



CORTPO Technical Board
January 15, 2026, 11:15 a.m.
COEDD 400 N. Bell, Shawnee OK 74801

Technical Meeting Minutes

Jim Greff	P	Crystal Stevens	P	Tanner Mikles	
Amy Hill	P	Melissa Fesler	P	Ron Brown	
Randy Heisler	P	Wendy Rutter	P	Bart Vleugels	
Cory Swearingen	P			Trapper Parks	
Tina Lowery	P			Mathew Mitchell	

1. Call to Order @ 11:15
2. Roll Call **JIM GREFF – PRESENT, AMY HILL – PRESENT, RANDY HEISLER – PRESENT, CORY SWEARINGEN – PRESENT, TINA LOWERY – PRESENT, CRYSTAL STEVENS – PRESENT, MELISSA FESLER – PRESENT, WENDY RUTTER – PRESENT.**
3. Introduction of Guests **TANNER ISN'T A GUEST BUT HE IS HERE IN PERSON. BART FROM ODOT**
4. Mobility Managers Report: **KRISTEN - IS THERE A WRITTEN REPORT IN THERE THAT YOU GUYS CAN READ OVER? I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER. I DIDN'T LOOK AT THE AGENDA, AND I APOLOGIZE. I MEANT TO DO THAT THIS MORNING. BUT WHAT WE WERE DOING IS JUST TALKING ABOUT ROLLING OUT THE SIP SHOP EXPANSION INTO RURAL OKLAHOMA AND MAKING SURE THAT TRANSPORTTION WILL NOT BE A BARRIER FOR THOSE AREAS. IM ACTUALLY IN HUGHES COUNTY TODAY TO HAVE THAT CONVERSATION. WE WERE SUCCESSFUL IN KONAWA.**

WE'VE GOT ANOTHER PLANN FOR MARCH, AND WE HAVE A LOT OF INTEREST FROM THE HUGHES COUNTY AREA TO COME TO THAT PROGRAMMING. SO, WHAT WE'VE IDENTIFIED IS THAT WE NEED TO WORK ON THAT IN OTHER AREAS. ALSO, THE AGING OUR WAY STRATEGY. AS FAR AS TRANSPORTATION GOES, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED AND WE HAVEN'T ROLLED THAT OUT AS FAR AS LIKE HOW WE'RE COMMUNICATING THAT TO OUR TRANSITS YET. AND THAT'S KIND OF REVEALED ITSELF OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS AND TALKING TO MY TRANSIT AGENCIES. JUST AS WE LOOK AT THE SENIOR TSUNAMI OVER THENEXT SEVERAL YEARS, AND WHAT THAT MEANS FOR TRANSPORTATION AS WE TELL PEOPLE AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO AGE IN PLACE IN THEIR HOMES AND THAT WERE SETTIN GUP SYSTEMS TO KEEP THEM SAFE



TO DO SO, WHAT KIND OF STRAIN DOES THAT PUT ON THE TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY AND HOW DO WE ADDRESS THAT FROM THE SITE?

SO WORKING ON THOSE STRATEGIES, WEVE GOT A REALLY GREAT WORKING GROUP ON THAT. SO THOSE ARE KIND OF THE BIG ONES RIGHT THIS SECOND.

CLORISA – ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR KRISTEN? NO

As we look toward 2026, several priorities will guide our work in the Central Rural region:

- Expansion of SibShop programming into rural communities, ensuring that siblings of children with disabilities and their families have access to meaningful, supportive experiences regardless of geography.
- Continued implementation of Aging Our Way strategies, with a focus on understanding and measuring the long-term impacts of this plan on older adults and the systems that serve them.
- Development of coordinated agreements to improve connections to Oklahoma City, strengthening regional access to medical care, employment, and essential services.
- Exploration of life-saving equipment onboard transit vehicles, including Narcan and AEDs, to enhance rider and driver safety and improve emergency response capabilities.
- Advocacy for increased transit driver pay, working toward compensation that is more lateral to first-responder drivers in recognition of the critical role transit operators play in public safety and community wellbeing.
- County-specific meetings to directly address local transportation needs, gaps, and opportunities, allowing for tailored solutions that reflect the unique priorities of each community.

