



**SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**SORTPO Transportation Policy Board Meeting Agenda
February 22, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

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**SWODA Building
420 Sooner Dr.
Burns Flat, OK 73624
580-562-4882**

**Red River Technology Center
Business & Industry Services Building
Center Building 107, Room 514
3300 W. Bois D'Arc
Duncan, OK 73533
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Policy Board Members	Location/ Virtual	Attendance A/P	Policy Board Members	Location /Virtual	Attendance A/P
Adams, Shawn	Burns Flat		Almquist, Brent	Burns Flat	
Archer, Anita	Burns Flat		Barry, Ed	Burns Flat	
Callahan, Joe	Burn Flat		Demel, Sam	Duncan	
Earp, Jay	Duncan		Glasgow, Debora	Burns Flat	
Harding, Heather	Burns Flat		Martin, Devin	Burns Flat	
Miller, Lyle	Burns Flat		Newman, Cendie	Burns Flat	
Roggow, Lyle	Duncan		Mike Wallace	Burns Flat	
Winkler, Dale	Duncan		Zigler, Tom	Duncan	

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll Call.
3. Introduction of Guests.
4. Approval of the September 28, 2023 minutes.
5. Old Business.
6. New Business.
7. Receive information on the Regional Transportation Plan from Craig Moody, Program Manager, Poe & Associates Inc. and provide comments.
8. Receive information on the FFY 2024 State Planning and Research Mini Transportation Grant Cycle.
9. Receive information on OSU Scholar's Program Transit Research project.
10. Receive information on the Mobility Program Pilot Project.
11. Receive information on Oklahoma Challenge initiative fall 2024 event.
12. Receive presentation from Amy Graham, Oklahoma Department of Public Safety on the SORTPO collision dashboard.
13. Reports and Comments:
 - a. Reports from members.
 - b. ODOT Division news.
 - c. ODOT news

- i. Transportation Alternative Program
- ii. Active Living Plan
- iii. Vehicle Charging
- iv. Pay per Mile Pilot Program
- d. ASCOG news.
- e. SWODA news.
- f. SORTPO news.

14. Adjourn.

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**SORTPO TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY
February 22, 2024**

Agenda Title: Receive information on the Regional Transportation Plan from Craig Moody, Program Manager, Poe & Associates Inc. and provide comments.

Background: SWODA was awarded a FFY 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant in August 2022. The purpose of the grant is to develop a regional long range transportation plan for southwest Oklahoma. The final agreement between USDOT and SWODA was executed on August 17, 2023, and on December 5, 2023, USDOT issued the notice to proceed.

- Staff distributed the Request for Proposal to ten firms with offices in Oklahoma on August 21, 2023: with a proposal deadline submission date on September 11, 2023. The proposal was listed on the SORTPO website from 8/21/23 to 9/11/23.
- Three proposals were submitted: Poe & Associates Inc, Olsson Inc and Kimley Horn.
- Interviews were conducted on September 25, 2023, at the ODOT office in Oklahoma City. The firms were scored by the interview team. The firm of Poe & Associates Inc received the highest number of points.
- Final contract and notice to proceed to Poe & Associates in January 2024.

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Recommended Action: Receive information on the Regional Transportation Plan from Craig Moody, Program Manager, Poe & Associates Inc. and provide comments.

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Agenda Title: Receive information on the FFY 2024 State Planning and Research Mini Transportation Grant Cycle.

Background: The 3rd year of the State Planning & Research (SPR) Mini Transportation grant cycle opened on January 2, 2024, with final submission no later than March 1, 2024. Staff will review the applications in the first week of March and forward a recommendation to the SORTPO Technical Committee and SORTPO Policy Board for their consideration at the March meetings. After receiving approval by the SORTPO Policy Board staff will prepare contracts between the municipality and SWODA and this information will be presented at the April 2024 SWODA Board meeting.

The SPR funds for the grants are part of the annual transportation planning administered by ODOT. The SPR funds for the reimbursable grant are part of SORTPO's annual transportation planning funds administered by ODOT. Grant limit per application is \$25,000 which is 80% of the total project the applicant is responsible for a 20% cash match. The purpose of this grant is to make available opportunities for municipalities in the SORTPO region to access transportation planning funds that will support the Region's Transportation Planning Program. Below is a table with information on previously awarded SPR grants.

