



## **REGIONAL TRANSIT DIALOGUE**

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

November 5, 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  
Susan Connors – Norman  
Randy Entz – OKC  
Hans Butzer - University of Oklahoma  
Larry Hopper – COTPA  
Joe D. Bryant  
John Bowman – ODOT  
Marisa Wells – OSDH-OKC  
Marion Hutchison – ONTRAC  
John Hasley – Capitol Chamber of Commerce  
Cody Ponder – CART  
ACOG Staff – Ryan Billings, Kara Chiodo, Daniel Fazekas, John Sharp

#### **Guest**

Yolanda Massie – City Link

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

Shannon Entz welcomed everyone, introduced her guest, Yolanda Massie from City Link, and entertained introductions from around the room.

## **II. Transportation Alternatives – Connectivity**

John Sharp presented a three part presentation of connectivity in the region in regards to bike trails, sidewalks, roads, to public transit. Current connections are predominantly created for the automobile. Central Oklahoma does have a great highways system but the reality is that short distance connectivity (like sidewalks or bike trails) are in disrepair or nonexistent. Some of the reasons for the lack of sidewalks are different financial priorities, poor planning, and low population density. Mr. Sharp did inform the subcommittee that there are some changes happening throughout the region that is resulting in increased focus on alternative forms of connectivity.

Mr. Sharp looked at the entire region first, and then focused on individual municipalities. Mr. Sharp presented maps of sidewalks, public transit (bus routes) and a regional bike trail maps. The sidewalk map was not complete due to lack of a municipal/regional monitoring of sidewalks. Larger municipalities had limited inventories on sidewalks. The bike trail map featured current and future trails throughout the OCARTS area. Mr. Sharp also provided a map of public bus routes throughout the OCARTS area. The bus routes did provide adequate access to hospitals and clinics for the larger municipalities but scheduling on these routes is an issue. The more rural communities had no service.

Mr. Sharp was encouraged that the region was talking about alternative connections which include public transit, alternative land uses (mixed use), and “complete the streets” campaigns.

The discussion of a regional transit system connecting bus routes to other modes, services and people was encouraged to be integrated in the final product of TLUS. A public transit system cannot be successful if people are unable to walk to it.

## **III. Steering Committee Meeting Recap Discussion**

Shannon Entz briefly summarized the October 28<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting in which the Assistant City Manager from Fort Worth, Texas, Fernando Costa, gave a presentation on regional transit efforts within his community. Ms. Entz was pleased the steering committee heard the presentation, and felt our region could learn a lot from the efforts of Fort Worth, when it comes to land use issues and regional transit.

## **IV. New Business**

Ms. Entz and the ACOG staff informed the subcommittee that ACOG is hosting a special meeting of the Regional Transit Dialogue (RTD) Steering Committee on Wednesday November 17, 2009 at 1:30 at the Civic Center Music Hall in Oklahoma City. The RTD has invited Robert Babbitt and John Tayer, who will present their planning experiences and the need for a regional vision in transit investments. Dr. Robert Babbitt is the president of McDonald Transit Associates, and John Tayer is currently the District 0 representative for the

board of Denver's Regional Transportation District. Ms. Entz urged all to attend this special event.

#### **V. Discuss Next Meeting Date (December 10<sup>th</sup>)**

Ms. Entz informed the group of the December 10<sup>th</sup> TLUS meeting at 1:30pm in the ACOG board room.

#### **VI. Adjourn**