



## **REGIONAL TRANSIT DIALOGUE**

### **Technical/Land Use Subcommittee**

October 22, 2009 – 1:30 p.m.  
ACOG Board Room, 21 E Main St., Suite 100  
Oklahoma City, OK 73104

Shannon Entz, Chair Technical/Land Use Sub-Committee, Community Development Manager, Edmond  
Mark Seibold, Vice Chair Technical/Land Use Sub-Committee, City Planner, Choctaw

#### **Attendees**

Shannon Entz – Edmond  
Mark Seibold – Choctaw  
Susan Connors – Norman  
Randy Entz – OKC  
Larry Hopper – COTPA  
John Bowman – ODOT  
Marion Hutchison – ONTRAC  
John Hasley – Capitol Chamber of Commerce  
Billy Harless – Midwest City  
Cody Ponder – CART  
ACOG Staff – Ryan Billings, Kara Chiodo, Holly Massie, Doug Rex, John Sharp

#### **Guests**

Jeremy Gardner – bgDESIGN

### **Summary**

#### **I. Welcome/Introductions**

Shannon Entz welcomed everyone and entertained introductions around the room.



## **II. Transit Oriented Development (TOD)**

Susan Connors gave a presentation on Transit Orientated Development (TOD). The presentation focused specifically on a TOD in the city of Thornton, Colorado. The City of Thornton is a suburb north of Denver, Colorado. The location of the TOD is in the small village of East Lake near the border between Northland and Thornton. Ms. Connors provided pictures, maps, and development schematics of the site.

Ms. Connors provided details of the many challenges the TOD faced in the design and development phase. The TOD would be a part of a revitalizing effort for the East Lake community, which would bring retail and housing with scattered parking lots instead of one large parking lot along the rail line. Improving access to the TOD was paramount in the design process while preserving East Lake's rural/village feel and design. The transit station/TOD would include trails, a community park, single/multi-family housing and retail. The TOD plan is in place, but commuter rail line will not be extended to the site until 2017.

## **III. Update to Crosstown Expressway and Associated Rail Impacts**

John Bowman provided a brief update on the Crosstown Expressway construction, and the impacts of the alignment on rail in Central Oklahoma. Mr. Bowman provided maps of the I-40 alignment and rail lines in Oklahoma. Mr. Bowman gave a brief planning history on how the new alignment was designed and developed with the City of Oklahoma City and residents' input. Mr. Bowman provided extensive detail on the rails in and around the new Crosstown Expressway corridor and the "Core to Shore" area. Mr. Bowman informed the subcommittee that the new rail projects were the largest construction projects in ODOT history. ODOT spent \$70 - 80 million on rail realignment projects. ODOT believes that the rail realignments could have future benefits for both north/south commuter rail and west connections to Will Rodgers World Airport and the western suburbs. The new I-40 Crosstown Expressway will open in late 2012.

## **IV. Intermodal Hub Study Update and Discussion**

Doug Rex provided an update on Oklahoma City's resolution, requesting ACOG to do an intermodal hub study. The resolution was adopted by the City Council on September 15, 2009. Mr. Rex informed the subcommittee that most of the municipalities have expressed the need to identify the location of a central hub for all modes of public transit in the region. Mr. Rex believes that the study will begin in early 2010. Mr. Rex informed the subcommittee that ACOG was excited and looking forward to the study.

## **V. Steering Committee Meetings – October 28<sup>th</sup>/November 18<sup>th</sup>**

Shannon Entz encouraged all subcommittee members to attend the upcoming Steering Committee meetings. The October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting will have the Assistant City Manager of Fort Worth, Fernando Costa as speaker. The November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a special meeting. The

speakers will be Robert Babbitt CEO/President of McDonald Transit and John Tayer, a commissioner on the Denver's RTA. Both meetings will begin at 1:30pm.

**VI. Discuss Next Meeting Dates (November 5<sup>th</sup>/December 10<sup>th</sup>)**

Next two meetings are scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 1:30 pm and December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 also at 1:30 pm.

**VII. Adjourn**