

# Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG)

## Fiscal Year 2008 Activity Report

*In the past fiscal year, ACOG implemented and managed a number of projects designed to enhance the effectiveness of service delivery and the quality of life*

*in all of our member cities, towns and counties.*

*Here is a review of some of the ACOG activity:*

### Regional Activity

- ☑ Processed over 9,750 contacts (phone, email and correspondence) with ACOG members, area businesses, non-profit organizations, government agencies and citizens regarding technical assistance on a variety of regional issues.
- ☑ Awarded 19 Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) grants (2007) to several communities in the ACOG region. Allocation for transportation projects was \$441,750, and \$294,500 was designated for economic and community development projects.
- ☑ Prepared and delivered ACOG policy documents to state legislators and Oklahoma's Congressional delegation.
- ☑ Coordinated Operation FireSAFE, the region's juvenile firesetter prevention program with 22 area fire departments.
- ☑ Mapped over 10,000 water system appurtenances for Del City. Completed a capital improvement plan for the city of Lexington.
- ☑ Helped three communities to secure a total of \$49,500 in funding to create or update capital improvement plans.

### 9-1-1 and Public Safety

- ☑ Activated enhanced Phase II Wireless 9-1-1 in all 9-1-1 ACOG communities, meaning that 9-1-1 calls from wireless phones in the region show calltakers a map of the approximate location of the caller.

- ☑ Tested Phase II wireless calls from eight wireless telephone companies and over 2,400 cell tower sectors (faces) to implement enhanced wireless 9-1-1.
- ☑ Developed digital database of the region to provide map data at each 9-1-1 answering point for visual representation of both landline and wireless callers' location.
- ☑ Assigned over 3,765 street addresses to residents in the area of Logan County added to the 9-1-1 system, as well as some rural areas of Cleveland and Canadian Counties.
- ☑ Worked with various communities triuing up jurisdictional boundary discrepancies in the 9-1-1 ACOG region. This involved map data and 9-1-1 database corrections.
- ☑ Maintained the system to answer 340,419 E9-1-1 calls by the region's 22 public safety answering points.
- ☑ Provided for continuing education of 9-1-1 calltakers by offering courses in emergency medical dispatch, hostage negotiations, domestic violence, school violence, critical incident management, communications center supervisor and communications training officer.
- ☑ Participated in two regional Homeland Security Councils and facilitated joint planning on behalf of the membership.
- ☑ Administered \$3,709,280 in Urban Area Security Initiative grant funds to the Central Oklahoma region.

- ☑ Initiated the NextGEN9-1-1 Task Force to address current issues that 9-1-1 faces and future public communications environment.

### Transportation Planning and Data Services

- ☑ Promoted the recommendations of the Fixed Guideway Study completed by Carter Burgess. Provided technical assistance to member entities and the public on the potential of the plan and its varying components.
- ☑ Prepared for a certification review conducted by the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations. The review included a desk audit of products, as well as a site inspection and interview process.
- ☑ Developed, with regional stakeholders, a comprehensive snow and ice routes mapping system for the OCARTS area. Promoted winter driving safety tips.
- ☑ Created a regional Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to participate in the establishment of regional transportation goals, track the region's present and future trail networks, review alternative networks and intermodal strategies.
- ☑ Co-sponsored the fourth Central Oklahoma Bike to Work Day event as part of the National Bike to Work campaign. With the assistance of stakeholders, group rides were organized in Oklahoma City, Guthrie, Edmond, Yukon, Moore and Norman.

