

CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLANNING AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA**

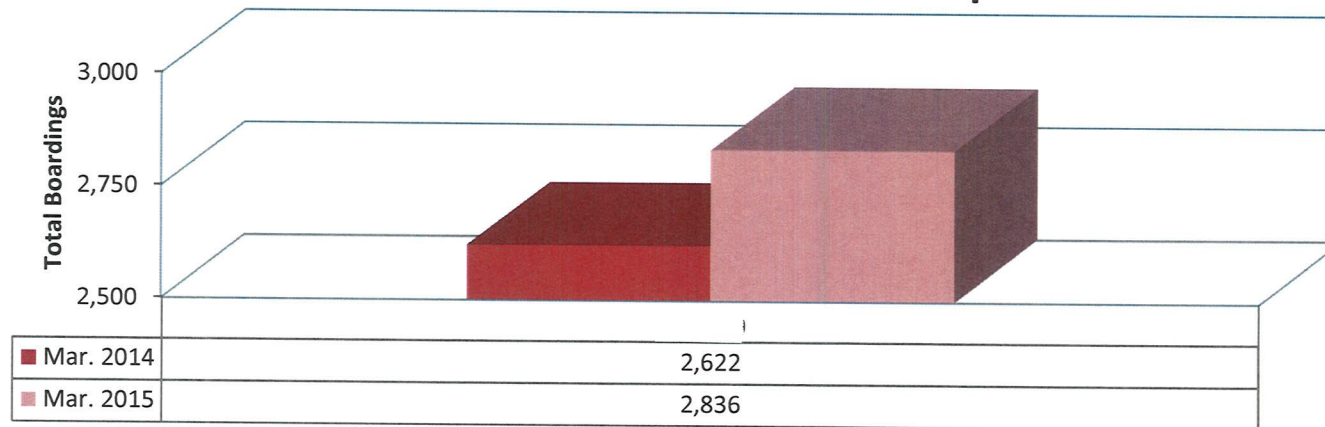
**Municipal Building Conference Room
201 West Gray**

Thursday, June 25, 2015

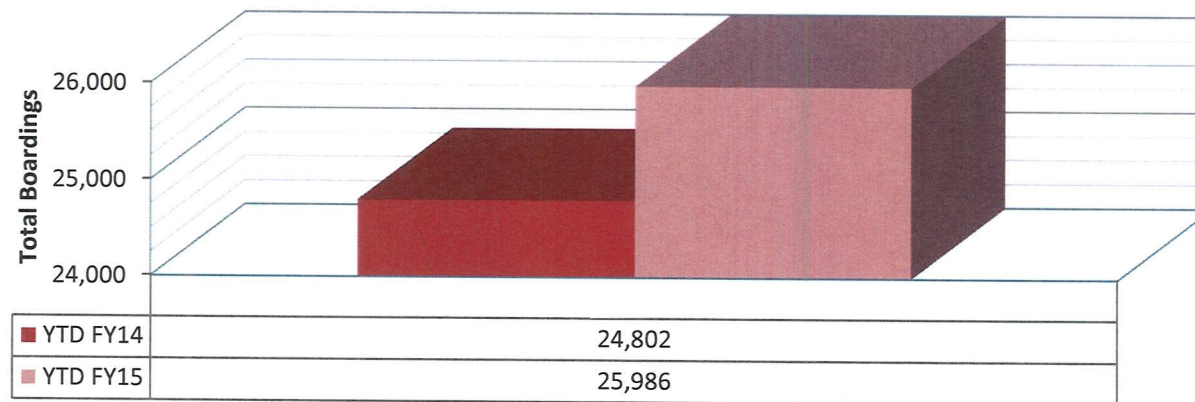
4:00 P.M.

- 1. CLEVELAND AREA RAPID TRANSIT (CART) RIDERSHIP REPORT INCLUDING SAFERIDE AND EXTENDED SERVICE FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH, APRIL, AND MAY, 2015.**
- 2. DISCUSSION REGARDING AN UPDATE OF THE 2025 LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION PLAN.**
- 3. PRESENTATION BY A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE GREENBELT COMMISSION REGARDING A PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPING THE CITY OF NORMAN GREENBELT TRAIL SYSTEM.**
- 4. MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

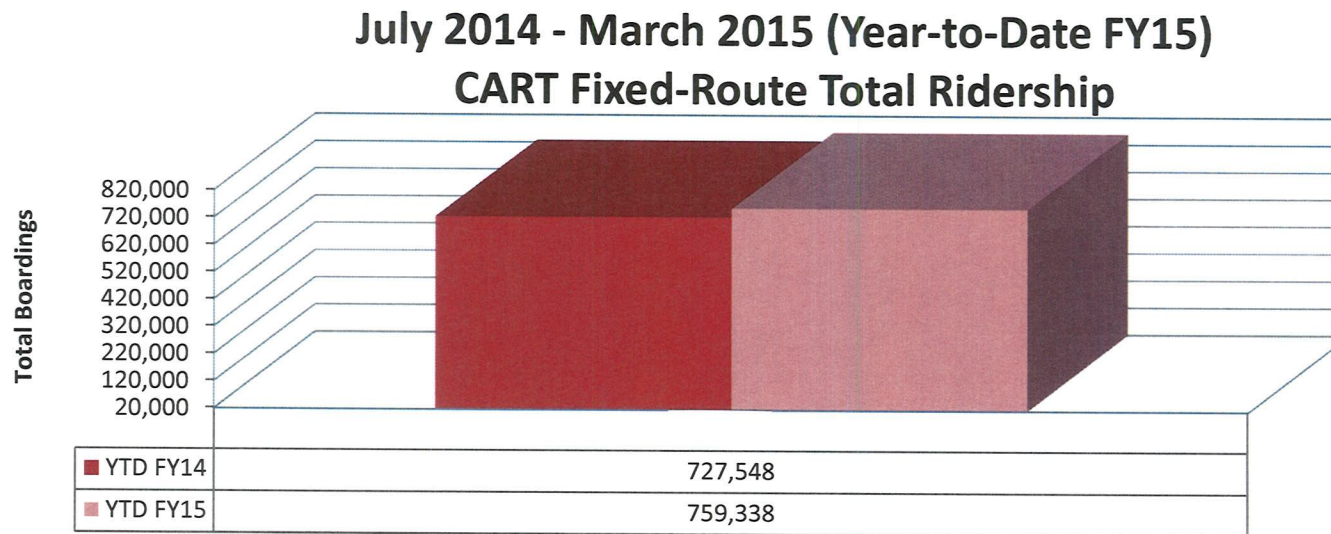
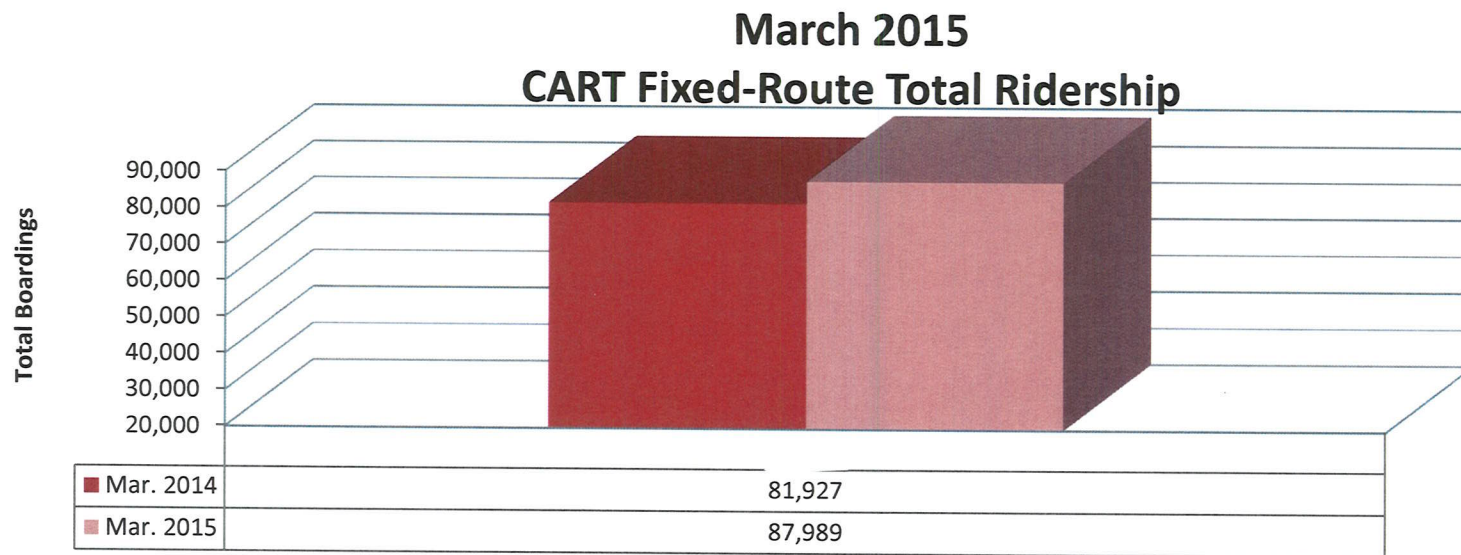
March 2015 CARTaccess Total Ridership



