

TIP Amendment Four
Public Comments Welcome

The Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority (COTPA) has proposed an amendment to the FY 2019 Transit Element of the region's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for action on August 15. This is an annual activity which is a step regarding EMBARK's eventual expenditure of federal Section 5307 formula funds and some federal ferry boat funds.

Your comments regarding the use of these funds is welcome. This TIP Amendment Four is primarily about budgeting about 55% of the 5307 funds for the ongoing preventive maintenance of buses, about 10% for paratransit service, and about 10% for bus stop improvements. Of the \$8.7 million in FTA Section 5307 (Public Transit Systems in Urbanized Areas) funds, the other 30% is proposed for various security, planning and other needs. For example, Citylink Edmond's needs for the coming twelve months are about \$660,000. Engineering fees for the Northwest Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project are also in the TIP budget. In addition, the Federal Highway (FHWA) FBP 1121 (Ferryboat) funds are being programmed for the Oklahoma Rivercruiser service. There are other routine uses proposed in the TIP and you can learn more by calling 405-297-3935. Please send any comments to larry.hopper@okc.gov by August 5, 2019.

TIP Amendment Four is related only to federal funding sources, and only for funds apportioned to COTPA for FY 2019. COTPA is amending the FY 2019 TIP proposal now that final FY 2019 apportionment figures have been released by the federal government and now that COTPA's Five Year CIP has been approved by the COTPA Board of Trustees. COTPA's arrangement with the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) is how COTPA, dba EMBARK, meets the formal notice publication requirements associated with the TIP. Once the TIP is approved by ACOG's Intermodal Transportation Policy Committee (ITPC), then it is forwarded to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) for additional action. This TIP amendment does not supersede COTPA's TIP Amendment Three but it adds to what was programmed in Amendment Three.

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