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Media Advisory

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<u>Public meeting set in Claremore to discuss SH-88</u> <u>improvements</u>

A public information meeting has been scheduled to discuss the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's plans to improve portions of SH-88 from Flint Road north to Blue Starr Drive near Claremore.

Representatives from ODOT and Benham, the engineering consulting firm preparing environmental studies and project documentation, plan to present new information collected since the previous public meeting held in August 2004. That information includes more detail about the affected area's three proposed route alternatives.

However, final design and right-of-way requirements for this proposal have not been determined. The public is invited to comment on the proposed alternate routes and help ODOT further identify any social, economic, or environmental issues to be considered.

Comments gathered during this meeting become part of the data used by ODOT to develop a final project solution, which the agency will discuss at a public hearing expected to be held in the fall. The public information meetings, comment periods, and hearings are all part of a federally mandated process for highway construction projects.

The SH-88 public information meeting is set for:

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, 2005 Claremore High School Field House, 1910 N. Florence

Should the public have any questions about this construction project, please contact Ray Sanders, Project Management, at (405) 522-7604. When calling, the public should reference

Division 8, SH-88, from Flint Road north to Blue Starr Drive in Claremore.

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