a very inclusive process aimed at gathering public input for the study. The above open houses are two of 12 such meetings taking place in March and April along the corridor. The public may view all of the open house locations/dates and provide comments online at <u>www.TXOKrail.org</u>.

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