



Transportation Policy Committee

For the Tulsa Transportation Management Area

Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2026

Members Present

Nathan Radach, City of Bixby
Travis Small, City of Broken Arrow
David Tillotson, City of Glenpool
Anthony Wilkins, City of Jenks
Brad White, City of Skiatook
Terry Ball, City of Tulsa
Paul Zachary, City of Tulsa
Roger Hughes, Tulsa County
Robert Endicott, Cherokee Nation
Brian Bigbie, Tulsa Ports
Trapper Parks, ODOT District 8
Rich Brierre, INCOG
John Shivel, TMAPC
Viplav Reddy, FHWA*

*Non-Voting Member

Others Present

Chuck Mitchell, CEC Engineering
Steve Lassman, City of Tulsa Parks
Marty Shukert, RDG Planning & Design
Bart Vleugels, ODOT Active Transportation

Staff Present

Zach Abell, INCOG
Mahathi Akella, INCOG
Braden Cale, INCOG
Thomas Dow, INCOG
Andrew Kim, INCOG
Michelle Merchant, INCOG
Rachel Moore, INCOG
John Tankard, INCOG
Henry Wilson, INCOG

Having a quorum recognized the Chair started the meeting.

1. Call to Order, Introductions

The Transportation Policy Committee meeting was called to order by Mr. Zachary, who then initiated introductions.

2. Approval of Minutes of December 3, 2026

Upon motion, duly made by Mr. Ball and seconded by Mr. Small, the committee voted to approve the minutes of December 3, 2026.

Aye: Radach, Small, Tillotson, Wilkins, White, Ball, Zachary, Hughes, Endicott, Bigbie, Parks, Brierre, Shivel

Nay: None

Motion Carried

3. Consideration and Approval of Committee Bylaws Update

Mr. Dow provided an overview of the proposed updates to the committee bylaws, explaining that the revisions were primarily housekeeping items intended to reflect current agency names, correct typographical errors, and align the document with existing practices. He noted that the update adds references to recurring work products such as the Congestion Management Process Plan and the Major Street and Highway Plan, corrects membership listings including Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Port Authority, updates ODOT's division name to "Multimodal and Planning Division," removes agencies that have not participated in several years, and clarifies meeting start times, notice requirements, and the use of simplified Robert's Rules of Order. Mr. Zachary requested that the motion include allowance for minor scrivener-type corrections during final formatting. Members briefly discussed the removal of rural transit agencies, with consensus that the update was appropriate and could be revisited if participation changes.

Upon motion, duly made by Mr. Brierre and seconded by Mr. Shivel, the committee voted to approve the bylaws update, including the ODOT division name correction and allowance for non-substantive edits.

Aye: Radach, Small, Tillotson, Wilkins, White, Ball, Zachary, Hughes, Endicott, Bigbie, Parks, Brierre, Shivel

Nay: None

Motion Carried



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4. Recommend approval of FFY 2026-29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Mr. Cale presented three CMAQ-funded projects proposed for amendment into the FFY 2026–2029 TIP. He explained that the amendments include wayfinding signage improvements along several City of Tulsa trail corridors—specifically the Katy Trail, Gilcrease Expressway Trail, Mingo Valley Trail, and Creek Turnpike Trail—as well as similar signage for the Liberty Trail in Broken Arrow. The third project involves technology upgrades at the City of Tulsa’s Traffic Operations Center. A brief question was raised regarding CMAQ eligibility for signalization and staff confirmed that such improvements qualify under traffic flow enhancements.

Upon motion, duly made by Mr. Endicott and seconded by Mr. Parks, the committee voted to approve the TIP Amendment.

Aye: Radach, Small, Tillotson, Wilkins, White, Ball, Zachary, Hughes, Endicott, Bigbie, Parks, Brierre, Shivel

Nay: None

Motion Carried

5. Review 2025 Annual List of Obligated Projects (ALOP)

Mr. Cale provided an overview of the federally required Annual List of Obligated Projects, noting it documents all highway, bridge, and transit projects receiving federal funding authorization in the previous fiscal year. The list is published annually and posted on the INCOG website. This item was informational only.

6. GO! Plan Update Presentation

Mr. Tankard introduced consultant Marty Shukert, who provided an overview of the draft update to the Regional GO Plan. Mr. Shukert explained that the plan is organized into three major sections covering existing conditions, the regional active transportation network, and implementation strategies. He highlighted the updated vision and goals, which emphasize regional connectivity, safety, user comfort, and alignment with broader initiatives such as Vision Zero.

