

MINUTES
LAWTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TRANSPORTATION
POLICY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
March 4, 2025

Minutes of the Lawton Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board special meeting held March 4, 2025 in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 212 SW 9th Street, Lawton, Oklahoma.

The agenda for the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in City Hall in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by Chairman Stan Booker.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stan Booker, City of Lawton Mayor
David Denham, City Planning Commission, Chairman **
Jay Earp, ODOT Engineer, District VII
Allan Hampton, City of Lawton, Transit Trust
Robert Weger, City of Lawton, Council
Devon Westbrook, ODOT, MPO Coordinator
Johnny Owens, Comanche County Commissioner, Central District
David Madigan, Lawton-Ft. Sill Regional Airport Authority

MEMBERS ABSENT: George Gill, City of Lawton, Council
Isaac Akem, FHWA *
Laura Chaney, ODOT Multimodal and Planning Division *
Oklahoma State Senator *
Oklahoma House of Representative Member *
Marc Oliphant, Federal Transit Administration Region VI *
Fort Sill Commanding General *

ALSO PRESENT: Christina Ryans-Huffer, Recording Secretary
Christine James, Director of Planning
Jonathan Stone, Transportation Planner
Hope Davis, Transportation Planner
Susan Schlecht, Accountant City of Lawton Finance Department
Melanie Foster, ODEQ
Ryan Biggerstaff, ODEQ
Matina Davis

Verify posting of meeting.

The meeting was posted on February 21, 2025, at 3:50 pm by Ashton Wall, City Clerk's Office.

Introductions.

All attendees gave introductions.

1. **Consider approving minutes from the special scheduled meeting held on November 19, 2024.**

Motion by Denham, Second by Owens to approve the minutes from the special scheduled meeting held on November 19, 2024 as written **Aye:** Denham, Earp, Weger, Owens, Madigan, Booker **Nay:** None **Abstain:** Hampton, Westbrook **Motion Passed 6-0**

2. **Consider electing a Vice-Chair for the Transportation Policy Board.**

Motion by Owens, Second by Earp to elect David Madigan as Vice-Chair for the Transportation Policy Board **Aye:** Earp, Hampton, Weger, Westbrook, Owens, Booker **Nay:** Denham **Abstain:** Madigan **Motion Passed 6-1**

BUSINESS

3. **Consider receiving a presentation from the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) regarding Air Quality and Non-Attainment.**

Melanie Foster and Ryans Biggerstaff from the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality gave a presentation regarding Air Quality and Non-Attainment.

Their complete presentation will be included in these minutes and will be filed with the City Clerk's Office.

4. **Consider receiving a report from Staff regarding the use of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant and provide direction to staff.**

The Lawton MPO receives three grants, PL, CMAQ, and 5303. The PL and 5303 grants can only be used for planning purposes. The CMAQ grant can be used on a wide variety of projects that improve air quality, including construction projects that improve traffic flow.

A portion of CMAQ funds every year have been allocated to an air quality awareness campaign, where the public is informed of ways they can help air quality. A portion of the funds are allocated to Try Transit Week (for free rides on LATS on specific days), and half priced rides on LATS for Air Alert Days. The remaining funds are typically designated for a project that improves air quality.

At the November 19, 2025, Policy Board meeting, the board requested Staff present information on the budget of the CMAQ grant funds.

At a January meeting with LMPO Staff ODOT informed Staff that they will require at least 15% of the CMAQ funds be spent on an awareness campaign. 15% of the total CMAQ funds each year is \$28,125.

FY2025 CMAQ funds are currently budgeted as follows:

CMAQ Grant	\$150,000
Local Match	\$ 37,500
Total	\$187,500

Air Quality Campaign Media	\$ 25,000
Printing	\$ 1,000
Air Alert Day Transit fees	\$ 7,500
Try Transit Week	\$ 5,000
Staff time	\$ 9,755
Supplies	\$ 200
CMAQ project	\$139,045
Total	\$187,500

Booker stated I personally feel our biggest impact is keeping traffic moving. I would like Staff to bring us a budget option that cuts this, whatever we are spending which is \$30,000.00 and I would like to see us justify spending the Public funds and the impact that the Public funds are actually having. He would like to see if traffic flow could be part of the budget.

