

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE ODOT BUILDING COMMISSION MEETING ROOM**  
**OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Monday the 11th day of July, 2016, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., the Transportation Commission met in the Commission Meeting Room of the ODOT Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

NOTICE of the schedule of regular meetings of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for the calendar year 2016 having been given in writing to the Oklahoma Secretary of State, and public notice and agenda having been posted in a prominent public view at or before 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 6, 2016, prior to the meeting, on the Atrium Informational Monitor in the ODOT building, and on the glass doors on the north side of the ODOT Building in accordance with Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S. Section 311.

**ITEMS PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. David Burrage called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>Present:</b>	John Fidler	Member
	David Burrage	Chairman
	Dan Overland	Member
	Greg Love	Member
	Bobby Alexander	Member
	Brad Burgess	Vice-Chairman
	Pete Regan	Member
<b>Absent:</b>	Todd Huckabay	
<b>Presiding:</b>	David Burrage	

The following items were presented and approved as written at the Special Transportation Commission meeting of July 11, 2016. For those items amended, deferred, or rejected, those notations were also made. Action taken by the Commission is noted here on these sheets.

Commissioner Burrage recognized Special Guests, Carl Gibson, Member of the OTA Board of Directors and former Secretary of Transportation, Neal McCaleb. He also recognized Tim Gatz, who is the new Executive Director of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Commissioner Burrage recognized Director, Mike Patterson for his announcements.

Director Patterson recognized Special Guest, Tim Gatz, Director of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority. Tim left us a month ago, and I would like to announce our new Deputy Director, Russell Hulin. Russell has served as our Director of Finance and Administration for the last 3 years; and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience, having been the Deputy Director of the Tax Commission before we were able to get him to join the transportation rank. He asked Russell to come say a few words.

Mr. Hulin said that it is an honor and privilege to work for an agency that has such a positive impact on Oklahoma. Our dedicated men and women of the Department, they accomplish so much for the State, and it's just an honor to be a part of that. I have so much respect for those working in the field and for our Field Division Engineers; they have challenges every day, and they meet those challenges very well. Our Central Office supports the agency in a great way as well. You know, it's also great to work with a group of professionals on the Senior Staff and the Director, who truly have a genuine concern for all ODOTers, and it's inspiring, and it's one that I look forward to, in this new role, helping support the agency the best I can. I want to thank the Director for this opportunity, and I look forward to it.

Director Patterson said that Dawn Sullivan also had an announcement.

Ms. Sullivan said she was very pleased to announce that Mr. Ken Phillips was recently named the Division Manager for the Facilities Management Division. That's the Division that oversees design construction of the new field construction offices, maintenance facilities, ports-of-entry, and weigh stations. Ken joined ODOT in 1996 as a Senior Drafting Tech with Roadway Design before becoming the Design Supervisor for the OSU Design Team for more than 12 years. He then served as a Transportation Manager, developing and overseeing the Engineering Development Branch and Roadway Design before being named to his current position. He and his wife Stacy live in Edmond and have four children.

#### **ITEM PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION**

##### **88. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of June 6, 2016**

ACTION: Overland moved and Fidler seconded that the Minutes be approved as presented.  
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:  
AYES: Fidler, Overland, Love, Burrage, Alexander and Burgess  
NAYES: None  
ABSTAIN: Regan  
ABSENT: Huckabay

#### **CONSENT DOCKET PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**

##### **89. Programming of Federal Railroad Crossing Safety Funds—Section 130 Title 23 Funds – Mr. Moody**

- a) Sequoyah County – District I – a signal project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms in Sallisaw, with the Kansas City Southern Railroad - \$261,000
- b) LeFlore County - District II - a signal/surface project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms and the extension of the existing crossing surface an additional 8' to facilitate the installation of a sidewalk north of the roadway at Dewey Street in Poteau, with the Kansas City Southern Railroad - \$313,000
- c) Garfield County - District IV - a signal/surface project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms, a 32' concrete crossing surface and some roadway resurfacing at N2890 near North Enid, with the Union Pacific Railroad - \$331,302
- d) Garfield County - District IV - a signal project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms at Phillips Street in North Enid, with the Union Pacific Railroad - \$250,347
- e) Garfield County – District IV – a signal project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms at Euclid Street in Waukomis, with the Union Pacific Railroad - \$238,711

