



### **Regional Transit Dialogue**

Steering Committee Meeting
December 3, 2015

# **Progress Update**



# **Discussion Topics**



- Crash Course: The Last 10 Years
- Where Did the RTD Steering Committee Leave Off?
- Other Regional Developments
- Next Steps for RTD / RTA Task Force





### **Crash Course – The Last 10 Years**

Regional Fixed Guideway Study
Regional Transit Dialogue
Intermodal Hub Study
Downtown Streetcar
Commuter Corridors Study
HB 2480

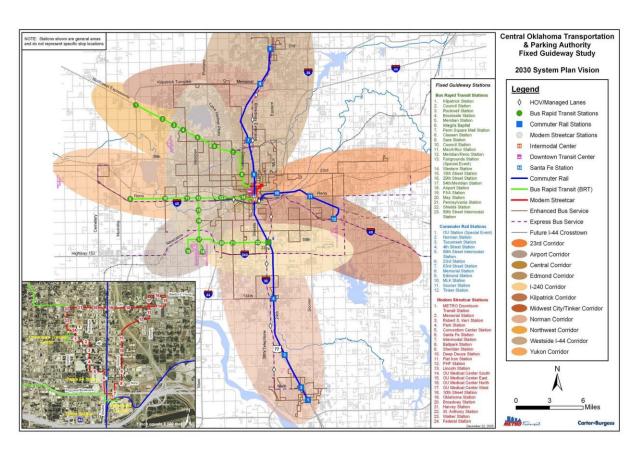


## **Fixed Guideway Study**



### Regional Study

- Prepared for COTPA
- OCARTS Region
- 11 Study Corridors
- 2030 System Plan
- Completed Dec. 2005
- Recommended:
  - High Capacity Transit
  - Enhanced Bus
  - Central Hub
  - Downtown Circulator





## Regional Transit Dialogue – Phase 1

#### Phase 1

- April 2009 March 2010
- FGS Foundation
- Explore Desire for Regional Transit
- Public / Private Collaboration

#### <u>Structure</u>

- Steering Committee
  - Governance/Finance Subcommittee
  - Technical/Land Use Subcommittee
  - Public Outreach Subcommittee

### Recommendations

- Intermodal Hub Study
- Study FGS Commuter Rail Corridors

#### **Products**

- Governance & Finance Report
- Transit Supportive Development Guidebook
- FGS / RTD Brochure



### **Intermodal Hub Study**

Sept. 2010 – June 2011 Partners - ACOG, OKC, COTPA, ODOT

#### 10 Sites Evaluated

### Santa Fe Station Selected:

- Located along BNSF
- Amtrak Service
- Connecting Downtown & Bricktown
- Can accommodate beyond 2035
  - Commuter Rail
  - Amtrak
  - o HSR

### Recommendations

- Upgrade Santa Fe Station
- Reopen Pedestrian Tunnel
- Multi-Modal
- Future Transit Hall
- Future Parking Garage

### **Product**

Intermodal Hub Master Plan







### **Downtown OKC Circulator**



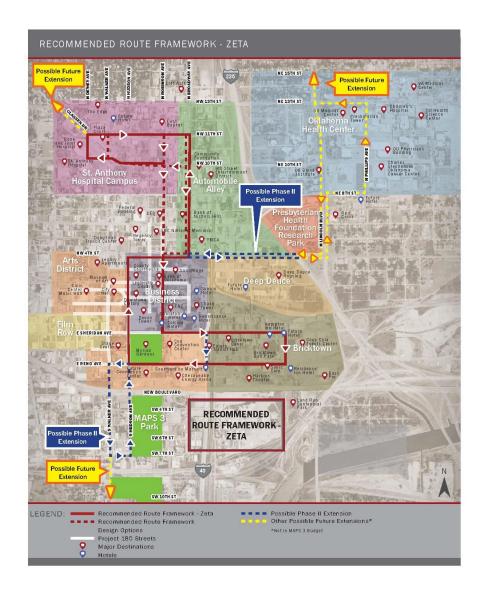
Alternatives Analysis for OKC, COTPA

MAPS 3 - \$129 M

4.6 miles, Phase 1

### **Locally Preferred Alternative:**

- Modern Streetcar
- Alignment Route Zeta
- Connect to Santa Fe Hub
- Downtown Connection for future Commuter Rail
- Link Downtown Districts
- Potential for Expansion



