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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 3, 2005

TO: 2030 OCARTS Plan Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

FROM: Holly Massie, Special Programs Officer
Transportation Planning and Data Services (TPDS)

SUBJECT: Special Meeting Notice

The 2030 OCARTS Plan Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) will hold a meeting on

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2005 AT 3:00 P.M.

in the ACOG Conference Room, 21 East Main Street, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS ([Attachment I](#))
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ([Attachment II](#))
Action Requested: Motion to approve the July 18, 2005 minutes
- III. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE CENTRAL OKLAHOMA FIXED GUIDEWAY STUDY
([Attachment III](#))
Action Requested: None. For information only.
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
- V. ADJOURNMENT

**2030 OCARTS PLAN CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 2005**

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CITIZEN	Sam Shehab	
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TINKER AFB	Bill Dalke Community Planner	John (Mark) Harbaugh Civil Engineer
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NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES

ORGANIZATION	MEMBERS	ALTERNATES
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COTPA / OKC METRO TRANSIT	Larry Hopper Principal Planner	Diponker Mukherjee, Planner II Marty Dickens, Asst. Planner
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA)	Isaac Akem Community Planner	
FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION	Mac Kirk Division Administrator	
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OKLA. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) RAIL DIVISION	Joe Kyle, Manager Rail Programs Division	John Dougherty Asst. Manager, Rail Programs
OKLA. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) REGULATORY SERV. DIV.	Geri Stevens, Tribal Liaison Native American Outreach	
OKLA. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) TRANSIT PROGRAMS DIV.	Kenneth LaRue, Manager Transit Programs Division	Randy Hogan Transportation Specialist
OKLA. DEPT. OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION	Mark Howery Natural Resources Biologist	

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MINUTES

2030 OCARTS PLAN CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

July 18, 2005

A rescheduled regular meeting of the 2030 OCARTS Plan Citizens Advisory Committee was convened on July 18, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the ACOG offices, 21 E. Main Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This meeting was held as indicated by advance notice filed with the Oklahoma County Clerk and by notice posted at the ACOG offices at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

PRESIDING

Leonard West, Oklahoma Traffic Engineering Assn., Chairman

CAC VOTING MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

C. Kay Bickham, Central Oklahoma Transportation & Parking Authority (COTPA)

Teresa Bragg, Citizen

Hon. Rachel Butler, Norman Councilmember

Larry Hoffman, Thompson's Woodland Neighborhood Assn. (Alternate)

Robert Crout, Mustang Chamber of Commerce (Alternate)

Ed Hillock, Sierra Club

Rebecca Julian, Mustang Chamber of Commerce

Paul Matthews, Oklahoma Highway Users Federation

Mike Paque, Ground Water Protection Council

Greg Price, Oklahoma Tank Lines

Aquilla Pugh, Capitol Chamber of Commerce

Kim Searls, Down OKC, Inc. (Alternate)

Sam Shehab, Citizen

CAC NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

John Dougherty, Oklahoma Dept. of Transportation (ODOT), Rail Division

William Ginn, Office of Handicapped Concerns

Randy Hogan, Oklahoma Dept. of Transportation, Transit Programs

Larry Hopper, Central Oklahoma Transportation & Parking Authority (COTPA)

Diponker Mukherjee, COTPA

Roger Saunders, Oklahoma Dept. of Transportation, Planning Division

Scott Thomas, Oklahoma Dept. of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division

GUEST

Stuart Chai, City of Oklahoma City, Public Works Dept.

STAFF

Zach D. Taylor, Executive Director, ACOG

Holly Massie, Special Programs Officer, ACOG

Linda Koenig, Division Director, Transportation Planning and Data Services (TPDS)

Doug Rex, Assistant to the Executive Director, ACOG

John M. Sharp, Program Coordinator, TPDS

Melissa Baldwin, Associate Planner, TPDS

Randy Entz, Associate Planner, TPDS

Pong Wu, Associate Planner, TPDS

Darla Hugaboom, Associate Planner, TPDS

Jerry Church, Special Programs Officer, IGS

Ellen Owens, Department Secretary, TPDS

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Leonard West welcomed everyone and asked them to introduce themselves and state the name of the organization they represent.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Paul Matthews made a motion to approve the May 16, 2005 minutes. Robert Crout seconded the motion and with the vote, the motion passed.

