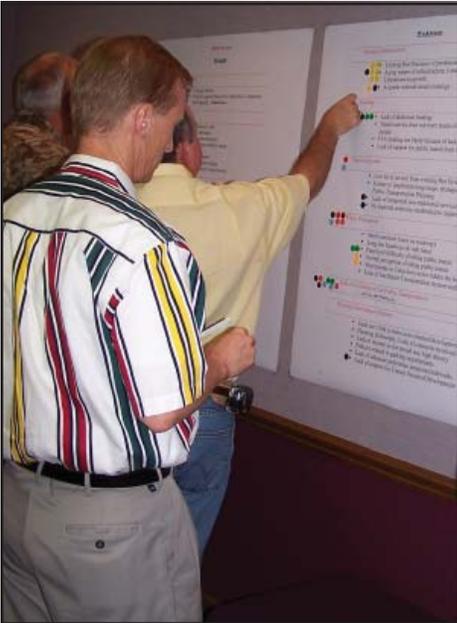


Connections

2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Your link to the transportation planning process • Updates and timelines • How you can influence upcoming transportation projects



Members of the Strategies Advisory Group complete a SWOT analysis at their June meeting.

New INCOG group explores transportation alternatives

INCOG's regional Transportation Policy Committee recently approved the formation of a new Transportation Strategies Ad Hoc Committee.

The committee includes community leaders, transportation providers, and state agency representatives.

The goal of the committee is to recommend implementation of systematic transportation strategies for consideration by the INCOG Transportation Policy Committee and INCOG's Board of Directors.

Committee members have assessed the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to the current transportation system.

They discussed transportation innovation in similar regions and are considering issues related to passenger rail, public transit, pedestrian access, and land use for the region.

A report including these recommended actions will be submitted to the Policy Committee and the INCOG Board of Directors in the Spring of 2008.

Visioning outreach activities planned for fall and winter

In order to determine a region-wide vision for the Connection 2035 transportation plan, INCOG is kicking off a series of public participation opportunities for communities and counties in the region.

Through the fall and winter, transportation staff will meet with City Councils and Commissions and County Commissioners to brief them on the transportation planning process, as well as seek their input on the most important transportation issues for each community.

Also, INCOG Transportation Planning will hold a vision retreat for area stakeholders this October.

The vision retreat will set the framework for the goals of the plan and identify various land use scenarios for modeling and analysis.

The retreat will include agency representatives, elected officials, and transportation providers, as well as other representatives with insight into transportation, land use, and development of the Tulsa metropolitan area.

After information is collected from these representatives, INCOG will provide various opportunities for additional public input from other organizations and residents before finalizing the vision and goals for the 2035 plan.

Transportation Planning Manager Tim Armer said early participation from residents in Creek, Osage, Rogers, Tulsa, and Wagoner counties will ensure the plan reflects the region's values and more thoroughly addresses the regional transportation needs.

Updated information will be available on the INCOG Transportation Planning website: www.incog.org/transportation.

If you have any questions or suggestions about the visioning process, please contact INCOG Transportation Planning by phone at 918.584.7526 or by email at incog@incog.org.

Green Traveler provides savings for students, employers, and commuters

With the start of school approaching and gas prices rising, many parents and students are looking for transportation alternatives.

INCOG's Green Traveler program, found at www.green-traveler.org, allows users to log on and find a match for commuting to school, work, or other locations. When you become a Green Traveler, you reduce congestion, reduce emissions, reduce stress, and reduce your commuting costs.

Users create a profile that includes their preferences, commuting route, and timing. Green Traveler then instantly matches them to other interested carpoolers in their area. Only first names and general locations are used to protect users' privacy.

The website also features links to bus route and regional trail maps that can be used for planning bicycle and transit commuting trips.

Once a match is made, users can start enjoying the savings. Just carpooling twice a week would save the average commuter over \$1,500 a year!

Green Traveler also includes videos and activities for younger commuters. Just visit www.green-traveler.org and click the "Green Kids" button.

Think your school or workplace would be interested in going Green? Call INCOG at 918.584.7526 or email incog@incog.org to schedule a meeting with INCOG staff.

The screenshot shows the Green Traveler website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with buttons for HOME, SUPPORT, MY PAGE, and LOGOUT. Below this, there are two tabs: POTENTIAL MATCHES and MATCHES MAP. The POTENTIAL MATCHES tab is active, displaying a list of five potential matches:

Icon	Name	More >
1	Kathleen	More >
2	Rusty	More >
3	Theresa	More >
4	Larry	More >
5	Pam	More >

Below the list, there are two buttons: "PRINTABLE REPORT" (Generate printable report in Adobe PDF format) and "MY CARPOOL" (View and manage the list of people you share a carpool with). To the right of the list is a map of Tulsa, Oklahoma, showing a route from an "END" point to a "START" point. The map includes major roads like I-244, I-44, and I-49, and is labeled with "OSAGE" and "Tulsa TULSA".

Selection process available for review

The Competitive Selection Process component of the Coordinated Transportation Plan is now available for public review and comment.

The intent of the Competitive Selection Process is to assist stakeholders in the Tulsa region to cooperatively move toward a coordinated transportation system that better serves the needs of all customers, but more specifically the transportation disadvantaged.

To learn more about eligible ap-

plicants and projects, review the Competitive Selection process at www.incog.org/transportation.

If you do not have internet access, contact INCOG for a hard copy (918.584.7526 or incog@incog.org), or visit the INCOG offices (201 W 5th St., Suite 600, Tulsa OK 74103) during normal business hours.

Comments can be submitted by email (incog@incog.org), FAX (918.583.1024) or mail (see above) by noon Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007.



Owen Elementary students practice hand signals during a bike safety presentation sponsored by INCOG and Radio Disney. Watch a video from the presentation at the Green Traveler website: www.green-traveler.org.