### **Commuter Corridors Study**





CentralOK!go: Jan. 2013 - July 2014

Partners: ACOG, Del City, Edmond, Midwest

City, Moore, Norman, Oklahoma City

#### AA - Three Corridors from FGS

- North: Edmond <-> Downtown OKC
- South: Norman <-> Downtown OKC
- East: MWC/TAFB <-> Downtown OKC

#### Structure

RTD Steering Committee = CentralOK!go SC Corridor Workgroups:

Citizens, Businesses, Chambers, Cities

Public Outreach:

Meetings, Newsletters, Webinars, "Road" Shows

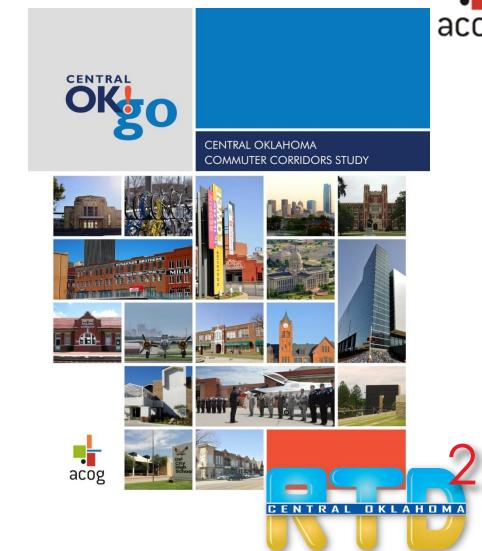
#### Recommendations

Locally Preferred Alternative per Corridor

- High Capacity Transit Mode
- Alignment

#### **Products**

Central Oklahoma Commuter Corridors Study Final Report



### **HB 2480**



RTD Member – Rep. Charlie Joyner
Signed by Gov. Fallin – May 22, 2014
Critical Step for Forming a Regional Transit Authority (RTA) District

Amended Previous Legislation – 68 O.S. 2011, Sec. 1370.7:

- Allowed for creation of Regional Districts
- Any combination of any portions of cities, town, or counties
- Governed by Board of Directors Appointed by Creating Entities
- Staffing and Operating added to definition of "Operations"





# Where Did the RTD Steering Committee Leave Off?



### Where Did the RTD Leave Off?

### Approval of CentralOK!go LPAs:

July 2014 – RTD Steering Committee Selected LPAs

October 2014 – ACOG Board Approved CentralOK!go LPAs

### **Three Corridor LPAs:**

North Corridor:

Downtown OKC <-> Downtown Edmond

South Corridor:

Downtown OKC <-> Moore, Norman

**East Corridor:** 

Downtown OKC <-> Del City, Midwest City, Tinker AFB

### Features:

Connection to Santa Fe Hub

Direct connection between Edmond & Norman





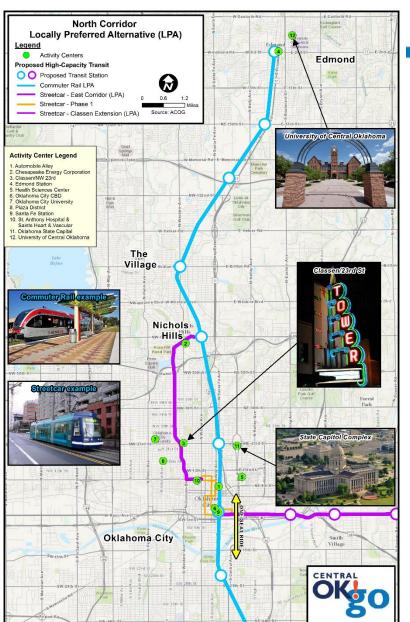
### North Corridor LPA

### Commuter Rail:

- Santa Fe Hub to Downtown Edmond
- Utilize BNSF ROW, where feasible
- 14 Miles, 7 Stations
- 5,700 Riders/Day (North-South)
- 20 min, 40 sec Travel Time
- \$260-\$360 M Capital Cost
- \$5 M Annual Operating Cost

