

12. CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS

The 2015-2040 LRTP is a policy document that guides ODOT in the development, management, and operation of a safe and efficient transportation system for the next 25 years. Since 2010, many changes have occurred in Oklahoma. The state has added over 100,000 new residents between 2010 and 2014; and Oklahoma's population is expected to reach 3.9 million in 2015.

Employment is projected to reach a total of over 2.2 million jobs in 2015, an increase of 141,000 since 2010. This steady growth in population and the economy has had a significant impact on ODOT's transportation facilities. Oklahoma's State Highway System continues to experience increased traffic.

Even with recent state funding increases, future needs are greater than projected revenue. ODOT has updated the LRTP to provide strategic guidance to preserve and maintain the multimodal transportation system to meet future mobility demands of people and goods.

The 2015-2040 LRTP includes several items that will help move improvements to Oklahoma's transportation system forward. These include:

- **Goals** that are consistent with federal law;
- **Performance measures** to gauge ODOT's effectiveness in fulfilling its mission and to

provide measurable results to help state and federal decision makers;

- **Identification of Oklahoma surface transportation improvement needs** between 2015 and 2040;
- **Estimate of costs and forecast of revenues** associated with Oklahoma's transportation needs over the next 25 years; and
- **Policies and strategies** that have been developed for all modes of transportation to assist with addressing the goals, performance measures and needs.

ODOT will now move into an implementation phase following the adoption of the 2015-2040 LRTP by:

- Updating and implementing ODOT's Eight Year Construction Work Plan;
- Refining performance measures and tracking ODOT's progress in achieving performance targets; and
- Developing activities to implement the policies and strategies identified.

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