



ASSOCIATION OF
CENTRAL OKLAHOMA
GOVERNMENTS



PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA: TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 15, 2026
2:00 P.M.

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ACOG BOARD ROOM

AGENDA

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** ([ATTACHMENT 1](#))
 2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - MAY 12, 2026** ([ATTACHMENT 2](#))
 3. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION ONLY**
 - A. Report On Routine Services & Systems: Ethan Mazzio, Transportation Planner III – Mobility ([ATTACHMENT 3-A](#))
 - B. Downtown Oklahoma City Strategic Development Plan: Justin Henry, Program Planner, City of Oklahoma City ([ATTACHMENT 3-B](#))
 - C. Overview of ONE Transit Initiatives: Suzanne Wickenkamp, Director of Strategic Initiatives, ONE Transit ([ATTACHMENT 3-C](#))
 - D. Fiscal Year 2027 Short-Range Planning: Ethan Mazzio, Transportation Planner III – Mobility ([ATTACHMENT 3-D](#))
 - E. Grant Opportunities: Ethan Mazzio, Transportation Planner III – Mobility ([ATTACHMENT 3-E](#))
 4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 5. **ADJOURN**
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NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2026, at 2:00 P.M.

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PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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ORGANIZATION	MEMBERS	ALTERNATES
CENTRAL OKLAHOMA TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING AUTHORITY (COTPA)	Chip Nolen Planning Supervisor	Jesse Rush Transit Parking Director
CITYLINK EDMOND	No Designee	
FIRST CAPITAL TROLLEY	No Designee	
NORMAN TRANSIT	Taylor Johnson Transit & Parking Program Manager	Jason Huff Transit Planner & Grants Specialist
		Scott Strutz Director of Public Works
ONE TRANSIT	Suzanne Wickenkamp Director of Strategic Initiatives	Christina Tran Administrative Specialist
OKLAHOMA DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION – Office of Mobility & Public Transit	Jared Schwennesen Multi-Model Planning Div. Engineer Mgr.	Eric Rose Transit Division Manger
		Bobby Parkinson Transit Transportation Manager
ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS (ACOG)	Mark W. Sweeney Executive Director	John M. Sharp Deputy Director
		Jennifer Sebesta TPS Senior Division Manager

NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES		
CITY/ORGANIZATION	MEMBERS	ALTERNATES
MIDWEST CITY	No Designee	Matt Summers Community Dev. Director
		Zamya Darthard Planner II
OKLAHOMA CITY	Justin Henry Program Planner	Sasha McCrone Senior Planner
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ATTACHMENT 2

SUBJECT:

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE:

MAY 19, 2026

A regular Public Transit Advisory Committee meeting was convened on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) Board Room, 4205 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brett Crecelius
Christy Batterson
Julie Shannon
Taylor Johnson
Jason Huff
Suzanne Wickenkamp

ENTITY

Bethany
Edmond
Midwest City
Norman Transit
Norman Transit
ONE Transit

ACOG STAFF

John Sharp
Jennifer Sebesta
Eric Pollard
David Frick
Ethan Mazzio
Phillip Moll
Joel Dixon
Gwendolyn Gordon

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TPS División Manager
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Air Quality & Clean Cities Planner III
Transportation Planner III - Mobility
Transportation Planner II - Active Transp.
Special Projects Coordinator
TPS Administrative Assistant

GUEST PRESENT

None

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

John Sharp called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

2. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES - MARCH 12, 2026

There were no comments on the minutes.

3. Items for Information Only:

- a. Report on Routine Services & Systems: Ethan Mazzio, Transportation Planner III - Mobility

Ethan Mazzio asked each entity present to update the committee on what's going on in their city.

Edmond

Christy Batterson said Edmond in the process of finalizing its FY2027 budget, staff currently expect to maintain the Citylink level of service through end of the fiscal year. Ridership figures for Citylink Access Paratransit Service (CAPS) continue to exceed record highs month to month. The city continues to receive requests to expand the CAPS service area, particularly from residents to the north along Covell Rd and Kelly Ave; as well as to the south along Memorial Rd. This is a combination of high-need (aged) riders and more "typical" doctor appointment seniors.

Following award of an ACOG Air Quality Grant for the expansion of fixed route services, Citylink expects to implement Route 7 to serve north Edmond, including the Francis Tuttle Technology Center, the Edmond Conference Center, and other grocery and retail establishments at Sooner Rd. & Covell Rd., in fiscal year 2028

Norman

Taylor Johnson and Jason Huff said ridership in April was 43,808 on fixed route. Ridership for PLUS was 2,515 and on-demand was 2,969. They are awaiting a grant award decision from TSET for the WELL program. The city is currently awaiting the delivery of three Gillig buses and one Tesco cutaway vehicle, tentatively expected for July 2026.