- f) Garfield County – District IV – a signal/surface project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms and a 32' concrete crossing surface at E0740 near Dover, with the Union Pacific Railroad - \$354,179
- g) Tillman County – District V – a signal/surface project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms and two 36' concrete crossing surfaces at SH-5 in Frederick, with the Grainbelt Corporation Railroad - \$304,607
- h) Kiowa County – District V – a signal project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms at SH-9 in Hobart, with the Grainbelt Corporation Railroad - \$215,358
- i) Washita County – District V – a signal/surface project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms and two 64' concrete crossing surfaces at SH-152 in Frederick, with the Grainbelt Corporation Railroad - \$343,243
- j) Alfalfa County – District VI – a signal/surface project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms and a 32' concrete crossing surface at McWillie Road in McWillie, with the Burlington Northern Santa-Fe Railroad - \$596,634
- k) Grady County – District VII – a signal/surface project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms and a 32' concrete crossing surface and some roadway resurfacing at E1280 near Pocasset, with the Union Pacific Railroad - \$363,221

**90. Traffic Control Improvement Projects – Mr. Smart**

- a) Muskogee and Sequoyah Counties - District I – installation of pavement markings at various locations
- b) Atoka, Bryan, LeFlore and McCurtain Counties - District II – installation of pavement markings at various locations
- c) Cleveland and McClain Counties – District III – installation of pavement markings at various locations
- d) Tulsa and Rogers Counties – District VIII – installation of pavement markings at various locations
- e) Tulsa and Rogers Counties – District VIII – installation of pavement markings at various locations

**91. Land Sales – Mr. Johnson**

- a) Kingfisher County – District IV – Sale of Access Rights – approximately 0.25 miles South of Starlite Dr. on the West side of US-81 in Kingfisher - \$3,575.00
- b) Kingfisher County – District IV – Sale of Access Rights - approximately 0.25 miles South of Starlite Dr. on the West side of US-81 in Kingfisher - \$3,575.00
- c) Kingfisher County – District IV – Sale of Access Rights – approximately 0.25 miles South of Will Rogers Drive on the West side of US-81 in Kingfisher – \$7,150.00
- d) Jackson County – District V – Land Sale – Northeast Corner of N. 2020 Rd. and US-62 (Maintenance Yard) - \$67,600.00
- e) Wagoner County – District VIII – Land Sale – Southeast Corner of N. 193<sup>rd</sup> Street and I-44 in Catoosa - \$47,250.00

**92. New Memorial Bridge and Highway Designations – Ms. Smith**

ACTION: Alexander moved and Regan seconded that the Consent Docket be approved as presented.  
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:  
AYES: Fidler, Overland, Love, Burrage, Alexander, Burgess and Regan  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Huckabay

**END OF CONSENT DOCKET**

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**ITEMS PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING – Mr. Tegeler**

**93. Programming Items**

- a) Muskogee County – District I – repair vehicle impact damage to County Road over US-69 located 5.3 miles north of the McIntosh County Line - \$130,000 – Party responsible for damage is known
- b) Creek County – District VIII – repair fire damage to I-44 Bridge over SH-66 located 0.1 miles east Turner Turnpike Gate - \$40,000 – Party responsible for damage is known

ACTION: Overland moved and Regan seconded that the Items be approved as presented.  
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:  
AYES: Fidler, Overland, Love, Burrage, Alexander, Burgess and Regan  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Huckabay

**94. Engineering Contracts**

- a) Statewide – All Districts - to provide On-Demand Airborne LiDAR Mapping

EC-1764A	Bearing Tree Land Survey
EC-1764B	Quantum Spatial, Inc.

The aggregate total not to exceed amount for these contracts is \$1,000,000.00

- b) Statewide – All Districts - to provide On-Demand Environmental Studies

EC-1766A	Able Consulting
EC-1766B	CC Environmental
EC-1766C	CEC Corporation
EC-1766D	C.H. Guernsey & Company
EC-1766E	CP&Y, Inc.
EC-1766F	Cox McLain Environmental Consulting
EC-1766G	Garver, LLC

The aggregate total not to exceed amount for these contracts is \$2,100,000.00

- c) Statewide – All Districts - to provide On-Demand Shop Drawing Review

EC-1767A	AIA Engineers, Ltd.
EC-1767B	MKEC Engineering, Inc.

