Transportation Policy Committee

For the Tulsa Transportation Management Area

Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2026

Members Present
Nathan Radach, City of Bixby
Travis Small, City of Broken Arrow
Anthony Wilkins, City of Jenks
Roger Stevens, City of Owasso
Derek Campbell, City of Sand Springs
Paul Zachary, City of Tulsa Public Works, Chair
Robert Endicott, Cherokee Nation, Vice Chair
David Yarbrough, Tulsa Ports
Trapper Parks, ODOT District 8
Kenneth Corn, INCOG
John Shivel, City of Tulsa Planning Commission
Viplav Reddy, FHWA*
*Non-Voting Member

Others Present
Chuck Mitchell, CEC Engineering

Staff Present
Mahathi Akella, INCOG
Braden Cale, INCOG
Thomas Dow, INCOG
Michelle Merchant, INCOG
Rachel Moore, 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.

   Mr. Corn announced a retirement reception for Mr. Brierre on October 23 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Room, with presentations at about 2:30 p.m., and asked attendees to RSVP by October 16.

2. **Approval of Minutes of July 29, 2026**
   Upon motion, duly made by Mr. Endicott and seconded by Mr. Shivel, the committee voted to approve the minutes of July 29, 2026.

   Aye: Radach, Small, Wilkins, Stevens, Campbell, Zachary, Endicott, Yarbrough, Parks, Corn, Shivel
   Nay: None **Motion Carried**

3. **Recommend approval of FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment**
   Mr. Dow reminded the committee that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) outlines how INCOG plans to spend federal planning funds in the region and normally comes before the committee for approval each May. The amendment includes two changes. The first applies $200,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds to continue the Travel with Care program. The Oklahoma Highway Safety Office provided $160,000 for the program in the fiscal year ending that day, but that funding will no longer be available because Oklahoma's bicycle and pedestrian fatality and serious injury rate has improved relative to other states. He noted that the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) has agreed to share $50,000 in in-kind match from state funds it spends on intelligent transportation systems (ITS) planning in the region. The second change adds Section 5307 funds from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), at the request of the Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority (MTTA), to account for its short-range and long-range transit planning as FTA requires.

Mr. Reddy and Mr. Corn noted that the $50,000 in-kind match was not reflected in the table total. Mr. Dow said the table would be corrected immediately after the meeting, posted to the website, and forwarded to the INCOG Board of Directors, and asked that the correction be included in the motion.

Upon motion, duly made by Mr. Endicott and seconded by Mr. Small, the committee voted to recommend approval of the FY 2027 UPWP Amendment, including the correction to reflect the $50,000 in-kind match in the table total.

Aye: Radach, Small, Wilkins, Stevens, Campbell, Zachary, Endicott, Yarbrough, Parks, Corn, Shivel
Nay: None **Motion Carried**

4. **Approval of Transportation Policy Committee Bylaws Amendment**

Mr. Dow explained that the committee's bylaws were comprehensively updated within the past year. Since then, the Tulsa Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (TMAPC) has been replaced by separate Tulsa City and Tulsa County Planning Commissions, so staff recommended removing TMAPC from the bylaws. He noted that each jurisdiction decides whom to appoint. Mr. Zachary requested an additional change to Article 3, Section 1, updating the City of Tulsa's reference to Engineering Services to Public Works, since Engineering Services now falls under the Public Works Department. Mr. Shivel said he would miss participating on the committee after 16 years. In response to a question from Mr. Reddy, Mr. Dow confirmed that the transit authority's official name remains the Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority, doing business as Metrolink Tulsa.

Upon motion, duly made by Mr. Parks and seconded by Mr. Endicott, the committee voted to approve the Transportation Policy Committee Bylaws Amendment, including the Chair's recommended change to Article 3, Section 1.