July 2014 - March 2015 (Year-to-Date FY15) CARTaccess Total Ridership



CARTaccess	Mar. 2014	Mar. 2015	% Change	CARTaccess	YTD FY14	YTD FY15	% Change
Monthly	2,622	2,836	8%	Annual Total	24,802	25,986	5%



CART Fixed Route	Mar. 2014	Mar. 2015	% Change	CART Fixed Route	YTD FY14	YTD FY15	% Change
Monthly Total	81,927	87,989	7%	Annual Total	727,548	759,338	4%

FY14: July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

FY15: July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

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CART Monthly Report, March 2015

Ridership Report Summary

CART

- CART transported 87,989 riders in March -- an average of 4,549 riders daily. Ridership for March 2015 was up 7% over March 2014.
- FY15 year to date (July 2014 – March 2015), CART transported 759,338 riders – an increase of 4% over the same period in FY14 (July 2013 – March 2014).
- Ridership is up on Main, Lindsey East and West, Sooner Express, Research, and LNC.
- CART ran alternate 6 days in March – one day due to weather and five days during springbreak (3/16-3/20)
- During our manual count, the week of March 28 – April 3, there were 358 CART riders who traveled with their bicycles (1.3% of all trips) and 93 with wheelchairs (0.3%). Those traveling with bicycles and wheelchairs increased noticeably in March. Lindsey East (115) and Main Street (80) carried the most bicycles. Main (46) and Alameda/E. Norman (30) transported the most riders with wheelchairs.

CARTaccess

- CART transported 2,836 CARTaccess riders in March – an average of 109 riders daily. This is an increase of 8% for the month and 4% year to date.
- Since January, nearly 50 CARTaccess riders have requested CART ID cards to ride free on the fixed route system.

Marketing/Outreach efforts

- “Turn Up for Transit” event will be held Wednesday, March 25 on the OU South Oval to promote alternative transportation, including CART, bicycling, and ride sharing.
- CART continues to promote its extended service til 10 pm and free fare for CARTaccess riders on fixed route service.
- Participated in the City’s Earth Day festival at Reaves Park, April 19

Grant Activity

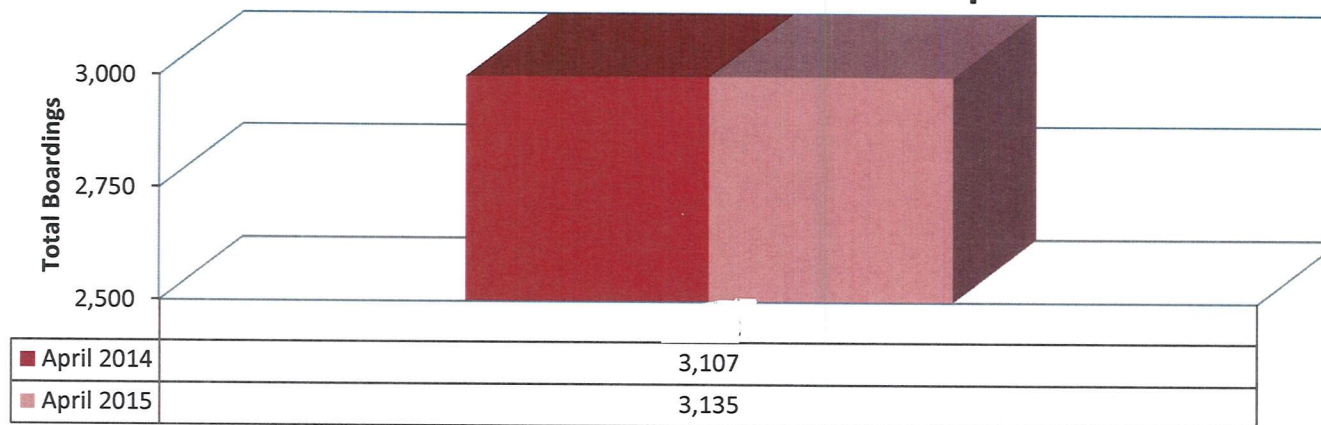
New Bicycle Repair Stations and Bicycle Racks (Air Quality Awareness grant) – 15 bicycle racks in groups of five have been installed at three locations: Headington Hall, Huffman Center, and the Brooks St. Station. Bicycle repair stations were installed at Brooks St. Station, the Lloyd Noble Center, and the Norman City Library.

Fixed Route vehicles (FTA 5307 and Clean Air grants) – 2 new 35’ CNG Gillig buses are scheduled to arrive in July. An order for two additional 35’ CNG Gillig buses will be ordered this summer with a delivery date in 2017.

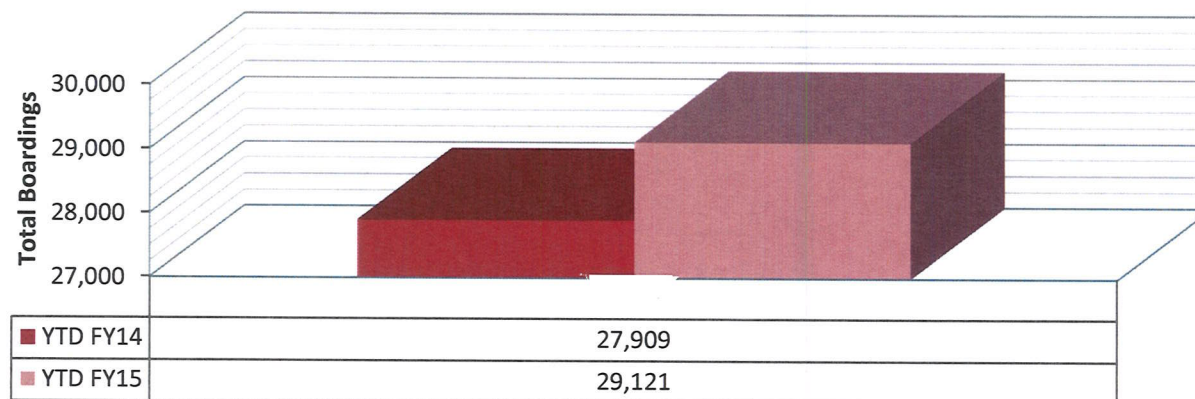
Regional Planning Activities

- Attended the Southwest Transit Association winter conference March 2-4 in Santa Fe
- Attended the quarterly Central Oklahoma regional public transportation coordination meeting with EMBARK, ACOG, ODOT, and City Link.
- Attended the ODOT regional job fair to identify more transit operators.
- Working with ACOG on its long range transit planning efforts for Encompass 2040.