The momentum built through partnerships, community involvement, and strategic planning positions the Mobility Management Program well for continued growth and impact in the coming year.

5. Request approval to open the public comment period for the long-range transportation plan.

The draft plan is attached and has been posted on the CORTPO website and Facebook page.

Sharing the plan is encouraged to help reach a wider audience and gather meaningful public input. **CLORISA - NUMBER FIVE, REQUEST APPROVAL TO OPEN THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

FOR THE LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN. THE DRAFT PLAN IS ATTACHED WITH THE

CORPORATE WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE. IF PEOPLE COULD SHARE THAT, I WOULD BE

GRATEFUL BECAUSE THAT WOULD GIVE MOER PEOPLE TO GIVE INPUT. SO, WHAT WE'LL DO IS

IF WE CAN GET THIS APPROVED, IT'LL GET SUBMITTED TO THE POLICY BOARD AND IF THE



POLICY BOARD APPROVES THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IT'LL GO FOR 15 WORKING DAYS AFTER THEY APPROVE IT NEXT WEEK. JIM GREFF – DO WE NEED TO MAKE A MOTION, CLORISA – YES BECAUSE IT'S GOT TO BE SENT TO THE POLICY ONCE YOU GUYS APPROVE IT. JIM GREFF – OK I 1ST, JIMMY STOKES – 2ND. CLORISA - OK, WE WILL SUBMIT THAT TO THE POLICY BOARD NEXT WEEK BEFORE THE COEDD BOARD MEETING.

6. Planning Discussion: Proposed COTS Temporary Transit Route in Shawnee for Black Friday Weekend (November 2026). **CLORISA - KIND OF HAD AN IDEA WHEN WE DID THE PEER REVIEW FOR CORTPO A FEW WEEKS AGO. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS WAS DOING TEMPORARY PROJECTS. SO, I GOT WITH KRISTEN AND WE GOT TALKING ABOUT DOING A TEMPORARY TRANSIT ROUTE IN SHAWNEE. AT FIRST IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BLACK FRIDAY BUT WERE GOING TO BE CHANGING IT TO THE MOBILITY WEEK. THAT IS THE FIRST WEEK IN NOVEMBER. WHAT WERE LOOKING AT NOW, WE MET WITH TINA AND WE'RE WORKING ON GETTING A BUDGET FOR THAT WEEK, HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST, HOW MUCH WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO BUDGET AND FIND FUNDING FOR. WE'VE GOT A ROUTE SETUP, BUT WE'VE GOT TO SIT DOWN AND FIGURE OUT WHERE WE'RE GOING TO WANT TO PUT THE TEMPORARY BUS STOPS. I DID GET SOME FEEDBACK FROM ONE OF TINA'S DRIVERS, SCOTT BAIRD, ABOUT HOW TO SETUP THE TEMPORARY BUS STOPS, WHAT WOULD BE GREAT AND WHO TO CONTACT. SO THAT'LL BE INTERESTING. THAT WILL HELP GET THE TRIBES INVOLVED, GETTING WITH THEM AND HAVING THEM LET US BORRY THEIR TEMORORAY SHELTERS THAT THEY HAVE, WE CAN PUT IN EACH ONE OF THE SPOTS FOR THE TIME BEING. SO, IT'LL BE VISIBLE AND WE'LL HAVE SIGNS SETUP. IT'S STILL IN PLANNING, STILL A PROPOSAL, NOTHING SET IN STONE AT THISS POINT IN TIME. ANYBODY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THAT? TINA – WHEN WAS THE STATE MOBILITY WEEK? CLORISA – IT'S IN NOVEMBER. WENDIE RUTTER – I'M KIND OF LATE FOR THE PARTY BECAUSE, HOLD ON LET ME TURN THIS UP. WHO IS THE BUS ROUTE? IS IT COTS? CLORISA - IT'S JUST GOING TO BE TEMPORARY JUST SO WE CAN DO SURVEYS, GET A LOT OF FEEDBACK. THE RIDING IS GOING TO BE FREE. SO WHEN YOU DO RIDE, THERE'S GOING TO BE SURVEY LINKS IN THE BUSES AND THEN EACH BUS IS GOING TO HAVE A RIDER FROM EITHER COEDD OR VOLUNTEER THAT'LL SIT DOWN AND BE ABLE TO SEE WHICH STOPS WERE ACTIVE, WHO WAS AT WHICH STOP, HOW MANY PEOPLE GOT OFF,**



