

OkTA Transit Conference Draft Agenda.

October 19-21, 2026 – Ardmore Convention Center, 2402 N Rockford, Ardmore, OK

NOTE: Session titles and topics are subject to change

Monday, October 19

Time	Activity
1:00 – 5:00 PM	Registration
2:00 – 5:00 PM	Exhibitor & Vendor Move-In
1:00 – 1:45	TASK FORCE MEETINGS: A. Tribal Task Force, Robert Endicott , Chair B. Urban/Small Urban, Chair, Todd Bough , Chair C. 5311 Rural, Gilbert Nuncio , Chair D. 5310, LaTisha Lemasters , Chair E. Associates, Brent Roy , Chair
2:00 – 2:55 PM	Breakout 1A and 1B
3:00 – 4:20 PM	Opening General Session: Honor Guard: Chickasaw Honor Guard National Anthem: Welcome from Admore: The Hon. David Plesher , Mayor of Ardmore and Cabinet Secretary, Chickasaw Nation <i>State of Public Transportation – Funding, Policy, and the Road Ahead</i> Tim Gatz , Secretary of Transportation and Executive Director, ODOT Gail Lyssy , Regional Administrator, FTA Region 6 Kristen Joyner , Legislative Committee Chair and National Representative, CTAA Curt Roggow , Government Relations Consultant TASK FORCE REPORTS <i>Committee Chairs to provide reports.</i>
4:20 – 4:30 PM	Getting the most out of your time in Ardmore
4:30 – 5:30 PM	Welcome Reception with Exhibitors
6:00 – 9:00 PM	Dinner and Games at The Clubhouse: Show Your Colors Transportation provided by Chickasaw Nation

Tuesday, October 20

Time	Activity
7:30 – 8:30 AM	Registration & Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors
8:30 – 9:45 AM	General Session: <i>Navigating Transit Funding, Grants, and FTA Compliance</i> Chevonne Madison , Transportation Program Specialist, FTA Region 6 Eric Rose , Office of Mobility and Public Transit Manager, ODOT
9:45 – 10:00 AM	Networking Break
10:00 – 11:00 AM	Breakout Session Block A
	A1: Ridership Growth, Passenger Engagement Strategies and Partnerships: Todd Bough , General Manager, Lawton Area Transit System Taylor Johnson , AICP, Transit and Parking Program Manager, City of Norman
	A2: Panel: Partnerships with Human Service Agencies Marcus Ayers, MEd, LPC , Director of NEMT & Social Services, Oklahoma Health Care Authority Renee N. Sansom Briscoe, M.S. , Transition Coordinator Vocational Rehabilitation Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired Wendy Funk Schrag, MSW , Vice President State Government Affairs, Fresenius Medical Care
	A3: Driver Recruitment & Retention: What Is Working Today? Maurice Beard , Sr. Workforce Development Advisor International Transportation Learning Center (ITLC) and Transit Workforce Center (TWC)
11:00 – 11:15 AM	Networking Break
11:15 AM – 12:00 PM	General Session: <i>A Day in the Life of a Mobility Manager - Solving Oklahoma's Transportation Challenges Together Panel</i> Chanler Cory , Mobility Manager at NODA Kristi Winchester , Mobility Manager at COEDD Todd Oneal , Mobility Navigator at SODA Laura Clark , Mobility Navigator at KEDDO

Time	Activity
12:00 – 1:30 PM	Lunch & Awards Program
	<i>Industry Technical Knowledge Panel: Sponsored by Model 1</i> Brent Roy
1:45 – 2:45 PM	Breakout Session Block B
	B1: Procurement & Contract Management Essentials Harold Tye , Procurement Specialist, FTA Region 6
	B2: Transit Safety, Risk Management & Emergency Preparedness Larry Day , Transit Division Manager, Transportation Safety Institute, USDOT
	B3: Oklahoma Mobility: Come Participate in the Statewide Plan and Hear the Latest Update! Meredith Greene Madrigal , AICP, Socius Amica
2:45 – 3:00	Networking Break: Dessert with the Exhibitors <i>Sponsored by Chickasaw Transit</i>
3:00 – 4:00	Breakout Session Block C
	C1: AI and Technology: Saving Time and Money in Transit Stephen Kuban , AI Educator and Transit Nerd (<i>invited</i>)
	C2: Fleet Management & Vehicle Maintenance Panel Rick Miller , Sr Fleet Manager, Chickasaw Nation Transit; Randy Cloud , Director of Maintenance, MetroLink
	C3: Data, Performance Metrics & Using Information to Improve Service Meredith Greene Madrigal , AICP, Socius Amica
4:15 – 5:00 PM	General Session: Creation of Regional Transit in Central Oklahoma, featuring ONE Transit (invited)
5:00 – 6:30 PM	Vendor Reception & Networking Event
6:45 – 9:00 PM	Dinner on your own

Wednesday, October 21

Time	Activity
8:00 – 8:50 AM	Breakfast: Peer-to-Peer Open Discussion
8:50 – 9:35 AM	OkTA Membership Meeting • Board and Officer Election • Bylaws approval • OkTA Investment Account: The Origins and How It Works to Benefit OkTA Members
9:45 – 10:30	Peer Success Stories: Innovative Solutions from Transit Agencies Ofir Bar, Technology & Innovation Director, Metrolink Rob Endicott, Transportation Planner, Cherokee Nation Tanya Gleghorn, Transportation Director, BigFive/SORTS Muskogee County
10:30 – 10:45 AM	CHECKOUT Break This is your time to check out of the hotel, load your car and get back for the final session!
10:45 – 11:30 AM	General Session Legislative Transit Champions Power Session State Representative Nicole Miller State Senator Tom Woods State Representative Ronny Johns – Chair of Transportation Committee State Representative Tammy Townley State Senator Avery Frix, Vice Chair Aeronautics and Transportation Committee <i>(This session subject to change – dependent upon availability)</i>
11:30 – 11:55 AM	Closing General Session: Lessons Learned and Priorities for the Year Ahead • Priza-Paloosa – must be present to win Closing Remarks and Conference Adjournment