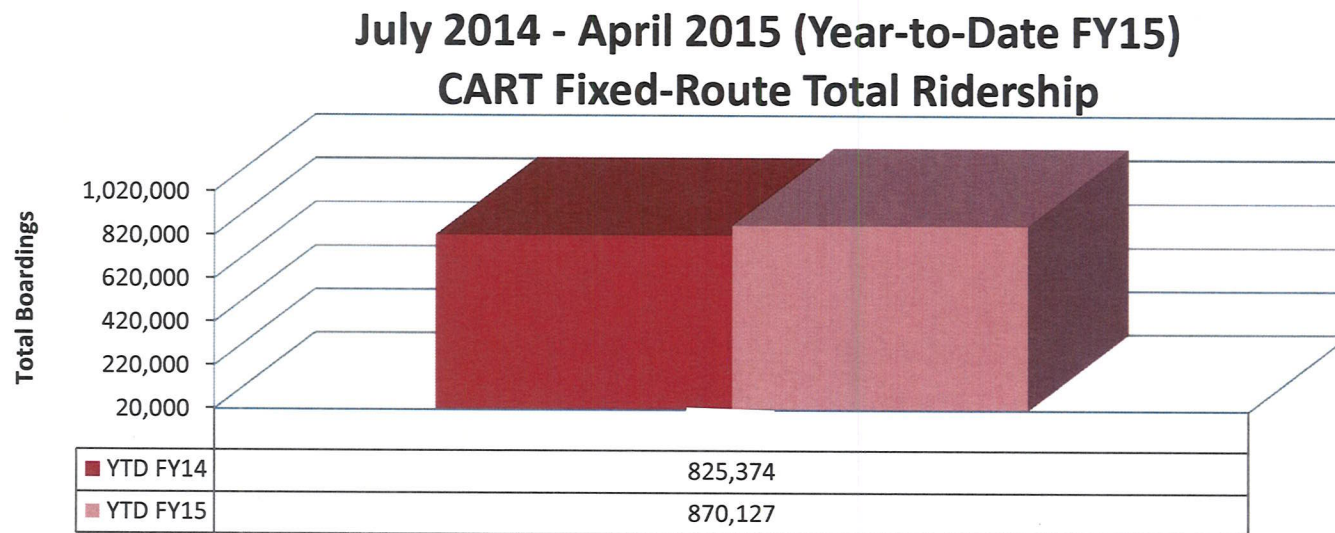
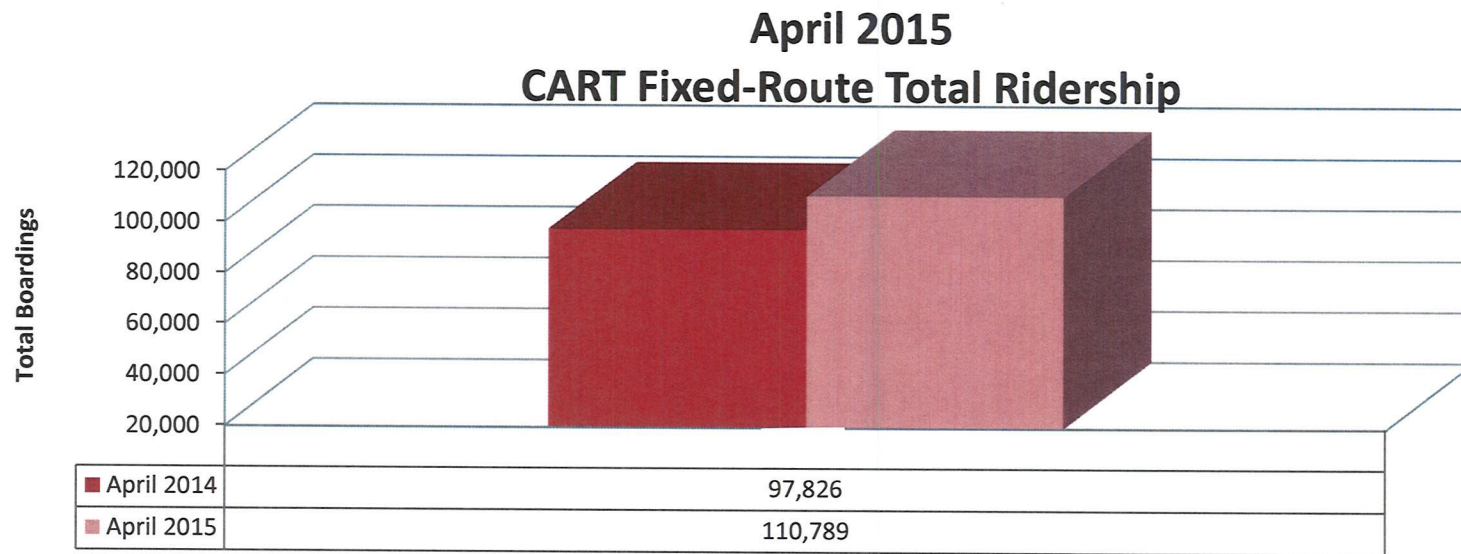
April 2015 CARTaccess Total Ridership



July 2014 - April 2015 (Year-to-Date FY15) CARTaccess Total Ridership



CARTaccess	April 2014	April 2015	% Change	CARTaccess	YTD FY14	YTD FY15	% Change
Monthly	3,107	3,135	1%	Annual Total	27,909	29,121	4%



CART Fixed Route	April 2014	April 2015	% Change	CART Fixed Route	YTD FY14	YTD FY15	% Change
Monthly Total	97,826	110,789	13%	Annual Total	825,374	870,127	5%

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CART Monthly Report, April 2015

Service Changes

May 11, 2015 – New Campus Corner Shuttle (Route 41)

- Service between Research Campus and Campus Corner, Monday through Friday, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm.

August 17, 2015 – 30-minute service on Main Street (Route 10) and Alameda/E. Norman (Route 21)

- Monday through Friday, 10:30 am to 5:30 pm.

CART – Ridership Report Summary

- CART transported 110,789 riders in April -- an average of 4,782 riders daily.
- FY15 year to date (July 2014 – April 2015), CART transported 870,127 riders – an increase of 5% over the same period in FY14 (July 2013 – April 2014).
- Ridership is up on Main, Lindsey East and West, Sooner Express, Research, and LNC.
- During our manual count, the week of April 24-30, there were 339 CART riders who traveled with their bicycles (1.4% of all trips) and 65 with wheelchairs (0.4%). Lindsey East (87) and Main Street (58) carried the most bicycles. Alameda/E. Norman, Sooner Express, and Lloyd Noble Shuttle each carried between 40 and 50 bicycles for the week. Main (36) and Alameda (34) transported the most riders with wheelchairs.

CARTaccess – Ridership Report Summary

- CART transported 3,135 CARTaccess riders in April – an average of 121 riders daily. This is an increase of 1% for the month and 4% year to date.
- Since January, over 60 CARTaccess riders have requested CART ID cards to ride free on CART fixed route.

Marketing/Outreach efforts

- “Turn Up for Transit” event Wednesday, March 25 on the OU South Oval.
- Earth Day Festival at Reaves Park, April 19, and Bike to Work Day, May 15.
- Free Passes were distributed in all City of Norman water bills to invite residents to ride CART free between now and June 19, Dump the Pump Day. On June 18, everyone will ride free for Dump the Pump Day.
- OU Social Responsibility Fair, April 16 and OU Health & Information Fair, April 22.
- CART/CARTaccess outreach meetings with Rose Rock Villa, April 16, and Senior Cottages of Norman, May 12.
- CART presented an update to the Norman Advocates for Accessible Transportation Solutions, April 15.
- Tour of CART facilities for ODOT, Aging Services Division, April 20.

