RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10-05C

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FORWARD 45 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Southwest Oklahoma Regional Transportation Planning Organization (SORTPO) is designated pursuant to Title 23 U.S.C. § 135(m) by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, with the South Western Oklahoma Development Authority (SWODA) serving as fiscal agent, and the SORTPO Transportation Policy Board serving as the forum for cooperative regional transportation decision-making; and

WHEREAS, SORTPO has developed and adopted the Forward 45 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), with a planning horizon through the year 2045, through a continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Forward 45 RTP was prepared in coordination with local governments, tribal nations, partner agencies, stakeholders, and the public, including an advertised 30-day public review and comment period in accordance with the adopted Public Participation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Forward 45 RTP establishes regional transportation goals, policies, and priorities to improve safety, mobility, accessibility, economic vitality, and quality of life across the SORTPO region; and

WHEREAS, the Forward 45 RTP includes a Safe System framework, as documented in the RTP Safety Chapter, which recognizes that traffic deaths and serious injuries are preventable and emphasizes shared responsibility across roadway design, vehicle speeds, vehicles, road users, and post-crash care, consistent with federal safety policy; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of CUSTER COUNTY recognizes the value of coordinated regional transportation planning and desires to support the goals and priorities established in the Forward 45 RTP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The governing body of CUSTER COUNTY hereby adopts the Forward 45 Regional Transportation Plan as a guiding long-range transportation planning document for the community/county and acknowledges its role within the Southwest Oklahoma regional transportation planning process.
2. The Safe System framework contained in the Forward 45 RTP Safety Chapter is affirmed as a guiding approach for local and regional transportation safety planning and project development.
3. Local officials and staff are encouraged to coordinate with SORTPO/SWODA in implementing applicable Forward 45 goals, strategies, data initiatives, and transportation planning activities.
4. Adoption of Forward 45 does not obligate the local government to fund or construct any specific project identified in the plan and does not supersede the authority of the local governing body over local priorities, budgets, or project approvals.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the governing body of CUSTER COUNTY on this 05 day of October, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CUSTER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

Bruce Walker, Chairman

ATTEST:

Melissa Graham, County Clerk

Wade Anders, Member

(SEAL)

Lyle K. Miller, Member