FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**TRAINING SESSIONS POSTPONED TO WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15, 2011 DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Oklahoma DOT Calls for Projects for Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Funds
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma USA – February 7, 2011

ODOT receives an annual allocation of Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom funds from the Federal Transit Administration. The JARC grant program funds transportation services to transport welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals to and from jobs and activities related to their employment. For the upcoming application cycle, ODOT has apportionments of $444,752 for small urban projects and $1,901,698 for rural projects. The New Freedom grant program provides improved public transportation services, and alternatives to public transportation, for people with disabilities, beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). For the upcoming application cycle, ODOT has apportionments of $288,418 for small urban projects and $975,842 for rural projects. Total funding available includes the FY 2010 apportionment as well as estimates for the 2011 apportionment year.

JARC and New Freedom grants are competitive. Applicants may include state or local government authorities; private non-profit organizations; and operators of public transportation services including private operators of public transportation services.

JARC and New Freedom program funds are intended to fund innovative and flexible programs that address the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and individuals with limited incomes. Funds may be used for planning, capital or operating costs of providing access to jobs, or for services and facilities that improve mobility for persons with disabilities but not limited to persons who are ADA-certified.

The Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) requires that beginning in FY 2007, projects selected for funding under the JARC and New Freedom programs must be derived from the Oklahoma Locally Coordinated Public Transit/Human Service Transportation Plan. The Plan outlines transportation gaps and issues as well as potential strategies. Applications for JARC and New Freedom funds will be scored based on how the project directly addresses the issues identified in the Plan.

ODOT is holding a call for projects for funds noted above. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2011. Applications will be made available during mandatory training sessions scheduled for the week of February 15, 2011 at the locations listed in the table on the next page. Applications will not be accepted from project proponents who did not attend a training workshop.
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