

**TULSA TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

February 25, 2010

Members Present

Tom Rains, Tulsa County
Tom Hendrix for Mike Lester, City of Broken Arrow
Mayor Rita Lamkin, City of Catoosa
Bill Cartwright, MTTA
Mike Tinker, City of Jenks
Jon McGrath, Railroad
Pam Polk for Stan Sallee, City of Collinsville
Robert Endicott, Cherokee Nation
David Giacomo, Tulsa Parking Authority
Allen Carter for Mike Helm, Commissioner, Rogers County
Rich Brierre, INCOG
Derek Campbell for Doug Enevoldsen, City of Sand Springs
Blu Hulse, City of Bixby
David Tillotson for Ed Tinker, City of Glenpool
Martin Tucker, Town of Skiatook
Rodney Ray for Wayne Guevara, City of Owasso
Charles Hardt, Chair, City of Tulsa
Isaac Akem, Federal Highway Administration
Nancy Graham for Richard Smith, INCOG Air Quality Committee

Members Absent

City of Claremore
City of Coweta
City of Sapulpa
Tulsa Mayor's Assistant
Creek County
Osage County
Wagoner County
Creek Nation
Osage Nation
Pedestrian/Bikeways
Trucking
Tulsa Airport Authority
Tulsa/Rogers County Port Authority
Oklahoma Turnpike Authority
ODOT Planning & Research Division
ODOT Pre-Construction Division
ODOT District 1
ODOT District 8
TMAPC
Tulsa Metro Chamber of Commerce
Transportation Technical Committee Chair
Federal Aviation Administration
Federal Transit Administration

Others Present

Jim Dunlap City of Collinsville and Town of Skiatook; John Smalley, Phil Eshelman, and Doug Duke, Jacobs; Doug Alexander, City of Catoosa; Tim Armer, James Wagner, and Kathleen Butler, INCOG

1. Call to Order

Chair Mr. Hardt called the TPC meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. in the INCOG Conference Center and asked for introductions.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tinker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brierre, to approve the minutes from the Transportation Policy Committee meeting of February 4, 2010.

AYE: Messrs. Rains, Hendrix, Cartwright, Tinker, McGrath, Endicott, Giacomo, Carter, Brierre, Ms, Polk, and Mayor Lamkin

NAY: None

Motion carried.

3. Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

Mr. Armer said the Senate passed a Jobs bill. It was different from what the House passed which included some additional infrastructure spending. It does not include any additional funding. The Senate passed a bill extending SAFETEA-LU to the end of 2010. SAFETEA-LU expired in September and had short extensions. The House can take the Senate bill and move forward with no additional funding or they can try to make a compromise, meaning we would possibly have less than \$22 M, or they could pass a version of what the Senate passed which would require it pass through the Senate. It really has no impact on the projects we have requested. Barbara Boxer has indicated that March will be Transportation Month in the Senate. This may include stimulus-type funding. ODOT has requested in anticipation of some additional funding that we include a line item amendment so if the Bill is passed we can move quickly on that as we only have a 90-day window. We took this to the Technical Committee and they recommend approval.

Mr. Brierre made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cartwright, to approve this amendment.

AYE: Messrs. Rains, Hendrix, Cartwright, Tinker, McGrath, Endicott, Giacomo, Carter, Brierre, Campbell, Hulsey, Tillotson, Tucker, Ray, Messes, Polk and Graham, and Mayor Lamkin

NAY: None

Motion carried.

4. Unified Planning Work Program Amendment

Mr. Armer reported that the US EPA is revising the air quality standard. Currently it is .075 ppm and they want to set it between .060 and .070. In anticipation of that the Department of Transportation has made available to our region money call State Planning and Research Funds, federal dollars they get for doing statewide planning and research. Our transportation modeling currently includes all of Tulsa County, and adjacent portions of Creek, Osage, Rogers, and Wagoner Counties. We don't have modeling for the entire areas of those adjacent counties, so we need to construct those models, both for travel demand and emissions. ODOT is making federal funds available to do this additional modeling. We calculate we need \$7,500 split equally between data collection and modeling categories. After the models are built we will need to continue to maintain them and will need additional funding. The Technical Committee recommends approval.

Mr. Cartwright made a motion for approval, seconded by Mr. Tinker

AYE: Messrs. Rains, Hendrix, Cartwright, Tinker, McGrath, Endicott, Giacomo, Carter, Brierre, Campbell, Hulsey, Tillotson, Tucker, Ray, Messes, Polk and Graham, and Mayor Lamkin

NAY: None

Motion carried.

5. Jobs for Main Street Applications

Mr. Armer distributed a table listing all the projects under this funding and a map that displays those projects. Also shown are the Corporate Limits, the economic distressed areas included in the American Reinvestment Act, and a table summarizing what we received from our various communities. This is not hard and fast, not an allocation, but what we have received. Mr. Armer reviewed the tables and said the Technical Committee had extensive discussion on this item. Staff offered the potential for keeping the window opens, allowing for additional applications or project modifications. A motion passed to present the list without keeping the window open, recommending the Policy Committee approve it as it is. Mr. Brierre said we need to look at time frame in terms of our local process and back up from March meetings. We have a Policy Meeting on March 25 and Technical Meeting on March 17. Mr. Brierre also said Mr. Armer could distribute the information. All right-of-ways must be acquired according to federal requirements.

Mr. Hulsey made a motion for moving the application process to March 8, with a second by Mr. Ray

AYE: Messrs. Rains, Hendrix, Cartwright, McGrath, Endicott, Giacomo, Carter, Brierre, Campbell, Hulsey, Ray, and Messes, Polk and Graham

NAY: Mr. Tinker and Mayor Lamkin

Motion carried.

6. Reports/Discussion

a) Air Quality Report. Ms. Graham said the Air Quality Committee has met twice and we are finalizing comments that we will present recommendations to the March INCOG Board of Directors Meeting. Federal Highway, ODOT, and ACOG will also be submitting comments. Mr. Brierre said the standard will be lowered at a future date.

b) Tulsa Regional Trails Master Plan Report. Mr. Armer said in December 2009 we had a celebration of the 10 Anniversary of our Trails Master Plan, and he called on James Wagner to give a report on trails. Mr. Wagner said we have basically quadrupled our trails, including Broken Arrow and Jenks. In 1999 we had about 35% of our population living within 2-1/2 miles of a multi-use trail, today 80%, and our goal is 98% and we are well on our way to meeting that. Mr. Wagner reviewed the trails and these maps can be viewed on the INCOG Transportation website.

c) Federal Transportation Funding Report. Mr. Armer said there was a Tiger Discretionary Grant awarded to fund the I-244 Bridge that goes over the Arkansas River with additional funding. The IDL project was specifically identified in Washington as how the stimulus was supposed to work. These were vital to our transportation system, vital to the safety and the maintenance and operations of our systems, and would have a tremendous impact for us in the long term. ODOT made this their number one application for the state primarily because of the rail crossing. The rail crossing does not exist but will provide a tremendous opportunity in the future.

d) TIP Line Item Update. Mr. Armer said the list attached to the agenda is also posted on the website.

