



## Notice of Public Hearing

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in partnership with the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) will conduct a series of public hearings on the Texas-Oklahoma Passenger Rail Study - CSJ number: 8300-00-018:

**Tuesday, August 9, 2016**

**TxDOT Laredo District Office, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, TX 78043  
Large Meeting Room  
Open House: 5:30 p.m.  
Presentation: 6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, August 10, 2016**

**TxDOT Austin District- 7901 N. I-35 Austin, TX 78753  
Blg 7, District Hearing Room  
Open House: 5:30 p.m.  
Presentation: 6:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, August 11, 2016**

**North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)  
616 Six Flags Drive Arlington, TX 76011  
Transportation Council Room  
Open House: 5:30 p.m.  
Presentation: 6:00 p.m.**

The purpose of the hearing is to present the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Texas-Oklahoma Passenger Rail Study and to receive public comment. At all hearings, displays will be available for viewing at 5:30 P.M. with the formal hearing commencing at 6:00 P.M.

The Texas-Oklahoma Passenger Rail Study is a planning level study to determine the feasibility of developing passenger rail service in an 850 mile corridor running from Oklahoma City, OK to South Texas. The study looked at a range of passenger service options ranging from conventional Amtrak type service all the way up to true high-speed passenger rail service. The study area was broken down into three segments, the northern segment from Oklahoma City to Dallas/Fort Worth, a central segment running from Dallas/Fort Worth to San Antonio and the southern section from San Antonio to South Texas. The study determined the environmental impacts, identified proposed service types and developed service development plans for each of the three segments. As part of this study conceptual alignments were developed to determine construction, operation and maintenance costs and revenue estimates for each segment.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and other information relative to the study are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Laredo District Office-1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, TX 78043, TxDOT Rail Division- 118 East Riverside, Austin, TX 78704 & the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) - 616 Six Flags Drive Arlington, TX 76011. Project information is available at <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/statewide/texas-oklahoma-rail.html> and information will be available for inspection at the hearings.

All interested citizens are invited to attend these public hearings. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding this study are requested and may be presented for a period of 45 calendar days following the hearing. Written comments may be submitted either in person or by mail to the TxDOT Rail Division, Mr. Mark Werner 125 E. 11st Street Austin, TX 78704. Comments must be received on or before Monday, August 29, 2016 in order to become part of the official hearing record.

The Public Hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, or need an interpreter, are encouraged to contact Mr. Mark Werner

at (512) 486-5137. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the public hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. If you have general questions or concerns regarding the study, you may contact Mr. Mark Werner at (512) 486-5137.