WHICH WERE COMPLETELY DEAD STOPS, WHICH WERE VERY BUSY STOPS, KIND OF GIVING A REALLY GOOD ONE ON ONE FEEDBACK OF WHAT IS NEEDED IN THE TOWN. NOW, WHETHER IT'S GOING TO GO ANY FURTHER THAN THAT, IT WOULD BE UP TO THE CITY OF SHAWNEE WHETHER THEY ALLOW US TO DO THIS, WE HAVE TO GET APPROVAL FROM THE CITY IN ORDER TO DO THIS TEMPRARY ROUTE. WE WILL HAVE TO GET APPROVAL BUT WE'LL NEED THE FULL PRPOSAL BEFORE WE CAN GO TO THEM AND ASK SO SAYING YEAH WELL THIS IS OUR BUDGET, THIS IS WHAT WE'RE GOING TO FIND. POGO HAS AGREED TO JUMP ON BOARD AND HELP US WITH FUNDING AND POSSIBLY VOLUNTEERS TO RIDE AND TAKE SURVEYS SO I KNOW POGO REALLY LIKES IT, BUT AGAIN, IT'S JUST SOMETHING THAT THE CITY OF SHAWNEE HAS JUMPED ON BOARD AND THEN JUMPED OFF BOARD SEVERAL TIMES. SO WE JUST TOOK IT UPON OURSELVES TO DO IT. RANDY HEISLER – I HAVE A QUESTION, WHO IS POGO? CLORISA POGO IS THE POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY HEALTH ORGANIZATION. IT USED TO BE BLUE ZONE BUT BLUE ZONE MOVED OUT AND IT WAS TAKEN OVER BY POGO. SO THEY DO A LOT OF FAMILY ORGANIZATION EVENTS HERE, LIKE THE WALK TO SCHOOL, SCHOOL BUS. RANDY HEISLER – OKAY, SO TINA, DO YOU GUSY DO A FIXED ROUTE NOW? CLORISA – NO IT WON'T BE FIXED IT WILL BE A DEVIATED ROUTE. NO THEY DON'T KRISTEN – DEVIATED AND FIXED, YEAH. AND IN POGO WE BEEN GROOMING THAT RELATIONSHIP, THAT PARTNERSHIP FOR OVER A YEAR AND PARTNERING ON DIFFERENT THINGS THAT THEY DO. SO THAT IS AN EXCELLEND UPDATE ON THAT PARTNERSHIP AS WELL. CLORISA – I DID ASK KRISTEN IF WE COULD HAVE MELISSA IF SHE IS WILLING TO JUMP ON THIS WITH ME AND HELP BECAUSE SHE IF FAMILIAR WITH A DEVIATED ROUTE. KRISTEN – I TALK TO HER LAT WEEK. CLORISA – OKAY, SHE'S HERE, JUST NOT SAYING ANYTHING. MELISSA FESLER – I GOT YOU. RIGHT NOW, I'M HATING FIXED ROUTES, BECAUSE I HAVE TO DO THE GTFS STUFF FOR THE MAPPING. SO, SINCE YOU'RE RURAL THAT'LL BE KIND OF LIKE STILLWATER, ALL THEY DO IS PUSH A BUTTON. BECAUSE THE'RE THE WAY THAT THEIR SOFTWARE SYSTEM IS. SO, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO GO IN THERE AND WORK ON THAT AND RTAP WILL HELP US GET YOUR STOPS LOCATED AND ALLL THAT IF IT BECOMES A PERMANENT. CLORISA – I CAN HELP KRISTEN – JEREMY BELL SAID THAT HE WOULD HELP US WITH IT AS WELL. CLORISA – THE ONLY REASON WHY THIS REALLY CAME OUT IS THAT DURING THE COMMENT PERIODS FOR THE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION



PLAN, THAT WAS ONE OF THE BIG THINGS THAT THE SHAWNEE RESIDENTS HAVE REALLY MADE A VOICE ON IT. THEY REALLY BELIEVE THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY. IF YOU LOOK AT THE DYNAMICS OF SHAWNEE, MOST OF THE BUSINESSES AND MEDICAL FACILITIES ARE ALL NORTH OF TOWN, WHICH THAT SEEMS TO HAPPEN. IT GRAVITATES TOWARDS THE INTERSTATE. MOST OF THE HOUSES THAT DO NOT HAVE VEHICLES ARE IN SOUTH OF TOWN. LAST TIME I LOOKED UP, IT WAS ONE IN FIVE HOUSES IN THE SOUTH OF TOWN HAD VEHICLES. IF IT WASN'T FOR THE NEW MARKET ON MAIN STREET, WE HAD A SEVERE FOOD DESERT IN THAT SECTION OF TOWN. OTHER THAN WHAT YOU CAN GET AT THE DOLLAR STORE, WHICH WE DON'T HAVE A DOLLAR STORE MARKET IN THE SOUTH OF TOWN, SO THERE WAS NO FRESH FOOD OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. THEY WOULD HAVE TO EITHER WALK TO FIRELAKE OR AN UBER OR MAYBE CATCH COTS WHEN THEY'RE OPEN AND MAKE IT TO THE GROCERY STORE UP BY WALMART BECAUSE OUR HOMETOWN IS ON THE VERGE OF CLOSING. SO THE ONLY GROCERY STORES IN SHAWNEE AT THAT TIME WILL BE WALMART, ALDI'S, WHICH IS NORTH OF TOWN, AND THEN THE NEW MARKET ON MAIN STREET BECAUSE CROW'S MARKET MOVED OUTSIDE OF CITY LIMITS. SO THAT'S OUR GREAT CITY OF SHAWNEE. AMY HILL – SORRY, I HAVE A QUESTION. HOW LONG DID YOU SAY THIS ROUTE IS GOING TO BE RUN? CLORISA – JUST A WEEK. I KNOW TINA WOULD LIKE TO DO IT FOR A FULL MONTH, BUT I DON'T THINK WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET THE FUNDING FOR A FULL MONTH. NOW IF WE CAN FIND FUNDING FOR A FULL MONTH THAT WOULD BE GREAT, BUT I THINK WE'RE GOING TO BE PULLING TEETH JUST TO GET THE FUNDING FOR A WEEK. BUT, IF WE DO MORE WE'LL DO MORE, YOU KNOW. BUT I THINK IT'S GOING TO HELP A LOT OF OUR COMMUNITIES BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT WALK IN SHAWNEE. THEY'VE DONE A LOT OF INFRASTRUCTURE LIKE PUTTING SIDEWALKS ALONG OUR HIGHWAYS. SO THAT HAS HELPED OUT. KICKAPOO HAS SIDEWALKS ALL THE WAY UP NOW THAT GOES TO WALMART AND THE MALL. BUT IF YOU'RE HANDICAPPED OR ELDERLY, ARE YOU GOING TO BE ABLE TO WALK FROM THE SOUTH OF TOWN ALL THE WAY TO WALMART. WENDIE RUTTER – WELL, I'M WONDERING IF THEY'RE GOING TO WALK TO THE BUS STOPS BECAUSE WE TAKE KIDS TO SCHOOL BECAUSE THEY WON'T WALK TO THE BUS STOP. CLORISA – YEA, THAT IS TRUE. WENDIE RUTTER – I MEAN, IT'S A GREAT IDEA IN THEORY, IT'S JUST THAT. CLORISA – I