The aggregate total not to exceed amount for these contracts is \$500,000.00

ACTION: Love moved and Alexander seconded that the Items be approved as presented.  
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:  
AYES: Fidler, Overland, Love, Burrage, Alexander, Burgess and Regan  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Huckabay

**95. Engineering Contract Supplements**

**a) Statewide – All Districts – to provide Project Reconnaissance Data Collection**

EC – 1547A	Supplement 1	Able Consulting
EC – 1547B	Supplement 1	CEC Corporation
EC – 1547C	Supplement 1	CP&Y, Inc.
EC – 1547D	Supplement 2	Garver, LLC
EC – 1547E	Supplement 2	Guy Engineering Services
EC – 1547F	Supplement 1	H.W. Lochner
EC – 1547G	Supplement 2	Professional Engineering Consultants
EC – 1547H	Supplement 1	White Hawk Engineering

The total aggregate increase for these supplemental contracts is \$2,000,000.00

**b) Oklahoma County – District IV – to perform additional engineering services to develop final construction plans for I-235 (Broadway Extension) in Oklahoma City from south of 36<sup>th</sup> Street to north of 63<sup>rd</sup> Street**

EC – 651	Supplement 10	Benham Design, LLC	\$2,411,900.00
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**c) Dewey County – District V - to perform additional engineering to develop final construction plans for US-270/SH-3 beginning 5.7 miles SE of US-60 extending 8 miles and US-270/SH-3 intersection modification**

EC – 1332A	Supplement 3	Dewberry Engineers, Inc.	\$482,690.00
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**d) Tillman County – District V - to perform additional engineering to develop final construction plans for SH-5 Bridge and Approaches over the North Fork of the Red River and Overflows located at the Jackson County Line and 0.3 mile east**

EC–1583F	Supplement 2	Smith Roberts Baldischwiler, LLC	\$98,750.00
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**e) Alfalfa County – District VI - to perform additional engineering to develop final construction plans for SH-38 over Salt Fork Arkansas River, 9.8 miles north of US-64 Jct.**

EC – 1394C	Supplement 5	CP&Y, Inc.	\$60,541.00
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ACTION: Fidler moved and Regan seconded that the Items be approved as presented.  
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:  
AYES: Fidler, Overland, Love, Burrage, Alexander, Burgess and Regan  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Huckabay

**ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE PROGRAMS DIVISION MANAGER – Mr. Adkins**

**96. Lettings**

- a) Final September, 2016
- b) Tentative October 2016
- c) Tentative November, 2016

ACTION: Overland moved and Alexander seconded that the Items be approved as presented.  
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:  
AYES: Fidler, Overland, Love, Burrage, Alexander, Burgess and Regan  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Huckabay

