



Comments sought at Shawnee meeting on important transportation planning documents

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How do you want your transportation system to look? Now? In the future? The Oklahoma Department of Transportation wants to know. ODOT's Planning & Research Division is hosting a series of meetings across the state to provide residents with information, access to ODOT staff and avenues for commenting on two important transportation planning documents.

A meeting in Shawnee has been scheduled for 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, in the dining room of the Gordon Cooper Vocational Technical School, located at 1 John C. Burton Blvd.

Residents may suggest ideas and provide comments for the State Long Range Transportation Plan. This policy plan will represent ODOT's guiding transportation policies for the next 25 years. Updated every five years, the plan was last updated in 2005. It contains information and policies for highways, airports, rural transit, waterways, rail, pedestrians and bicyclists. The plan will address goals related to safety and security; accessibility and mobility; transportation system maintenance; freight/shipping options; transportation and the economy. Residents will be asked to provide comments and propose future ideas for ODOT.

At the same meeting, residents also will be able to review, comment and discuss with ODOT personnel the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. This document is prepared biennially and presents transportation projects scheduled by ODOT for the next four federal fiscal years. Residents will be able to discuss and provide comments on these and any projects they would like ODOT to consider for addition to future Programs with ODOT personnel.

Comments will be received during the meeting or can be mailed to ODOT Planning & Research Division, 200 N.E. 21st St., Oklahoma City 73105, and can be submitted via the LRP Web site at www.oklongrangeplan.com.

The meeting location is accessible to persons having disabilities. Any person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for language translation (including Spanish and Vietnamese) is requested to contact ODOT's Frances Campbell at 405-521-2705 or fcampbell@odot.org 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

For more about ODOT's Long Range Transportation Plan, go to: www.oklongrangeplan.com.

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