



## **“What Do You Think” Metro Tulsa Transit Authority? April 30, 2007**

*On April 30, [Pat Treadway](#) and [Stephen Carr](#) met with the Metro Transit Authority (MTTA). MTTA tries to meet the transportation needs of the communities they serve. The mission of Tulsa Transit is to be the Premiere Transportation Provider, Committed to Safe, Professional, Efficient, Reliable, Accessible, Quality Service.*

*Here’s what they had to say:*

### **What does Tulsa most need to achieve?**

1. Downtown development
  - a. Retail
  - b. Family oriented development
  - c. Active downtown
  - d. Baseball facility
  - e. Should be open “24/7”
  - f. Need more parking
  - g. Attract people by whatever means
2. Find other ways to fund transit
3. Regain “cosmopolitan image”
4. Less car/auto reliance
5. Need to determine/define an identity for Tulsa
6. World class museums
7. Arkansas River
  - a. Tie west bank and east bank
  - b. Make useable for city
  - c. Pedestrian friendly
  - d. Link Arkansas River to downtown with water

- e. Clear and clean water
  - f. Transit access
- 8. Bike lanes on streets
- 9. Low water sequencing - Jenks river walk – Tulsa soon
- 10. Have land development North toward Owasso
- 11. Need businesses North
- 12. Smart Growth
- 13. Set and achieve energy/environment goals for the future
- 14. Don't get on the environmental bad air list:
  - a. Stay out of non-attainment designation
  - b. Keep air clean
- 15. Currently have “under investment” in transit system; need more
- 16. Transit coordinated for all of community/metro area
  - a. Need shuttles/transportation to places
  - b. Connect with other communities
  - c. Trolley-transit with development along stations
  - d. Connection to shops/retail
  - e. Residential connection
- 17. University systems – take advantage
- 18. Stable and Diverse economic base:
  - a. Good jobs
  - b. Good companies
  - c. Attract qualified workforce
    - i. Educated workforce that attracts and retains workers and companies
- 19. Buses make room on streets for more traffic
- 20. Infill development - Do what is necessary
- 21. Traffic Impact - Spread out the businesses
- 22. Planning - coordinated
- 23. Alternatives to:
  - a. Car/parking
  - b. Trolley
- 24. Options for entertainment
- 25. Getting around in city is confusing/not easy; make it easier
- 26. Sequencing of Dams?
  - a. River-walk dam 1<sup>st</sup> for Tulsa
  - b. Coordinate with river development of multiple types
- 27. Use and update '93 regional mobility study

28. Make this a destination place, not just live here:
  - a. Focus on destination centers:
    - i. 71<sup>st</sup> Street corridor
    - ii. Utica Square
    - iii. Others
  - b. Emphasize major activity centers
29. Market/promote Tulsa and its programs/projects
  - a. Develop materials for promotion
  - b. Develop strategies for promotion
30. Broad-based connections in Tulsa - Link between parts of Tulsa
31. Balance money for land development
32. 96<sup>th</sup> and Riverside area development
33. Land available for growth and development
  - a. North
  - b. West
  - c. East
34. City-wide recycling program

### **What are Tulsa's most valuable or important assets?**

35. Cost of Living and Cost of Doing business
36. Development within IDL - Infill potential
37. Greenwood area development – vacant parcel
38. Tulsa's opportunities:
  - a. Museums
  - b. Arts
  - c. Native American:
    - i. History
    - ii. Culture
    - iii. Resources

### **What are Tulsa's most critical issues, problems, or concerns?**

39. Available space – we're not using
40. Streets need to be better
41. Traffic needs to be dealt with
42. Street maintenance

43. Citizens need sense of security – everywhere in Tulsa
44. Roads – they are too narrow
  - a. Make room for buses
  - b. 2 lanes vs. 4 lanes
45. South Tulsa development took place before/without development – need to plan ahead for development
46. No concentration of attractions