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AGENDA

ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS

AREAWIDE PLANNING AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 15, 2008

9:00 a.m.

**ACOG Conference Room
21 E. Main St.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73104**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ([ATTACHMENT II](#))
- III. PRELIMINARY 2005 BASE YEAR POPULATION DATA BY TRAFFIC ANALYSIS ZONE AND ENTITY FOR THE OCARTS PLAN ([ATTACHMENT III](#))

Action Requested: For Review and Comment.
- IV. HIGHWAY TREE GRANT PROGRAM (ODOT) ([ATTACHMENT IV](#))

Action Requested: None. For information only.
- V. FORMULATION OF A REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SURVEY ([ATTACHMENT V](#))

Action Requested: None. For information only.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

**Areawide Planning and Technical Advisory Committee
March 13, 2008
9:00 a.m.**

The second meeting of the Areawide Planning and Technical Advisory Committee for the calendar year 2008 was convened on March 13, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the ACOG office, 21 E. Main Street, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This meeting was held as indicated by notice filed with the Oklahoma County Clerk, and by notice posted at the ACOG office at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

PRESIDING

Eric Brandt Oklahoma County

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Seibold	City of Choctaw
Anais Starr	City of Midwest City
Elizabeth Jones	City of Moore
Joyce Green	City of Norman
Randy Entz	City of Oklahoma City
Lanc Gross	City of Oklahoma City
Tyler Gammon	Oklahoma County
Ruth Walters	Oklahoma County
Louis Smitherman	City of Spencer

STAFF PRESENT

John Sharp, Program Coordinator, TPDS	ACOG
Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer, Program Coord., TPDS	ACOG
Alicia Nicely, Associate Planner, TPDS	ACOG
Ellen Owens, Department Secretary, TPDS	ACOG

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Brandt called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tyler Gammon made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2008 meeting. Anais Starr seconded the motion and, with the vote, the motion passed.

III. PRELIMINARY 2005 OCARTS REGION AND CITY POPULATION DATA

John Sharp said that ACOG staff is in the process of collecting and analyzing building permits, land use, and employment data in order to develop the 2005 base year. He said the goal is to complete the 2035 OCARTS Plan by the summer of 2010. He said good census data was received for 2000, but in 2005 there is less detailed data available. Mr. Sharp indicated the census estimates have been received from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce (ODOC) for 2005, but some of the population numbers in the metro area are lower than expected. He referred to the two tables in the Agenda on Pages III-2 and III-3 and indicated that some of the 2000 and 2005 data has been corrected to conform to actual city boundaries.

Mr. Sharp said June is the base month that is used for the 2005-2035 OCARTS planning period. He said that ACOG has collected the January 2000 through December 2004 residential building permits for single family and multi family units. He remarked that there is generally a lag time for build out of building permits and it is usually four months on a single family unit and at least six months on a multi family unit. He said demolition data was also received which helps give true growth figures for communities. Mr. Sharp commented that group quarters are very hard to keep track of and that those numbers are preliminary.

Mr. Sharp said that there is also more information available than what is presented in the Agenda tables if anyone would like to review it. He said there are total units and occupied units, persons per household and occupancy rates. The general summary is that the OCARTS area has gained over 36,000 units in five years, which is indicative of a good building boom for about fifteen years since about 1991. He said there has been a population gain of about 83,000. The growth rate from 2000 to 2005 in the 2030 Plan was determined to be about 6.95%. He said that for that same time period, the OCARTS area exceeded that by growing at 8.52%. Mr. Sharp said the northwestern quadrant of the OCARTS area has the majority of the building permits. It is interesting to note, however, that the southwest quadrant has had about a 27% gain and the northeast quadrant is slowest, at 15%. He said that the population growth from the last five years seems to be fairly consistent with the 2030 Plan.

Anais Starr asked if the difference between ACOG numbers and ODOC numbers is because ACOG conformed to the city limits and ODOC did not. Mr. Sharp replied that in some cases, that is true. He said the 2000 number for Midwest City of 54,088 was the census number and the 2005 number that was created through permits was 56,558 and ACOG feels strongly that number generated by the permits is close to being correct. Mr. Sharp said that generally, we gained over 83,000 in five years. The population for 2000 was 990,000 for the OCARTS area and we now see a number of 1,073,000.