MEAN, WE'RE STILL GOING TO HAVE THE POINT TO POINT PICKUP. IS STILL DOING THEIR GOING TO AND I THINK THAT'S... SORRY, I DON'T MEAN THAT. I THINK THAT'S WHERE THERE'S GOING TO BE A PROBLEM WITH THIS BECAUSE YOU KNOW, THE CITY IS USED TO HAVING COTS GOING TO CURB TO RESIDENCE. SO FOR SOMEBODY TO GET OUT AND MAYBE WALK A BLOCK OR TWO TO CATHC THE BUS FOR JUST TRYING FOR A WEEK. I JUST, I SEE THAT BEING A PROBLEM. WHY DO THAT WHEN THEY CAN JUST CALL AND COTS IS GOING TO PICK THEM UP. SO WE'RE GOING TO KIND OF BE EVALUATING. WENDY RUTTER – SO IT'S TRANSIT, IT DOESN'T DO CURB TO CURB. SO THAT'S WHY I'M LIKE, I DON'T LIKE, WE HAVE A HARD TIME GETTING THEM TO WALK TO THE STREET. AND I KNOW COTS HAS THE SAME PROBLEM. AND THEN NOW WE HAVE THE LYFT THING THAT'S GOING ON IN TOWN WHERE THEY CAN GET THE FREE RIDES WITH THE FROM THE UNITED WAY. CLORISA – HOW ACTIVE IS THAT? I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY UPDATES ON THE LYFT THING. WENDIE RUTTER – I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON RIGHT NOW, BUT UBER AND LYFT IS CRAZY AND SHODDY RIGH TNOW. CLORISA – SO WE WERE HAVING PROBLEMW WITH THAT WHEN IT FIRST STARTED, PROBABLY FOR THE FIRST, I KNOW THE FIRST MONTH OR SO PEOPLE WERE GETTING LEFT AND THEY WERE CALLING US. I'M SURE THEY WERE CALLING YOU TOO. WENDY RUTTER – ACTUALLY UNITED WAY CALLED ME AND SAID, HEY, IF WE CAN'T GET A RIDE, CAN YOU KNOW, WE CAN'T DO IT VERY OFTEN, SO WE WERE PICKING THEM UP. SO THE PRICE DIFFERENCE FOR A FIXED ROUTE. MELLISSA FESLER – I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU CHARGE FOR YOUR DEMAND ROUTE, BUT THAT'S WHAT WE DID. OUR ROUTE WAS A FIXED ROUTE AND WAS \$1 AND OUR DEMAND SERVICES WERE \$3. SO THAT PRICE DIFFERENCE IS WHAT PUT HIM ON THE BUS. WENDY RUTTER – BUT YOU ALSO DO APPLICATIONS CORRECT MELISSA? MELISSA FESLER – YOU HAVE TO. IF YOU DO A FIXED ROUTE SERVICE, HYOU HAVE TO HAVE A PARATRANSIT MATCHING YOUR SERVICE. BUT IS THERE NOT NEW START MONEY TO AT LEAST RUN IT FOR ONE MONTH? CLORISA – THAT'S MY PROGRAMS MANAGER AT OK. WENDIE RUTTER – WELL, AND THE OTHER THING IS, I MEAN, COTS IS CHEAP AND YOU'RE RIGHT THERE, THEY GO CURB TO CURB, BUT CPN IS FREE. CLORISA – THEY DO CURB TO CURB, YEAH, AND WE'LL BE INVOLVING CPN TOO. SO THEY'RE GOING TO BE ON THE TABLE HERE VERY SHORTLY, AS SOON AS WE GET THE BUDGET AND KNOW WHAT IS GOING TO BE GOIN ON. THEY'LL BE PULLED ONTO THE TABLE FOR THIS TOO.



