



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 01/27/2026

REQUESTER: Taylor Johnson, AICP, Transit and Parking Program Manager

PRESENTER: Scott Sturtz, P. E., Public Works Director

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, ACCEPTANCE, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE RECEIPT OF THE 2025 LONG RANGE TRANSIT PLAN (LRTP) FOR CENTRAL OKLAHOMA AS COMPLETED AND ADOPTED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS (ACOG).

BACKGROUND:

In 2024, EMBARK, the City of Oklahoma City MAPS 4 office, and the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG), in partnership with Norman Transit and Edmond Citylink, initiated the development of a Long Range Transit Plan for Central Oklahoma (LRTP). The first regional transit plan since the completion of the 2005 Fixed Guideway Study, the LRTP consolidates prior transit planning efforts in Central Oklahoma, identifies existing and future needs, and outlines a vision for the development of transit services over the next 30 years.

The plan addresses four key project goals: provide communities with meaningful access to transit, create a compelling and reliable rider experience, offer competitive service options, and utilize resources effectively. The plan analyzes current transit trends, existing service levels, and key demographics to determine regional transit needs; identifies opportunities to address need by developing short-, mid-, and long-term planning scenarios; and recommends a phased series of cross-agency actions to help Central Oklahoma achieve a comprehensive, integrated transit system over the next 30 years.

Plan development was informed by a public engagement process that included a website and public comment platform, a series of virtual town halls, circulation of social media content, distribution of factsheets and other print materials, and presentations at nearly 30 public meetings across Edmond, Norman, and Oklahoma City. This included updates to the City of Norman Council on January 14, 2025; May 13, 2025; and September 23, 2025.

DISCUSSION:

On November 20, 2025 the ACOG Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee approved the 2025 Long Range Transit Plan for Central Oklahoma (LRTP). The approval also included the LRTP's incorporation into ACOG's Metropolitan Transportation Plan. No local action is required beyond acknowledgment of receipt.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council acknowledge receipt of ACOG's 2025 Long Range Transit Plan for Central Oklahoma.