**ITEMS PRESENTED BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS – Mr. Raymond**

**97. Change Orders with Cumulative Total of \$50,000.00 or Less – Information Only**

- a) Beckham County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-205D(037)RB / 30032(04), \$1,785.92
- b) Beckham County - I-40 - SBR-205N(048)SB / 30396(04), \$20,805.10 Underrun
- c) Bryan County - US-69 - SBR-207N(046)SB / SSR-207N(050)(049)SR / 31975(04), \$0.00
- d) Carter County - US-177 - HSIP-210N(029)TR / 31422(04), \$6,552.50
- e) Cherokee County - SH-82 - STPY-111C(093) / 23139(04)#2, \$2,310.00
- f) Cherokee County - SH-82 - STPY-111C(093) / 23139(04)#3, \$4.76 Underrun
- g) Cherokee County - SH-10 - SBR-211C(011)SB / 29787(04), \$331.80
- h) Coal County - US-75 - STP-215B(015)SS / 27998(04), \$25,120.00
- i) Comanche County - US-277 - STPY-116C(117)SS / 21717(04), \$4,145.05
- j) Comanche County - US-62 - SSP-216B(029)SS / 28834(04), \$1,426.00
- k) Cotton County - US-277 - SSR-217C(027)SR / 30543(04), \$7,598.35
- l) Craig County - US-59 - STPY-118B(067)SS / 23126(04), \$1,415.92
- m) Craig County - SH-66 - SSR-218C(045)SR / 31349(04), \$34,800.88
- n) Custer County - SH-44 - SBR-220C(027)SB / 29276(04), \$2,151.90
- o) Garfield County - Co. Rd. - STP-124C(145)CI / 28429(04), \$434.89
- p) Garvin County - SH-76 - ACSTP-125B(137)SS / 23264(04)#2, \$18,788.50
- q) Garvin County - SH-76 - ACSTP-125B(137)SS / 23264(04)#3, \$5,880.00
- r) Garvin County - Co. Rd. - SBR-225N(046)SB / 29607(04), \$13,600.00
- s) Grady County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-126C(131)RB / 24945(04), \$13,045.11
- t) Grady County - Co. Rd. - STP-126D(197)CI / 28345(04), \$2,377.91
- u) Grady County - US-62 - HSIPG-226F(013)TR / 30852(04), \$10,179.48
- v) Greer County - SH-6 - ACSTP-128B(008)SS / 15023(07), \$9,419.91
- w) Haskell County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-131C(086)RB / 24966(04), \$41,897.27
- x) Mayes County - SH-82 - STPY-149C(082)SS / 21911(04), \$1,636.29 Underrun
- y) Mayes County - Co. Rd. - STP-249C(023)CI / 29346(04), \$20,531.70
- z) Mayes County - US-69 - NHPP-249N(021)3P / 30531(04), \$14,279.71
- aa) Mayes County - US-69 - SBR-249N(022)SB / 30589(04), \$12,320.00
- bb) McIntosh County - US-69B - SSR-246C(015)SR / 30414(04), \$88,813.98 Underrun
- cc) McIntosh County - US-69 - HSIPG-246N(011)TR / 30787(04), \$5,405.36
- dd) Oklahoma County - SH-74 - STPY-055C(861)SS / 14964(04), \$28,689.34
- ee) Oklahoma County - I-35 - HSIPG-3500(013)IT / 21034(05), \$134,532.51 Underrun
- ff) Oklahoma County - I-40 - SSP-4000(016)SS / 26422(09), \$19,167.50
- gg) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - STPG-155C(873)AG / 28545(04), \$21,199.00 Underrun
- hh) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - STPG-255B(086)AG / 29296(04), \$7,958.29
- ii) Oklahoma County - I-40 - SSP-255N(373)SS / SBR-255N(362)SB / SBR- 209N(037)SB / 29494(04), \$2,975.00 Underrun

- jj) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - HSIPG-255N(139) / 29858(04), \$46,569.75
- kk) Ottawa County - Co. Rd. - STP-258D(017)CI / 29417(04), \$2,244.00
- ll) Payne County - Ct. St. - STP-260B(019)MS / 31415(04), \$28,399.20
- mm) Pittsburg County - US-69 - STP-261F(039)3B / 31667(04), \$11,933.85
- nn) Pontotoc County - SH-19 - STPY-262B(016)RW / 21841(10), \$7,400.00
- oo) Pottawatomie County - SH-102 - SSP-163C(190)SS / 23287(04), \$13,358.00
- pp) Pushmataha County - SH-3 - SSP-264C(005)SS / 29245(04), \$25,000.00
- qq) Seminole County - SH-99A - SSP-267C(050)SS / 28926(04), \$2,115.60
- rr) Stephens County - US-81 - NHPP-269N(020)SS / 20316(23)#1, \$4,538.67
- ss) Stephens County - US-81 - NHPP-269N(020)SS / 20316(23)#2, \$11,048.53
- tt) Stephens County - US-81 - SSP-269N(020)SS / 31035(04), \$2,145.00
- uu) Tulsa County - I-44 - HSIPG-272C(122)IT / 23170(07), \$32,923.92 Underrun
- vv) Tulsa County - I-44 - SSP-4400(011)SS / 28875(04), \$0.00
- ww) Wagoner County - Co. Rd. - STP-273D(016)CI / 29393(04), \$447.71 Underrun

