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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 2017 (Oct. 1, 2016 – Sept. 30, 2017) 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 Block Grant Urbanized Area (STBG-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 \$16.6 million in suballocated STBG-UZA funds during FFY 2017. Major improvements that will be implemented using these funds include; the resurfacing of Memorial Rd. from Penn Ave. to Portland Ave. in Oklahoma City, intersection and bridge modifications at Main St. and Brookhaven Creek and 12th Ave. SE in Norman, and Safety

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improvements including pedestrian signals and pavement markings at various locations throughout Midwest City. In addition, signals and signal interconnections will be installed across Norman and Oklahoma City.

An additional \$133 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 resurfacing on MacArthur Blvd. in Edmond, bridge and approaches improvements on US-77 over the Canadian River and BNSF RR in Purcell, and surfacing and bridge repair on I-40 and I-240 in 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.

The full report is available at: <http://www.acogok.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/FFY-2017-2.021d-Annual-Listing-of-Fed-Funded-Projects.docx.pdf>

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