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ASSOCIATION RELEASES TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FUNDING REPORT

A report reflecting federally funded transportation projects in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area during federal fiscal year 2016 (Oct. 1, 2015 – Sept. 30, 2016) was recently completed by ACOG. Highway, transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects were funded in the region using federal funds made available to the state and metropolitan area from current and previous federal surface transportation laws.

A suballocation of funds, known as Surface Transportation Program Urbanized Area (STP-UZA) funds, helped fund a number of street and intersection improvements, including adjacent sidewalks and bike paths, which have been or will soon be constructed in communities within the ACOG region.

In addition, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation provided federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funds to the region for projects to enhance air quality and assist Central Oklahoma maintain its air quality attainment status with the Environmental Protection Agency. ACOG administers three CMAQ-funded programs: air quality public awareness, public fleet conversions to alternative fuels, and a regional rideshare program. Some CMAQ funds were also provided to the Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority (COTPA) for improvements to the EMBARK bus system.

Central Oklahoma obligated \$19 million in suballocated STP-UZA funds during FFY 2016. Major improvements that will be implemented using these funds include; the resurfacing of Rockwell Ave. from Reno Ave. to NW 10th in Oklahoma City, intersection and bridge modifications on Lindsey St. from Berry Rd. to Pickard Ave. in Norman, Bridge and approach improvements on

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Franklin St. near 12th Ave. NW in Norman, widening of SE 15th St. from Lynn Frye Blvd. to Anderson Rd. in Midwest city and resurfacing of SE 15th St. from Sandra Dr. to Midwest Blvd. in Midwest City. In addition, pedestrian signals and wheelchair ramps will be installed at several intersections in Midwest City, 2nd St. from Santa Fe Blvd. to Saints St. in Edmond will receive Intelligent Transportation System improvements, and guardrails will be installed in three places on Douglas Blvd. in Logan County.

An additional \$96 million was approved for the state highway system (interstates, federal highways and state highways) within Central Oklahoma using federal, state and county funds provided through the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. These improvements include bridge and approach improvements on State Highway 33 over Cottonwood Creek in Guthrie, resurfacing of I-240 from Air Depot Blvd, east to Oklahoma City, pavement rehabilitation and ITS improvements on I-40 from Pottawattamie County Line, west to Newalla, and bridge improvements on I-235 from NW 36th St. interchange, east to Oklahoma City. Finally, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds assisted the Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority (COTPA) and Cleveland Area Rapid Transit (CART) with the purchase of various transit capital items, property and bus maintenance, general operations and special transit services for elderly and disabled citizens. COTPA provided a portion of its federal funds to the City of Edmond to assist with operation of Edmond's Citylink bus service.

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