



Transportation Survey for 2030 OCARTS Plan
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532 Surveys Received

Name (Optional)
I live in See Attached Page 5 City, County
I work in See Attached Page 5 City, County

To get to work, I usually (Responders were asked to choose one.):

- 70.4% Drive alone
5.1% Carpool
0% Vanpool
0% Ride a motorcycle
15.5% Take the bus
0.4% Take a Taxi
3.0% Ride a bicycle
1.1% Walk
4.5% Work at home
Other: (Retired, unemployed, etc.)

The distance I travel from my home to work is approximately 12.9 (Avg.) miles.

1. What are your priorities for the overall transportation system in Central Oklahoma?
(Priorities are listed from 1 to 8, with 1 as the highest priority and 8 as the lowest priority)

- 1 Improved safety
2 More transportation choices (i.e. bus, rail, bicycle paths)
3 Maintenance of the current system
4 Reduced congestion / less delay
5 Less pollution (i.e. air, noise)
6 Better coordination between transportation and land development
7 New or wider streets and highways
8 Beautification of transportation facilities

Other priorities? More bicycle routes, more public transportation, passenger rail, sidewalks, increased public transportation for seniors and persons with disabilities, better roadway signage/markings

2. What changes to the transportation system in Central Oklahoma do you feel would improve your mobility? (Priorities are listed from 1 to 9, with 1 as the highest priority and 9 as the lowest priority)

- 1 Better maintenance of existing streets and highways
2 Light rail passenger service within the metropolitan area
3 Improved/additional bus service
4 New or wider streets and highways
5 Separate lanes on highways for buses and carpools
6 More bicycle paths / bicycle lanes
7 Park-and-ride lots (to access bus service / carpools)
8 More sidewalks
9 Additional interstate passenger rail service (Amtrak)

Other changes? Bike racks on buses, passenger rail, more bus routes and extended schedules, route schedules at bus stops, better lighting/visibility on highways, more bicycle routes

3. What improvements to the transportation system do you feel would improve your **safety**?  
(Priorities are listed from 1 to 10, with 1 as the highest priority and 10 as the lowest priority.)
- 1 Longer merge lanes onto interstates/freeways
  - 2 Better maintenance of highways/bridges
  - 3 More median barriers on interstates/freeways
  - 4 Better enforcement of traffic laws
  - 5 Better notification about congestion / traffic delays
  - 6 More sidewalks
  - 7 Better notification about construction zones
  - 8 More pedestrian crossing signals at intersections
  - 9 Improved railroad crossings
  - 10 Lower speed limits
- Other suggestions for improving safety? Better driver education, traffic law enforcement, better signage, longer pedestrian crossings, lower truck speeds, safer merge lanes, sidewalks, bike routes
4. What changes to the transportation system in Central Oklahoma do you feel would improve the delivery of **goods/commodities** and strengthen our **economy**? (Priorities are listed from 1 to 6 with 1 as the highest priority and 6 as the lowest priority. There was a tie for No. 1)
- 1 Better connection among different kinds of transportation (i.e. truck, rail, air)  
Better maintenance of streets and highways
  - 2 A change/shift in the amount of goods shipped by truck, rail and air
  - 3 New or wider streets and highways
  - 4 Separation of railroad and street crossings (using bridges or underpasses)
  - 5 Promotion of I-35 as an international truck route
  - 6 Establishment of a trade processing (customs) center
- Other changes? More use of rail, designated truck lanes, route trucks around metro, increase fuel taxes, fewer turnpikes, no promotion of I-35/abolish NAFTA
5. One way to reduce congestion is to increase the number of residents who carpool and ride the bus. Which of the following would **encourage** you to **carpool or ride the bus**?  
(Responders were asked to check all that applied to them.)
- 55.26% Closer bus service to my home / employment
  - 53.38% More frequent bus service
  - 40.60% Improved bus stops / shelters
  - 39.31% More sidewalks / bike trails connecting to bus stops
  - 37.78% More park-and-ride lots (to transfer from car to bus or carpool)
  - 35.53% Coordination between bus & bike facilities (i.e. bike racks on buses / bike storage facilities at bus stops)
  - 34.59% Guaranteed ride home from work in an emergency
  - 33.65% Higher gasoline prices
  - 32.71% Improved security (at bus stops / park-and-ride lots / bus terminal / on bus)
  - 30.92% Separate lanes on highways for buses and carpools
  - 28.38% Someone to carpool with
  - 23.87% Lower bus fares
  - 22.18% More flexible work schedule
  - 8.46% None of the above
- Other? Light rail service, express bus routes/shorter travel time, more bus routes/extended hours, cleaner/safer buses, tax incentive, bike lanes, bus shelters, schedules at bus stops, buses on time

