



## Thirty Community Enhancement Projects Move Forward, Dedicated Funding Categories Established

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Thirty communities statewide can now benefit from aesthetic improvements to their areas thanks to the Transportation Enhancement funds and proposals submitted to the Transportation Enhancement Advisory Committee by local municipalities, tribal governments, state agencies and other organizations across the state. Of 60 proposals, the Oklahoma Transportation Commission on Monday approved 30 statewide enhancement projects worth \$17 million in addition to approving six categories to receive \$6 million in dedicated enhancement funding.

Enhancement projects use funds specifically dedicated to community improvements, beautification, streetscaping, landscaping, bike paths, trails, sidewalks and historical preservation among others. Examples of the approved enhancement projects include the next phase of the Okmulgee Downtown Streetscape, a Newcastle Trails Project and the rehabilitation of historic Santa Fe Depot in Waynoka.

The Advisory Committee membership is comprised of 13 individuals with a broad-based interest and expertise in transportation. Member organizations include the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Department of Commerce, Association of Central Oklahoma Governments and the Indian Nations Council of Governments, to name a few. The TEAC's primary goals are to evaluate the merits of each application under established guidelines and recommend approval to the Oklahoma Transportation Commission. Projects must clearly enhance the quality or usefulness of existing or new transportation facilities or services; link more than one mode of transportation; encompass federal enhancement categories; relate to conservation, preservation and/or air quality benefits with project implementation and show new and innovative approaches to enhancing the transportation system.

Formally named the 10<sup>th</sup> Biennial Enhancement Proposal Process, it began in 2005 with the passage of the federally-generated Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act, or SAFETEA-LU legislation. These projects are funded with a combination of \$12 million from ODOT's federal Enhancement Program plus the local community's and organization's matches. Funds are specifically set aside and dedicated to enhancing community areas and are not used for road or bridge construction.

Since the inception of the Transportation Enhancement Program in 1991, more than 350 projects and \$144 million have been administered by the department to date. Nationwide, more than 10,000 have been awarded through the program.

In addition, the Commission approved the request for dedicated funding categories for specific department-sponsored enhancement projects. These projects require national or state coordination and are of a general statewide appeal. Categories include and will improve statewide ADA accessibility; bicycle/pedestrian needs such as bike manual and map publications, etc.; state agency facilities improvement; control and removal of outdoor advertising; scenic and historic highways; and statewide tree grant programs. Each funding category will be allotted a certain amount of the total \$6 million.

The funding for all of these projects is proposed to be available through the Transportation Enhancement Program funds in Federal Fiscal Years 2010-2011. ODOT receives \$12 million every two years to put toward these projects. However, funding is contingent on the reauthorization of that program which is part of the federal Transportation Trust Fund now being considered by the U.S. Congress.

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**FOR PRESENTATION AT THE COMMISSION MEETING OF June 22, 2009**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 95**

**SUBJECT:** Request for Approval of the Administration of the Transportation Enhancement Program's Dedicated funding categories, and Public Application cycle projects.

**(a.) Approval of the Establishment of Department of Transportation Enhancement Program Dedicated Funding Categories**

The above referenced Commission action is proposed to establish Dedicated Funding Categories for specific Department Sponsored Transportation Enhancement programs that are deemed to represent the interest of the State of Oklahoma. The Dedicated funding is proposed to begin in Federal Fiscal Year 2010 and continue for the life of the pending Transportation legislation currently under consideration by the United States Congress. The dedicated funding commitment would represent a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the annual Transportation Enhancement Program funds available to the Department, or not less than the amounts indicated below for each funding category. Expenditure of funds under this item is dependent on reauthorization of the Transportation Enhancement Program under the Transportation funding legislation.

| Funding Category  | Amount                |
|---|-----------------------|
| <b>Statewide Accessibility Program</b>                    | <b>\$2,000,000.00</b> |
| <b>Statewide Bicycle/Pedestrian Program</b>               | <b>\$1,000,000.00</b> |
| <b>Statewide Facilities Improvement Program</b>           | <b>\$1,320,000.00</b> |
| <b>Control and Removal of Outdoor Advertising Program</b> | <b>\$1,000,000.00</b> |
| <b>Scenic and Historic Highway Program</b>                | <b>\$180,000.00</b>   |
| <b>Statewide Tree Grant Program</b>                       | <b>\$500,000.00</b>   |
| <b>Minimum Annual Dedicated Funding Total</b>             | <b>\$6,000,000.00</b> |

**(b.) Approval for addition to, and programming of, the recommended Public Application Cycle Projects in the Transportation Enhancement Program**

This programming item represents the culmination of the Department's 10<sup>th</sup> Biennial Transportation Enhancement Program Public Application Cycle and the Transportation Enhancement Advisory Committee's review and evaluation process. The attached list of projects is presented as the Advisory Committee's consensual programming recommendation to the Transportation Commission. Federal funding for these projects will be available utilizing Transportation Enhancement Program funds for Federal Fiscal Years 2010-2011.

