



Transportation Policy Committee

For the Tulsa Transportation Management Area

Meeting Minutes

July 29, 2026

Members Present

Dylan Warner, City of Bixby
Travis Small, City of Broken Arrow
Jody King, City of Catoosa
Roger Stevens, City of Owasso
Cody Blair, City of Sand Springs
Brad White, City of Skiatook
Robert Endicott, Cherokee Nation, Vice-Chair
Scott Marr, MTTA
Trapper Parks, ODOT District 8
Rich Brierre, INCOG
John Shivel, TMAPC
Viplav Reddy, FHWA*

*Non-Voting Member

Others Present

Leonardo Gualano, City of Bixby
Chuck Mitchell, CEC

Staff Present

Mahathi Akella, INCOG
Braden Cale, INCOG
Thomas Dow, INCOG
Michelle Merchant, INCOG
Rachel Moore, INCOG
Kathryn Perdue, INCOG
Henry Wilson, INCOG

Having a quorum recognized the Vice-Chair started the meeting.

1. Call to Order, Introductions

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

2. Approval of Minutes of May 27, 2026

Upon motion, duly made by Mr. Shivel and seconded by Mr. King, the committee voted to approve the minutes of May 27, 2026.

Aye: Small, King, Stevens, Blair, White, Endicott, Marr, Parks, Brierre, Shivel

Nay: None

Motion Carried

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

[Mr. Warner & Mr. Gualano Arrived]

Mr. Cale presented several amendments to the FFY 2026-29 Transportation Improvement Program, noting that a summary of the projects was included in the meeting packet. The first table consisted of ODOT projects advancing to construction with anticipated let dates by October, including three preventative maintenance projects and a bridge rehabilitation project on I-244 at 41st Street. The second table consisted of projects selected by INCOG and ODOT to receive fourth quarter redistribution funds, for which design, right of way, utilities, and environmental reviews must be complete. The third table listed minor funding adjustments to projects anticipated to be let by November and was provided for informational purposes only.

In response to a question from Mr. Endicott, Mr. Cale confirmed that the projects in the second and third tables involve funding changes only, with no change to project scope or design.

Mr. Brierre commented on the TIP process, distinguishing amendments from modifications and suggesting that routine system preservation work be recognized as blanket amendments rather than handled



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individually, since the amendment process can take roughly 60 days and some of the work is time sensitive.

Upon motion, duly made by Mr. Stevens and seconded by Mr. Brierre, the committee voted to approve the TIP amendments.

Aye: Warner, Small, King, Stevens, Blair, White, Endicott, Marr, Parks, Brierre, Shivel

Nay: None

Motion Carried

4. Travel with Care Program Update

Mr. Dow provided an update on the Travel with Care program, a traffic safety campaign emphasizing bicyclist and pedestrian safety that is supported this year by a grant of approximately \$160,000 from the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office through September 30. He showed two recent advertisements produced under the campaign and noted that the video files will be distributed to Technical Committee and Policy Committee members for sharing through their own communications staff and social media platforms.

Mr. Dow reported that Oklahoma will not receive Section 402 funds in this category for the year beginning October 1 because bicycle and pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries have declined, and that staff are exploring whether CMAQ or other federal funds could continue to support the program. Mr. Reddy indicated he would follow up on eligibility and match requirements. Mr. Dow also invited members to share upcoming community events the program could attend, and Mr. Reddy noted a Highway Safety Office workshop scheduled for August 26 in Broken Arrow.

5. Staff Report

Ms. Perdue presented a mid-season Ozone Alert update, reporting no Ozone Alert days and two exceedances so far this season, one in March and one in July, with the three year average remaining below the design value. She reviewed the Tulsa Air Quality website and current outreach efforts, including a new social media contract with Resolute PR and a partnership with Mike Collier Weather that reached 354,000 unique accounts in June. She also encouraged members to sign up for text and email alerts.

Mr. Dow reported that the GO Plan is nearing completion, with eight of the eleven community plans under staff review and drafts for Coweta, Broken Arrow, and Tulsa still outstanding. The regional plan is being finalized and will be brought to the Technical Committee, the Policy Committee, and the Board of Directors for adoption in the next month or two. He also reported that four technical memoranda have been completed for the Congestion Management Process update, that the next advisory committee meeting is scheduled for August 5, and that the memoranda will be shared with committee members.

Mr. Dow announced that Kenneth Corn began as Executive Director on July 13 and was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Brierre, who is assisting with the transition, summarized Mr. Corn's background in the state legislature, municipal management, and federal rural development.

In response to a question from Mr. Endicott regarding CMAQ funding, Mr. Dow explained that the congestion management process is a federal requirement for MPOs serving urbanized areas over 200,000 in population and is not directly tied to CMAQ funding, though staff intend for the recommendations to inform investment decisions. He noted that INCOG receives \$950,000 in CMAQ funds annually and has shared a portion with MTTA for reduced fares during ozone alert season.



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6. Other Business

Mr. Reddy shared several informational items, including an update on the Statewide Mobility Plan focused on transit options, a Statewide Freight Plan advisory meeting scheduled for August 25, and the eighth round of the Federal Highway Administration's Every Day Counts (EDC) initiative covering 2026 and 2027. He noted that advancing nighttime work zone safety is among the focus areas and encouraged members to participate in Federal Highway and State Transportation Innovation Council meetings.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Endicott adjourned the meeting with a motion from Mr. Stevens and a second from Mr. Marr.



Chairman



Secretary

09.30.26
Date