SO, BECAUSE YOU CAN'T LEAVE THEM OUT. THEY MIGHT, BUT RIGHT NOW IT'S JUST MORE OF THE TALKING, FIGURING OUT, SEEING IF IT'S EVEN GOING TO BE LOGISTICALLY ABLE TO DO IT EVEN IN NOVEMBER. SO RIGHT NOW IT'S JUST THE IDEA, TRYING IT OUT, WHAT THE LOGISTICS OF IT AND THE COST. AND IF WE CAN EVEN PUT IT TOGETHER FOR THAT WEEK. SO IT'S STILL JUST IN CONVERSATION. IT MAY TAKE LONGER, AND WE MAY HAVE TO MOVE IT TO ANOTHER WEEK OR ANOTHER MOBILITY WEEK. WE MAY HAVE TO MOVE IT FURTHER DOWN THE LINE. MAYBE TRY IT WHEN THE WEATHER'S BAD. I HAVE NO IDEA. RIGHT NOW, WE'RE JUST STILL IN THE PLANNING AND DISCUSSION PHASE. MELISSA FESLER – IT'S EXCITING. USED AS A FIXED ROUTE, SOME FIXED ROUTES SO THAT'LL BE EXCITING IF IT CAN MAKE IT WORK. CLORISA – WELL, WE'VE BEEN SAYING THAT FOR SEVERAL YEARS, SO. AMY HILL – IT TAKES A DRIVER AWAY, SO THAT'S THE HARD PART. TINA – YEAH AND ALSO YOU KNOW THAT'S ALSO PULLING THE BIGGEST BUSES THAT I HAVE ARE 10 PASSENGERS WITH WHEELCHAIR SECURE SPOTS. SO AND THEN I'LL BE GETTING ANOTHER ONE LATER ON THIS YEAR AND I THINK THAT IS 10 PASSENGERS WHEN I GO THROUGH THE PROCESS ON THAT AS WELL. SO THAT'S GOING TO BE ONE THING IS ALSO PULLING THOSE TWO BUSES OFF OF WHAT THEY'RE ALREADY DOING. MELISSA – I MAY HAVE SOMETHING THAT I CAN HELP OUT WITH. SO JUST GIVE ME A CALL, OFFLINE AND WE CAN WORK SOMETHING OUT. WENDIE RUTTER – WELL, I WAS JUST THINKING EVERYBODY ALWAYS WANTS TO BRING AN ANIMAL WITH THEM TOO. SO THAT'S ANOTHER THING I MEAN I SERIOUS DON'T FORGET TO MENTION LIKE NO PETS OR WHATEVER BECAUSE THEY WILL HAVE THEIR I DON'T KNOW WHO ELSE HAS TO DEAL WITH THAT BUT THAT'S ONE OF OUR ISSUES. TINA – I HAVE VERY LITTLE ISSUES WITH THAT HARDLY ANY. OKAY RANDY, DO YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES? AMY HILL – THEY GIVE IT ALL TO YOU WENDIE. MELISSA - WE HAVE SOME STRANGE COMFORT ANIMALS COMING ON. A LADY LEFT HER COMFORT CUP IN OUR VEHICLE THE OTHER DAY AND WE HAD TO RETURN IT BECAUSE IT WAS HER COMFORT CUP. I SAID, WELL, THAT'S A NEW ONE. CLORISA – DID YOU RETURN IT? MELISSA – SHE WAS ONLY LESS THAN A MILE AWAY AND I THOUGHT, OKAY, THIS MUST BE REAL SERIOUS. CLORISA – I SAW A COMFORT PIG. ONE TIME AT WALMART IT HAD A VEST ON EVERYTHING. WENDY – WE HAD A PEACOCK AND WE HAD A SNAKE, IT'S PROBABLY MY WILDEST ONE.