6. Keeping in mind that transportation funds are limited, please rank the following modes of travel according to the **priority** you feel they should be given in **funding** decisions.  
 (Priorities are listed from 1 to 7, with 1 as the highest priority and 7 as the lowest priority)
- 1 Maintaining existing streets and highways
  - 2 Public bus services
  - 3 Light rail passenger service within the metropolitan area
  - 4 New or wider streets and highways
  - 5 Sidewalks
  - 6 Regional bicycle facilities
  - 7 Interstate passenger rail service (Amtrak)
- Other ? More bike routes, more bus and rail public transportation, fix Broadway Extension, prioritize funds better, use new technologies to improve existing facilities
7. Knowing that transportation funds are limited, what new funding source(s) would you be most willing to support for improved maintenance of existing **highways and bridges**?  
 (Responders were asked to check all that applied to them.)
- 45.86%** Gasoline tax  
**42.11%** Diesel tax  
**40.41%** Dedicated sales tax  
**14.45%** Property tax  
**14.10%** None of the above
- Other: Less waste of public funds, bring more federal money to state, end diversion of vehicle fees to non-transportation uses, tolls, lottery, tobacco/alcohol tax, trucks/SUVs should pay more
8. Knowing that transportation funds are limited, what new funding source(s) would you be most willing to support for the construction of a **regional bicycle network** throughout Central Oklahoma? (Responders were asked to check all that applied to them.)
- 32.52%** Dedicated sales tax  
**29.14%** Redirect funds currently used on streets and highways  
**28.01%** None of the above  
**27.63%** Gasoline tax  
**27.44%** User fee or special tax  
**12.41%** Property tax
- Other: Bicycle licenses/user fees, tax on bikes/equipment, another MAPS, bond issue, diesel tax, higher traffic fines, lottery
9. Knowing that transportation funds are limited, what new funding source(s) would you be most willing to support to expand current **bus services** throughout Central Oklahoma?  
 (Responders were asked to check all that applied to them.)
- 37.03%** Dedicated sales tax  
**31.95%** Redirect funds currently used on streets and highways  
**29.89%** Gasoline tax  
**28.95%** Higher bus fares  
**15.04%** None of the above  
**11.84%** Property tax
- Other: User fees/more transit user support, diesel tax, higher traffic fines, lottery, more federal/state funds, tobacco/alcohol tax, dedicated property tax, employer partnerships, income tax credit

10. Knowing that transportation funds are limited, what new funding source(s) would you be most willing to support for construction and maintenance of additional **interstate passenger rail** (Amtrak). (Responders were asked to check all that applied to them.)  
**29.51%** Higher train fares  
**28.57%** Dedicated sales tax  
**26.50%** Redirect funds currently used on streets and highways  
**25.56%** None of the above  
**23.12%** Gasoline tax  
**10.90%** Property tax  
Other: Federal funds/grants, turnpike tolls, dedicated sales tax, diesel tax, lottery, user fee, bonds
11. Knowing that transportation funds are limited, what new funding source(s) would you be most willing to support for the construction and maintenance of a **light rail** passenger system within Central Oklahoma? (Responders were asked to check all that applied to them.)  
**43.42%** Dedicated sales tax  
**43.05%** Special purpose tax district  
**31.77%** Redirect funds currently used on streets and highways  
**29.32%** Gasoline tax  
**16.73%** Property tax  
**19.36%** None of the above  
Other: User fees, dedicated sales tax, diesel tax, federal funds/grants, higher traffic fines, turnpike tolls, bonds, tobacco/alcohol tax, earmark current funds, hotel/convention tax
12. Should cities in Central Oklahoma require developers to construct sidewalks in:  
new residential developments? **88.16%** Yes **6.39%** No  
new commercial developments? **87.03%** Yes **5.64%** No
13. Should cities in Central Oklahoma use public funds to construct sidewalks in existing residential and commercial areas that are currently without sidewalks?  
**28.76%** Yes **66.35%** No
14. If you could change one thing about transportation in Central Oklahoma, what would you change? **See Attached Page 6**
15. What is the best thing about transportation in Central Oklahoma? **See Attached Page 9**

Responses to the 2030 OCARTS Plan Transportation Survey responses were received from people who live or work within the following OCARTS communities:

Bethany  
Cedar Valley  
Choctaw  
Del City  
Edmond  
Guthrie  
Harrah  
Luther  
Midwest City  
Moore  
Mustang  
Newcastle  
Nichols Hills  
Nicoma Park  
Noble  
Norman  
Oklahoma City  
Piedmont  
Purcell  
Tuttle  
The Village  
Warr Acres  
Yukon  
Unincorp. Logan Co.

