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## **ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA**

ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS  
INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
Thursday, November 12, 2009

ACOG Board Room – 10:00 a.m.  
21 E Main St, Ste 100  
Oklahoma City, OK 73104

### III. ACTION ITEM:

- H. Consider recommending that the ITPC approve the proposed amended ARRA policy requiring that all OCARTS area ARRA projects be eligible for authorization by February 1, 2010. [\[ATTACHMENT III-H\]](#)

# ACOG

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 9, 2009  
**TO:** Intermodal Transportation Technical Committee  
**FROM:** Douglas W. Rex, Division Director  
Transportation Planning & Data Services  
**SUBJECT:** Proposed ARRA Policy Amendment Concerning ARRA Project Authorization Deadline

#### INFORMATION:

Last month ACOG staff advised the Committee that in order to ensure that the OCARTS area does not lose any of its American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding and that the State of Oklahoma remains eligible for any additional redistribution of ARRA funds, all of ACOG's suballocation must be authorized by March 2, 2010. To meet this deadline, ACOG staff, in consultation with ODOT, believes it is necessary to amend the OCARTS ARRA policy.

Currently, the OCARTS ARRA policy, approved by the ITPC on September 24, 2009, requires that all projects must have a bid letting date scheduled with ODOT by the end of 2009. However, ACOG staff recommends that the policy be amended to state that all OCARTS area projects must be eligible for authorization by **February 1, 2010** (rather than a letting date scheduled by the end of the year). For a project to be eligible for authorization, it must receive environmental and right-of-way clearance.

ODOT and ACOG staffs are committed to assisting entities in meeting this deadline for authorizing all outstanding OCARTS area ARRA projects. However, in the event that an ARRA project is unable to be authorized by February 1, 2010, the funds associated with that project will be transferred to an eligible FFY 2010 STP-UZA project in order to spend the region's ARRA funds down to a zero balance. Any unused STP-UZA funds that result from this application of ARRA funds will be returned to ACOG's STP-UZA balance.

#### ACTION REQUESTED:

Consider recommending that the ITPC approve the proposed amended ARRA policy requiring that all OCARTS area ARRA projects be eligible for authorization by February 1, 2010.