



Attention Transit Users and Providers: ODOT Needs Your Input

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Do you frequently use your local transit system? Is your organization looking for more federal funding to provide local transit options? If so, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation wants your opinions.

ODOT's Transit Division will host six public meetings statewide November 16, 17 and 18 to receive input on transit programs and the funding application process associated with these programs.

ODOT is asking the public as well as representatives of public, private and not-for-profit transportation and human services providers to attend one of the meetings across the state to discuss and give input on services in their area. By hosting meetings at multiple locations, ODOT hopes to maximize participation in the development process.

The purpose of these meetings is to solicit feedback on services provided in areas and discuss the grant application process so any modifications and improvements can be made to next year's application process. Specifically, ODOT is seeking input on recommended changes to the evaluation process, performance criteria and new application format.

Additionally, these meetings will provide the public an opportunity to obtain information on available funding in order to develop potential projects that may be eligible for funding through one or both of the Federal Transit Administration programs, the Jobs Access and Reverse Commute Program and the New Freedom Program.

In the months following the public input meetings, ODOT will host a series of training workshops in conjunction with the opening of the fiscal year 2011 grant application process for transit providers.

The upcoming meetings will be held at the following times and locations:

Ponca City Tuesday, November 16 2 p.m. City Hall- Barnes Room 516 E. Grand Ave.	Sand Springs Wednesday, November 17 10 a.m. Charles Page Library 551 E. 4th St.	Woodward Wednesday, November 17 9 a.m. Public Library 1500 Main
McAlester Wednesday, November 17 2:30 p.m. SE Expo Center-Rm 209 4500 W Highway 270	Lawton Wednesday, November 17 3 p.m. Museum of the Great Plains 601 NW Farris	Norman Thursday, November 18 10 a.m. Norman City Library 225 North Webster

For more information about the upcoming meetings and transit programs, the public can visit ODOT's Web site, www.okladot.state.ok.us, and click on public transportation or call (405) 521-2584.

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