- 5. Consider approving a letter to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation stating the LMPO's choice to support the targets established by the LATS 2024 Transit Asset Management Plan and authorize the Director to sign.**

23 CFR 490 addresses requirements regarding the creation, monitoring, and reporting of performance measures. The LATS 2024 Transit Asset Management Plan has established targets for the transit system. The Lawton Metropolitan Planning Organization has supported these targets in the past, at the November Policy Board meeting it was recommended by ODOT that the MPO regularly support the targets as part of the 5 year MTP process.

The Targets are:

1. Decrease the number of at fault accidents by 10% each year.
2. No vehicles shall be out of service for more than 30 days in a row.
3. No more than 5 missed runs (due to breakdowns) in a 30 day period.
4. Start process of replacing vehicles that are past their useful life by the end of 2026.

The Transportation Technical Committee recommended approval at their February 4, 2025 meeting.

Motion by Madigan. Second by Owens to approve a letter to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation stating the LMPO's choice to support the targets established by the LATS 2024 Transit Asset Management Plan and authorize the Director to sign **Aye:** Weger, Westbrook, Owens, Madigan, Booker, Denham, Earp, Hampton
Nay: None **Motion Passed 8-0**

6. Consider approval of projects to be included in the FY26 Unified Planning Work Program.

As part of the UPWP process, Staff has coordinated with LATS, ODOT, and the City of Lawton Engineering and Public Works Departments. Some projects are continuations of projects in the FY25 UPWP and some are new projects.

Proposed list of projects includes:

Continuing projects:

1. Air Quality awareness campaign
2. Bicycle Safety campaign
3. Data collection and analysis on transportation systems
4. Review and update of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

New projects proposed by Staff:

1. Pay for traffic signal improvements that will reduce congestion outlined in studies of Lawton intersections
2. Complete streets project, staff time evaluating existing sidewalks (prioritize updating existing information and sidewalks near schools)
3. Start update of school walkability report and expand to the entire City (will continue into FY27).
4. Staff time to facilitate hosting the Oklahoma Safe Challenge

The Transportation Technical Committee has recommended approval at their February 4, 2025 meeting.

Motion by Owens. Second by Denham to approve the projects to be included in the FY26 Unified Planning Work Program **Aye:** Westbrook, Owens, Madigan, Booker, Denham, Earp, Hampton, Weger **Nay:** None **Motion Passed 8-0**

Reports or Comments.

Federal Highways

None

ODOT

Earp reported that Gore Boulevard from 67th Street to 82nd Street, we are looking at about 1 month for completion. The Rogers Lane project a few more weeks for completion. Thank you for your patience and hopefully it will enhance your safety greatly.

Fort Sill

None

Lawton Fort Sill Regional Airport

Madigan reported that the exterior of the terminal should be completed in about 45 days, maybe 60. Airport activity are at record highs. Also, Steve LaForge passed away in February. He was a great with ODOT, the Turnpike Authority and represented Southwest Oklahoma very well.

LMPO Director

None

LMPO Finances

Susan Schlecht stated financial report through November 30, 2024.

See attached Report.

City of Lawton Engineering

None

Comments from the public.

None

Adjournment.

Motion by Owens. Second by Denham to adjourn the meeting **Aye:** Owens, Madigan, Booker, Denham, Earp, Hampton, Weger, Westbrook **Nay:** None **Motion Passed 8-0**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:51 am.

These meeting minutes were approved by the LMPO Policy Board members at their meeting on

5-28-2025.



For Stan Booker
Chairman

PM & Ozone NAAQS: Designations & Data

Melanie Foster, Environmental Programs Manager, Rules & Planning
Ryan Biggerstaff, Environmental Programs Manager, East Monitoring



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National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)

- Criteria Pollutants
 - Carbon Monoxide
 - Lead
 - Nitrogen Dioxide
 - Ozone
 - Particulate Matter
 - Sulfur Dioxide
- Reviewed by EPA every 5 years (approximately)
- Requires designation process for new or revised NAAQS
 - Governor's initial designation due 1 year after new/revised NAAQS
 - EPA final designation due 2 years after new/revised NAAQS (or 3 years if EPA takes 1 year extension)



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Designations: Boundaries and Classifications

