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Public Meeting on Passenger Rail Service between Tulsa and Oklahoma City Planned

The Tulsa-Oklahoma City Corridor Investment Plan team will host an open house in Tulsa on August 13 to gain public feedback about passenger rail service between Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

The Tulsa-Oklahoma City Corridor Investment Plan, which was launched by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation in cooperation with the Federal Railroad Administration, is an effort to evaluate how passenger rail could improve inter-city connectivity between Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

In addition to evaluating public input, the project will also study required investment, environmental factors, operational needs and technical data.

Along with the Tulsa meeting, two additional open houses meetings (in Stroud and Oklahoma City) are scheduled in mid-August.

The open house meeting schedule is as follows. All meetings will be held between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.:

- Tulsa - Tuesday, August 13 – Tulsa Community College, Center for Creativity, 909 S. Boston Ave., Tulsa, OK 74135
- Stroud – Wednesday, August 14 – Stroud High School, Heritage Hall, 212 W. 7th St., Stroud, OK 74079
- Oklahoma City – Thursday, August 15 – Metrotech OQI Room, Springlake Campus, 1900 Springlake Dr., Oklahoma City, OK 73111

The Tulsa Rail Advisory Committee, which comprises all nine Tulsa City Councilors and nine appointees, has been studying the extension of passenger rail service from Oklahoma City to Tulsa and all of Northeastern Oklahoma for nearly two years.

“We believe that multiple-frequency rail service will greatly increase economic development,” Rick Westcott, Chairman of the Tulsa Rail Advisory Committee, said.

“With stops at cities along the route, passenger rail will serve business communities and provide an opportunity for people to utilize a safer, cleaner, more productive alternative form of transportation.

“And a public-private partnership will provide the means to achieve the necessary frequency of service while minimizing public expenditures,” Westcott said.

The public will have the opportunity to comment or ask questions relating to the scope and purpose of the study, as well as the transportation needs along the corridor and potential constrained areas.

“This is a good opportunity for the public to express their opinions, get answers to questions and have input into the process,” Westcott said.

To learn more about the Tulsa-Oklahoma City Corridor Investment Plan, visit TulsaOKCRailCorridor.com

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