With the City of Norman in the process of finalizing its FY2027 budget, staff currently expect to maintain Norman Transit's level of service through the fiscal year with minimal adjustments to routine service.

They are trying to avoid budget cuts by trimming service span by ~30 minutes in the evening. Recently, they increased fares (\$2.00-\$3.00) for on-demand and shuttered a first-six-rides program. They are also working with OU and other major employers on marketing the service.

Central Oklahoma Transportation & Parking Authority (COTPA)

Not present

Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG)

Jennifer Sebesta gave an update of the draft FY2027 UPWP, including 5303 and other FTA funding.

In partnership with Tulsa Area Clean Cities, the Central Oklahoma Clean Cities Coalition was recently awarded \$12,703 through the National Laboratory of the Rockies' Jumpstart program to conduct outreach and education activities on passenger rail in Oklahoma, establish an Oklahoma Passenger Rail Coalition (OPRC) to convene quarterly, conduct public surveys, perform topical research and analysis to fill knowledge gaps, and develop and distribute informational materials for public education and engagement purposes.

In partnership with EMBARK, the Watch for Me OK bicycle/pedestrian awareness and

safety campaign has recently launched a new initiative focused on multimodal transportation education in schools. ACOG and EMBARK staff held two pilot events at area schools during the 2025-2026 school year and plan to scale the partnership for the 2026-2027 school year.

Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT)

Not present

One Transit

Suzanne Wickenkamp said in coordination with the City of Edmond, the City of Norman, and the City of Oklahoma City, ONE Transit will soon initiate a public outreach campaign for the purposes of educating the public in advance of a prospective transit sales tax election in 2027. Through municipal board and commission meetings, neighborhood group meetings, tabling at community events, and other outreach opportunities, the agency maintains a goal of being out in the public daily from June through the election.

- a. Grant Opportunities: Ethan Mazzio, Transportation Planner III – Mobility

Ethan highlighted the information provided in the agenda memorandum.

Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program (RCE) – Federal Railroad

For more information, visit: <https://railroads.dot.gov/crossing-safety-program>

Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) – Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)

For more information, and to review the notice of funding opportunity (NOFO), visit: <https://railroads.dot.gov/grants-loans/consolidated-rail-infrastructure-and-safety-improvements-crisi-program>

Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning – U.S. Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

For more information, visit: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/TODPilot>

- b. FY 2027 Preliminary UPWP Transit Programming: Ethan Mazzio, Transportation Planner III – Mobility

John Sharp said \$683,000 is the request submitted to ODOT. ACOG is awaiting a green light.

4. NEW BUSINESS

None.

5. ADJOURN

There being no further business, John Sharp adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.



ATTACHMENT 3-A

SUBJECT:

REPORT ON ROUTINE SERVICES & SYSTEMS

DATE:

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

FROM:

ETHAN MAZZIO

Transportation Planner III – Mobility

INFORMATION:

Members are invited to provide an update to the committee on system performance, ridership, changes to routine service, capital improvements, budget planning, and other topics related to the regular provision of transit services in Central Oklahoma.

ACTION REQUESTED:

For discussion only.



ATTACHMENT 3-B

SUBJECT:

DOWNTOWN OKLAHOMA CITY STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

DATE:

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

FROM:

JUSTIN HENRY

Program Planner, City of Oklahoma City

INFORMATION:

In 2025, the City of Oklahoma City began work on a Downtown Strategic Development Plan to provide a guide for land use, public infrastructure, and private development decisions to ensure that thoughtful, contextual, and complementary development builds on the momentum of the city's growing core.

Partnering with Sasaki, an interdisciplinary architecture and design firm that has conducted similar downtown planning efforts in Houston, Little Rock, and Denver, the City of Oklahoma City underwent a 10-month planning process to establish strategic actions around topics such as development, urban design, streets, mobility, and parks and open space. [A final draft of the plan is available here.](#)

Of the 18 emergent strategies outlined in the plan draft, several carry direct and indirect implications for the future of transit service in Oklahoma City and the broader region.

