

Transportation

Update

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Bike to Work



Thinking about biking to work? Already a bicycle commuter? Join INCOG and other bicycle commuters at this year's Bike To Work 2009 Downtown Rally May 15 at the Williams Green (near the intersection of 3rd Street and Boston Avenue).

Cyclists of any experience level are welcome to stop by any time between 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. to enjoy snacks, visit booths, and enter to win a gift certificate from a local bicycle shop.

Interested in learning more about bicycle commuting? Visit the links below for more information.

Green Traveler - Visit the Green Traveler website (www.green-traveler.org) and click on "Bike Routes" for a map of area trails and bikeways and links to details on each trail in the network. You can also click on "Create an Account" to track your miles using the Green Traveler Commute Tracker.

Tulsa Million Miles - Biking to work not only saves money, it can also improve your fitness. Visit the website (www.tulsamillionmiles.com) for tips on getting fit in Tulsa.

TAOBIKE - Although still evolving, the TAOBIKE site (www.taobike.org) features links to Tulsa area bicycle clubs, educational opportunities, events, and more.

League of American Bicyclists - Visit www.bikeleague.org and click on Ride Resources for beginner tips on commuting by bike.

Register for the Bike to Work Rally before May 11. Visit www.green-traveler.org or call 918.584.7526

Green Traveler

As money gets tighter, more commuters in Creek, Osage, Rogers, Wagoner, and Tulsa counties are using Green Traveler to go green and save money.

The Green Traveler website (www.green-traveler.org) now has new features that make finding alternatives even easier.

To get started, [create an account](#) or log in to your existing account and click "My Page." On the "My Matches" page, you'll see potential carpool partners. Just scroll down to see the new features.

PARK 'N RIDE LOTS
They're not only a great place to

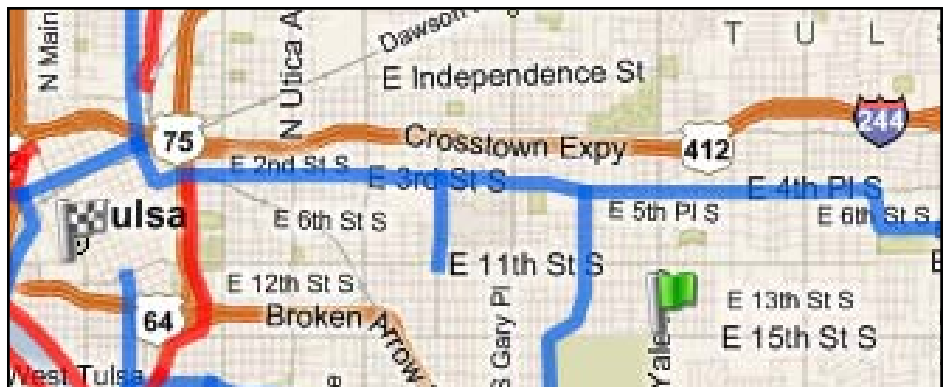
catch the bus, but also an easy place to meet carpool partners.

BIKING AND WALKING INFORMATION

See a map of trails and on-street bike routes in the area that you can use to help you better plan your bike or walk to work. You can also click the link for the interactive webmap to see the entire system.

CARPOOLING AND TRANSIT MATCHING

The carpooling matching and transit matching features are still available on your "My Page." If you need assistance using any of these features, email traveler@incog.org or call 918.584.7526.



Green Traveler allows you to view personalized maps of transit routes, trails and bikeways, and potential carpool matches. Above is an example of trail and bikeway matches.

ARRA Projects

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) suballocated approximately \$22.5 million to the Tulsa Urbanized Area for transportation projects that would create jobs and stimulate the economy.

A total of 56 projects were submitted from 12 separate applicants for a total of \$52.1 million in requested funding. Based on the provisions in the ARRA and the priorities identified by the applicants, the INCOG Board of Directors approved funding for 27 projects totaling over \$22 million (see a breakdown of funds at right).

Projects include road maintenance, intersection improvements, signage, and signals in economically distressed areas and are expected to begin this summer.

