

NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) proposes to improve SH-82 from the vicinity of Allen Road in Tahlequah north and west to the town of Gideon in Cherokee County. Existing SH-82 has narrow shoulders, sharp curves and rolling terrain which result in inadequate sight distance to safely pass slow moving vehicles or to stop for vehicles that are turning or have stopped on the highway. These factors contribute to a substantial accident history. In addition, the current Average Daily Traffic count on SH-82 is 8,140 vehicles per day with a future projected traffic count of 12,340 vehicles per day in 2045. The current two-lane highway cannot adequately handle this amount of traffic. A multi-lane highway is also desirable to complete the outer loop around the city of Tahlequah in anticipation of future traffic needs.

As part of our efforts to keep the public informed of this project and involved in the decision process, ODOT has scheduled a public open house. The open house will present the six four-lane alternatives originally presented to the public on July 25, 2013, as well as six new five-lane alternatives developed as a result of public comments received. Information will include why the improvements are needed, the type of improvements proposed, and the expected impacts to motorists and the surrounding community. The purpose of this meeting is to present all of the alternatives to the public and get public input to aid ODOT in selecting a preferred alternative to move forward with the completion of the detailed environmental studies, design and construction.

The date, time and location of the public meeting are below.

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| <p>Date: <i>January 27, 2015</i> Time: <i>5:00-8:00 PM</i> Place: <i>NSU University Center Ballroom 612 N. Grand Avenue Tahlequah, OK</i></p> |
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Additional information about the project and the upcoming meeting can be obtained from the following:

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If you require special accommodations for the meeting, please direct your request to Frank Roesler III, ODOT Public Involvement Officer, (405) 521-2350 or froesler@odot.org at least three (3) working days in advance of the meeting date.