

**JOINT CERTIFICATION STATEMENT FOR THE CENTRAL OKLAHOMA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S TRANSPORTATION AND PLANNING PROCESS BY THE OKLAHOMA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CENTRAL OKLAHOMA RTPO.**

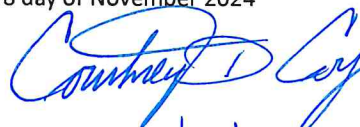
1. Memorandum of Understandings have been executed and submitted to Oklahoma Department of Transportation for the Central Oklahoma RTPO (CORTPO) organization. This memorandum is to carry out the comprehensive, cooperative, and continued efforts of the regional transportation planning process and public involvement. No complaints concerning the agreement were raised during the previous year. Therefore, no changes to this agreement are anticipated.
2. Planning work program (PWP) for all participating councils of government with CORTPO were compiled and completed, then sent to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.
3. CORTPO website was updated and maintained (COEDD.NET)
4. The Councils of Governments completed applications for the new funding year. CORTPO was awarded funding to continue transportation planning. In Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024, CORTPO analyzed data from the 2020 census for the regional long range transportation plan. Various data collection, for use in the LRTP, was also conducted regarding road mileage, traffic counts and collisions. Focus centered on distinctions between rural vs. urban vs. town vs. main street concerns; additional demographic trends, future populations, and employment; system management review and technology; transportation, functional classifications; alternative fuel corridors; policy development, freight development, and transit, bicycle, and pedestrian needs, etc.
5. The organizational structure for guidance of the CORTPO Regional Transportation Plan, as set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding, involves the COG's whose membership and responsibilities are detailed in the PWP. CORTPO will send to ODOT the transportation plans, policies, and implementation programs for review and endorsement.
6. The FFY 2023-2024 Planning Work Program was established and submitted to ODOT. The CORTPO staff held meetings in person and virtually, Technical Board, Policy Board, and various other meetings to engage with the public.
7. Maintained partnership between CORTPO and ODOT.
8. CORTPO hereby certifies that it is carrying out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for the area in accordance with the applicable requirements of:
 - a. 23 U.S.C.134,49 U.S.C 5303, and this subpart.
 - b. Sections 174 and 176© and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as Amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506© and (d) and 40 CFR part 93.
 - c. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21.
 - d. 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination based on race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunities.
 - e. Section 1101(b) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) {Pub. L 109-59} and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) in USDOT funded projects.
 - f. 23 CFR part 230 regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts.

- g. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et. Seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37 and 38.
 - h. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C 6101) prohibiting discrimination based on age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance.
 - i. Section 324 of Title 23 U.S.C regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
 - j. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.
9. In FFY 2024, emphasis will be in the following areas: Development of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), assisting municipalities with transportation grants, development of the CORTPO Mobility Program, more public involvement, revision of the Public Participation Plan, and development of the Limited English Proficiency Plan.
 10. Developing the Mobility Management Program by creating and disseminating accessible user friendly brochures, information packets, social media, and websites; actively participating in community events to enhance public transit understanding; facilitating transportation solutions including free options; acting as a liaison between individuals and transit agencies, addressing unique transportation challenges; and continually aiding transit and human service agencies in the Central Oklahoma, ensuring and accurate information flow to optimize their community supporting efforts, such as fostering inter-agency collaboration, and ultimately increasing transit usage and resolving user transportation dilemmas.
 11. Cultivation of public participation and involvement was continued with multiple public booths at regional events, various meetings, with local officials, and public online surveys were prepared and administered by the CORTPO staff.

Based upon the enumerations mentioned above, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and CORTPO declare the planning process is an effective, ongoing, comprehensive, continuing, cooperative transportation planning process addressing the major issues facing the regional Transportation Area and is being conducted according to all applicable law and regulations.

Approved this 8 day of November 2024

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