The INCOG website (www.incog.org/transportation/ARRA.htm) includes information and maps on all ARRA proposed and funded projects.

City of Bixby	\$538,000
City of Broken Arrow	\$2,959,750
City of Catoosa	\$219,935
City of Coweta	\$198,417
City of Jenks	\$150,000
City of Sand Springs	\$921,420
City of Sapulpa	\$698,540
City of Tulsa	\$15,788,428
Creek County	\$376,431
Rogers County	\$63,553
Tulsa County	\$640,422

What About Rail? News

Almost a year ago, INCOG, along with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Tulsa Now, the Tulsa Metro Chamber, and Tulsa Young Professionals, hosted the What About Rail? Public Open House.

Since then, INCOG's Board of Directors adopted [The Rail Transit Strategic Plan](#). The document provides information on public opinions, needs and gaps, comparative costs, and future actions and is available at www.incog.org/transportation.

The FTA is providing further guidance to INCOG in identifying next steps and moving toward alternatives analysis, a process to identify potential problems, solutions, and cost associated with Alternative Transportation implementation.

The alternatives analysis must be completed before federal funding for rail can be pursued.



Cal Marsella, Denver RTD General Manager, making his presentation at What About Rail?

Documents from the What About Rail? event including videos of presenters and participant comments, as well as the Rail Transit Strategic Plan, are available online (www.incog.org/transportation) Just click on the "What About Rail?" button.

For a hard-copy version of any document, call 918.584.7526.

Air Quality

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) changed its air pollution ozone standard from 80 parts per billion to 75 parts per billion a year ago.

Under this more stringent regulation, the Tulsa region exceeded the standard and is in danger of being designated nonattainment. However, EPA will base their designation on the average emissions from 2007, 2008, and 2009.

Therefore, it's more important than ever that residents do their part this summer to reduce emissions by using alternative transportation, reducing trips, and employing other strategies outlined on the Ozone Alert! website: www.ozonealert.com.

If the standard is violated, INCOG will work with the US Department of Transportation and EPA to ensure all transportation programs and plans, including the Regional Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program, comply with new standards set by EPA and the USDOT.

Projects that can increase pollution, including capacity building projects like road widening, will be strictly reviewed for compliance.

All plans and programs will be reviewed by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration to make sure INCOG is making progress in improving air quality.

New Webmaps

Two [interactive webmaps](#), the Trails and On-Street Bikeways webmap and the Regional Traffic Counts webmap, have been updated with new information and other improvements recommended by visitors.

To see these maps or others, click the "Maps" button from the INCOG Transportation Planning website (www.incog.org/transportation), and then click on the Interactive Webmaps link.

If you have not used webmaps before, click on the "[Webmap Instructions](#)" link for tips on using zoom, pan, identify, and other tools.

- Aerial Grid Reference Map
- Corporate Limits Map of the INCOG Region
- Transportation Improvement Program Projects Map

Mobility Workshop



On February 11, United We Ride Ambassador and transit expert Jim McLary presented a Mobility Management Workshop. Workshop attendees included local, regional, and statewide partners representing local and tribal governments, transportation providers, and human service agencies.

Mobility Management is an approach for managing and delivering coordinated transportation services, making innovative use of the transportation resources to respond to the demands of customers, including older adults, people with disabilities, and individuals with lower incomes.

Mobility Management is an important component of INCOG's [Coordinated Transportation Plan](#), which is now being updated. Two additional sessions were held to provide members of INCOG's Regional Council for

Coordinated Transportation an opportunity to discuss local issues with Mr. McLary. David Raphael, the United We Ride Ambassador who serves the Tulsa region, joined the discussion.

The next Regional Council for Coordinated Transportation meeting will be held in May to discuss the Coordinated Transportation Plan update and plans for the implementation of a mobility management center.

The meeting will also include a presentation of a web-based program that matches organizations and transit users to available transportation that meets their needs.

For more information, visit the INCOG website and click on "[Coordinated Plan](#)."