	TOTAL Project Cost	80%	20%	FFY	PROJECT
Anadarko	\$ 31,250	\$ 25,000	\$ 6,250	FFY 2021	Trails Plan
Cache	\$ 31,250	\$ 25,000	\$ 6,250	FFY 2022	Bike/Ped Plan
Chickasha	\$ 31,250	\$ 25,000	\$ 6,250	FFY 2021	GIS
Duncan	\$ 42,500	\$ 34,000	\$ 8,500	FFY 2021	Signal study
Clinton	\$ 31,250	\$ 25,000	\$ 6,250	FFY 2022	ADA Assessment/ McLain Rogers Park
Goldsby	\$ 31,250	\$ 25,000	\$ 6,250	FFY 2022	Main Street Design/ Enhancement
Weatherford	\$ 12,000	\$ 9,600	\$ 2,400	FFY 2022	Weatherford Trails Plan
Elgin	\$ 30,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 6,000	FFY 2023	Bike/Ped Plan
Altus	\$ 31,250	\$ 25,000	\$ 6,250	FFY 2023	Multi-Purpose Trail Plan
Gracemont	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 2,000	FFY 2023	Street Assessment
Comanche	\$ 15,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 3,000	FFY 2023	Street Assessment
Bray	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,000	FFY 2023	Active Living Plan
	\$ 322,000	\$ 257,600	\$ 64,400		

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Agenda Title: Receive information on OSU Scholar's Program Transit Research project.

Background: Staff met with Linnea Harvey (OSU Rural Renewal Initiative) in late November 2023 for the purpose of discussing how SWODA/SORTPO could partner in future projects. Through Rural Renewal Initiative there are several opportunities to partner with OSU in conducting research projects concerning rural issues. This program requires professor oversight of a student conducting research. The Rural Scholars program aims to benefit both rural communities and OSU students. OSU students conduct research on the leading issues and grand challenges facing rural communities in Oklahoma and beyond, receiving firsthand research and service experience. For 10 weeks in the summer, pairs of students live in a rural community and work with community leaders to carry out research projects and provide assistance, support, and solutions for community issues. Before that, students are trained in community-based research approaches and gather background information on their assigned community.

SORTPO staff participated in a virtual meeting with Ms. Harvey and Joshua Li PhD to discuss a rural transit research project. Dr. Li has accepted the role of mentor for the Research Scholar project. The research project will focus on Transit for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) with Kiowa, Jackson, Tillman counties receiving the primary research concentration. These 3 counties were chosen due to their designation as the "pilot counties" for the Mobility Management Program. The research will look at access to transportation, service area, gaps, dropped NEMT rides.

It is anticipated that the Research Scholar will reside in Altus (Western State College) for approximately 10 weeks.

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Agenda Title: Receive information on the Mobility Program Pilot Project.

Background: The Office of Mobility and Public Transit, Oklahoma Department of Transportation invited SWODA/SORTPO to participate in a two-year pilot project to develop and implement a regional Mobility Management Program (MMP). Mobility management is essentially a process in the transit industry that connects riders with transportation services; no transit rides are provided by this program. Cristi Williams was hired in June 2023 as the SORTPO Mobility Navigator. The initial phase of the pilot focuses on three counties: Kiowa, Jackson and Tillman but has expanded to outreach in all SORTPO's counties. The Mobility Navigator is tasked with "connecting the dots" between residents and transportation providers, identifying transportation providers, facilitating town hall/meetings to discuss the needs for transportation and developing brochures/handouts and other public information that can be shared.

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Agenda Title: Receive information on Oklahoma Challenge initiative fall 2024 event.

Background: Oklahoma Challenge is a program funded by the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office to bring traffic safety education to youth. Oklahoma Challenge staff coordinate activities, partners and bring young people together to have hands on activities with the goal of reducing traffic crash deaths and serious injuries focusing on novice drivers.

OK Challenge's **Teen Traffic Safety Program** impacts hundreds of students giving them hands-on learning experiences to help them understand the dangers of engaging in distracting activities while driving. The program is funded by the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office. It's a 2.5 – 3 hour fun, interactive, safety program for our students and educators to raise awareness about the importance of safe driving.

- Check out their website for all the details. <https://www.oklahomachallenge.org/>
- This little video is a great explanation of the program. https://youtu.be/LI4O42v_IW

Last September, SORTPO staff (Dana Church, Ron Peal and Julie Sanders) participated in a safety event in Duncan. Activities and hands on events included: drunk goggles, sitting in a semi to gain better understanding of a trucker's view, tractor safety, motorcycle safety, seatbelt awareness and road construction awareness. This was an amazing and well-coordinated event. SORTPO in partnership with Western Technology Center in Burns Flat will host an OK Challenge event on October 22, 2024.

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