Grant Activity

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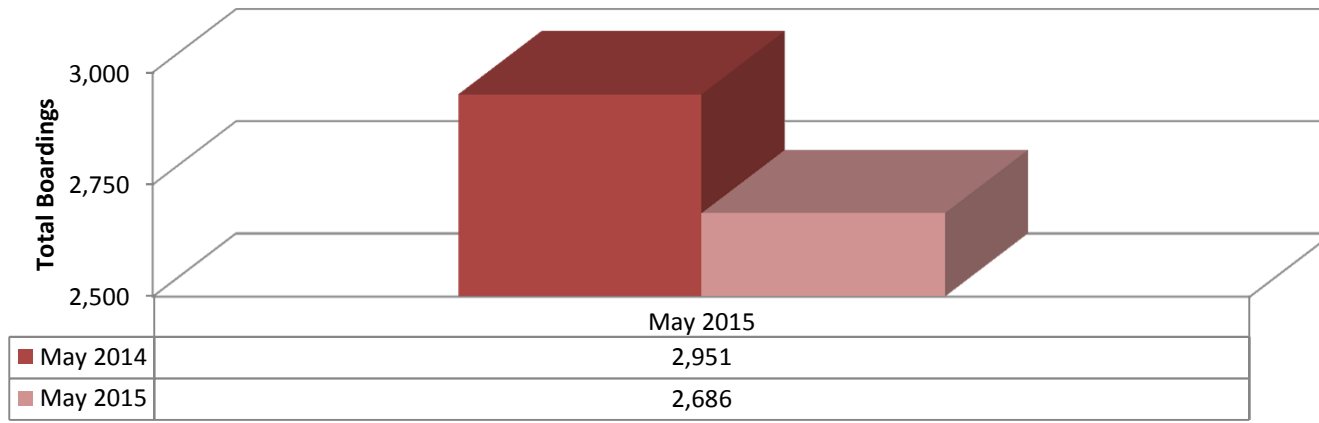
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OTA 2015 TIGER Grant application – CART is participating in the OTA 2015 Grant application due June 4, 2015. CART is requesting two 35’ buses and four 30’ buses with this grant. If approved, CART will replace 6 diesel buses with CNG low floor buses that will be ADA accessible.

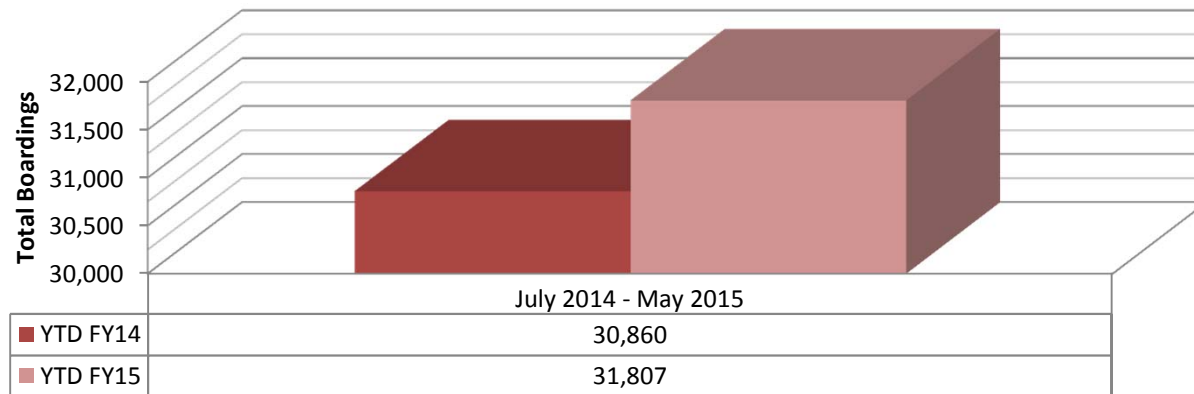
Regional Planning Activities

- Southwest Transit Association Winter Conference March 2-4 in Santa Fe.
- Quarterly Central Oklahoma Regional Public Transportation Coordination March 11.
- ODOT Regional Job Fair.
- ACOG long range transit planning efforts for Encompass 2040.
- Drug & Alcohol Testing Training Workshop the week of April 27.

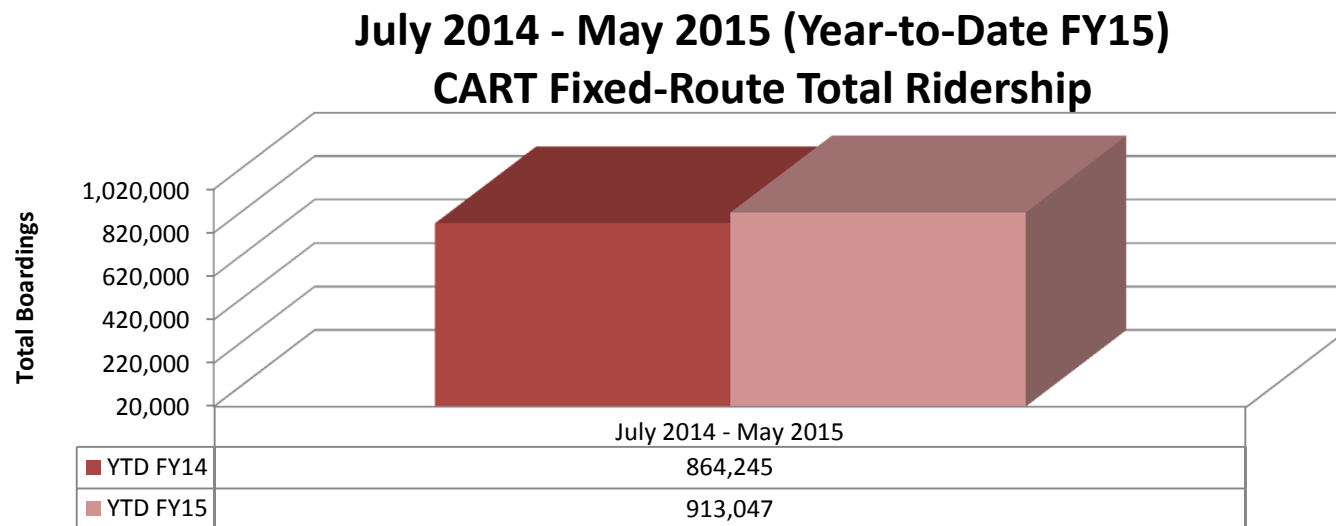
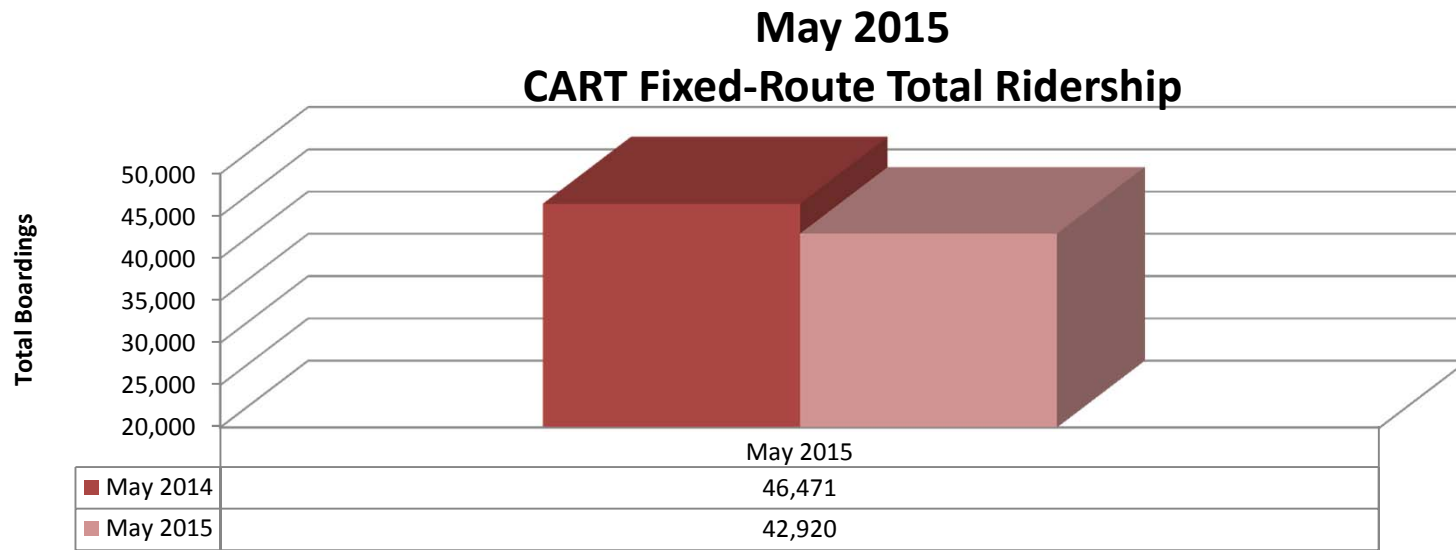
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July 2014 - May 2015 (Year-to-Date FY15) CARTaccess Total Ridership



