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, **LaTischa 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* *State of Public Transportation – Funding, Policy, and the Road Ahead* **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 *Committee Chairs to provide reports*.
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:** *Navigating Transit Funding, Grants, and FTA Compliance* **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:** *A Day in the Life of a Mobility Manager - Solving Oklahoma's Transportation Challenges Together Panel* **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**
	Industry Technical Knowledge Panel: Sponsored by Model 1 **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 *Sponsored by Chickasaw Transit*
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 *(invited)*
	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***
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 (*This session subject to change – dependent upon availability*)
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