III. UPDATE ON COTPA FIXED GUIDEWAY STUDY

Larry Hopper provided the Committee a handout of study corridors and outlined the status of the study, which is about half-way complete. He indicated that there were two rounds of public meetings held around the region in February and June to obtain input about the different corridors and what technologies might be appropriate.

Mr. Hopper said that, as a result of public input, there have been a number of corridors added to the study, mentioning that there are now seven radial corridors extending from downtown Oklahoma City, one central city corridor, and three crosstown corridors. Mr. Hopper said the consultant, Carter-Burgess, is studying these corridors using nine different criteria ranging from environmental impacts, ridership, cost, accessibility, etc. These evaluations are not completed yet. He said that the consultant used the 2030 travel demand model from ACOG to determine the number of trips projected within the

Oklahoma City metropolitan area and within each corridor. He said home-to-work trips were also measured, and this gives a sense of the level of routine trips that might occur within each corridor in the year 2030.

Mr. Hopper said that in the course of the Study, they started out with seven different technologies, two of which have been eliminated: monorail and heavy rail. The technologies that have survived the evaluation process are the improved bus system, HOV lanes, bus rapid transit, commuter rail, and light rail. Mr. Hopper displayed slides of the different technologies. He said that it is very unlikely there would be two forms of fixed guideway technology in the same alignment. He commented that by the time this study is completed, it will probably focus on just a few corridors and one technology for each, with some prioritization for additional study in years to come.

Mr. Hopper presented a slide showing potential locations for each type of technology under study within the OCARTS area.

Mr. Hopper commented that these alignments are still very conceptual, and they will be refined through further evaluation. He said there are several steps left, including ridership projections and cost estimates for each technology to arrive at a recommendation of a preferred alternate. He said there will be a third round of public meetings this fall.

Sam Shehab asked if any of the potential fixed guideway alternatives would be adversely impacted by the realignment of the I-40 crosstown. Mr. Hopper replied that it is too early in the study to answer that question. Mr. Shehab asked if the consultant could answer that question later and Mr. Hopper replied yes, when they look at more specific alignments.

Aguilla Pugh asked if there was consideration being given to a source of transportation to connect Bricktown to the area around Remington Park and N.E. 63rd Street. Mr. Hopper said that use of the old Katy railroad right-of-way is one way of linking Bricktown to the Remington area. He also commented that Bus Rapid Transit could be an alternative in that corridor. He said there is a need to connect tourism related venues, but exactly what gets linked up and what makes sense in terms of ridership is not clear at this time.

Ed Hillock asked what kind of feeder system is under consideration to reach the main line of a fixed guideway system. Mr. Hopper replied that there would need to be a variety of means (bus, park-and-ride, bicycle, and pedestrian ways), but he could not answer that question at this time.

William Ginn asked if the potential downtown street car would be on a fixed rail and not on tires. Mr. Hopper replied in the affirmative.

Holly Massie commented that when the next round of public meetings is scheduled, everyone on this Committee will receive notice of those meeting dates. ACOG staff provided the consultant with a mailing list of the MPO's transportation committees.

Mike Paque asked if COTPA feels comfortable with the employment data. Mr. Hopper answered yes and that they are using ACOG data. He said the trip to work will be the main thing that will drive the potential need for a fixed guideway system.

Mr. West commented that the increase in commuter costs may change the thought processes of some to ride or not. He asked Mr. Hopper if COTPA has seen any changes in their bus loadings. Mr. Hopper said yes, those figures have gone up dramatically since last fall.

Ms. Pugh asked if extended hours of operation were being considered. Mr. Hopper said yes.

Mr. Shehab asked if COTPA was involved in the study to determine the feasibility of rail between downtown Oklahoma City and Tinker AFB. Mr. Hopper said yes, it was a Midwest City platform study. He said they furnished that study to their consultants. It utilized Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) funding.