### Streetcar Extension:

- Classen Blvd.
- Connect N end of Phase 1 Streetcar to Chesapeake Campus (NW 63)
- 2,100 Riders/Day
- 13 min, 55 sec Travel Time
- \$270-\$370 M Capital Cost
- \$2.5 M Annual Operating Cost

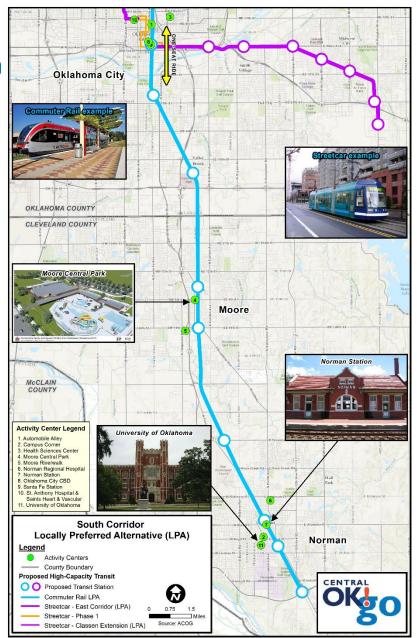




### **South Corridor LPA**

### **Commuter Rail:**

- Santa Fe Hub to SH-9 in Norman
- Utilize BNSF ROW, where feasible
- 17 Miles, 9 Stations
- 5,700 Riders/Day (North-South)
- 30 min, 4 sec Travel Time
- \$310-\$410 M Capital Cost
- \$5.5 M Annual Operating Cost





### **East Corridor LPA**

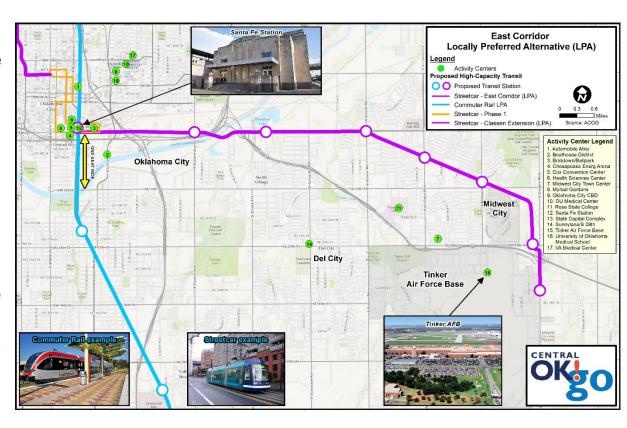
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### Streetcar:

- Santa Fe Hub to East Gate of Tinker AFB
- Utilize Reno Avenue and Abandoned Rail ROW in Midwest City
- 9 Miles, 7 Stations
- 2,200 Riders/Day
- 17 min, 47 sec Travel Time
- \$320-\$440 M Capital Cost
- \$2.5 M Annual Operating

### **Recommendations:**

- Connect to Phase 1 Streetcar
- Connection to Health Sciences Center should be advanced
- Transit system to distribute riders on TAFB will need to be developed





## **Other Regional Developments**



### Implementation Activities

### Intermodal Transportation Hub

### **OKC Acquired Santa Fe Station**

### Phase 1 Improvements:

- Renovation of Grand Hall, Historic Rehab
- Amtrak Waiting, Ticketing, Baggage
- Future Lease Space
- Pedestrian Tunnel under RR Platforms
- EK Gaylord Streetscape
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Enhancements

### Funding - \$28.4 Million:

- 2013 TIGER Grant \$13.6 M
- OKC \$11.3 M (MAPS 3, Project 180)
- ODOT \$1.5 M
- ACOG \$2.0 M (STP-UZA)
- ✓ Design, ✓ Environmental, ✓ Construction

Completion: Fall 2016





### **Implementation Activities**

### **Downtown Streetcar**

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Engineering, Environmental, Final Design

Storage & Maintenance Facility

Location: SW 7<sup>th</sup> & Hudson

#### Vehicles:

Negotiating with Brookville Equipment Corp.

