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TXDOT WANTS TO HEAR FROM ARDMORE AND OKLAHOMA CITY RESIDENTS ABOUT POSSIBLE PASSENGER RAIL ROUTES

TxDOT is holding public meetings to collect comments and answer questions

The Texas-Oklahoma Passenger Rail Study project team has reviewed possible rail routes and types of service and has recommended a few alternatives for further study. The public is invited to review these recommendations and let TxDOT know if these are the right routes to study in more detail. Comments on the draft recommendations are due by February 28, 2014.

WHEN/WHERE: All meetings run from 6 to 8 p.m.

• February 3 - Oklahoma City Metro Tech Center, 1900 Springlake Dr.

• February 4 - Ardmore Ardmore Train Station, 251 E. Main St.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aides or services are requested to contact Mark Werner at (512) 486-5137 at least three days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Background — The federally-funded Texas-Oklahoma Passenger Rail Study (TOPRS) is looking at a range of passenger rail service options along the 850- mile IH-35 corridor from Oklahoma City to South Texas. The study will end with a service-level environmental impact statement (EIS) and service development plan. The above open houses are two of eight such meetings taking place in January and February along the corridor. The public may view all of the open house locations/dates and provide comments online at www.TXOKrail.org.

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