- Three designation classifications:
 - Attainment
 - Non-attainment
 - Unclassifiable
- Criteria for boundaries
 - Air Quality Data
 - Emissions Data
 - Meteorology
 - Geography/Topography
 - Jurisdictional Boundaries
- Oklahoma usually recommends at county level



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Potential Impacts of Tightened Standards

- Permitting with new standard
 - Upon effective date of the rule, PSD permits must demonstrate that new or modified major source will not cause or contribute to NAAQS violation
- Infrastructure SIP (iSIP)
- Nonattainment Areas
 - Nonattainment SIP
 - Rule revisions
 - Nonattainment New Source Review (NNSR) SIP
 - Emission offsets
 - Lowest Achievable Emission Rate (LAER)
 - Conformity – General & Transportation



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PM2.5 NAAQS Designation Timeline

- 2/7/2024 – EPA finalized the new standard of 9.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (89 FR 16202)
- 2/7/2025—Governor submits initial designation (recommendation)
 - Based on 2021, 2022, and 2023 monitoring data
- Mid-October 2025—EPA sends states 120-day letter
- Mid-December 2025—Oklahoma submits additional information
- 2/6/2026—EPA makes final designation decisions
 - Based on 2022, 2023, and 2024 monitoring data
- February 2027—DEQ submits SIPs



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Ozone NAAQS Timeline

Table 2-1. Projected timeline for the review of ambient air quality criteria and NAAQS for Ozone.

Stage of Review	Major Milestone	Target Dates*
Planning	Federal Register Call for Information	August 25, 2023
	Workshop To Inform Review of the O ₃ NAAQS	May 13-16, 2024
	Integrated Review Plan (IRP), volumes 1 and 2	December 2024
	CASAC consultation on IRP, volume 2	February/March 2025
	IRP, volume 3	Spring 2027
Science Assessment	CASAC consultation on IRP, volume 3	Spring 2027
	External review draft of ISA	Early 2027
	CASAC public meeting for review of draft ISA	Spring 2027
Quantitative Exposure/Risk Analyses and Policy Assessment	Final ISA	Late 2027
	External draft of PA (including quantitative air quality, exposure and/or risk analyses, as warranted)	Summer 2028
	CASAC public meeting for review of draft PA	Summer 2028
	Final PA	Early 2029
Regulatory Process	Notice of proposed decision	2029
	Notice of final decision	2030

* Exact dates are given for milestones that have already occurred.

➤ https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-12/o3_irp-vol-1_final_1.pdf



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2020 Ozone NAAQS Reconsideration

➤ Ozone 2015 NAAQS 0.070 ppm
(70 ppb) 8-hour average

➤ EPA decided to retain –
12/31/2020, 85 FR 87256

➤ CASAC considered 60 to 70 ppb
levels

	8-hour Standard
CASAC recommended	0.060-0.070 ppm 8-hr average (60-70 ppb)
Existing (2015)	0.070 ppm 8-hr average (70 ppb)



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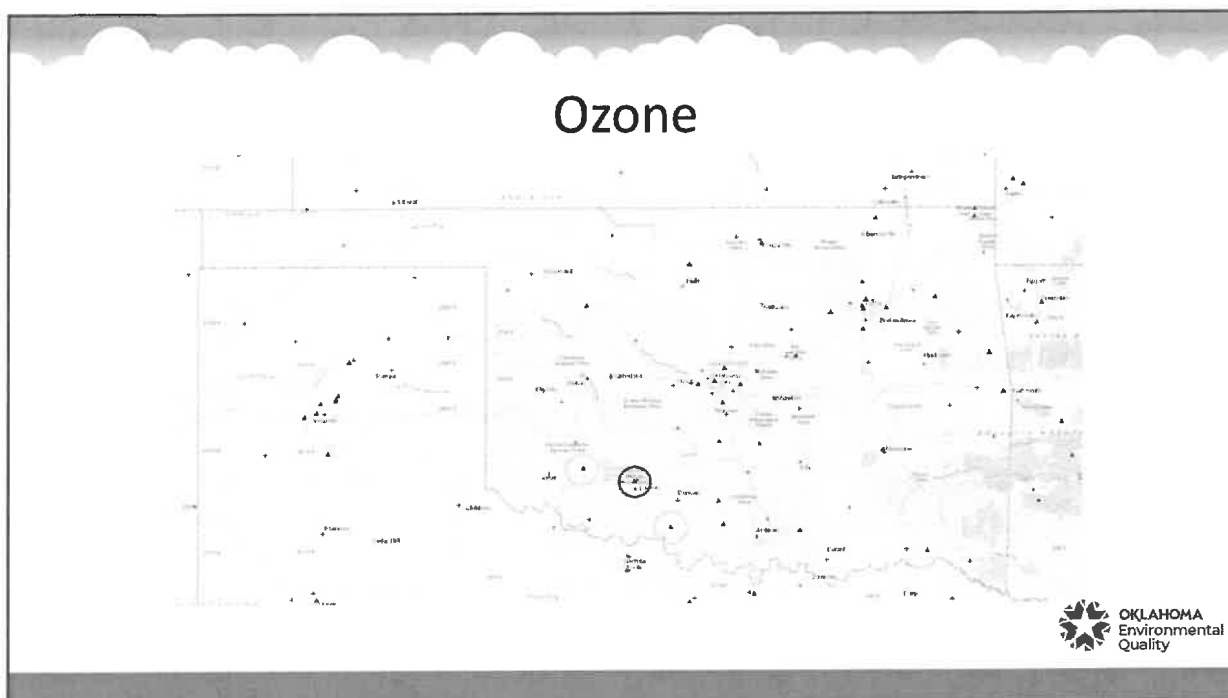
PM_{2.5}