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Monthly	2,951	2,686	-9%	Annual Total	30,860	31,807	3%



CART Fixed Route	May 2014	May 2015	% Change	CART Fixed Route	YTD FY14	YTD FY15	% Change
Monthly Total	46,471	42,920	-8%	Annual Total	864,245	913,047	6%

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- CART transported 42,920 riders in May -- an average of 3,457 riders daily.
- FY15 year to date (July 2014 – May 2015), CART transported 913,047 riders – an increase of 6% over the same period in FY14 (July 2013 – May 2014).
- Ridership is up on Lindsey East and West, Sooner Express, Research, and LNC.
- During our manual count, the week of May 2-8, there were 237 CART riders who traveled with their bicycles (1.4% of all trips) and 76 with wheelchairs (0.4%). Main Street (57) and Lindsey East (54) carried the most. Alameda/E. Norman and Lloyd Noble Shuttle carried 33 and 34 bicycles, respectively for the week.
- Main (36) and Alameda (34) transported the most riders with wheelchairs.

CARTaccess – Ridership Report Summary

- CART transported 2,686 CARTaccess riders in May – an average of 107 riders daily.
- Year to date, CART has transported 31,807 CARTaccess riders – an average of 117 riders daily --an increase of 3%.
- Since January, nearly 100 CARTaccess riders have requested CART ID cards to ride free on CART fixed route.

Marketing/Outreach efforts –April and May

- Earth Day Festival at Reaves Park, April 19, and Bike to Work Day, May 15.
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- CART presented an update to the Norman Advocates for Accessible Transportation Solutions, April 15.
- Tour of CART facilities for ODOT, Aging Services Division, April 20.
- Held a CART education effort with new CESL students on May 14.
- Free fares on CART June 10 - 1st Ozone Alert Day for the season.

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Regional Planning Activities

- ACOG long range transit planning efforts for Encompass 2040.
- Drug & Alcohol Testing Training Workshop the week of April 27.
- FTA 5307 grant applications for FY16 submitted. This is a partial request of \$1,140,917 federal. This represents 8/12 of the total grant. The remaining funds will be requested when Congress approves the remaining funds. Once all funds are received, CART will receive \$1,688,609 federal funds and contribute 751,648 local funds.
- Security Assessment for CART underway by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Homeland Security.

Proposal for developing the City of Norman's Greenbelt Trail System

Community Planning and Transportation Committee
City of Norman, Oklahoma
June 25, 2015

Mark Nanny - Greenbelt Commission Chair & Ward 1 representative

Purpose

- ▶ Identify essential Greenbelt trails to develop
- ▶ These trails will establish the foundation for a more extensive system of trails through urban and rural Norman
- ▶ Connect and provide access to “green” areas (parks, greenways, natural features) with points of interest and neighborhoods
- ▶ Integrate with the adopted Comprehensive Transportation Plan 2013, current transportation bond projects, and ODOT Transportation projects (e.g. Highway 9 renovations)



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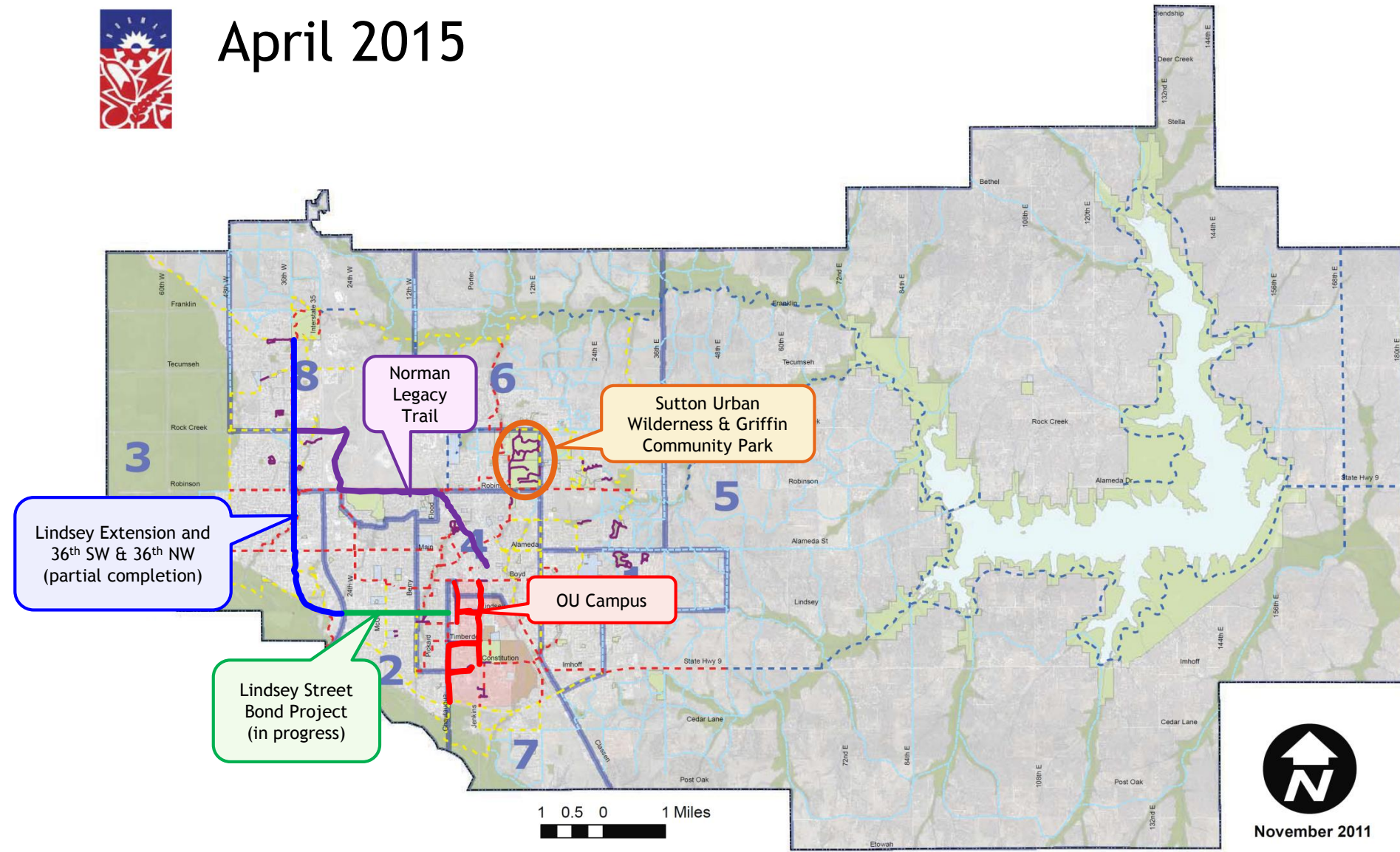