He summarized the extensive public engagement process, noting more than 40 meetings, surveys, and interactive mapping exercises that helped identify regional priorities for bicycle and pedestrian improvements. Mr. Shukert also described the plan’s updated network vocabulary and design concepts, which outline appropriate facility types for different street contexts and inform the regional network map.

Finally, he noted that the plan includes updated policy guidance, project prioritization, and supportive programs, building on the 2016 GO Plan while incorporating current practices. A printed draft was circulated, and Mr. Tankard explained that the full document will be available online for committee review.

7. Tulsa Area Clean Cities Presentation

Ms. Merchant introduced the Tulsa Area Clean Cities Program and provided an overview of its mission, history, and services. She explained that Clean Cities is a U.S. Department of Energy partnership supporting clean transportation through more than 75 coalitions nationwide, with Tulsa Area Clean Cities operating since 1997 and now serving a statewide area following a 2024 boundary expansion. She described the program’s focus on advancing environmental, energy, and economic benefits by offering technical assistance, fleet analysis, planning support, troubleshooting, and connections to national laboratory expertise.

Ms. Merchant highlighted several examples of local work, including assisting the City of Tulsa and New Solutions in transitioning refuse fleets to compressed natural gas, resulting in long-term fuel and maintenance savings; supporting zoning and planning efforts for EV charging infrastructure in Tulsa and Owasso; and leading community engagement for an autonomous vehicle pilot in North Tulsa prior to its cancellation in 2025. She also noted recent resources on renewable natural gas, past collaboration on the



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Charge OK statewide EV infrastructure program, and tools available through the Alternative Fuels Data Center and other DOE platforms. She encouraged agencies to utilize Clean Cities for funding navigation and to join the program's mailing list for ongoing updates.

8. Staff Report

Mr. Dow provided several program updates. He noted that USDOT has released the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the 2026 BUILD (RAISE) grant program, with applications due February 26. Wagoner County intends to resubmit its application for improvements on South 273rd East Avenue at the Muskogee Turnpike, and Tulsa County plans to submit an application for structurally deficient bridges on East 106th Street North between Sperry and Owasso. INCOG will not resubmit last year's application for design of a new bridge across the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System near 71st Street, as the Muskogee (Creek) Nation is now pursuing BIA funding for that project.

He also reported that INCOG is updating the Coordinated Plan for Human Services and Public Transportation, with a draft expected within 30 days for review by committee members, human service agencies, and 5310 transit providers. In addition, INCOG has executed a contract with Olsson Associates to update the Congestion Management Process Plan. Staff held a kickoff meeting and is assembling an advisory committee; members were invited to volunteer or nominate representatives from their organizations.

9. Other Business

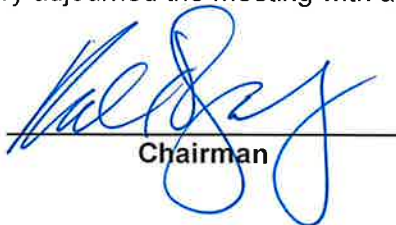
Mr. Reddy provided several updates from the Federal Highway Administration. He reported that ODOT has submitted the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for joint approval by FHWA and FTA, with approval expected by the end of the week or an extension issued as needed to ensure a valid STIP remains in place. He also noted that the State's Freight Plan stakeholder process is beginning, with the first meeting now being held virtually; regional partners such as Tulsa Ports and tribal nations are typically represented in that effort.

Mr. Reddy informed the committee that FHWA recently awarded a Safe Streets for All grant to the Rogers County Sheriff's Office for development of a safety plan and deployment of trailer-mounted cameras to capture high-risk movements. He emphasized that all implementation grants must comply with Buy America/Build America (BABA) requirements, including the new 54% domestic content rule, and advised members to consult FHWA or ODOT with any compliance questions, particularly for manufactured products or utility components included within a project's NEPA scope. He also noted ongoing regional grant activity, including a major project on Highway 59 in Cherokee Nation.

Mr. Bigby added a brief announcement regarding the joint venture between EGA and Century Aluminum, noting that the partnership is expected to accelerate project timelines, with shovels anticipated in the ground by the end of the year and significant construction workforce needs projected.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Zachary adjourned the meeting with a motion from Mr. Endicott and a second from Mr. Bigbie.



Chairman



Secretary

03.25.26

Date