- ☑ Finalized the development of the OCARTS area Congestion Management Process by collaborating on the selection of congestion corridors and hotspots, developing an extensive list of corresponding mitigation strategies, and identifying performance criteria to assist in the monitoring effectiveness of mitigation strategies.
- ☑ Developed a new Transportation Improvement Program, which identifies regional priorities for FFY 2009-2012. The program was developed and adopted by the MPO and submitted to ODOT for approval and inclusion in the FFY 2009-2012 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
- ☑ Conducted a Regional Accident Analysis study, based on five years of traffic crash data (CY 2002 – 2006) supplied by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. The purpose of the study was to determine traffic accident patterns within the region and to assist decision makers with prioritizing locations for improvement.
- ☑ Assisted in the development of the State Highway Safety Plan. The development of the State Highway Safety Plan included the formulation of strategies for improving highway safety, accident data analysis, the identification of expected effectiveness/outcome, action steps, as well as strategy performance measurement and evaluation.
- ☑ Worked with stakeholders to develop the emission control measures for the voluntary 8-hour Ozone Flex (8-O<sub>3</sub>Flex) program.
- ☑ Completed an Elderly Transportation Needs report that looked at both national and local issues attributed to the aging of the U.S. population. It is anticipated that the population over the age of 50 in the OCARTS area will double within the next 30 years.
- ☑ Assisted COTPA and other local partners to complete the Oklahoma City Urban Area Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan), as required by SAFETEA-LU. Projects funded with Jobs Access and Reverse Commute

(JARC) and New Freedom funds are consistent with this plan and were funded using a competitive selection process.

### **Water Resources**

- ☑ Organized basinwide wasteload allocation study for Canadian River dischargers from Minco to Purcell.
- ☑ Secured grant for three-dimensional geophysical work in alluvial aquifers for water well locations.
- ☑ Continued to provide technical assistance to members and public concerning the location, drilling, and completion of municipal water wells in the Garber-Wellington aquifer.
- ☑ Continued extensive geophysical work and report on mapping salt water plumes in Thunderhead Hills Addition in Edmond.
- ☑ Applied for brownfields development grant for Thunderhead Hills area.
- ☑ Assisted in State Water Plan conferences and development.
- ☑ Secured grant modeling drought effects in the Garber-Wellington aquifer.
- ☑ Continued drought monitoring effort in Central Oklahoma.
- ☑ Performed statistical study on nitrate issues in the Garber-Wellington aquifer.
- ☑ Secured grant for chloride study in Cottonwood Creek basin.
- ☑ Continued to inform members about stormwater and floodplain regulations.

### **Clean Cities and Air Quality**

- ☑ Provided technical assistance to ACOG member fleets and industry fleets including contact information for alternative fuel suppliers, alternative fuel equipment suppliers, fuel and vehicle cost factors, return on investment analysis, emissions benefits and more as fuel prices continue their upwards trajectory.
- ☑ Produced the 2007 alternative fuel vehicle and fuel use inventory of Central Oklahoma Clean Cities stakeholder fleets. The inventory shows 3,500 alternative fuel and hybrid electric vehicles and 1.56 million

gallons of alternative fuel use by these fleets during the calendar year.

- ☑ Served on the Western Governors' Association Transportation Fuels of the Future Advisory Committee. Delivered comprehensive report that became the basis of the Governor's policy resolution adopted on February 23, 2008 in Washington, D.C. The resolution encourages accelerated development and deployment of alternative transportation fuels and vehicle fuel efficiencies.
- ☑ Developed the Marketers and End Users breakout session and secured a panel of industry experts and spokespersons for the second annual Oklahoma Biofuels Conference held Oct. 16-17, 2007, in Oklahoma City.
- ☑ Spoke with government and school district fleet manager groups about fuel and emission-saving strategies they may consider in response to rising fuel costs and air quality concerns.
- ☑ Broadcast three Clean Air Alert Days for ozone in Central Oklahoma in summer 2007. The Ozone Alert Day Program was established in 1992. The program educates the public on ways they can assist with reducing air pollution.
- ☑ Continued administration of a comprehensive public education program on air quality and its requisite impacts on regional health, the economy and quality of life, including its effect on the transportation sector. The award winning program utilizes advertising mediums including television, radio and outdoor and supplemental programming such as an Internet site, a speaker's bureau and media relations.

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