Help ODOT Develop Its Long Range Transportation Plan

In accordance with federal law, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) is developing a 25 year Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) that will help provide a long term vision for highways, bridges, rural public transit, waterways, state-owned rail, airport access and bicycle/pedestrian facilities.

Please fill out a survey to help ODOT better understand what transportation priorities and options are important to you. Estimated time to complete is 10 minutes.

Get Other Oklahomans Involved

ODOT aims to involve as many Oklahomans as possible from across the state in developing its LRTP. Please share this information with your colleagues, neighbors, friends and family. The survey also has sharing tools to allow you to spread the word on social media and via email.

https://www.oklongrangeplan.org

NODA Revolving Loan Fund

Did you know NODA operates a revolving loan fund program? We have up to $150,000 gap financing available for businesses, especially those related to the agriculture industry.

There are specific parameters that need to be met, so if you are interested in learning more please contact Vicki Eggers or Jonathon Cross at 580-237-4810.
STEP RIGHT UP to the GREATEST training on Earth!

REAP TRAINING
August 21, 2019, 1pm & 6pm
NODA Conference Room
2901 N Van Buren - Enid, OK

REGISTER TODAY! Contact Jennifer or Deanna 580-237-4810

Learn about Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) and how to complete the FY20 REAP application. If you plan to apply attendance is mandatory.

Providing opportunities to improve the quality of life in the counties of Alfalfa-Blaine-Garfield-Grant-Kay-Kingfisher-Major-Noble

Are You Prepared for CDBG Grants?

If you are planning to apply in Spring 2020 here are a few items to consider completing now that might speed up the application process when the season starts in January:

- *Is the DUNS # for your city/town/county?* It cannot be for your utilities dept. or fire or police dept.
- *Have you registered your city/town/county with SAM.gov?* Your entity must be registered in order to receive federal funding.
- *Have you done the annual SAM.gov update yet?*
- *Is your income survey current?* It must be less than five years old. It should have been completed in 2015-2016-2017-2018-2019 or else you need to do a new one for 2020. You can start on it now!

If you have a project and you would like to apply for CDBG funds, please contact Jennifer Firgard at 580.599.0358 or jennifer@nodanet.org.
EPA Announces $2.6 Billion in New Loan Funding to Improve Water Infrastructure

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the availability of nearly $2.6 billion in new funds to assist states, tribes and territories with improving drinking water and wastewater infrastructure across the country. This funding advances President Trump’s efforts to rebuild the country’s aging water infrastructure, create local jobs, and ensure all Americans have safe and clean water.

The State Revolving Funds (SRFs) require state match, loan repayments, and interest that flows back to the funds. With more than 30 years of federal capitalization grants and state contributions, approximately $80 billion has been invested into these programs. According to the agency’s estimate of national drinking water and wastewater needs, over $743 billion is needed for water infrastructure improvements. Through loan repayments and investment earnings, the SRFs have leveraged these contributions to provide more than $170 billion in financial assistance to over 39,900 water quality infrastructure projects and 14,500 drinking water projects across the country.

This year, EPA is making available more than $1 billion in new federal grant funding for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). This funding can be used for loans that help drinking water systems install controls to treat contaminants such as PFAS and improve distribution systems by removing lead service lines. In addition, more than $50 million in DWSRF grant funding is available to tribes, U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia to use for drinking water system upgrades.

EPA is also providing approximately $1.6 billion in new federal grant funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). This funding is available for a wide range of water infrastructure projects, including modernizing aging wastewater infrastructure, implementing water reuse and recycling, and addressing stormwater. More than $64 million in CWSRF grant funding is available to tribes, certain U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia for infrastructure projects.

Under the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs, EPA provides funding to all 50 states and Puerto Rico to capitalize SRF loan programs. The states and Puerto Rico contribute an additional 20% to match the federal grants. The 51 SRF programs function like infrastructure banks by providing low-interest loans to eligible recipients for drinking water and clean water infrastructure projects. As the loan principal and interest are repaid over time, it allows the state’s DWSRF or CWSRF to be recycled or “revolve.” As money is returned to the state’s revolving loan fund, the state makes new loans to other eligible recipients.

In 2018, the SRFs committed $9.6 billion in drinking water and clean water infrastructure loans and refinancing and disbursed $8.8 billion for drinking water and clean water infrastructure.

For more information, visit https://www.epa.gov/drinkingwatersrf and https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf.

Flooding at Area Lakes

Washinga Bay at Kaw Lake

Sandy Cove at Canton Lake
Mayors’ Forum Held

Rose State College was the location for the second annual Oklahoma County Mayors’ Forum. State Rep. Mike Sanders was guest speaker and discussed issues facing Oklahoma. Stan Greil, Vice President of Government & Military Relations at Rose State College, was emcee of the event held in May.
Staff Attends National Conferences

NADO held its 2019 National Regional Transportation Conference in Columbus, OH, June 17-19. The event provides peer-to-peer learning for regional transportation planners, state DOT representatives, and their local and private sector partners working in multiple transportation modes.

The conference, held in conjunction with Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) conference, provided training and networking opportunities on a variety of rural and small metropolitan transportation and economic topics. Staff participated in hands-on workshops, best practice panels, and facilitated networking sessions that feature peer trainers and expert speakers. The conference offered training for organizations and individuals just beginning to work in transportation, as well as those with more experience.

ODOT and NORTPO staff, along with others from the NADO conference, enjoyed a tour at the Transportation Research Center near Marysville, OH.

ODOT Planner Adam Gentsi and Payton Herron killing time at the airport.

CORTPO GIS Planner Clarisa Brown and Patti Sickert having fun in German Village, Columbus, OH.

Vicki Eggers (second from left) enjoys discussing Economic Diversification during the "Conversation Cafe" at National CEDS Conference in Columbus, OH.

We provide opportunities to improve the quality of life in our eight county region - Alfalfa, Blaine, Garfield, Grant, Kay, Kingfisher, Major and Noble.

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PCDA's City Central Open for Business

Ponca City Development Authority (PCDA) held the grand opening for City Central on May 10 after renovations were completed on the six story, multi-tenant office building located in downtown Ponca City.

In 2017 PCDA received a $1.275 million grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to renovate a former bank building into class A office space, complete with co-working space (the “Link”), a renovated conference center (the “Summit”), and a coffee shop (“Third Wave Coffee”). NODA assisted with the application and administration of the EDA grant.

Located on the first floor, the Link offers monthly desk or office space leases, which include access to high-speed Wi-Fi, printer, 3D printer, a meeting room and break room, as well as networking and collaboration opportunities.

The Summit Conference Center is a large business and event center in the building’s lower level, includes a caterer’s kitchen, quality audio and video system, stage, portable dance floor, and a wall of glass doors that opens up, inviting the beautiful outside courtyard into any event.

For more information contact Lori Henderson at 580-765-7070, or goponca.com.

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