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## **AGENDA**

ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS

AREAWIDE PLANNING AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**January 13, 2005**

**9:00 a.m.**

**ACOG Conference Room  
21 E. Main St.  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73104**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ([ATTACHMENT II](#))

III. ANTICIPATED 2030 PLAN TIMELINE ([ATTACHMENT III](#))

Action Requested: For information only.

IV. PRELIMINARY TRAILS REPORT FOR THE INTERMODAL ELEMENT OF THE 2030 OCARTS PLAN  
([ATTACHMENT IV](#))

Action Requested: Review and comment on Preliminary Trails Report. Provide comments in writing to ACOG staff by January 25, 2005

V. NEW BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

## MINUTES

**Association of Central Oklahoma Governments  
Areawide Planning and Technical Advisory Committee  
November 10, 2004  
9:00 a.m.**

The sixth meeting of the Areawide Planning and Technical Advisory Committee for the calendar year 2004 was convened on November 10, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the ACOG offices, 21 E. Main Street, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This meeting was held as indicated by notice filed with the Oklahoma County Clerk, and by notice posted at the ACOG office at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

**PRESIDING**

Billy Harless, Chairman City of Midwest City

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Robert Floyd	City of Choctaw
Bernard Nauheimer	City of Choctaw
George Scheirer	City of Del City
Jerry Taylor	City of Harrah
Anais Starr	City of Midwest City
Elizabeth Jones	City of Moore
Tyler Gammon	Oklahoma County
Ruth Walters	Oklahoma County
Tim Rundel	City of Yukon

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Bill Knox	City of Harrah
Erik Brandt	Oklahoma County

**STAFF PRESENT**

Linda Koenig, Division Director, TPDS	ACOG
John Sharp, Program Coordinator, TPDS	ACOG
Daniel O'Connor, Associate Planner, TPDS	ACOG
Randy Entz, Associate Planner, TPDS	ACOG
Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer, Assoc. Planner, TPDS	ACOG
Melissa Baldwin, Associate Planner, TPDS	ACOG
Josie Adams, Associate Planner, TPDS	ACOG
Ellen Owens, Department Secretary, TPDS	ACOG

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Harless called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Tyler Gammon made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2004 meeting. Tim Rundel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## **III. ELECTION OF THE FY 2004 APTAC OFFICERS**

Mr. Harless said the Nominations Committee met and recommended the names of Tim Rundel as Chair and Anais Starr as Vice-Chair. He asked for any additional nominations from the floor. Since there were no further nominations, he asked for a motion to approve the new Chair and Vice-Chair. Tyler Gammon made a motion to approve. Robert Floyd seconded the motion and the motion passed.

## **IV. TRAILS COMPONENT OF THE 2030 OCARTS PLAN**

Daniel O'Connor commented that one of the elements of the 2030 Intermodal Transportation Plan is the trails element. He said he has been assembling maps reflecting local master trails plans, and routes - planned and existing - that have been funded through the Recreational Trails Grant Program, or through local bond issues, or the Enhancement Program. Mr. O'Connor said he has been assembling the different routes and alignments to come up with a regional network using the 2025 Plan as a reference point. He said that new plans and trails have come into existence and have been added to the routes displayed in the 2025 Plan. He said he has prepared individual maps for each entity and indicated he would like the Committee to review what has been inventoried, verify that the routes are correct, and to let ACOG staff know if there are any additional routes.

He said Oklahoma City has had its plan in place since 1997 and it is quite extensive. The Edmond Master Plan, the Norman Bicycle Plan, and the Choctaw Bicycle Route Plan were part of the 2025 Network. Since that time, three new components have been passed at the local level: one in Moore, Harrah, and Guthrie. Mr. O'Connor distributed individual maps to each entity represented, and indicated the maps represent planned and existing routes. He said he would like to incorporate any new changes into these maps by the end of November. Early next month, there will be a regional meeting where these routes will be looked at again to see if there are possible connections between city trails plans.

Ruth Walters said that Luther and Harrah annexed some property that is not reflected on the map. Mr. O'Connor said the city boundaries are for the year 2000.

Linda Koenig asked for the definition of planned trails. Mr. O'Connor replied that a planned trail is one that has been officially adopted as part of a comprehensive plan or master trails plan, or funding has been secured at the state, local, or federal level.

Mr. Sharp commented said that Mr. O'Connor has been suggesting connections between one city and another, schools and parks, schools and neighborhoods, etc. Del City has done a wonderful job trying to connect downtown OKC through Del City down to Draper Lake. Mr. O'Connor said that, in discussions with state staff, when applying for an enhancement project or a recreational trails project or any funds related to trails, something that will strengthen an application is to have a Master Trails Plan at the local level or to show that there are some connections even on a regional level.

Mr. Harless asked if there is anything in the subdivision regulations requiring trails to be connected to proposed trails. He said it would be good to start incorporating that into local government subdivision regulations. Mr. O'Connor said that he heard that Edmond has tried to do that and said that some of their developers have seen that as a positive element in their subdivision developments.