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Current or In-Progress Greenbelt Trails



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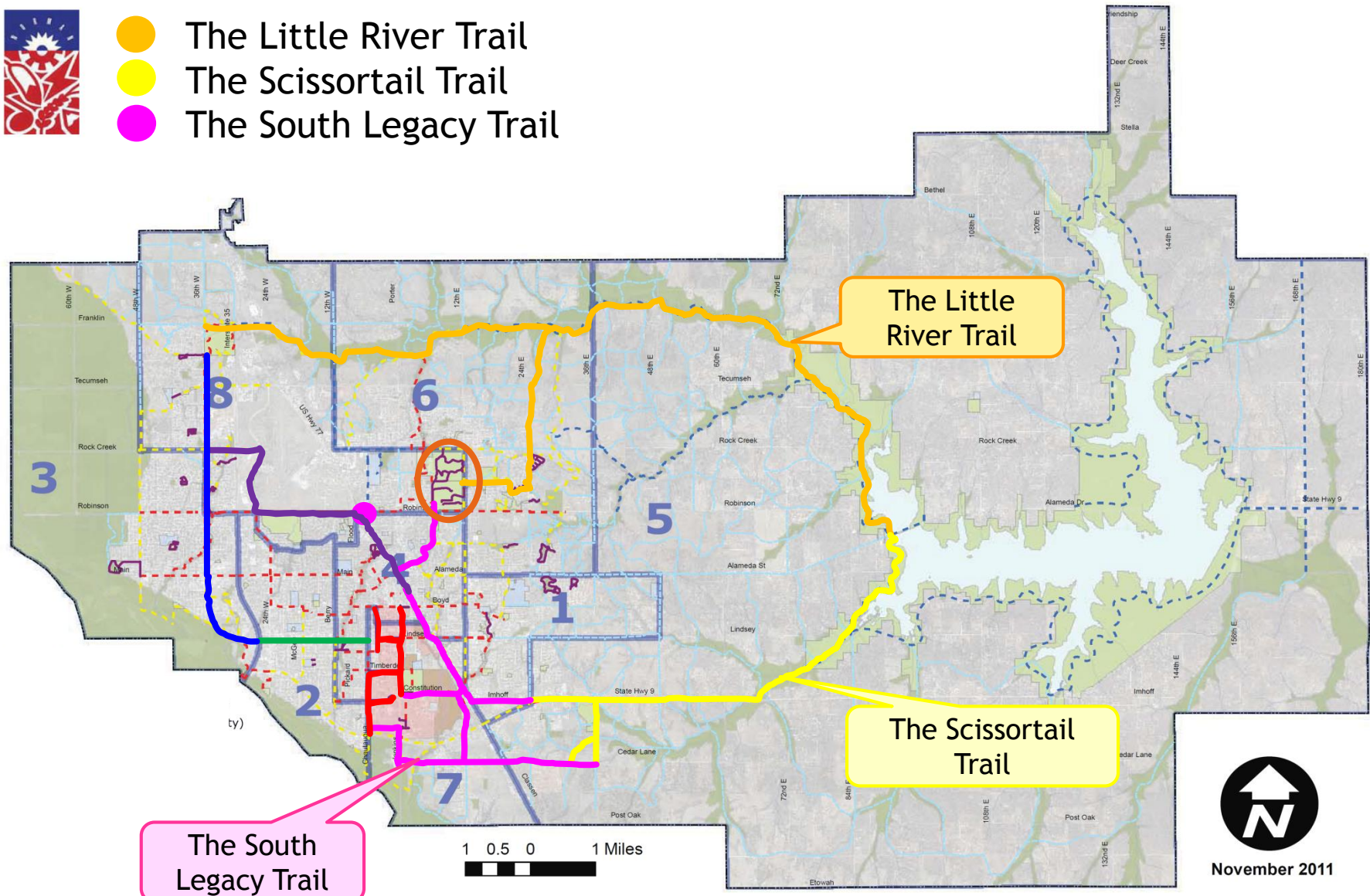


November 2011

Combined Greenbelt Trails



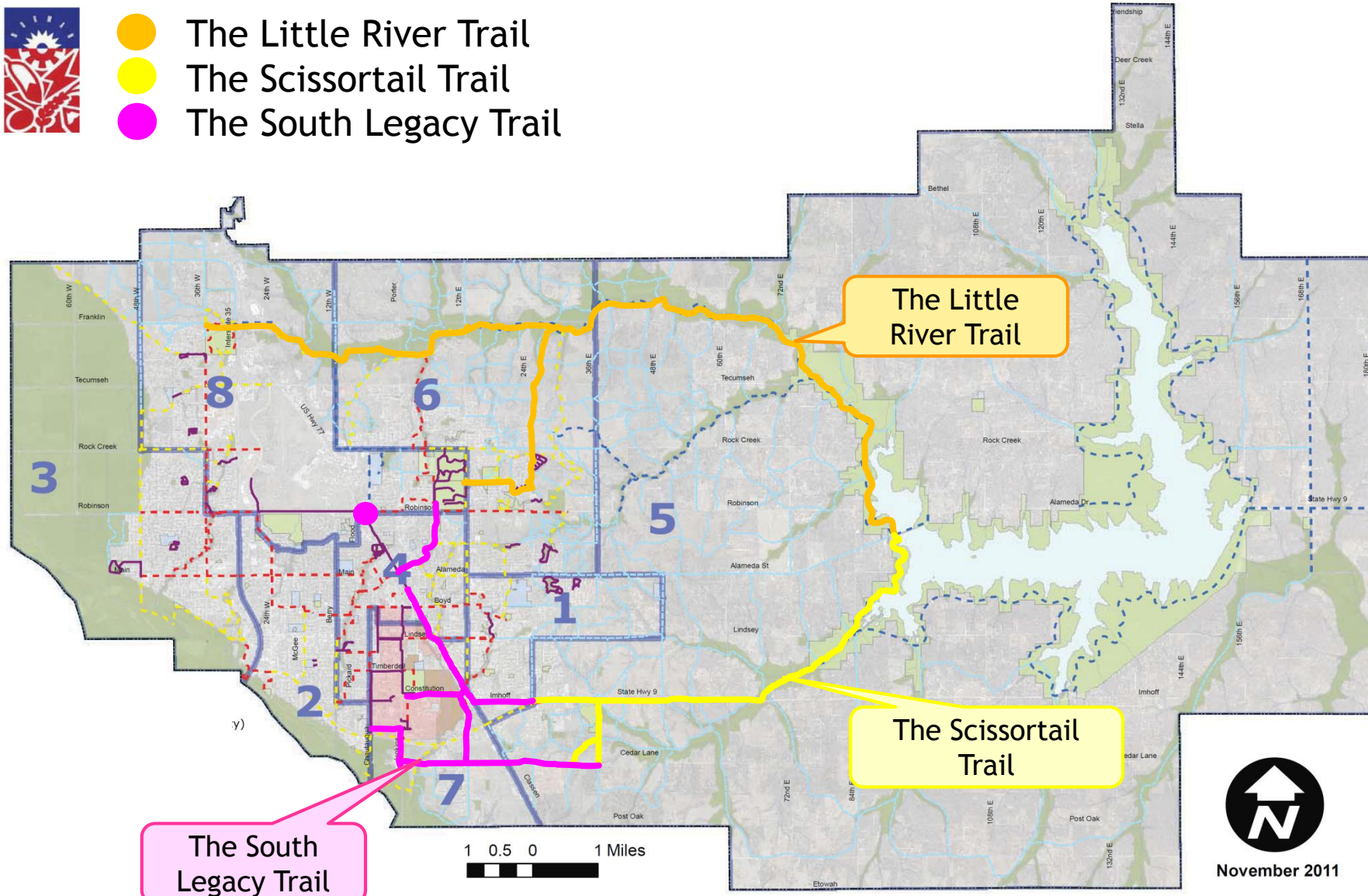
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Proposed Greenbelt Trails - April 2015



