



## **REGIONAL TRANSIT DIALOGUE**

### **Technical/Land Use Subcommittee**

February 19, 2010 – 1:30 p.m.  
ACOG Board Room, 21 E Main St., Suite 100  
Oklahoma City, OK 73104

Shannon Entz, Chair Technical/Land Use Sub-Committee, Community Development Manager, Edmond  
Mark Seibold, Vice Chair Technical/Land Use Sub-Committee, City Planner, Choctaw

#### **Attendees**

Mark Seibold – Choctaw  
Susan Connors – Norman  
Kyran Mish – OU Civil Engineering  
Larry Hopper – COTPA  
Billy Harless – Midwest City  
Doug Tennant– Jacobs  
John Bowman – ODOT  
Marisa Wells – OSDH-OKC  
John Hasley – Capitol Chamber of Commerce  
ACOG Staff –Doug Rex, Daniel Fazekas, Ryan Billings, John Sharp, Meredith Williams, Kara Chiodo

#### **I. Welcome/Introductions**

Shannon Entz skipped the introductions from around the room and began the meeting.

#### **II. New Partners for Smart Growth Conference: Daniel Fazekas, Marissa New**

ACOG staff member Daniel Fazekas gave a presentation on the 9th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference in Seattle, WA. ACOG staff attended the conference from February 4-6, 2010 to gain a better understanding on smart growth principles. Smart Growth aims to create growing communities that are clean, healthy, provide a range of housing, commercial, and transportation options.



ACOG Staff attended a variety of seminars that focused on: Transit Oriented Development (TOD) case studies from around the nation, passenger rail and TOD, State and local collaboration in TOD design in the states of Virginia and Washington; regional approaches of sensible land use planning; lessons and strategies of Form Based Codes; sustainable zoning practices which create higher density development; and state enabling legislation. ACOG staff provided TLUS visual examples of the vast and dynamic public transportation system/infrastructure throughout the city of Seattle, WA. Mr. Fazekas stressed that Central Oklahomans do not have to create development patterns relative to Seattle or Portland. But Oklahomans should encourage sustainable land uses that preserve agricultural land and avoid “consumptive land use” without real growth. Oklahomans do not have to fear the term “smart growth” or “sustainable development”. Oklahomans could create greater housing density in certain districts and/or corridors of a municipality through Public Private Partnership (PPP) pilot projects. Mr. Fazekas also urged TLUS not to forget “workforce housing” in “Smart Growth” developments (e.g. TODs).

Marissa New also shared her experience at the conference. Her overview focused on equity in smart growth development and the inclusion of all people in the new “green economy”. Ms. New emphasized how Central Oklahoma should create community gardens which could provide a variety of healthy food options for the poor. She also informed TLUS that RTD should beware of using “technical language” which could confuse or frighten the public. Ms. New’s overall message from the conference is that any form of sustainability must include equity.

Mr. Hasley expressed his concerns of creating public transportation development (under a smart growth context) and the ability to serve the people who depend on the public transportation the most (the underserved). Both Doug Tennant and Kyran Mish questioned the term “fear” that was used in the presentation. Both explained that educating the public on sustainable land use practices could go a long way to explaining why we should look at other options in land use planning.

### **III. Governance/Finance Subcommittee Update – Kara Chiodo/Meredith Williams**

ACOG staff members Kara Chiodo and Meredith Williams gave an update on RTD’s Governance and Finance Subcommittees. They provided a timeline for their work and provided maps of Central Oklahoma that contained different scenarios of how and (conceptually) where a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) would operate in the Central Oklahoma.

The subcommittees researched different types RTA models: county, city, and district. It was agreed that the district model would fit best for the region. The Governance and Finance subcommittees combined forces and agreed on conceptual RTA boundary based on the Urbanized Area of Central Oklahoma. It was emphasized several times during the update that all of Governance/Finance work and maps were strictly conceptual.

**IV. Discuss Policy Recommendations Draft – Shannon Entz**

Due to time constraints, TLUS's policy discussion would be postponed until next Friday morning. ACOG staff continued to encourage TLUS members to submit additions to the draft.

**V. Discuss Next Meeting Date(s) – February 26, 2010 at 9:00am**

Shannon Entz scheduled the next meeting to solely review TLUS's policy draft next Friday morning February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 9:00am.

**VI. Adjourn**