- **Strategy 06 – Deliver Neighborhood Serving Amenities** recommends redeveloping the current EMBARK transit center site into a downtown grocery store.
- **Strategy 08 – Transform OKC Boulevard** reimagines the street with a dedicated focus to light rail and bus rapid transit service.
- **Strategy 16 – Prioritize Transit on Key Corridors** recommends improving the functionality of the OKC Streetcar by establishing distinct north-south and east-west loops, as well as calling for dedicated right-of-way and transit signal prioritization improvements to ensure reliable service and increased headways for future bus service.
- **Strategy 17 – Establish Santa Fe Station as a Transit Oriented Development** re-envision the area as a connected, legible convergence point for local and regional transit supported by targeted infill development that builds on the predominant hospitality, entertainment, and tourism activity that exists in the area.

An overview of the Downtown Oklahoma City Strategic Development Plan draft and potential implications for transit throughout Central Oklahoma will be provided at the September meeting.

For more information, visit: <https://vision.okc.gov/downtown-strategic-development-plan>

ACTION REQUESTED:

For information only.



ATTACHMENT 3-C

SUBJECT:

OVERVIEW OF ONE TRANSIT INITIATIVES

DATE:

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

FROM:

SUZANNE WICKENKAMP

Director of Strategic Initiatives, ONE Transit

INFORMATION:

Established in 2019, the Regional Transportation Authority of Central Oklahoma (dba ONE Transit) is an independent government agency responsible for developing, funding, constructing, implementing, operating, and maintaining transportation projects located within the boundaries of the Central Oklahoma regional transportation district.

In 2021, the RTA Board of Directors adopted the [RTA Transit System Plan](#) (*now ONE Transit System Plan*), establishing a framework and set of regional goals to guide future investment, policies, and projects.

In 2023 and 2024, the Board adopted a series of Locally Preferred Alternatives for future regional transit, including commuter rail service for Edmond, Oklahoma City, and Norman via the existing BNSF freight rail corridor; light rail service to Will Rogers International Airport from downtown Oklahoma City; and bus rapid transit services to Tinker Air Force Base as well as western Oklahoma City.

An overview of the agency's recent work, near-term steps on the path to implementing the ONE Transit System Plan, and opportunities for cross-agency collaboration in the leadup to a sales tax referendum in 2027 will be provided at the September meeting..

For more information, visit: <https://www.onetransit.org/>

ACTION REQUESTED:

For information only.



ATTACHMENT 3-D

SUBJECT:

FISCAL YEAR 2027 SHORT-RANGE PLANNING

DATE:

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

FROM:

ETHAN MAZZIO

Transportation Planner III – Mobility

INFORMATION:

Members are invited to discuss any current or planned initiatives in their cities or agencies which may impact long-range regional transit planning, including the implementation of the 2025 Central Oklahoma Long-Range Transit Plan.

Planning studies, engineering and design, agency budgeting processes, applications for federal funding, changes in capacity, and other such activities taking place in FY 2027 are to be discussed.

ACTION REQUESTED:

For discussion only.



ATTACHMENT 3-E

SUBJECT: **GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

DATE:
SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

FROM:
ETHAN MAZZIO
Transportation Planner III – Mobility

INFORMATION:

ACOG continues to provide information to members and committees on available grants in Central Oklahoma. Below is information on a few open grant opportunities in the region.

Buses & Bus Facilities Program – U.S. Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

- Application window closes September 21, 2026.
- A total of \$21 million is available for FY 2026. 80%-90% federal cost share.
- Eligible entities include states, local government entities that operate fixed route bus service. Projects in non-urbanized areas must be submitted by a state.
- Eligible activities include the purchase, lease, and rehabilitation of buses; and the purchase, lease, rehabilitation, and construction of bus-related facilities and equipment.
- For more information, visit: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/bus-program>

Low or No Emission Program – U.S. Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

- Application window closes September 21, 2026.
- A total of \$589 million is available for FY 2026. 80%-90% federal cost share.
- Eligible entities include states, local government entities that operate fixed route bus service. Projects in non-urbanized areas must be submitted by a state.
- Eligible activities include purchasing or leasing low-emission or zero-emission buses; and property acquisition for supporting facilities such as recharging, refueling, and maintenance.
- For more information, visit: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/lowno>

Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) – U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

- Application window closes October 9, 2026.
- A total of \$787 million is made available for FY 2026. 80%-100% federal cost share.
- Eligible entities include state, regional, local, and Tribal governments, and transit agencies.
- Program supports strengthening surface transportation infrastructure to be more resilient to current and future weather events such as severe storms, drought, and extreme temperatures.
- Eligible activities include the development of plans and tools related to the assessment of transportation infrastructure, as well as engineering and construction activities that improve the ability of surface transportation assets to withstand current and future weather conditions.
- For more information, visit: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/363732>

ACTION REQUESTED:

For information only.