**V. 2000-2030 EXTENDED VISION TRAILS MEETING: DECEMBER 2, 2004**

Mr. O'Connor said, after the corrections to the maps are received and more of the maps are finalized, the adjustments will be made. On Thursday, December 2, ACOG will host a workshop to verify that the trail routes are correct and to see if corridors can be identified that would be possible trails connections between local entities. He said that these informal and unfunded connections are called Extended Vision Trails – good possibilities for future trail corridors, or routes in the OCARTS area that could improve regional connectivity. Mr. O'Connor requested that each entity bring to the December 2 meeting, a person who works with trails on a frequent basis. He said the December 2 meeting will have three sessions: one for Oklahoma County communities, one for Cleveland County, and the third for Canadian, Grady, and McClain Counties.

Mr. Sharp said ACOG would like to finalize a map in December and take it to some of the communities in January.

**VI. 2005 APTAC CALENDAR**

Mr. Sharp briefly mentioned the 2005 APTAC meeting dates, which coincide with the Intermodal Transportation Technical Committee (ITTC) meetings, with APTAC meeting at 9:00 a.m., and ITTC at 10:00 a.m.

## **VII. BUILDING WITH TREES SEMINAR**

Mr. Sharp spoke of the 2004 Oklahoma Annual Urban Forestry Conference – Building With Trees Seminar, which will take place on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Reed Center in Midwest City. He said this is a seminar to discuss concepts that city planners and developers might use to keep the trees that are already there and develop around them. This will help stabilize the land against erosion; also, putting in a new tree is very expensive.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **City of Moore**

Elizabeth Jones mentioned that the city has just opened a new Gordman's. She said that residential building permits are very high and they are hoping to get to the same point they were at last year, which was 750 building permits. Ms. Jones indicated the city is starting its Comprehensive Plan update, and have selected Forsythe Consulting and are in negotiations with them right now for the contracts.

### **City of Midwest City**

Anais Starr said Midwest City is working on updating its Comprehensive Plan. She said the city is still working on the S. 29<sup>th</sup> Street Redevelopment and there will eventually be a water feature on S. 29<sup>th</sup> Street with trails and fountains. Ms. Starr said they are processing high numbers of residential building permits and that plats from earlier this year have started construction.

### **Oklahoma County**

Erik Brandt said that Oklahoma County is working on its Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Gammon said the Request For Proposal (RFP) for the Master Plan is the first one since 1946. Ms. Walters said there have been a record number of residential building permits, which will be over 500 for 2004. She said the County has some new plats and it is calculating the number of road miles for the county districts. Mr. Gammon asked if ACOG has information available regarding definitions of functional classifications. Josie Adams said there is a functional classification training meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup> which is being given by FHWA.

### **City of Yukon**

Tim Rundel said Yukon's residential and commercial building permits are up this year. He said that Garth Brooks Blvd. and I-40 is really developing and that the hospital has just built an ICU unit. There is also a big commercial development across from the High School

on Garth Brooks Blvd., and there are some plats for a new building next to Walmart. He said that Route 66 on the east side is being repaved and the City's sales tax is looking good.

### **City of Del City**

Mr. Scheirer said the City has issued demolition permits for the future Walmart site. They are also relocating sanitary sewer lines for the motel located at Tinker Diagonal. Road work on South 15<sup>th</sup> St. is almost completed from Bryant Ave. over to the Tinker Diagonal. The next segment to be worked on will be Tinker Diagonal to Sooner Rd. Mr. Scheirer said a new hotel will be opening at Tinker Diagonal and Scott St. The City has received a trail grant for the next segment of Ray Trent Park up to Reno. He indicated there is a 25 acre Planned Unit Development (PUD) at Tinker Diagonal and Scott St. that was approved by the Planning Commission and construction on that should begin soon. He said that Midwest Trophy is moving their national headquarters and they are planning a multi-story building adjacent to the existing complex; they are working on the utility improvements now. In the next twelve months, there will be another project on the existing site, which is about 10-12 acres.

### **City of Harrah**

Jerry Taylor informed the Committee that Harrah has just completed a marketing video to entice new businesses into the city. He said they are in the process of having hearings to annex four square miles south of downtown Harrah between Reno Ave. and South 29<sup>th</sup> St. The city wants to expand its border around the city limits; the fence line is currently 50 feet and they are trying to expand it to more than 300 feet. He said the hearing on that will be at the end of the month. Mr. Taylor said they have just received bids for expanding the wastewater treatment plant and they have received a loan from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) for that project. He said the plant has reached its capacity at just under a million gallons a day. He said they are expanding the walking trail at Heritage Park from three-quarters of a mile to a mile; they are putting in playground equipment in Lions Park and also making it handicapped accessible and this should be completed by the end of the year. Mr. Taylor said the city has signed an agreement with the Fish and Wildlife Dept.- Fisheries Division to participate in a close-to-home fishing program whereby they will stock the City pond with fish, and will train City staff in order to educate youth on how to fish.