-  The Little River Trail
-  The Scissortail Trail
-  The South Legacy Trail



Trail Themes

- Trails will have interactive educational/informational kiosks, plaques and art work highlighting distinctive ecological and historical/cultural features.

► ***The Little River Trail***

- Aquatic ecosystems
- Role of rivers and creeks in central Oklahoma
- Preservation and conservation of watersheds, stream beds and water resources

► ***The Scissortail Trail***

- Flora and fauna of central Oklahoma (seasonal wildflowers, wildlife and bird identification, their behaviors and habitats)
- Unique ecological features of meadows, creek beds, and forested areas of central Oklahoma.

► ***The South Legacy Trail***

- History of Norman and central Oklahoma
- Historical and cultural contributions of under-represented groups



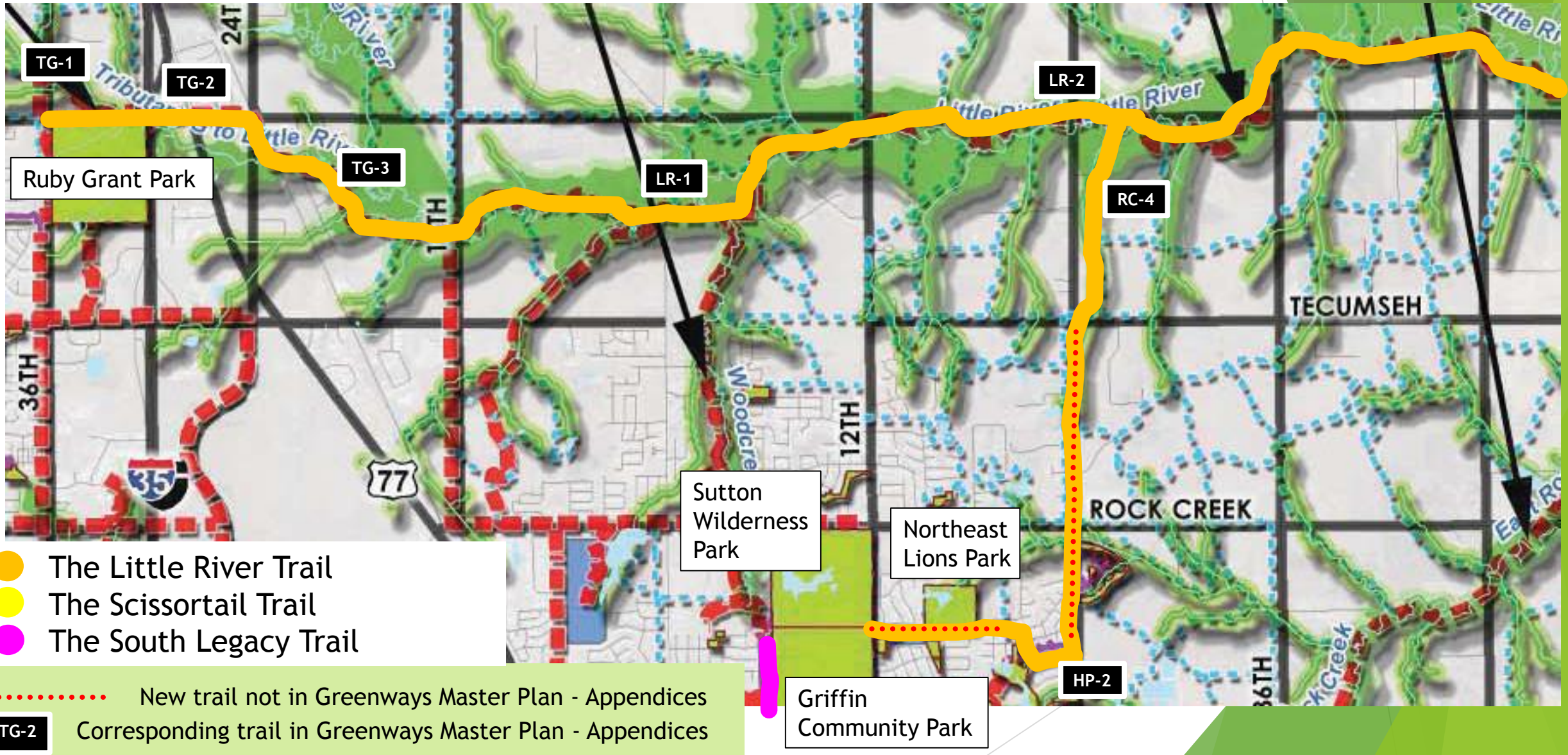
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The Little River Trail (west segment)



The Little River Trail (east segment)

- The Little River Trail
- The Scissortail Trail
- The South Legacy Trail

TG-2 Corresponding trail in Greenways Master Plan - Appendices



Little River Trail Challenges and Development:

- ▶ I-35 crossing
 - Use flood control structure beneath Franklin Rd and I-35 intersection; will require modifications
- ▶ Obtain right-of-way along Little River
 - Provisions and exemptions to landowners who desire to divide property into smaller units for development in return for Greenbelt Trail access.
- ▶ Collaborate with Thunderbird State Park to develop trails along west coast of lake and trailhead/parking at Alameda Drive bridge



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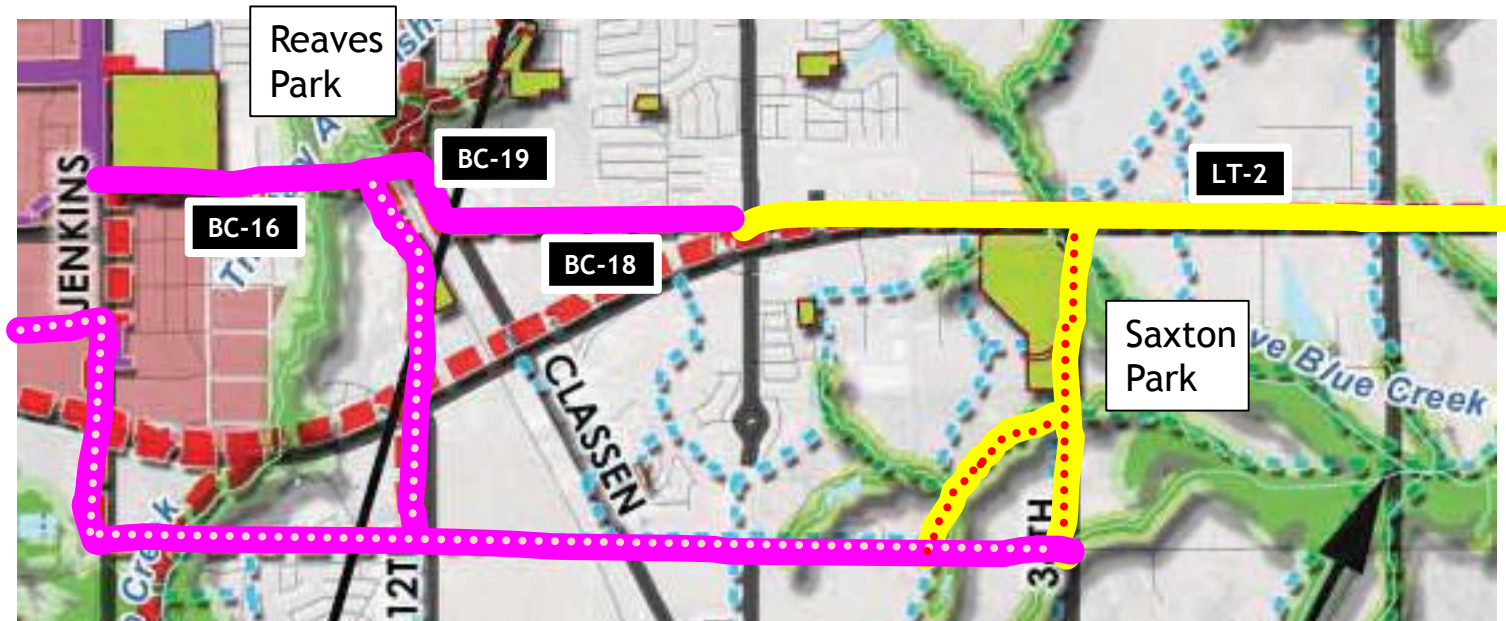
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The Scissortail Trail