**98. Change Orders with Cumulative Total Greater than \$50,000.00**

- a) Canadian County - I-40 - IMY-0040-4(436) / IMY-0040-4(435)138 / SBR-109N(182)SB / 24424(07), \$7,588.40
- b) Cherokee County - SH-82 - STPY-111C(093) / 23139(04), \$247,514.28
- c) Cleveland County - I-35 - IM-NHIY-0035-2(289)109 / 09031(08), \$21,293.39
- d) Coal County - US-75 - NHPP-215N(014)SS / 20317(04), \$86,292.45
- e) Craig County - SH-66 - SSR-218C(045)SR / 31349(04), \$41,040.51
- f) Custer County - I-40 - NHPPI-0040-3(072)SS / 24427(05), \$137,280.00
- g) Garvin County - I-35 - SBR-125N(200)SB / 28183(04), \$5,524.72
- h) Hughes County - US-75 - STP-232B(037)(038)(039)3P / 30552(04)#2, \$25,146.25
- i) Hughes County - US-75 - STP-232B(037)(038)(039)3P / 30552(04)#3, \$64,587.19
- j) Johnston County - SH-22 - SSP-235F(019)SS / 23285(06), \$76,245.24
- k) Kiowa County - US-183 - SBR-238N(029)SB / 29277(04), \$219,237.49
- l) Lincoln County - US-177 - STPY-141B(166)SS / 24180(04), \$19,029.14
- m) Mayes County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-149D(128)RB / 25638(04), \$2,114.91
- n) McCurtain County - US-70 - NHPPY-245N(018) / 17427(04), \$405,934.80
- o) McCurtain County - Co. Rd. - STP-245C(029)CI / 28625(04), \$63,878.45
- p) Nowata County - US-60 - NHPPY-253N(013)(012)3P / 29099(04), \$20,917.61
- q) Oklahoma County - SH-74 - STPY-055C(861)SS / 14964(04), \$15,690.93
- r) Oklahoma County - I-40 - OKCY-XTWN(047)SS / 17428(59)#9, \$7,328.32
- s) Oklahoma County - I-40 - OKCY-XTWN(047)SS / 17428(59)#10, \$57,150.05
- t) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - OKC-XTWN(006)(048)SS / 17428(60), \$92,781.76
- u) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - STP-155C(661)AG / 25653(04), \$80,856.28
- v) Oklahoma County - I-40 - SSP-4000(016)SS / 26422(09), \$633,880.90
- w) Oklahoma County - I-235 - SSP-255N(246)SS / 30422(04), \$66,395.42
- x) Oklahoma County - I-40 - HSIPIG-255N(269)TR / STPY-255N(321)DC / 30828(04), \$35,885.38
- y) Okmulgee County - US-75 - NHPP-256N(024)SS / 21740(04)#1, \$73,440.00
- z) Okmulgee County - US-75 - NHPP-256N(024)SS / 21740(04)#2, \$23,436.65
- aa) Osage County - US-60 - NHPPY-257N(020)SS / 24287(04), \$244,000.00
- bb) Ottawa County - SH-125 - SSP-158C(128)SS / 24276(04), \$96,080.00
- cc) Ottawa County - Co. Rd. - STP-158C(147)CI / 25092(04)#3, \$143,382.15
- dd) Ottawa County - Co. Rd. - STP-158C(147)CI / 25092(04)#4, \$0.00
- ee) Pawnee County - SH-18 - STPY-159B(036) / 20895(04), \$41,730.26
- ff) Payne County - Ct. St. - STP-260B(019)MS / 31415(04)#3, \$14,678.45
- gg) Payne County - Ct. St. - STP-260B(019)MS / 31415(04)#4, \$21,710.70
- hh) Pottawatomie County - SH-102 - STP-163C(165)SS / 21788(04), \$137,295.46 Underrun
- ii) Rogers County - I-44 - IMY-0044-2(437) / 21898(04)#11, \$18,676.00
- jj) Rogers County - I-44 - IMY-0044-2(437) / 21898(04)#13, \$2,453.15 Underrun

- kk)** Rogers County - SH-66 - STPY-166C(260) / 27091(04), \$18,267.91
- ll)** Rogers County - SH-266 - SBR-266N(025)(026)(027)SB / 29772(04), \$6,786.56
- mm)** Stephens County - US-81 - NHPP-269N(020)SS / 20316(23), \$104,972.66
- nn)** Tulsa County - Ct. St. - STP-172A(462)IG / 26599(04), \$52,358.67
- oo)** Tulsa County - I-244 - NHPPIY-244-2(505) / 26604(08), \$312,454.48
- pp)** Tulsa County - I-44 - SSP-4400(002)SS / SSP-272N(106)(107)(108)SS / 30914(04), \$2,214,640.08

ACTION: Alexander moved and Love seconded that the Items be approved as presented.  
 MOTION: Carried by the following vote:  
 AYES: Fidler, Overland, Love, Burrage, Alexander, Burgess and Regan  
 NAYES: None  
 ABSENT: Huckabay

**ITEM PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF THE DIRECTOR’S OFFICE – Mr. Surrett**

**99. Addition to the Industrial Access Road Program**

**Commission District IV - Garfield County**

The City of Enid is requesting approval for an industrial access road for Transportation Partners and Logistics (TP&L). TP&L is investing more than \$6,000,000 to build its facility and is creating 20 new full time jobs.