### **Operations Manager:**

RFP for Consultant Services, Sep 2015

Construction Start: Summer 2016

Opening: 2018



### Implementation Activities

### EMBARK Transit Service Analysis

Prepared for COTPA July 2013

### Goals:

- Evaluate the Existing Bus System
- Improve Network/Increase Ridership
- Stay within Current Budget
- Identify Future Service Improvements (if additional funds become available)

#### TSA Recommendations to:

Improve Frequency, Reduce Transfer Waiting Times, Reduce Passenger Travel Time, Realign Routes to Meet Demand

Implementation Began: April 2014

Ridership: Up 9.5% Fixed Rt/Weekday
Over 3 million/year - first time

Night Service Routes 23 & 11 - Jan 2015

Night Service Routes 5 & 13 - Jan 2016





### **More Planning**

# NW Corridor Multimodal Concept Plan

USDOT Grant EMBARK, OKC Planning, OCCHD, ACOG January - August 2015

### Goals:

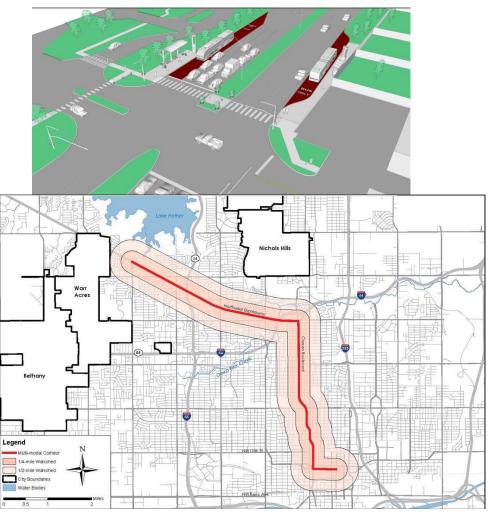
- Identify Potential for Multimodal Transportation on Classen Blvd. & Northwest Expressway (FGS Corridor)
- Increase Mobility & Travel Options
- Improve Community Health

### <u>Intersections Concepts – IQC:</u>

- NW 23<sup>rd</sup> & Classen
- Blackwelder & NW Expressway
- Independence & NW Expressway

Northwest Expressway and Blackwelder Node Concept





### CentralOK!go

- Executive Summary
- Final Report, Appendices

### **Presentations**

- Greater OKC Chamber
   Nov. 2014 Annual Retreat
- City Councils
- Civic Groups

### RTD Governance Subc.

- Meetings thru April 2015
- RTA Planning







### RTD Governance Subcommittee

### Developed:

- RTA Task Force MOU
- 3-Year Task Force Budget Federal \$ (ACOG PL), Local, Private
- FY 2016 Work Plan & Local Budget
- Conceptual Timeline to Transit

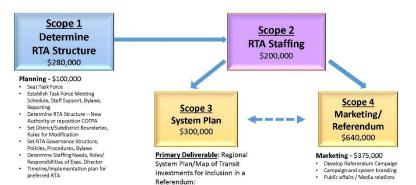
### **Budget:**

2016 Funds Budgeted by 6 Partner Cities June 2015

#### RTA Task Force MOU:

- Convened City Attorneys of Partner Cities July 2015
- Staff Presentations to Councils / Council Work Groups – July, August 2015
- Presentation to Greater OKC Chamber

#### DRAFT: FY 2016 RTA Task Force Work Plan



Identifies Dedicated Revenue Sources

· Details revenues that will be generated

· Plans and identifies regional transit services those revenues will fund & cash

Addresses coordination with existing

Addresses early implementation of

expanded and express local bus

campaign for a referendum

Details regional transit services, costs and

benefits for inclusion in a marketing

flow for the system

transit systems

#### Legal - \$100,000

- Review COTPA Charter
- Review State Statutes
- Develop Municipal Contracts RTA Memorandum of Agreement

#### FTA Compliance - \$40,000

- Guidance on RTA Start-up
- Recipient Status for Federal Funds FTA Master Agreement. Certifications, Assurances