IV. ELDERLY TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

Mr. Sharp said that there are more people living in the Oklahoma City area and there will be more older people living here than in the past. He said that this is a national trend and that by 2010 – 2012 cities will see the beginning of the baby boomers retiring. He said that research has increased in studying the elderly population and how that might affect our transportation plan. He indicated that the research showed two groups of elderly, those without their own transportation and those who still drive. He said that in the OCARTS area in 2000 there were 120,000 people over 65, but by 2030, it is anticipated there will be 252,000 over 65. That is over a 100% increase. Mr. Sharp said that all the central Oklahoma communities will be influenced by an older population. He indicated that in Oklahoma 11.9% of the elderly do not drive and in the OCARTS area, it is 11.6%.

Mr. Sharp commented that the National Household Survey states that, 68% of Oklahomans who do not drive are considered to be isolated. He said that in order to help cope with this, COTPA, Oklahoma City, and ACOG worked on a Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan of 2007. He said that a group of agencies that provide services to the elderly met to coordinate a plan to provide better transportation to the elderly who live outside the fixed bus route service area. This isolation issue is very important in areas that do not have a transit system. Mr. Sharp said that, as planners, we have to think of better maintained sidewalks in our cities as well as refuge medians, and longer walk signals at crosswalks to provide our elderly a safe environment in which to move around.

Mr. Sharp mentioned that many of the elderly still have cars and still drive. In the OCARTS area, 88% of people over 65 have cars. He said that, in general, older drivers have the highest crash rates when mileage is taken into account.

Mark Seibold commented that for serious accidents involving two or more hospitalizations that, even at 55, there is less likelihood of surviving a crash. Mr. Sharp agreed. He said that the Census Bureau's STP-9 file provides data on census tract level for people over 60. He also said that over time, we have found out that older people move to the suburbs like everyone else does and stay there, but they have a longer drive to get to their appointments, such as doctor or hospital appointments.

Mr. Sharp spoke about the need for clear and understandable signage like bigger signs with bigger writing. He also mentioned walkable communities, which would be a help for the elderly.

Mr. Smitherman asked if any potential growth was foreseen for the northeast part of Oklahoma City. Mr. Sharp replied that there has been a good deal of building permits in Spencer, about 82 over a five year period.

V. BOUNDARY AND ANNEXATION SURVEY (BAS)

John Sharp informed the Committee that the Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) information is due back to the Census Bureau on April 1, 2008. He said that the Census Bureau is now taking into account that, because of the American Community Survey (ACS), they will have to keep the boundaries updated each year. He said that the BAS data is used for the population estimates and for the ACS. Mr. Sharp said that if any Committee members needed more information, he had a link to the Census Bureau's Web site.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

City of Choctaw

Mark Seibold commented that the City issued Requests for Proposals (RFP) for a development on a 38 acre property that the city owns. He said they expect to receive the proposals back by March 28th. He said that this area is intended to be a mixed use downtown walkable community type project. He indicated that building permit applications are still slow and said that the city has a Parks and Recreation Charette planned for April 5th to coordinate three major greenspaces surrounding downtown. He said they are also working on their Stormwater Management Plan.

City of Moore

Elizabeth Jones said that building permit applications are still increasing. She indicated that the Warren Theater is planning an opening in Moore in the beginning of April with a grand opening celebration. She said that many new shops have opened recently, such as Famous Footwear and Fashion Bug. Ms. Jones said she is working on new regulations for oil and gas wells for the city. She indicated that the City Council seems to be on board to have stricter regulations on aesthetics. She said the oil companies are clearly against it.

City of Midwest City

Anais Starr remarked that Town Center Plaza is built and there are two more parcels that are ready to be developed. She indicated that residential building permits are slow. She said the city put out a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Trails Master Plan and the deadline is March 21st.

Oklahoma County

Tyler Gammon made reference to the Tinker buy-out plan of General Motors. He said that this plan needs to be supported otherwise the General Motors plant will just lay empty. He said building permits for the county are currently at half of what they were for all of last month.

