



CITY OF NORMAN, OK AIM NORMAN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE

Development Center, Room B, 225 N. Webster Ave., Norman, OK 73069
Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 1:00 PM

MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jim Adair called the meeting to order at 1:07pm.

INTRODUCTION/ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Jim Adair	David Riesland (Staff)
Trey Bates	Taylor Johnson (Staff)
Adam Ross	Scott Sturtz (Staff)
Hal Cantwell	Beth Muckala (Staff)
BJ Hawkins	Marty Shukert (RDG)
Lee Hall (Steering Committee)	Bret Cabbiness (Garver)
Amanda Nairn (Steering Committee)	Mike Spayd (Garver)
Inger Giuffrida (Steering Committee)	James Walden (Garver)
Amy Haase (RDG)	Molly Hanson (RDG)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

- A quorum was present
- Approved unanimously with no changes

RATIFICATION OF SUB-COMMITTEE VOTE TO SHOW ACCESS OKLAHOMA TURNPIKES ON INTERACTIVE MAP

- This item was necessary because the May Agenda showed Discussion but not Discussion and Possible Action
- A Motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to add the Turnpike alignments, as they are currently known, to the Interactive Map

PRIORITIZATION MATRIX ROLLOUT DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- Developed a weighting of each criteria based upon the votes from the sub-committee
- Garver went through the ranking of each of the ranking criteria
- Each project will be evaluated on a score of 1 to 4
- Score is determined by the product of the score and the weight for each of the criteria
- Many of the criteria can go hand-in-hand. For example, safety and congestion management can both be high for the same project.
- Scoring is based upon a positive impact so that the higher the score the better the project is deemed to be
- Much discussion ensued about how potential project might be scored
- The sub-committee members seemed somewhat relieved that the actual scoring would be completed by the consulting team
- Some discussion about how a particular project could be scored high in many different criteria
- Scoring would be applied to all modes not just vehicular projects
- Scoring will take into account as much statistical and scientific information as is available to limit the amount of subjectivity
- Staff offered that priority ranking is used in multiple other areas and would be welcomed in ranking transportation projects as well
- Staff will be able to use this system to rank projects that come up after this version of the CTP is adopted. This will help us to always know what our highest ranked projects are.
- From the City's standpoint, it is more important how similar projects rank with respect to one another rather than how a bicycle/pedestrian project might compare to a roadway project, for example. Projects could move up and down the rankings depending on the pot of money be sought.
- Projects that were deemed as high priority in the 2014 CTP but have not been completed, will be carried forward into this version of the CTP
- The rankings and scoring criteria could be tweaked as necessary as we move through the process

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION MAPPING DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- Little River Greenway showed up in multiple comments
- More bike lanes and trails showed up in multiple comments
- Moving toward Vision Zero showed up in multiple comments
- Shared spaces were in multiple comments
- Pedestrians can be accommodated effectively in roundabouts but bike lanes are a little more of a challenge
- Some instances put the bike lane up onto the curb prior to the splitter islands to avoid taking them through the roundabout itself
- Potential trail projects were discussed at length
- Facility types were discussed at length
- Bike routes are appropriate on lower speed/lower traffic roadways
- Effective traffic calming can be critical for active transportation networks
- Much discussion about greenways through private or HOA properties
- Must get buy-in from all parties to be successful

- Most robust opportunities to greenways in undeveloped areas
- Need all additional comments from sub-committee members by July 3
- No limit of number of comments that can be offered
- All suggestions are good suggestions

ROADWAY MAPPING UPDATE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- Main Street Two-way showed up in multiple comments
- Extending Cedar Lane west to Jenkins showed up in multiple comments
- Future treatment of Alameda showed up in multiple comments
- Develop a roundabout policy showed up in multiple comments
- Roundabouts can be excellent tools if constructed properly
- Roundabouts can be challenging from a right-of-way standpoint
- The roads that run through downtown Norman, because of the orientation of the BNSF can lend to implementation of roundabouts
- Should offer comments as to future projects even if they have been identified as a bond project
- Strong collector street network is critical to having a balanced system
- Much discussion ensued about roadway classifications along with urban vs. rural
- Some discussion ensued regarding developers wishes to eliminate collector roads
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BRIDGE MAPPING UPDATE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- Grade separation of BNSF on Tecumseh, though a carryover from 2014 CTP did show up in multiple comments
- Potential for a bridge over Lake Thunderbird on Franklin Road was discussed
- Extension of Cedar Lane to Jenkins would require a bridge over Bishop's Creek
- Should offer comments as to future projects even if they have been identified as a bond project
- Bridge projects could be considered roadway as well as stormwater projects
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AVIATION UPDATE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- Maintain a bus stop at the airport
- OU's Master Plan for Westheimer Airport is essentially completed and can be incorporated into this CTP Update
- Micro group may discuss how we support that update such as for a west side FBO for the airport
- Our CTP Update will reference the completed Westheimer Master Plan
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SUB-COMMITTEE HOMEWORK AND FUTURE MEETINGS

- Keep providing comments on the Interactive Map until July 3.
- Garver will continue to document all comments to the map
- Micro group meetings will begin again for Active Transportation, Aviation, and Roadway and Bridges in the near future
- Garver has anticipated listening sessions with OU, ODOT, Cleveland County, and perhaps OTA before completing CTP Update
- Next meeting will be on July 10, 2024, at 1:00 PM

CLOSING COMMENTS

- Some additional comments to Transit were received from the posting of the Transit Recommendations
- Go Norman Transit Plan will be rolled into the CTP Update
- Evaluate bicycle and pedestrian needs when looking at Transit updates
- Finalize projects in July through Interactive Map
- Drafting master plan update in July/August
- Micro group meetings likely in July/August
- Recommend approval of CTP Update to Steering Committee in October

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Passed and approved on this 10th day of July 2024.



Jim Adair, Chair

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