



**OKLAHOMA
DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION**
Environmental Programs Division
200 N.E. 21st St.,
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

OPEN HOUSE

Date: January 27th, 2015

Time: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Place: Northeastern State University
University Center Ballroom
612 N. Grand Avenue
Tahlequah, OK 74464

NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE

PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

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 had 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 in 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 four-lane divided 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 four-lane alternatives originally presented to the public on July 25, 2013, as well as 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.

Additional information about the project and the upcoming meeting can be obtained from [Laurie Effinger](#), ODOT Environmental Project Manager, (405) 521-2535 or leffinger@odot.org or [Jenny Sallee](#), Project Manager, Garver, (918) 250-5922 or JESallee@GarverUSA.com.

If you require special accommodations for the meeting, please direct your request to [Frank Roesler III](#), ODOT Public Involvement Officer, at 200 NE 21st Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, (405) 521-2350 or m-coordinator@odot.org, at least three (3) working days in advance of the meeting date.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE