The Oklahoma Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration, is pleased to announce a call for projects for the Oklahoma Transportation Enhancement Program. This is a statewide competitive process in which all proposed projects must demonstrate a relationship to the surface transportation system to be eligible for consideration.

The Transportation Department's Special Projects Branch and the Federal Highway Administration will determine eligibility. The public application process is based on a two-year cycle; this application cycle is for federal fiscal years 2003-2004. Applications are currently being accepted until January 2, 2002. Project selection will occur in the spring of 2002 and project funding will be available in October 2002.

All eligible projects will be evaluated by the Transportation Enhancement Advisory Committee (TEAC). This committee is composed of individuals with broad-based interest and expertise in transportation. The responsibility of the committee is twofold: to evaluate the merit of each application, and to forward a programming recommendation to the Transportation Commission based on evaluation.

The Oklahoma Transportation Commission has sole discretion in the selection of the proposed projects. A digital copy of the application and more information on the TEA 21 program can be found at the Oklahoma Transportation Department Website:

http://www.okladot.state.ok.us/roadway/Rdy-specialproj.htm

Also for more background on the program: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tea21/index.htm

Why are Tea 21 grants important for historic preservation? They provide actual funding resources for rehabilitation or "bricks and mortar" projects concerning historic properties. The State of Oklahoma anticipates receiving apportionment of $12 million annually in Federal funds for the Enhancement Program. The funds provided for under Oklahoma's Enhancement Program are on a cost reimbursement basis.

The Transportation Enhancement Program is not a grant program. Projects approved for funding under the program are eligible for up to 80 percent of allowable costs. These allowable costs may include the preparation of plans, specifications, environmental mitigation, acquisition of real property, construction, construction management, administrative expenses, and interpretation of other activities that enhance the transportation experience.

TEA 21 provides for 12 allowable activity categories. The categories of Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation of Historic Transportation Buildings, Structures, or Facilities have been combined into a single category that reads as follows:

Projects within this category should enhance the transportation system by improving the ability of the public to appreciate the historic significance of the project itself or the area to be served by the
The property must also have a definable historic transportation relationship.

The trolley gives El Reno something uniquely their own, while capitalizing on the heritage that made El Reno flourish in the past.

**El Reno Heritage Express trolley “enhanced” by transportation funds**

The dedication ceremony and first run of the El Reno Heritage Express trolley took place on August 24, 2001. Trolley on Track was a long but rewarding project as El Reno has made a significant investment in its future with the only track based trolley operating in Oklahoma.

In 1993 the City of El Reno submitted an application for funding under ISTEA (now TEA 21) which began implementation in 1994.

This project involved three major components including restoration and renovation of the Rock Island Depot/Canadian County Historical Museum, restoration of the siding track along side the depot, and restoration of the original brick streets and trolley tracks connecting the depot to downtown and looping through the downtown area.

Donations were accepted from corporations and individuals to purchase the trolley, and fund-raising for a permanent barn and maintenance continues. This transportation enhancement project involved the infusion of over $1 million federal dollars and gives the community something uniquely their own while capitalizing on the heritage that made El Reno flourish in past years.
State Historic Preservation Office announces upcoming survey projects

by Jim Gabbert
SHPO Architectural Historian

The State Historic Preservation Office is pleased to announce that architectural/historical surveys will be conducted on five Oklahoma towns beginning in October.

In an ongoing effort to document the historic resources of Oklahoma, the SHPO has selected Ada, Henryetta, Holdenville, Weleetka, and Wetumka for this year’s survey projects.

Architectural/historical surveys are undertaken to identify resources that might be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Each survey will conduct a survey program, based on the mandate of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 to identify and record historic resources.

Oklahoma carries out its survey responsibilities through two primary mechanisms. Using funds made available through our annual Historic Preservation Fund grant, the SHPO partners with qualified institutions to conduct surveys of selected communities, areas, or of a selected resource theme. Our partner for the past few years has been the Department of Geography at Oklahoma State University.

Those that participate in the certified local government program conduct other surveys. The state preservation office targets their surveys in areas that have either a high potential for historic resources or in areas that are under-represented in the survey program.

The current year’s surveys include three panhandle towns: Goodwell, Guymon, and Hooker, and four communities in southeast Oklahoma: Antlers, Broken Bow, Hugo, and Idabel.

The former communities are being surveyed under the direction of Dr. Brad Bays, the latter communities under the direction of Dr. Alyson Greiner.

Dr. Bays will be working in Ada this fall and Dr. Greiner will survey Henryetta, Holdenville, Weleetka, and Wetumka.

In addition to buildings, sites, structures, objects, and districts that warrant National Register consideration, the surveys also identify properties that may not be significant, but that are representative of a time and place. Folk housing in southeastern Oklahoma differs from that of the panhandle. The surveys will help to identify the types of resources that were being constructed during the span of occupation in these diverse areas.

Historic contexts are researched and written for each of the areas. These provide valuable historic information that details the development of the area over time. These contexts help put a perspective on the present built environment and serve as the basis for future nomination to the National Register.

Upon completion of each survey project, the contexts and analysis of findings are compiled into a report. Copies of the survey reports are placed in local libraries, as well as at Oklahoma State University, the University of Oklahoma, and any nearby universities or colleges. Copies are also available for local governmental units. The surveys can be valuable tools in planning, education, and in promotion.

The survey projects in Ada, Henryetta, Holdenville, Weleetka, and Wetumka will help broaden the geographic coverage of the SHPO’s survey program and add valuable information on the architectural and historic resources of east central Oklahoma.

Questions about EO 13006? Contact Preservation Oklahoma or SHPO to get copy of legislation and read for yourself

Recently Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. has received numerous calls concerning Executive Order 13006 passed on May 21, 1996.

The act states the goal of the federal government to utilize historic properties for housing federal facilities in the central cities of America. The sections outlined in the order are:

- Section 1. Statement of Policy
- Section 2. Encouraging the Location of Federal Facilities on Historic Properties in Our Central Cities
- Section 3. Identifying and Removing Regulatory Barriers
- Section 4. Improving Preservation Partnerships, and
- Section 5. Judicial Review.

For a one-page copy on the specifics of this legislation please contact Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., or the State Historic Preservation Office.
Updated information concerning 2001 endangered sites

- **C.M.E Chapel/Kimbrough Temple**
  According to the rector for the CME, the building has been purchased by a former pastor. He is planning to reopen the building as a church. Over the summer, the property has been kept mowed, although there has been no action on the critical repairs needed to the roof, doors, and windows.
  The Ponca City Landmark Conservancy stands ready to help the owner nominate the property to the National Register and do needed repairs as much as possible.

- **Walnut Avenue Bridge**
  It is still unclear what the future of the current historic Walnut Avenue Bridge will be despite decisions made recently by Oklahoma City concerning the structure.
  The mayor and city council supported the decision of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission in that an at grade crossing will not be constructed at the site and a bridge will remain. However, it is quite likely that this bridge will be almost of completely new construction and historic characteristics of the current Walnut Avenue Bridge replicated when possible. It is likely that only the current piers of the bridge will be salvaged.
  Options for complete reconstruction vs. aspects or rehabilitation are still being considered for the future, but a bridge certainly will exist between Sheridan Avenue and NE 2nd Street instead of an at-grade railroad crossing.

- **Old Stroud Schoolhouse**
  Restoration of the old Stroud schoolhouse is being undertaken by Stroud Habitat for Humanity who will use the facility for an office, warehouse, and volunteer center when completed.
  A WPA project building built in 1936 from local materials, the structure sustained major damage from the May 3, 1999 tornado. The south carved sandstone gable, the roof, and interior all are in need of repair, but before work could begin, volunteers had to remove poison ivy which surrounded the site and whose vines covered much of the building.
  At the end of August, most of the debris had been removed from inside the building, with tons of sandstone blocks now stacked outside and one 30-yard, roll-off trash container filled to the brim. Next will be the removal of partition walls and dropped ceilings to make access to the roof structure easier.
  To ensure the survival of the old Stroud schoolhouse, Habitat for Humanity must have the gable and roof replaced, and have the windows and doors secured to prevent vandalism by April 30, 2002. This is required in the quit claim deed to the City of Stroud from the Oklahoma Transportation Authority regarding the property.

- **Please Help**
  Bret Carter, Ponca City Landmark Conservancy, is researching the works of Solomon Andrew Layton.
  Layton, a very prominent early Oklahoma architect, is credited with the design of several Ponca City buildings, which triggered the research project. Layton is perhaps best known as the architect of the state capital, governor’s mansion, Skirvin Hotel, and other Oklahoma City buildings; however he was also responsible for many buildings and homes across the state.
  Carter is working to document all buildings attributed to Layton, particularly those still standing. It would be great if he gets documentation of date constructed, etc., but simply a location with address is fine.
  Pictures — old and new — would also be appreciated and these can also be electronic. Carter is planning to try to photograph all attributed buildings himself at some future date.
  All who are interested can get updated copies of the research as it continues by contacting Bret Carter, 923 S. 6th, Ponca City, OK 74601 580-765-5383 / 580-767-4468; e-mail: bretac@swbell.net

Help Habitat for Humanity rehabilitate the old Stroud schoolhouse.
New online National Trust site

Check out the new National Trust site at http://www.nationaltrust.org/magazine/index.htm.
Each working day this site will offer a news brief related to preservation, and each week it will bring you a story that looks at a preservation topic in more depth.

A department called “Preservation 911” will give you an opportunity to let the rest of us know if you face a preservation emergency, such as a building near you being in danger, a road plan that threatens your neighborhood, an architectural monstrosity on your Main Street, or a telecommunications tower erected overnight that now dwarfs your historic courthouse.

The site makes available to you an audience that can offer advice or at least share your outrage. The site will also give you more information about stories appearing in the print magazine, offer practical information about the Trust and their advertisers, and make it easy to renew your Trust membership or give memberships to your friends.

The “gold dome” bank at 23rd and Classen in Oklahoma City, and other Oklahoma locations have already been featured at this daily Web site.

Good Medicine Tour kicks off

The first ever “Good Medicine Tour” kicks off October 30, 2001.
This four-day, three-night event will travel into the hearts of the Creek, Pawnee, Osage, and Cherokee Nations to explore and re-live the art, history, and culture of the “Wild West” and “Indian Territory.” Participants will travel historic Route 66 and walk on the “Trail of Tears”.

Encouraged by TV personality Bill Kurtis, the Indian Territory Arts & Humanities Council is promoting tourism that focuses on Native America and the Western heritage of Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, and Arkansas. They have joined forces with Heartpath Tours, Inc., tribal officials and 13 other cities for Good Medicine Tours.

Historic Preservation highlights of the tour include Pawnee Bill’s home, the Five Civilized Tribes Museum, Fort Gibson, as well as numerous other sites and attractions including Eureka Springs, AR, and Branson, Month.

The “Good Medicine Tour” will be featured in a tourism guide that debuts at the Indian Territory Festival this November. The guide will be distributed in the four-state area and in Celle, Germany, Tulsa’s newest sister city.

The Indian Territory Arts and Humanities Council maintains an exhibit gallery and is based at 114 S. Main, Broken Arrow, OK, 74012. They have several additional activities planned in the coming months. For more information on these activities and the “Good Medicine Tour” call (918) 259-1772; Web site: www.indianterritorygallery.com

OK Community Development Project promotes sense of community

Run by the Department of Commerce, Office of Community Development, Oklahoma Community Development Projects provide a community with an improved image, demonstrating local pride and sense of community. Professional services are provided free of charge but not actual project funding with these projects.

To apply to participate, your Oklahoma town of city must have a population under 30,000. The proposed project must be a new project or an enhancement of an existing project that is tangible, measurable and demonstrates a positive impact on the community. The project must include diverse community involvement in both selection and implementation. Finally, an Intent to Enter Form and Government Resolution must be completed and submitted by the annual deadline. Please contact Pat Klein at (405) 815-5387 or 800-879-6552 for more information.

Oklahoma Community Development Project themes include “Enhancing Gateways in 2001,” “Parks in 2002,” and “Celebrations in 2004.”

In 2003 they will focus on “Legacies,” which are projects to restore and/or preserve any historic building, site, house, etc., that is important to the historic fabric of the community.

Contact the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, Office of Community Development for more information.
http://www.odoc.state.ok.us/index.html

New & Renewed Memberships

$15 Senior/Student
Robert Bell, Norman
Roy V. Bynum, Jr., Indianola
Harvey Crabtree, Nash
Mrs. Jack Gibson, OKC
Keith & Karen Hunter, Ponca City
Carol King, Waynoka
Neil McElhenny Jr., Purcell
Don Odem, Guthrie
Sandra Waits, Bartlesville

$25 Individual/Family
Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN
Sallie Mae Andrews, Grapevine, TX
Barbara Babcock, OKC
David Battles, Tulsa
Karen Bode Baxter, St. Louis, MO
Sheryl Bolenaugh, Nash
Bill Bryans, Stillwater
Bret & Michelle Carter, Ponca City
Betty Crow, Altus
LeRoy Fischer, Stillwater
Ron Frantz, OKC
Phil & Frances Macy, Edmond
Jane Holcombe, OKC
Randy Marks, OKC
Caroline Patton, Stillwater
Robert Rorschach, Tulsa
Tony & Clarissa Sharp, OKC
Floyd Sharrock, Bristow
Sabra Tate, McAlester
Kay Wade, Guthrie

$50 Organization
Armdale Main Street Authority, Armdale
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New Nashville Preservation Assoc., Nash
Richard Ryerson, Alva
Georgia L. Snook, Tulsa
Tulsa Historical Society, Tulsa

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Marlyn Branch, Guthrie
First Bank & Trust Company, Clinton
William Hanks, Tulsa

$1,000 Heritage Club
Bill Gumerson, OKC

$2,000 Heritage Club
MidFirst Bank of Oklahoma
Nominations deadline Dec. 3

The State Historical Preservation Office is now accepting nominations for its 2002 awards program. The nomination packet is available from the SHPO at (405) 521-6249 or e-mail Susan Estes with your request at sestes@ok-history.mus.ok.us. The deadline for nominations is 5:00 pm on Monday, December 3. 
The awards include the Shirks Memorial Award for Historic Preservation that recognizes historic preservation efforts which have had statewide impact. Individuals, organizations, or government entities are eligible candidates.

Additionally, the State Historic Preservation Officer's Citation of Merit is awarded to individuals, organizations, and government entities in recognition of contributions to Oklahoma's statewide preservation effort. There is no limit on the number of citations we can present, and we hope you will help us identify the many preservationists across the state who are making a difference.

Notification of our review will be given in February 2002. The Shirks Award and the Citation of Merit will be presented at the statewide preservation conference banquet in Durant on May 17, 2002.

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Fall workshop series offered

The SHPO will present its fall workshop series December 5-7 in the third floor classroom, Wiley Post Historical Building, 2100 N. Lincoln, Oklahoma City. Topics will include the Certified Local Governments program, the federal tax incentives program, Section 106 review, and the National Register of Historic Places.

For a detailed schedule of the workshops see the calendar of events in this issue of Preservation Oklahoma News.

All workshops are offered at no charge on a first-come basis. Please register by 5 pm, Friday, Nov. 30 by calling Susan Estes at (405) 521-6249 or e-mailing her at sestes@ok-history.mus.ok.us

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Eight grant winners announced

The SHPO is pleased to announce the award of eight grants under its Predevelopment Project Assistance Program.

These grants, awarded on a matching basis to nonprofit organizations and government entities, will aid in the development of construction drawings and specifications, engineering studies, historic structures reports, and other planning activities for properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The funding is from the SHPO's share of the FY 2001 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), the federal assistance provided annually to the SHPO from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

Grant recipients will retain professionally qualified consultants to carry out the various planning activities to ensure that planned rehabilitation/restoration work meets the Secretary of the Interior's Preservation Treatment Standards. The recipients include:

- The Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma for preparation of design and construction documents for rehabilitation of the Saline District Courthouse (Rose vic., Delaware County), a property listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
- The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma for preparation of design and construction documents for re-roofing Pushmataha Hall, a highly significant contributing resource at Wheelock Academy (Millerton vic., McCurtain County), a National Historic Landmark.
- Ellis County for preparation of design and construction documents for various exterior rehabilitation work and certain interior work for the Ellis County Courthouse (Arnett, Ellis County), a property listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

These awards also recognize the contributions of the City of Guthrie for preparation of design and construction documents for rehabilitation of the Moss Building, a contributing property within the Oklahoma Historic District (Guthrie, Logan County), a property listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

- The Lincoln County Historical Society for preparation of design and construction documents for rehabilitation of the sandstone facade of the Moss Building (The Museum of Pioneer History) at Chandler, Lincoln County, a property listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
- The Philbrook Museum of Art for preparation of design and construction documents for structural stabilization and rehabilitation of the exterior envelope of the Philbrook Museum of Art Center at Tulsa, Tulsa County, a property listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
- The Territorial Jail Preservation Society for preparation of a historic structures report for the Territorial Jail, a contributing resource within the Guthrie Historic District (Guthrie, Logan County), a property listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
2002 Oklahoma’s Most Endangered Historic Properties List

Nomination Form

Deadline is November 12, 2001
Only complete nominations will be considered.

In 1993, Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., launched a campaign to raise public awareness of the plight of threatened historic resources by publicizing an annual list of representative properties and working with groups trying to save them from destruction. A joint project with the Oklahoma Historical Society’s State Historic Preservation Office, Oklahoma’s Most Endangered Historic Properties has been successful at focusing public attention, helping the advocates for selected properties, and, in some cases, stopping complete destruction of the resource.

The response from Oklahoma’s historic preservation community and the statewide media has consistently been positive and encouraging.

We are eager to compile our 2002 Most Endangered List and would like, once again, to solicit your help in identifying good candidates to help represent the broad range of threatened significant resources we have in Oklahoma.

Please return this completed nomination form by November 12. If you have any questions please contact Trent Margriff at (405) 232-5747 or e-mail: info@preservationoklahoma.org. The selection committee will meet in November and the new list will be announced on January 21, 2002, at an “unveiling” ceremony in Ardmore, OK. Please promptly return this form and thank you for your participation.

Your Name

Your Mailing Address

Your Phone #, E-Mail or Local Preservation Group

Name of Endangered Property, National Register Status

Name of Current Property Owner

Contact Info on Current Property Owner

Nature of Threat to Property, Current Condition

Location (Address/City/County) and Brief Description of Property and Historic Importance:

Current Use of Site; Is There Existing Zoning or Proactive Regulations?

AT LEAST TWO COLOR PHOTOS OF CURRENT CONDITION OF PROPERTY REQUIRED.
HISTORIC PHOTOS, INTERIOR PHOTOGRAPHS AND SLIDES ALSO APPRECIATED.
These photographs and slides will be returned after a year’s use or sooner if requested.

Please return this completed nomination form to:
PRESERVATION OKLAHOMA, INC.
120 N. Robinson, Suite 1408 • Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Oklahoma’s Most Endangered Historic Properties List is a joint project of Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., and the State Historic Preservation Office. Membership with Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., is not required.
The immediate fate of the “golden dome” will now be decided at the next Urban Design meeting on October 17, 2001.

In response to the organized efforts of “Citizens for the Golden Dome,” BankOne now has placed the property for sale at an asking price of $1.2 million. Originally built for Citizens State Bank in 1958, the dome is an early example of a patented design of Buckminster Fuller.

BankOne can advance the preservation of this landmark and recognized architectural structure by placing a restrictive covenant on the deed, apply for zoning as a landmark, and begin the process for National Register listing. Until this occurs, Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., will continue to take checks to support preservation efforts of the “Citizens for the Golden Dome.”

Go to www.savethedome.net to get involved and learn more!