7. CORTPO is advancing a Regional Rails to Trails initiative focused on the Pottawatomie County spine of the Oklahoma City-Ada-Atoka rail corridor. This effort is structured as a multi-partner grant project, and the proposed project materials are attached for reference.

The project has received full support from ODOT. Following Technical and Policy Board

approvals, we will begin outreach to agencies and organizations we hope will join as project

partners. **THIS TRAIL SUGGESTED BEFORE I WENT OUT AND DID A LOT OF WALKING. I FOUND**

THAT ONE OF THE MAIN LINES THAT I WAS REALLY HOPING TO DO BECAUSE IT CONNECTS

SHAWNEE TO SEMINOLE GOES RIGHT THROUGH CPN'S GOLF COURSE, RIGHT THROUGH THE

MIDDLE. THEN I WAS TALKING TO KRISTEN BECAUSE SHE RIDES OUT THAT WAY AND ONE OF

THE AREAS IS A MAJOR FLOOD PROBLEM. ANOTHER GOES RIGHT THROUGH FARMLAND. BUT I

WENT OUT AND I WALKED ONE LINE AND IT GOES THROUGH FARMLAND. SO, THERE WOULD

HAVE TO BE A LOT OF MOVING THE LINE. HEY BART, IS THAT SOMETHING WE COULD DO?

DEVIATE FROM THE RAIL TO AROUND AN AREA THAT IS FARMLAND AND CONNECT BACK TO

THE RAIL? BART – OH, THAT WOULD BE A GOOD QUESTION FOR RYAN LEONARD. I THINK

IN OUR DIVISION HE WOULD BE ABLE TO ANSWER THAT TOO. CLORISA – OK, GOOD. I WENT OUT

TO THE LINE THAT'S AROUND BROOKSVILLE. AND IF YOU'RE NOT FAMILIAR WITH

BROOKSVILLE, IT'S ONE OF OUR OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL BLACK COMMUNITIES. AND THEY

PUT A TRASH DUMP OUT THERE AND THE RAIL GOES RIGHT THROUGH IT. SO THE LINE THAT I

WANTED TO PUT THE TRAIL AROUND IS NOW IN A TRASH DUMP. SO THAT ONE WILL NOT

WORK AT ALL. AND I WAS REALLY HOPING TO BRING TRAFFIC TO BROOKSVILLE BUT I DIDN'T

EVEN HAVE THE DUMP ON MY MAP SHOWING THAT THERE WAS ONE ACTIVE. YEAH, IT

DOESN'T SHOW ON ANY OF MY MAPS. I PULLED UP ALL OF THE EASEMENTS AND

EVERYTHING. I DON'T SHOW ONE OUT THERE, BUT WHEN I WENT OUT YESTERDAY AND WENT

ALONG THE RAIL AREA, YEAH, THERE'S A HUGE DUMP OUT THERE. SO, AND THEN PART OF IT

GOES THROUGH BOTTOM LAND. SO THAT IS A COMPLETE FLOOD ZONE RIGHT THERE. BUT

YOU KNOW, THOSE ARE THINGS TO LOOK AT. I'VE ALSO DONE ONE UP FOR SEMINOLE

COUNTY, NONE IN OKFUSKEE. THEY DON'T HAVE A RAIL THROUGH OKFUSKEE COUNTY.