Primary Standard = 9.0 µg/m ³ 3-Yr Avg. Secondary Standard = 15 µg/m ³ 3-Yr Avg.				
Site Name	Annual Wtd Mean (µg/m ³)			3-Yr Design Value
	2022	2023	2024*	2022-2024*
OKC Downtown	7.4	9.5	8.0	8.3
Moore	8.7	9.2	9.0	9.0
OKC Near Road	8.3	8.9	9.0	8.7
Glenpool	7.4	8.1	8.2	7.9
Healdton	6.7	7.5	8.0	7.4
McAlester	7.9	8.0	8.8	8.2
Ponca City	7.5	9.2	9.0	8.6
Lawton	7.0	6.9	6.6	6.8
Selling	6.8	7.1	7.3	7.1
OKC North	8.3	8.1	8.2	8.2
Tulsa Central	8.2	9.1	8.3	8.5

* Data collected for 2024 is currently undergoing annual QA certifications, and is not yet final.



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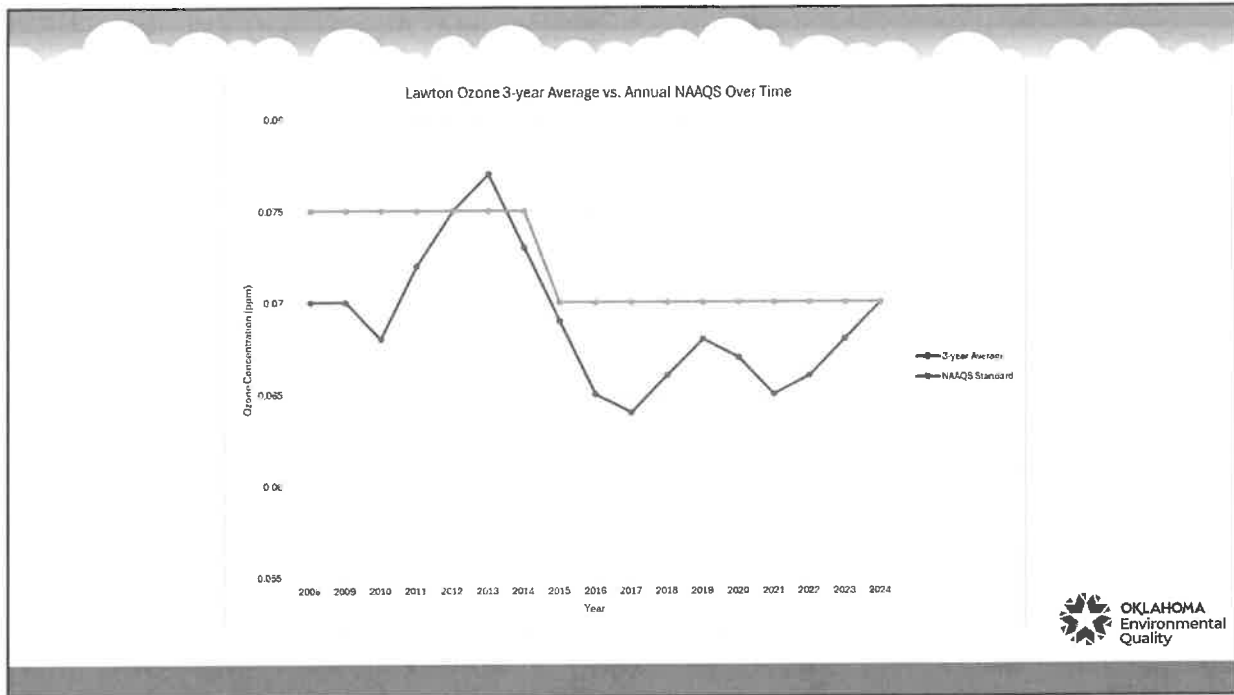
Ozone