### **City of Choctaw**

Robert Floyd commented that the City is still experiencing strong residential growth and that they get one or two inquiries a week about smaller developments, which range from about 15 to 30 acres per site. Seven lots on Main Street were sold to build a 10,500 foot

commercial building, and the owner could have anywhere from seven to ten businesses there on Main Street. The Economic Development Authority (EDA) is in the development stages of the first ten acres of the Business Park. Since construction started, the remaining 35 acres have been purchased, and around December 14, rezoning and platting the rest of the property will begin. Mr. Floyd said the city has also made a commitment of an extra acre with a house that is in the middle of the plat, which will eventually be destroyed. The City is handling the water line infrastructure for the Business Park and is contracting right now for the sewer line. He said the code has been amended in terms of the membership of the Planning Commission and Parks; the city has gone back to a full set of members for each board, but alternate members have also been appointed.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Rundel made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Floyd seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 13, 2005

**TO:** Areawide Planning and Technical Advisory Committee (APTAC)

**FROM:** Holly Massie, Special Programs Officer  
Transportation Planning and Data Services

**SUBJECT:** Anticipated 2030 Plan Timeline

#### **December 2004**

- Review of existing and extended vision trails, as updated by local governments
- Announcement of upcoming meetings for input to 2030 OCARTS Plan

#### **January 2005**

- Hold 2030 OCARTS Plan Public meetings
- Final Summary Results of 2030 OCARTS Plan public opinion survey
- Adoption of Goals, Policies, Objectives and Performance Measures for the 2030 OCARTS Plan
- Results of applying transportation model to Alternate III (Updated 2025 Plan) street and highway network
- Street and highway network and criteria for selecting Alternate IV improvements
- Preliminary report on trails networks and databases (bicycle and pedestrian)
- Preliminary transit report
- Preliminary freight movement report (truck, rail and air)

#### **February 2005**

- Estimated costs of Alternate I, Alternate II and Alternate III
- Comparison of estimated costs and revenues for Alternate III
- Estimated revenues to implement 2030 OCARTS Plan
- Summary of comments received at public meetings
- Hold subarea meetings with cities to discuss Alternative IV improvements

### **March 2005**

- Projects recommended by local governments for testing in Alternate IV (Proposed 2030 Plan)
- Methodology for Benefit-Cost Analysis of street and highway networks
- Final draft trails (bicycle and pedestrian) report
- Final draft transit report
- Final draft freight movement report

### **April 2005**

- Results of applying transportation model to Alternate IV street and highway network
- Comparison of estimated costs and revenues for Alternate IV
- 2030 OCARTS Plan estimated costs and projected revenues by alternate and mode
- Potential social, economic and environmental impacts of street and highway alternatives
- Environmental Justice analysis of alternatives
- Recommendation on preferred 2030 street and highway alternative

### **May 2005**

- 2030 OCARTS Plan Intermodal Element Report – Transit, Trails, Freight Movement
- Draft Summary of the 2030 OCARTS Plan
- Benefit-cost analysis of the 2030 OCARTS Plan street and highway alternatives

### **June 2005**

- Summary of comments received on the Draft Summary of the 2030 OCARTS Plan
- Adoption of 2030 OCARTS Plan

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 13, 2005

**TO:** Areawide Planning & Technical Advisory Committee (APTAC)

**FROM:** Daniel J. O'Connor, Associate Planner  
Transportation Planning and Data Services

**SUBJECT:** Preliminary Trails Report for the Intermodal Element of the 2030 OCARTS Plan

The Intermodal Element of the 2030 OCARTS Plan will include a trails component that discusses existing and planned pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the OCARTS area. These existing and planned facilities—sidewalks, bicycle routes, and multi-use trails—are integral factors in planning for and developing for a multi-modal regional transportation system for Central Oklahoma in 2030.

Since the publication of the 2025 OCARTS Plan, local entities have made great strides in constructing and planning for bicycle and pedestrian trails in the OCARTS area. Many area communities have applied for and secured federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP) and Enhancement Program funding for trails projects, in addition to making local investments into trails and sidewalk systems. Fifteen local entities have existing multi-use trail facilities, and seven entities have a master trails plan or a trails element within their current comprehensive plans. Preliminary estimates indicate that there are approximately 198 miles of existing and 430 miles of planned bicycle facilities in the OCARTS area. Recently, staff from 12 OCARTS entities and several CAC members participated in a workshop to identify and propose *Extended Vision* corridors—connections to best link existing and planned trails between local communities and to enhance the Central Oklahoma regional trail network.

The trails report will provide background information about the existing pedestrian and bicycle systems, assess pedestrian and bicycle issues and concerns, discuss revenue sources and estimated costs for pedestrian and bicycle improvements, and depict the bicycle and pedestrian ways proposed for inclusion as planned trails facilities in the 2030 OCARTS Plan with associated preliminary planning recommendations. The report will be available at the January meeting for review and comment.

Specifically, we seek review and comment regarding the accuracy of mapped existing and planned trail facilities, and the status of local sidewalk ordinances, as they pertain to the local jurisdiction that you represent. Comments received will be considered in the drafting of the final trails report.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Review and comment on Preliminary Trails Report. Provide comments in writing to ACOG staff by January 25, 2005.