THERE'S A SMALL RAIL GOING THROUGH HUGHES. LINCOLN HAS QUITE A BIT OF RAIL. AND

THEN WHEN TALKING TO JARED, HE SAYS THAT WOULD BE A GOOD ONE TO CONNECT TO THE



LINE THAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT DOING UP THROUGH MIDWEST CITY. OF THEY'VE ALREADY STARTED ON THEIR RAILS TO TRAILS. IT WOULD BE GOOD TO CONNECT WITH STILLWATER AND GO ALONG AND CONNECT CUSHING. THAT IS ONE THAT I HAVE LOOKED AT IN THE PAST. SO I HAVE MAPPED THAT AND STARTED LOOKING AT THAT AND WORKING AND POSSIBLY REACH OUT TO STILLWATER. SINCE THEY'VE ALREADY STARTED THAT PROJECT. AND THEY ALREADY HAVE SEVERAL PROJECTS IN STILLWATER THAT THEY HAVE COMPLETED WITH THE RAILS TO TRAILS PROGRAM. SO THIS ONE IN POTT COUNTY WAS A GREAT IDEA. I REALLY, REALLY LIKED IT. BUT THEN ONCE I WENT OUT AND STARTED WALKING THEM AND LOOKING AT THEM, THERE'S A LOT OF ISSUES I THINK WE'LL RUN INTO BECAUSE OF THE FARMLAND AND THE COURSE AND THE DUMP. SO WE'LL HAVE TO LOOK AT THAT ONE A LITTLE BIT BETTER. I'LL HAVE TO GET WITH MORE PEOPLE AND DO A LITTLE BIT MORE RESEARCH ON THAT TO SEE IF MAYBE WE SHOULD MOVE IT TO A DIFFERENT COUNTY. I KNOW PAWNEE COUNTY, CLEVELAND SAID THEY WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO JUMP ON SOMETHING LIKE THAT BECAUSE THEY'RE ALREADY ON THE FISHING CORRIDOR. SO HAVING A BIKE CORRIDOR THROUGH THERE WOULD ALSO BE AMAZING FOR THEM. BUT AGAIN, WE'LL LOOK AT MORE OF THE DIFFERENT AREAS AND SEE WHICH ONE IS MORE FEASIBLE. I KNOW PAYNE COUNTY; THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE REAL EASY TO WORK WITH. THEY SIT ON OUR BOARD. SO THAT IS ALSO SOMETHING TO LOOK AT IS HOW EASY IT WOULD BE TO WORK WITH OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS, GIVE ME A LINE AND EMAIL ME OR CALL ME AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO THERE. RIGHT NOW, I'VE BEEN SENDING OUT, I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH A LOT OF OUR COMMUNITIES ABOUT THE AARP GRANT THAT WENT OUT, BUT I CAN PUT THAT DOWN ON NEW COMMENTS. IT'S NOT ON THE AGENDA. CHALLENGE GRANT. YEAH, THE CHALLENGE GRANT.

If successful, this grant will establish a scalable framework for expanding rails to trails development across the CORTPO region. Each county contains at least one rail corridor suitable for conversion, with the largest corridor located in Payne County. Each individual trail segment is anticipated to require approximately five years to complete, allowing for phased planning, funding, and implementation over time.



8. CORTPO's first Listening Tour meeting will be held on January 15 at the Shawnee Public Library, beginning at 5:30 p.m., the attached flyer was distributed as part of the initial outreach.

We ask you please share this information within Pottawatomie County and with any individuals or organizations you believe would benefit from participating in this input session. **THE**

POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY LISTENING TOUR IS TONIGHT AT THE SHAWNEE LIBRARY AT 5:30 TO APPARENTLY SHAWNEE FORD HAS DECIDED TO HOST A MEETING AT THE SAME EXACT TIME ON THE SAME EXACT NIGHT AT A DIFFERENT BUILDING AS THIS.

9. Discuss opportunities to expand committee membership to include broader Tribal and community representation to support inclusive planning and coordination. See the attached suggestions.

10. Any new comments: NO COMMENTS

11. Adjourn @ 12:15 MELISSA 1ST JIM 2ND