Ozone Annual Means, Averaged Over 3 Years				
Primary Standard = .070 ppm 4th highest 8-hour average				
Site Name	4th Highest Value (ppm)			3-Yr Avg.
	2022	2023	2024*	2022-2024*
Mannford	0.070	0.070	0.069	0.069
Tulsa East	0.073	0.078	0.069	0.073
Tulsa Central	0.073	0.075	0.070	0.072
Skiatook	0.075	0.074	0.071	0.073
Glenpool	0.070	0.072	0.071	0.071
OKC North	0.072	0.072	0.072	0.072
Moore	0.070	0.072	0.074	0.072
Choctaw	0.073	0.067	0.076	0.072
Yukon	0.069	0.073	0.072	0.071
Lawton	0.068	0.071	0.073	0.070
McAlester	0.064	0.072	0.067	0.067
Purcell	0.070	0.074	0.076	0.073
Seiling	0.069	0.068	0.072	0.069

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Cost of Nonattainment

- Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) put together *Cost of Nonattainment Study for the Oklahoma City Area*, March 2022
- Focused mainly on ozone nonattainment
- Estimated nonattainment could cost Oklahoma City-Shawnee Combined Statistical Area (CSA) \$9.6-\$15.2 billion over a 20-30 year period



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Awareness Campaigns

- Ozone Alerts
- Ozone Advance
 - EPA voluntary program that promotes local actions to reduce ozone in attainment areas
 - Idea that the cost of remaining in attainment is less than the cost of meeting nonattainment/maintenance area requirements
- Lawton's awareness programs are very similar to the programs found in the Oklahoma City and Tulsa Ozone Advance Plans



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Questions?

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LAWTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
as of **NOVEMBER 30 , 2024**

BANK DEPOSITS

Claim Type/Month	Claim Date	Amount	Deposit Date
MPO 5303 040124 - 042824	August 1, 2024	21,310	11/1/2024
FHWA-PL JUL24	September 5, 2024	8,999	11/14/2024
FHWA-PL AUG24	September 20, 2024	6,272	11/19/2024
FHWA-PL SEP24	October 18, 2024	6,963	11/14/2024
	Total	<u>43,544</u>	

RECEIVABLES

Claim Type/Month	Claim Date	Amount	As of Date
CMAQ JUL24	September 5, 2024	1,059	November 30, 2024
CMAQ SEP24	October 18, 2024	4,798	
CMAQ OCT24	November 5, 2024	3,156	
FHWLA PL OCT24	November 21, 2024	47,650	
	Total	<u>56,663</u>	

OUTSTANDING CHECKS

Check Number	Invoice Date	Amount	As of Date
1880	November 11, 2024	8,600.00	March 4, 2025
1884	September 24, 2024	410.00	
1885	September 5, 2024	213.62	
1886	December 23, 2024	1,560.00	
1887	September 30, 2024	10,185.00	
1888	February 26, 2025	744.00	
1889	January 22, 2025	82.98	

Main Acct Balance as of 11/30/2024	174,826.81
Sweep Acct Balance as of 11/30/2024	163,593.04
Minus Outstanding Checks	(21,795.60)
Adjusted Cash Balance	<u>\$ 316,624.25</u>

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Encumbered Funds-Kimley	-
HTG	(30,000.00)
Total Cash Available	<u>\$ 286,624.25</u>

List of Acronyms

MPO 5303	Metropolitan Planning Organization Transit Planning
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality