

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL**

DATE: May 25, 2007

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TOPIC OF THE PROPOSAL:

Acquisition and Revitalization of Rail Line between McAlester and Shawnee

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS ON THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY PROPOSAL:

This study seeks to determine the feasibility of the State acquiring an existing rail line connecting McAlester and Shawnee, Oklahoma. The study would look at acquisition options such as an outright purchase to exchanging assets. Further, this study will investigate the economic development benefits and opportunities for the communities along the rail line and to the entire State of Oklahoma. Finally, the study will look into how the revitalization of this rail line would benefit our national security by connecting military installations in McAlester and Oklahoma City.

IF PRIVATE CITIZENS OR ORGANIZATIONS ARE TO BE NOTIFIED OF MEETING,  
LIST NAMES AND ADDRESSES:

Chambers of Commerce: Shawnee,  
Tecumseh, Seminole, McAlester  
Union Pacific Rail  
Department of Commerce

A-OK Rail  
Dr. Robert Barnard  
Congressional Delegation  
(Other names to be provided later)

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