IV. RECOMMENDATION ON ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED 2030 OCARTS PLAN

Doug Rex said we are approaching the end of the development of the 2030 OCARTS Plan. He said comments were received not only from this Committee but also from the Intermodal Transportation Technical Committee (ITTC). Those comments are summarized in the Agenda on Pages IV-3 and IV-4. He said the revised copy of the Draft Plan Summary contains additional and revised language in response to the comments. ACOG has initiated the public review and comment period for the Draft Plan Summary, which began on July 14th and extends until August 12th. He indicated that after that, ACOG will summarize and address the comments that are received from the public in time for the ITPC meeting on August 18th. At that time, it is anticipated that the Policy Committee will adopt the 2030 OCARTS Plan. He said that once that is done, the Plan will be referenced in the Statewide Transportation Plan, which will be completed later this year.

Mr. Shehab asked if there has been any progress on finalizing the Outer Loop Study. Mr. Rex answered that there has been an increased effort on the part of the study sponsors and Oklahoma City, Norman, and Moore to finalize the alignment for the southwest Outer Loop. Mr. West strongly urged that the study be finalized. Mr. Matthews asked if the ITPC takes the recommendations of the Citizens Advisory Committee seriously. Mr. Rex said the ITPC is quite responsive to the comments that are received

from the CAC. They are aware of the comments that the CAC made to the Draft Plan Summary.

Mr. Paque asked if the CAC chairman could appear at the ITPC meeting in August. Ms. Koenig commented that in regards to this Committee's opinion and actions on the Outer Loop, anytime the CAC meets, their content is passed on to the ITPC as a recommendation. The ITTC also passes a recommendation to the ITPC. Most of the time, those recommendations are identical. She said that in the case of the Outer Loop, it was a stronger interest of the CAC. Following that comment being brought forward several months ago, the ITPC directed staff to provide a letter to the study sponsors, which were ACOG, ODOT, and the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority. There were meetings between ODOT and the cities of Oklahoma City, Norman, and Moore. She said the ITPC does consider this Committee's comments seriously. She said the ITPC meetings are always open meetings and anyone on the Committee would be welcome to attend.

Zach Taylor said that in regard to the Outer Loop, the importance of that facility was communicated to representatives of the communities. They convened with ODOT. There is some sense of agreement with the three affected communities of its need and a final, general corridor for its placement. ODOT is committed to completing the study. Mr. Taylor said an Environmental Impact Study would be the next step once the study is finalized. He said there is no funding immediately available at the State to accomplish that and we are encouraging the State to find the necessary resources to proceed with the next level of detailed study. He said that nothing can be done with any partner in the process to secure right-of-way to insure its future until that is done. Mr. West asked if there was any hope in the new Transportation Bill that there will be some additional monies available for that. Mr. Saunders replied that he was not aware of any.

Mr. Shehab moved to recommend that the ITPC approve the proposed financially constrained 2030 OCARTS Plan, which includes the Alternate Four-B street and highway network and the Intermodal Element recommendations. Mr. Paque seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

V. FUTURE ROLE OF THE CAC

Ms. Massie thanked the Committee for its diligence and patience. The recommendations from this Committee as well as the ITTC on the 2030 Plan will go to the ITPC along with any citizen comments received between now and August 12th. She said that ACOG anticipates the Plan will be officially adopted by the ITPC in August and, at that point, we will proceed with preparation of the necessary documentation describing the adopted Plan. You will receive notification in the future whenever we publish reports and brochures.

Ms. Massie also advised that the CAC would be asked to meet in the future, as the need arises, if requests to amend the 2030 OCARTS Plan are received from ODOT, COTPA, or OCARTS local governments.

VI. CAC QUESTIONNAIRE

Ms. Massie asked the Committee to complete the questionnaire enclosed in the Agenda and mail it back to ACOG by August 1st. Mr. Taylor said the adoption of the Plan is just one step and is implemented by Federal, State, and local actions. Often, we need help in persevering to see the improvements of the Plan actually achieved.

Mr. Ginn asked if there was a way to maintain the Committee on a mailing list and let us know how things progress. Mr. Taylor said yes.