Commission approval of these items is recommended.

# 10th BIENNIAL TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROPOSAL SUMMARY

## TEAC RECOMMENDED PROJECTS, LISTED BY DIVISION

### DIVISION 1

| SPONSOR            | PROJECT TITLE                           | FEDERAL      | SPONSOR             | TOTAL               |
|--------------------|---|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| City of Okmulgee   | Okmulgee Downtown Streetscape - Phase 4 | \$399,867.00 | \$99,967.00         | \$499,834.00        |
| City of Muskogee   | Muskogee Centennial Trail Phase 4       | \$399,682.00 | \$99,921.00         | \$499,603.00        |
| <b>2 PROPOSALS</b> |   | sub-total    | <b>\$799,549.00</b> | <b>\$199,888.00</b> |
|                    |   |              |                     | <b>\$999,437.00</b> |

### DIVISION 2

| SPONSOR            | PROJECT TITLE   | FEDERAL      | SPONSOR               | TOTAL                 |
|--------------------|---|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| City of Durant     | Phase 4 - Downtown Enhancement Project                    | \$399,825.00 | \$99,956.00           | \$499,781.00          |
| City of Poteau     | Poteau Streetscape Project Phase II                       | \$398,550.00 | \$353,431.00          | \$751,981.00          |
| City of Idabel     | Idabel Streetscape Transportation Enhancement Project III | \$399,800.00 | \$99,950.00           | \$499,750.00          |
| <b>3 PROPOSALS</b> |   | sub-total    | <b>\$1,198,175.00</b> | <b>\$553,337.00</b>   |
|                    |   |              |                       | <b>\$1,751,512.00</b> |

### DIVISION 3

| SPONSOR            | PROJECT TITLE                                 | FEDERAL      | SPONSOR               | TOTAL                 |
|--------------------|---|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| City of Shawnee    | Harrison & I-40 median beautification project | \$58,489.60  | \$14,622.40           | \$73,112.00           |
| City of Newcastle  | Newcastle Trails Project                      | \$73,491.12  | \$18,372.78           | \$91,863.90           |
| City of Norman     | State Highway 9 Multimodal Path-Phase 1       | \$600,000.00 | \$150,000.00          | \$750,000.00          |
| City of McLoud     | State Highways 102 & 270 Enhancements         | \$381,736.00 | \$95,434.00           | \$477,170.00          |
| <b>4 PROPOSALS</b> |   | sub-total    | <b>\$1,113,716.72</b> | <b>\$278,429.18</b>   |
|                    |   |              |                       | <b>\$1,392,145.90</b> |

### DIVISION 4

| SPONSOR               | PROJECT TITLE  | FEDERAL      | SPONSOR      | TOTAL          |
|-----------------------|--|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| City of Oklahoma City | City Wide Bike Routes and Educational Program              | \$404,700.00 | \$305,300.00 | \$710,000.00   |
| City of Enid          | Enid Comprehensive Master Trail System Phase 1 Construct 1 | \$409,425.00 | \$308,864.00 | \$718,289.00   |
| City of Oklahoma City | The OC Trails Project                                      | \$605,000.00 | \$495,000.00 | \$1,100,000.00 |
| City of Kingfisher    | Kingfisher Southern Gateway Trail, Phase IV                | \$391,197.00 | \$97,799.00  | \$488,996.00   |

**10th BIENNIAL TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROPOSAL SUMMARY cont.**

|                       |  |              |              |              |
|-----------------------|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| City of Oklahoma City | Inner City Schools Sidewalks                                       | \$225,000.00 | \$75,000.00  | \$300,000.00 |
| Town of Jones         | Town of Jones Streetscape Revitalization                           | \$439,782.00 | \$226,553.00 | \$666,335.00 |
| City of Perry         | Perry Courthouse Square Historic Distric Sidewalk Project Phase II | \$391,197.00 | \$97,799.00  | \$488,996.00 |