Ruth Walters informed the Committee that the subdivision regulations for the County are almost completely revised and said they have become stricter on the regulations for pavement design. She said they also revised the zoning regulations.

City of Norman

Joyce Green said that the city is still working on its Stormwater Master Plan. She said there will be a bond election for a new library and a half penny sales tax for public safety. She indicated the city will do a corridor planning study for the Porter corridor from Robinson St. to Alameda St. She said the city will begin having its first public meetings on their new historic preservation guidelines.

City of Oklahoma City

Lanc Gross mentioned that the new plats and Planned Urban Development (PUD's) they have received over the last two months have tapered off perhaps because of the economy or the new zoning ordinance. He said they are addressing the issue of pedestrian connectivity, which is a first in Oklahoma City.

Randy Entz said the city is starting its northeast sector plan and they are about to complete the functional class street plan, which had not been updated since 1983. He also mentioned that there is a proposal to build condominiums on the west side of downtown.

City of Spencer

Louis Smitherman mentioned a plan to add utilities in the 23rd St. area and there is hope that the project will attract retail and wholesale stores to generate sales tax and housing development.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Walters made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Green seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 15, 2008

TO: Areawide Planning and Technical Advisory Committee (APTAC)

FROM: John Sharp, Program Coordinator
Transportation Planning & Data Services

SUBJECT: Preliminary 2005 Base Year Population Data by Traffic Analysis Zone and Entity
For the 2035 OCARTS Plan

INFORMATION:

At the March APTAC meeting, staff provided preliminary 2005 OCARTS region and city population data for your review. This population data has now been broken down to the traffic analysis zone level of geography. The data and maps for each entity can be accessed at ACOG's website location:

<http://acogok.org/Newsroom/Downloads08/population.pdf>

Please review this preliminary population data and contact staff to clarify any discrepancy that might be found. In June, staff would like to finalize the 2005 base traffic analysis zone population data for use in the 2035 OCARTS Plan development.

ACTION REQUESTED:

For review and comment.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 15, 2008

TO: Areawide Planning and Technical Advisory Committee (APTAC)

FROM: John M. Sharp, Program Coordinator
Transportation Planning & Data Services

SUBJECT: Highway Tree Grant Program (ODOT)

INFORMATION:

The 2008 Highway Tree Grant program will provide approximately \$435,000 to communities statewide this year. Funding for the continuation of the Highway Tree Grant Program is from SAFETEA-LU and is managed by ODOT. The program provides grants to communities to beautify highways leading to or through their town.

Since the beginning of the Highway Tree Grant Program in 1997, communities have received grants for planting that have added to the aesthetic beauty of Oklahoma's highways. Communities can receive \$1,875 - \$25,000 with the recipient providing a 25 percent match. Applications are due to ODOT by Friday, July 11.

Applicants must submit an application which will be judged by a committee of forestry, landscape design and highway professionals. The applications are judged on the proposed site's visibility, need for improvement, design and the adequacy and cost-effectiveness of the maintenance program, plan and budget. For more information, visit the ODOT Beautification Office's Web site at <http://www.okladot.state.ok.us/beauty>.

WORKSHOP

There will be a Grant Preparation Workshop at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 29, 2008, at the Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center at Will Rogers Park, 3400 NW 36th St. in Oklahoma City. If you plan to attend the workshop, please RSVP to the ODOT Beautification Office at (405) 521-4037.

ACTION REQUESTED:

None. For information only.

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TO: Areawide Planning and Technical Advisory Committee (APTAC)

FROM: John Sharp, Program Coordinator
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SUBJECT: Formulation of a Regional Planning and Development Survey

INFORMATION:

Last year, ACOG developed a residential building permit fee survey to allow local staff the opportunity to review the fees that each local entity charged for different portions of their residential building permit process.

This year, there is some interest in developing a survey to look more closely at regional planning and development. This will allow local entities to compare development regulations and land use policies. At the May APTAC meeting, a preliminary list of questions will be reviewed to determine a useable survey for the ACOG region.

ACTION REQUESTED:

None. For information only.