#### Pub Ed - \$40,000

· Materials, Presentations about RTA

Total FY 2016 Budget = \$1,420,000

#### Govt. Affairs - \$50,000 · Builds upon FGS & CentralOK!go Interaction with municipal staff & · Provides Benefits of Transit Investments

- elected officials Coordination with ODOT &
- Federal agencies

#### Legal - \$90,000 · General Counse

- · Legislative support / Lobby

#### Finance - \$125,000

- Budgeting
- Financial analysis of referendum

· Grants support

Note: Scope 2 can begin prior to completion of all Scope 1 activities, as deemed appropriate by the RTA Task Force

April 29, 2015

### RTA Task Force

### MOU Adopted - ACOG & Partner Cities:

- Aug. 13 ACOG Board of Directors
- Sept. 1 Oklahoma City Council
- Sept. 8 Del City Council
- Sept. 8 Norman City Council
- Sept. 14 Edmond City Council
- Sept. 21 Moore City Council
- Sept. 22 Midwest City Council

#### Selection of Task Force Members:

- Voting Members Partner Cities
- Advisory Members Transit Providers

### Organizational Meeting – Nov. 3, 2015

- RTD Governance Subcommittee Members invited to serve on Task Force as Advisory
- Will begin regular meetings Jan. 2016

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO CREATE A CENTRAL OKLAHOMA REGIONAL TASK FORCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY



### MOU Signing Ceremony

Commemorate Adoption by Six Partner Cities of the MOU Creating the Regional Transit Authority Task Force

December 1, 2015, 3:00 p.m. Santa Fe Station 100 S. EK Gaylord Blvd., OKC

### Speakers:

- John G. Johnson, ACOG Exec. Director
- Elizabeth Waner, ACOG Board Chair
- Mayor Mick Cornett, Oklahoma City
- Mayor Cindy Rosenthal, Norman
- Mayor Charles Lamb, Edmond
- Mayor Glenn Lewis, Moore
- Mayor Jay Dee Collins, Midwest City
- Mayor Brian Linley, Del City









## **Next Steps for the RTD / RTA Task Force**

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- Task Force Review and Study of RTA Governance Models
  - Revisit RTD Governance/Finance Subcommittee work
  - Evaluate other regions' RTA models
  - Technical assistance and dedicated staff

### Goals

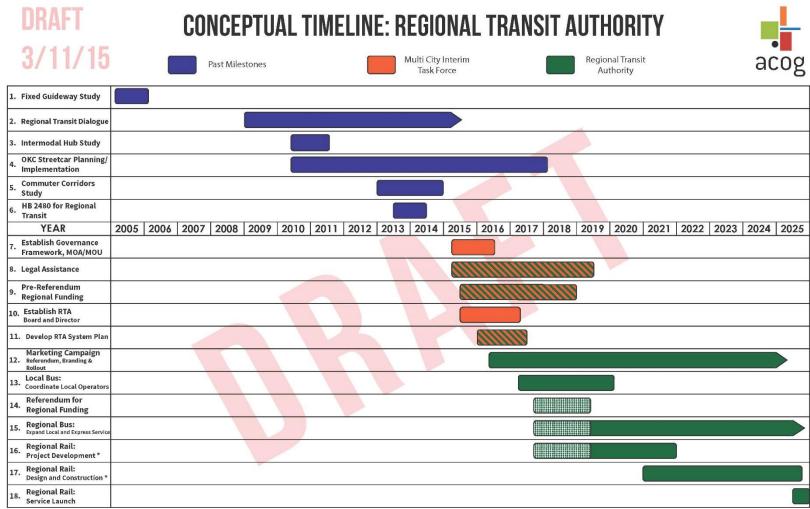
- Identify the Preferred Governance Model
- Identify the Initial Service Area
- Identify the Preferred Funding Mechanism(s)
- Develop a Timeline and Staged Implementation Plan

### Continued Outreach

- Public presentations
- Stakeholder engagement
- Polling

# **Conceptual Timeline**





<sup>\*</sup>Design/Build options may shorten

Dates subject to change



### **Comments & Questions?**

