



office memorandum

Date: April 3, 2014
To: Honorable Chairman and Planning Commission Members
From: Shawn O’Leary, Director of Public Works
Subject: Comprehensive Transportation Plan

I am very pleased to present for your consideration the City’s first-ever Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP), aptly referred to as “Moving Forward”. At your meeting of Thursday, April 10, 2014, the City’s project team will provide for your consideration a Resolution adopting the CTP. In addition, Mr. Eddie Haas from the City’s project consultant, Freese & Nichols, Inc. will make a brief presentation regarding the content and meaning of the CTP, very similar to the presentation offered at your March meeting. I hope you will recommend to the City Council adoption of the CTP.

The process of developing the Comprehensive Transportation Plan began in the Fall of 2010 at the request of the Norman City Council. In 2011/2012, the City undertook a scoping process called “Moving Forward” to determine whether the City needed a CTP and, if so, what form it should take. The Council Community Planning and Transportation Committee served as the Steering Committee for “Moving Forward”. A diverse group of citizens representing multiple stakeholder groups in Norman served as the Visioning Committee. Extensive surveys were taken in Norman to determine the pulse of the community. At the end of that process, it was recommended that the City certainly needs a CTP and the framework for the plan was well defined.

The development of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan that you are considering now began in the Fall of 2012. The City Council approved a contract with the firm of Freese & Nichols, Inc. from Dallas, Texas to assist the community with the final plan. City Council appointed a 45-member Citizens Visioning Committee to guide the process. The Council Community Planning and Transportation Committee served as the Steering Committee. An extensive public information and input process has taken place over the past 14 months.

The “Moving Forward” Plan will serve as Norman’s long-term vision for a range of transportation options and accommodations including personal and commercial vehicles, bicycling, walking, public safety, airports and public transit services. The CTP will work in concert with Norman 2025 and any updates to the City’s Land Use Plan.

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Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. I look forward to your input and any public comments on the City's first-ever Comprehensive Transportation Plan, "Moving Forward". I am so encouraged about the potential and future of the Norman community in the area of transportation, which will result from the guiding principles, goals and objectives of the CTP.

cc: Steve Lewis, City Manager
Susan Connors, Director of Community Planning and Development
Scott Sturtz, City Engineer
Angelo Lombardo, City Transportation Engineer
David Riesland, City Traffic Engineer
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