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ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA

ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 11, 2008

ACOG Board Room – 10:00 a.m.
21 E Main St, Ste 100
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IV. INFORMATION ITEM:

F. Central Oklahoma Ozone Nonattainment Boundary

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 9, 2008

TO: Intermodal Transportation Technical Committee

FROM: Douglas W. Rex, Division Director
Transportation Planning & Data Services

SUBJECT: Central Oklahoma Ozone Nonattainment Boundary

INFORMATION:

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) recently hosted two meetings to inform the public about and receive comments on potential nonattainment area boundaries and designations for the new 0.075 parts per million ozone standard. The Oklahoma City meeting, conducted in preparation of the State's recommendation to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which must be delivered by March 12, 2009, was hosted on December 3, 2008 to specifically discuss the boundary for Central Oklahoma.

According to EPA guidance, the presumptive boundary for Central Oklahoma would encompass the eight-county combined Metropolitan and Micropolitan Core Based Statistical Area (CBSA) including: Canadian, Cleveland, Oklahoma, Grady, Lincoln, Logan, McClain and Pottawatomie counties. ACOG staff strongly believes that a more appropriate nonattainment boundary would be much smaller than the CBSA.

As a framework for determining final boundary designations, EPA recommends an evaluation of the following nine factors:

1. Air quality data
2. Emissions data
3. Population density and degree of urbanization
4. Traffic and commuting patterns
5. Growth rates and patterns

6. Meteorology
7. Geography/topography
8. Jurisdictional boundaries
9. Level of control of emission sources

Data related to these factors, compiled by ODEQ, will be presented at December's ITTC meeting.

ACTION REQUEST:

None. For information only.