14. If you could change one thing about transportation in Central Oklahoma, what would you change?

**Streets and Highways:**

- Better Maintenance:
  - Road and bridge maintenance
  - Maintain city and county streets and roads
  - Ice Removal
  - Potholes
  - Traffic signal coordination/timing
- Geometrics:
  - Longer merge lanes/on-ramps further apart
  - Wider streets and highways
  - Shoulders on all roads
  - More median barriers on major thoroughfares
  - Asphalt, not concrete, interstates
- Law Enforcement/Education:
  - Safer construction zones/reduced construction time
  - Traffic law enforcement/higher fines
  - Educate drivers about sharing streets with cyclists
  - Better driver's education
  - More traffic signs
  - Take careless drivers off of road
  - Designate speed lanes in highways
  - Larger fines for no insurance
  - More truck weigh stations
  - Narrow difference between minimum and maximum speed limits on highways
  - Reduce speed limits
  - Stripes and street lights on rural streets
  - Track down aggressive drivers
  - Truck driver education
  - Vehicle emission tests and fines
  - Vehicle safety inspections
- Trouble Spots/Construction:
  - Broadway Extension between N. 36<sup>th</sup> and N. 63<sup>rd</sup>
  - Widen I-35/widen I-35 to 6 lanes through Norman
  - Make May Avenue five lanes
  - I-40 and Morgan Road
  - Close ramp to EB I-40 from Reno just before elevated portion of I-40 in downtown
  - End of Kilpatrick Turnpike at SW 15<sup>th</sup> to SH-152 in Mustang
  - I-240 ramp onto I-35 South
  - Finish outer loop around metro
  - Less truck stops at each exit

### **Streets and Highways (Cont.):**

- Funding:
  - Use existing funding for bridge repairs
  - No more turnpikes/eliminate OTA
  - Gas and diesel tax to pay for roads
  - I-40 realignment wastes money
  - Increase auto registration fees
  - Lottery to fund new roads
  - Lower turnpike tolls
  - Make developers pay for street improvements
  - Toll for trucks on interstates/trucks to fund maintenance
- Planning/Congestion/Conservation:
  - More/better road planning
  - Interstate bottlenecks
  - Access management policy
  - Constant construction with inefficient traffic redirection
  - Fuel efficient vehicles/cleaner, renewable fuels
  - Carpooling
  - High occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes
  - No wider streets

### **Bus / Public Transportation:**

- More frequent transit services/expanded hours
- More buses/bus routes
- Multiple transit choices
- Safe, efficient, reliable public transportation for metro area
- Education/awareness of public transportation choices/improve image
- More public transportation for seniors/low income
- Connect entire metro area
- Park and ride/promote OU Lloyd Noble park and ride lot
- Require large employers to provide transit stations at workplace
- Bus drivers
- Lower fares
- More bus funding
- Bus routes to Tinker Air Force Base
- Heat and air on buses
- Schedules at bus stops
- Seat belts on buses
- Smaller buses
- No school children on buses
- No cell phones on public transportation
- Dedicate tax for MetroTransit

**Rail:**

- Light Rail
- Preserve Union Station as rail transport hub
- Interstate rail connections
- Reduce price of Amtrak from Norman to OKC
- Amtrak terminal not safe

**Bicycle/Pedestrian:**

- Bicycle lanes/paths/routes/trails
- Bike racks on buses
- Separate bicycle/auto traffic
- More Share the Road bike lanes
- Trails/multiple use trail system
- Tax break for bicycle purchase and use
- Better pedestrian access/sidewalks/signals

**Policy/Other:**

- Reduce sprawl/increase density
- Create greenbelt
- Beautification
- Better sanitation
- Construction and maintenance in one department
- Create a park in every subdivision
- Erosion control on projects
- Low cost taxi
- Noise abatement of motorcycles
- Separate transportation from parking at COTPA
- Use reason and affordability

15. What is the best thing about transportation in Central Oklahoma?

**Streets and Highways:**

- Little congestion / smooth traffic flow / grid pattern easy to use
- Interstates/turnpikes
- Speed limits
- Independence via automobiles
- Asphalt roads
- Bypasses
- Dedicated ODOT employees
- Effort to increase safety on highways
- Few accidents
- Few toll roads
- Limited billboard advertising
- Plenty of parking
- Right turn on red

**Bus / Public Transportation:**

- Service availability
- Affordable bus fare
- New bus terminal
- Drivers nice / helpful
- Bricktown trolleys
- Dependability
- Comfortable
- Disability access / Kneeling buses
- Reduced rates for seniors
- Saves time and money / no gas to buy
- Well run bus system

**Rail:**

- Amtrak
- Interest in rail
- Rail infrastructure

**Bicycle / Pedestrian:**

- Bike lanes/paths
- Flat land
- Multi-use trail
- Sidewalks

**Other / Policy:**

- This survey
- Well planned
- Attempts at beautification
- Attempts at urban revitalization/reduced sprawl
- Someone is paying attention to change
- Cheap
- Low cost taxi