(west segment)

- The Little River Trail
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The Scissortail Trail (east segment)

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Scissortail Trail Challenges and Development:

- ▶ **Integrate with ODOT upgrade of Highway 9**
 - Will need to extend beyond ODOT upgrade at 36th SE Ave. to approximately 1/3 mile east of 60th SE Ave. to reach Dave Blue Creek
- ▶ **Obtain right-of-way along Dave Blue Creek**
 - Provisions and exemptions to landowners who desire to divide property into smaller units for development in return for Greenbelt Trail access.
- ▶ **Collaborate with Thunderbird State Park to develop trails along west coast of lake and trailhead/parking at Alameda Drive bridge**



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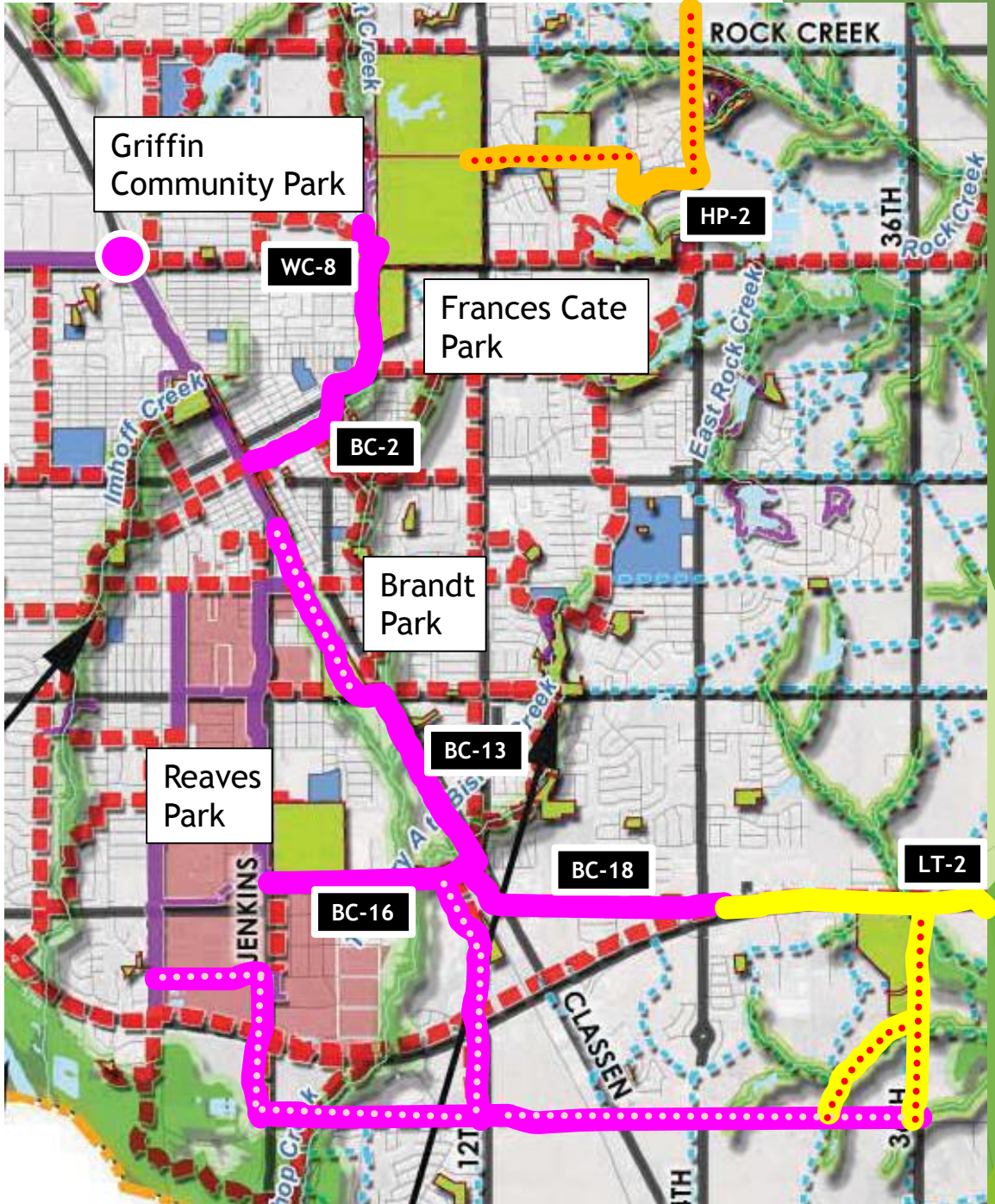
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The South Legacy Trail

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South Legacy Trail Challenges and Development:

- ▶ Integrate with upgrade of Cedar Lane
 - Norman Transportation Bond development
- ▶ Need to connect Cedar Lane and Jenkins
 - Pedestrian / bicycle path with bridge over Bishop Creek
- ▶ Crossing Highway 9 - use intersections with traffic lights and pedestrian crossing infrastructure
 - 12th SE Ave.
 - Jenkins



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South Legacy Trail Challenges and Development:

- ▶ Trail access from E. Duffy Street to E. Brooks Street
 - Path along the west side of RR tracks leading to Brandt Park (OU Duck Pond)
- ▶ Coordination with OU
 - East Constitution Street
 - 10' sidewalks already exist along Jenkins north of HWY 9
- ▶ Improve pedestrian crossing at N. Flood Ave & W. Robinson Street
 - Utilize extra space on RR bridge for pedestrian bridge over Robinson?



Next Steps.....

- ▶ Obtain right-of-way along Little River and Dave Blue Creek
 - Provisions and exemption to landowners who desire to divide property into smaller units for development in return for Greenbelt Trail access.
- ▶ Collaborate with Thunderbird State Park on trails along west coast of lake
- ▶ Identify the Greenbelt Trail system as a transportation development issue for urban areas; Federal and State funding
- ▶ Integrate with “Norman Forward” efforts



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Next Steps.....

- ▶ Integrate with new and future subdivision and apartment developments, especially in the SE area of Norman
- ▶ Maintenance and security
- ▶ Promotion and public use
 - Community events - “fun runs”
 - Year-round access to nature
 - Recreation
 - Promote urban transportation alternatives - bicycles and pedestrians
 - Development of Little River as recreation area



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