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| <b>7 PROPOSALS</b> |  | <b>sub-total</b> | <b>\$2,866,301.00</b> | <b>\$1,606,315.00</b> | <b>\$4,472,616.00</b> |
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**DIVISION 5**

| SPONSOR                     | PROJECT TITLE   | FEDERAL      | SPONSOR      | TOTAL        |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Quartz Mountain Nature Park | Interpretive and Park Road Segments Quartz Mountain Trail |              |              |              |
| City of Weatherford         | Walking Trail Improvements                                | \$98,904.00  | \$24,726.00  | \$123,630.00 |
| City of Cheyenne            | Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter, and Street Lighting Improvements | \$394,555.20 | \$111,284.80 | \$505,840.00 |
| City of Hobart              | Hobart Main Street Sidewalk Project                       | \$148,444.98 | \$37,111.24  | \$185,556.22 |
|                             |   | \$320,000.00 | \$80,000.00  | \$400,000.00 |

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| <b>4 PROPOSALS</b> |  | <b>sub-total</b> | <b>\$961,904.18</b> | <b>\$253,122.04</b> | <b>\$1,215,026.22</b> |
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**DIVISION 6**

| SPONSOR         | PROJECT TITLE  | FEDERAL      | SPONSOR      | TOTAL        |
|-----------------|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| City of Guymon  | Sidewalk Improvements Project - 54 to RR on Main     |              |              |              |
| City of Waynoka | Rehabilitation of Historic Santa Fe Depot at Waynoka | \$400,000.00 | \$100,000.00 | \$500,000.00 |
|                 |  | \$400,000.00 | \$100,000.00 | \$500,000.00 |

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| <b>2 PROPOSALS</b> |  | <b>sub-total</b> | <b>\$800,000.00</b> | <b>\$200,000.00</b> | <b>\$1,000,000.00</b> |
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**DIVISION 7**

| SPONSOR        | PROJECT TITLE   | FEDERAL      | SPONSOR      | TOTAL        |
|----------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| City of Marlow | Sidewalk Improvement Project                                    |              |              |              |
| City of Lawton | 2nd Street Pedestrian Corridor Enhancement Project - Phase 4    | \$402,233.00 | \$491,617.00 | \$893,850.00 |
| City of Lawton | Lawton Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan On-Street Route | \$600,000.00 | \$200,000.00 | \$800,000.00 |
|                | Implementaion - Phase 2   | \$400,000.00 | \$100,000.00 | \$500,000.00 |

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| <b>3 PROPOSALS</b> |  | <b>sub-total</b> | <b>\$1,402,233.00</b> | <b>\$791,617.00</b> | <b>\$2,193,850.00</b> |
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**DIVISION 8**

| <b>SPONSOR</b>                       | <b>PROJECT TITLE</b>   | <b>FEDERAL</b>               | <b>SPONSOR</b>         | <b>TOTAL</b>           |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| City of Collinsville                 | Phase 2 Collinsville Main Street Enhancement Project                             | \$600,284.00                 | \$295,663.00           | \$895,947.00           |
| City of Tulsa                        | Midland Valley Trail - Trail Improvements from 21st St. S. to the Arkansas River | \$600,000.00                 | \$600,000.00           | \$1,200,000.00         |
| City of Sand Springs                 | Sand Springs West 41st Street Sidewalk Connection Project                        | \$594,447.00                 | \$254,763.00           | \$849,210.00           |
| City of Tulsa                        | Transportation Enhancements for Historic John Hope Franklin Reconciliation Park  | \$436,760.00                 | \$109,190.00*          | \$545,950.00           |
| City of Tulsa                        | Joe Creek Trail - Trenton Avenue to the Arkansas River                           | \$600,000.00                 | \$200,000.00           | \$800,000.00           |
| <b>5 PROPOSALS</b>                   | <b>sub-total</b>   | <b>\$2,831,491.00</b>        | <b>\$1,459,616.00</b>  | <b>\$4,291,107.00</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL NUMBER OF PROPOSALS: 30</b> |  | <b>TOTAL FUNDING REQUEST</b> | <b>\$11,973,369.90</b> | <b>\$5,342,324.22</b>  |
|                                      |  |                              |                        | <b>\$17,315,694.12</b> |