



CORTPO Policy Board
January 21, 2026, 11:15 a.m.
Project Heart, 830 W. Ford St, Shawnee

Join Zoom Meeting

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Policy Meeting

Jim Greff	P	Angela Williams	P	Tanner Mikles	P
Rebecca Stone	P			Ron Brown	
Jimmy Stokes	P			Mathew Mitchell	
Kristy Lesley	P			Trapper Parks	
Rhonda Markum	P				

1. Call to Order @ 11:15
2. Roll Call: **JIM GREFF – PRESENT, REBECCA STONE – PRESENT, JIMMY STOKES – PRESENT, KRISTY LESLEY – PRESENT, RHONDA MARKUM – PRESENT, ANGELA WILLIAMS - ABSENT**
3. Introduction of Guests – **TANNER MIKLES**
4. Mobility Managers Report: **NO COMMENTS**

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. **JIM GREFF – 1ST, JIMMY STOKES – 2ND**

6. 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.

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. **JIMMY STOKES – 1ST, REBECCA STONE – 2ND**

7. CORTPO's Lincoln County Listening Tour meeting will be held on February 12 at the Prague City Hall, beginning at 5:30 p.m., the attached flyer was distributed as part of the initial outreach. We ask you please to share this information within Lincoln County and with any individuals or organizations you believe would benefit from participating in this input session. **RHONDA MARKUM – HOW HAVE YOU GOT THE INFORMATION OUT OTHER THAN YOUR FACEBOOK AND US SHARING IT. CLORISA – I AM A MEMBER OF ALL THE COMMUNITY PAGES FOR EACH OF THE MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES IN THE REGION. FOR EACH LISTENING TOUR I POST IT ON ALL THE DIFFERENT PAGES.**

8. Any new comments - **NO COMMENTS**



9. Adjourn @ 11:35 JIM GREFF 1ST JIMMY STOKES 2ND