Aye: Radach, Small, Wilkins, Stevens, Campbell, Zachary, Endicott, Yarbrough, Parks, Corn, Shivel
Nay: None **Motion Carried**

5. **Congestion Management Process Plan Update**

Mr. Wilson reported that the consulting team is revising the Congestion Management Process Plan (CMPP) based on staff comments. The revised document will be shared with the Technical and Policy Committees for review before it returns to this committee for approval. The final plan is expected by the end of October, with adoption by the INCOG Board of Directors by December. He presented the plan's focus network of 25 regionally significant corridors. The list is not ranked and was developed through data analysis, stakeholder engagement, and public input. The network will help guide Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding for capacity projects and can support member jurisdictions in pursuing federal grants.

Mr. Dow added that INCOG is required to maintain a congestion management process because it is a Transportation Management Area (TMA). If the region falls into non-attainment for ground-level ozone, federal funds for capacity projects could only be spent on corridors identified through that process. The last full update was completed in 2009. Because many corridors cannot reasonably be widened, recommendations also include access management, signal coordination, and safety improvements. He noted that the public submitted over 1,000 comments on the project's interactive map. Staff will monitor the corridors on an ongoing basis so the list can be updated as projects are completed. Mr. Reddy suggested showing projects under construction or programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

alongside the focus network, and Mr. Dow noted that those details are included in the technical memoranda. No action was required.

Mr. Zachary, Mr. Corn, and Mr. Campbell left the meeting during this item.

6. Staff Report

Mr. Endicott, Vice Chair, presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Dow reported that INCOG has begun updating the long-range transportation plan, a federally required plan covering all modes of surface transportation. It must be updated every five years, and this update is due by December 2027 with a horizon year of 2050. Staff has asked project sponsors for regionally significant projects, whether or not funding has been identified, and is scheduling stakeholder meetings with each jurisdiction, including offices beyond public works. Staff will also reach out soon to the three tribal nations about tribal road networks within the TMA and opportunities to partner. He also encouraged members to begin considering applications for the FY 2027 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant, noting that the FY 2026 notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) was issued in early December. Last year, INCOG and Tulsa County applied for funding for three nearly century-old truss bridges between Sperry and Owasso, and ODOT submitted an application for a corridor north of State Highway 51. Neither was funded. Mr. Endicott shared that Cherokee Nation recently received its BUILD debrief and scored low only in community engagement, noting that about 127 of over 1,000 applications were selected. Mr. Reddy said he has no information on upcoming NOFOs, as federal funding is operating under a continuing resolution through December, and offered to help members who have not received requested debriefs.

Ms. Merchant announced a compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicle and fueling station demonstration event on October 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Tulsa Gas Technologies. The event features Class 1 through 6 vehicles, a fueling site tour, and information on CNG cost savings, Oklahoma Natural Gas rebates, and state tax credits available to public agencies through partnerships. Lunch will be provided, and she invited members to sign up their fleet and asset management staff. She then reported that ozone season is ending and that the 2024 to 2026 design values remain just below the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standard at all monitoring stations. The region recorded seven exceedances this season (one in March, one in July, and five in August) but only one ozone alert day, which she noted is an opportunity to improve forecasting. Staff are developing air quality advisories, similar to those issued by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), to notify sensitive individuals on poor air quality days through the Tulsa Air Quality text and email service. She added that tulsaairquality.com now includes allergy and UV exposure information.

Mr. Cale reported that no TIP amendments required committee action, but staff have made administrative revisions to several currently programmed projects. A list was provided at the meeting. The revisions are minor funding adjustments made as the projects near construction, and all of the projects are scheduled to be let by November. The changes will be reflected in the TIP and were presented as an informational item.

7. Other Business

Mr. Reddy congratulated the City of Tulsa on the Williams Crossing pedestrian bridge receiving national recognition from the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) and the National Steel Bridge Alliance, noting that the bridge was part of the region's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant. He shared that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Mid-America Director of Field Services recently hosted 13 division administrators and headquarters staff in Tulsa. The group toured the

Gathering Place, Riverside Drive, and the bridge and was very impressed. He added that the Director also visited the I-44/US-75 interchange project and praised the substantial progress made.

8. **Adjournment**
Mr. Endicott adjourned the meeting with a motion from Mr. Stevens and a second from Mr. Wilkins.

Chairman

Rachel Moore
Secretary

10.28.26
Date