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NOT TOO LATE TO COMMENT ON BRIGHT 74 STUDY

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Over 175 at first open house

BY: DENISE FREITAG BURDETTE The on-site survey was just a small sampling of residents in and around the Bright area.

But during the first of three public open houses Wednesday, Feb. 17, for the Bright 74, the preliminary early survey answers seemed to show residents are most concerned about maintaining current roads and preserving the rural quality of the area.

The overall results, however, could go in a different direction as the online version of the survey remains open until midnight, Friday March 18, bright74.oki.org.

Over 175 people attended the open house to look at informational displays, ask questions and learn more about the study aimed at investigating options for improvements to existing roadways, potential new roadways, and/or a combination of both to improve safety, access and other travel needs between Bright and Interstate 74.

An advisory committee was formed to help gather ideas and information about possible actions and solutions, with three public open houses planned along the way. The study is expected to wrap up by the end of the year

The survey, which asks questions including what interchange people use most frequently during the weekdays and weekends to travel on F74, ends with the question, What potential outcomes from this study







are most important to you? Asked to pick three, the possible answers include:

- 1. Create more opportunities to bike and walk
- 2. Improve travel safety
- 3. Maintain current roads (paving, striping)
- 4. Minimize public costs
- 5. Preserve the rural quality of the area
- 6. Protect environmental resources (streams, hillsides, forests, wildlife etc.)
- 7. Reduce emergency response times
- 8. Shorten travel time
- 9. Support new investment/economic development opportunities
- 10. Other

If you were unable to attend the open house, information about the study also can be viewed at bright74.oki.org. No recommendations have been made at this time. All possible options remain on the table, from taking no action to building a new road from Bright to I-74.

Conceptual solutions will be presented in the next phase of the study with a second public open house is targeted for this summer. For more information about the study contact OKI Project Manager Robyn Bancroft, at 1-513-619-7662 or email rbancroft@oki.org.

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