Mr. Paque asked if the Fixed Guideway Study (FGS) would be eventually included as part of the Plan and, could this Committee meet again in an advisory capacity to review the FGS at some strategic point in its development. Ms. Massie commented that eventually the FGS will come to a conclusion, and its recommendations would be presented to COTPA's Board. She also anticipates a similar recommendation coming to ACOG so that it can be officially endorsed. She said the CAC would be involved in that action. Mr. Paque urged that the CAC be reconvened to learn about the FGS recommendations before the study is finalized. Ms. Massie said that a special meeting could be called for that purpose.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed at the meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Crout seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 3, 2005

TO: 2030 OCARTS Plan Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

FROM: Randy Entz, Associate Planner
Transportation Planning and Data Services

SUBJECT: Fixed Guideway Study Presentation

INTRODUCTION:

The Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority (COTPA) along with consultants Carter Burgess, are conducting a Fixed Guideway Study for the OCARTS area. The study is intended to identify potential transportation solutions that improve connections among the region's growth centers, enhance economic development opportunities, improve mobility, expand transportation options and improve air quality.

Since beginning the study in December 2004, and after conducting two rounds of public and Steering Committee meetings, the consultants identified eleven potential fixed guideway corridors and five technologies (Enhanced Bus, HOV-Managed Lanes, Bus Rapid Transit, Commuter Rail, Light Rail/Streetcar) to be considered for the OCARTS area. These technologies have been analyzed for potential ridership and cost effectiveness. Further analysis will determine which fixed guideway solution(s), if any, will be the best for each particular corridor and the OCARTS area.

A representative from Carter Burgess will present an update on the study's progress at the October CAC meeting. A third round of public meetings will be held October 11-13 at the dates, times and locations listed on the next page.

ACTION REQUESTED:

None. For information only.

FIXED GUIDEWAY STUDY

PUBLIC MEETING LOCATIONS

Tuesday

October 11, 2005

12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Warr Acres Library
5901 NW 63rd Street
Warr Acres, OK 73132

Wednesday

October 12, 2005

12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Norman Library
225 North Webster
Norman, OK 73069

Thursday

October 13, 2005

7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

South Oklahoma City
Chamber of Commerce
701 Southwest 74th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73139

Tuesday

October 11, 2005

6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

McAlpine Center
400 W. California Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Wednesday

October 12, 2005

6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Edmond Library
10 S. Boulevard
Edmond, OK 73034

Thursday

October 13, 2005

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Midwest City Library
8143 East Reno Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73110

Thursday

October 13, 2005

6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Urban League
3900 N. Martin Luther King Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73111

Each of the public meetings will last 1½ hours and include an open house and presentation, followed by questions and



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September 6, 2005

Ms. Holly Massie, Special Programs Officer
Association of Central Oklahoma Governments
21 E. Main, Suite 100
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73104-2405

RE: Presentations to the ITPC, ITTC and CAC Regarding the Areawide Fixed Guideway Study

Dear Holly:

Preliminary projections of ridership and cost effectiveness from the Fixed Guideway Study will soon be ready. The Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority (COTPA) is offering study update presentations at the October meetings of the Policy Committee, Citizens Advisory Committee, and Technical Committee. As you are aware, the Fixed Guideway Study (FGS) provides a unique opportunity to identify primary travel corridors and futuristic guideway transportation systems like bus rapid transit, light rail transit, highway high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes, modern streetcar, and enhanced bus transportation solutions which could improve connections among the region's key activity centers.

This planning study has been underway for several months now and audiovisual presentations can be prepared which are appropriate for each audience. The last FGS status report to these groups was presented in June. The Fixed Guideway Study (FGS) is a key project in this year's UPWP and is recommended in the COTPA Long Range Plan, 2001.

The firm of Carter & Burgess will conduct the three presentations. They and COTPA staff will also conduct seven public involvement meetings in Edmond, Midwest City, Norman, Oklahoma City and Warr Acres during the week of October 10. The dates and times of the meetings are available on the project website at www.okfgs.org and in the new Pathways newsletter.

Representatives to ACOG are encouraged to participate in long range public transportation planning, and COTPA looks forward to the various October meetings. The national "Try Transit Week" is in October and these meetings are one way to be involved. If you should have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 297-3935.

Sincerely,

Larry Hopper, AICP
Principal Planner

cc: Richard Cain
Thomas Shelton