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As part of the North Highway 13 Corridor Study, the OTO is hosting a community open house this **Wednesday evening (11/17) from 4:30 to 6:30 at the Library Station's Santa Fe Room**. This is the first of three public meetings scheduled throughout the 9-month long corridor study. Community members will have an opportunity to learn about this new study and visit with project team members. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please visit www.North13Study.com and leave a comment or complete our travel survey.

The Ozarks Transportation Organization in partnership with MoDOT, Greene County, and the City of Springfield are beginning The North Highway 13 Corridor Study that will investigate Hwy 13 from Farm Road 94 to Kearney St. and will include the I-44 & Hwy 13 Interchange. The Study will explore a range of possible improvements for the corridor. Construction funding has not been identified, but this study will help the region better understand what it might cost to improve this important corridor.

"We need people to come out this Wednesday evening, so we can dig deeper into the many traffic and safety issues along Highway 13 in northwest Springfield", says project manager Andy Thomason. "Traffic counts and signal timing plans can only teach us so much about the many ways this corridor is impacting Springfield and the broader region." The project team, led by consultants from Crawford, Murphy & Tilly (CMT), heard a lot of good information during an elected officials and community leaders meeting held on November 5th, but they need to hear from the wider community before they start considering possible design changes to this very busy interchange.

"The community really started reaching out to us in the last year with concerns about the interchange of Highway 13 and Interstate 44, and these concerns are supported by the data," says OTO Executive Director Sara Fields. Travelers coming into Springfield on Highway 13 area experience significant delays at times outside the region's normal periods of peak traffic. Officials are seeing some of the worst travel delays on the weekends, especially Friday evenings. "Local emergency responders, county officials, and community leaders from as far north as Bolivar have expressed concerns about this corridor," she said.

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