The proposed project begins at US-412 on North 66<sup>th</sup> Street and extends north approximately 1.00 miles to the railroad tracks. The City of Enid will be responsible for the initiation, construction and completion of all work associated with the project. The estimated cost of the entire project is \$2,500,000. The Department's participation shall not exceed **\$1,190,000**.

ACTION: Overland moved and Fidler seconded that the Item be approved as presented.  
 MOTION: Carried by the following vote:  
 AYES: Fidler, Overland, Love, Burrage, Alexander, Burgess and Regan  
 NAYES: None  
 ABSENT: Huckabay

**ITEM PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE ENGINEER – Mr. Delce**

**100. Awards**

June 16, 2016 – Regular Letting

ACTION: Fidler moved and Regan seconded that the Item be approved as presented.  
 MOTION: Carried by the following vote:  
 AYES: Fidler, Overland, Love, Burrage, Alexander, Burgess and Regan  
 NAYES: None  
 ABSENT: Huckabay

**ITEM PRESENTED BY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER – Mr. Hulin**

**101. Agreement with the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority**

During the 2016 Legislative Session, HB 3231 was passed and signed by the Governor. This legislation, which created Title 73 section 342 of the statutes, provides additional authorization to the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority (OCIA) to issue bonds on behalf of the Department.

The new authorization provides for \$200 million of bonds to be issued. This transaction is scheduled to be completed by February 15, 2017. The Department requests and recommends the Transportation Commission authorize the Director to execute the necessary agreements with the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority for payment of the debt service related to the bond issue.

ACTION: Love moved and Alexander seconded that the Item be approved as presented.

MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Fidler, Overland, Love, Burrage, Alexander, Burgess and Regan

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Huckabay

**ITEM PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR – Mr. Patterson**

**102. Director's Report**

Director Patterson thanked the Commissioners for approving Item 101, which gets us to the next step as we begin the process of issuing bonds to the Capitol Improvement Authority. Our hope is that we're able to get those bonds issued before the holiday season this year, beginning with Thanksgiving. It's very important that we get these bonds sold as quickly as possible for a couple of reasons; first, we need to go ahead and begin drawing down on some costs that we've already incurred with projects that are currently under construction. But secondly, the market is in an excellent position for us to sell bonds; and so we need to take advantage of the low interest rate environment so that we can save the State money.

I also really appreciate your approval of the Industrial Access Project for Enid. Sitting over here to my left, about the fourth row, is Brent Kisling from the Enid Regional Development Alliance. Brent hosted me up to the facility about three weeks ago. It's a great development up there. It's a transload system, a location where things will be coming in and out on rail, and in and out with trucks. This will help the development of the access to the highway US-412. They've already made significant improvements with a rail spur so they can bring in large unit trains. They were bringing in all types of commodities to transload to trucking and make it an opportunity to get products to market quicker than what we have today. So thank you for that, I know it was a large number, but it was very much needed for the state.

The last thing I want to highlight and really express our pride and our gratitude for the \$62 Million FAST Lane Federal Grant award that we received last week. This grant will help fund a \$120 Million project to upgrade four miles of US-69/75 to a controlled-access highway between Calera and Durant in Bryan County. We have a lot of safety issues on that stretch of highway today, when you're in Texas, you're coming off of a four lane divided facility. You get to Oklahoma, and it's a four lane facility not divided, you get to Calera and you start with stop lights. This corridor currently has interstate-like traffic traveling on a highway with several at-grade intersections and traffic signals, which causes significant congestion and safety concerns.

We have significant development going on in southern Oklahoma, specifically around Durant. We have industry moving into that area, so it was just going to exacerbate the problem. So we had to come up with a solution, and this was one of the locations that I mentioned before that we identified for a FAST Lane Grant, the others being in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Out of the 212 applications

nationwide, we were one of 18, the third largest grant given by the USDOT. So as we work through this process, we're going to have to adjust some projects in Division 2 to fit this one in, because we have to spend the money within a defined period of time. So as we go through our eight year plan, we'll be adjusting projects in that part of the state to get it fit in so that we can get it completed. It's much needed and becoming even more so every day. I would be remiss if I didn't offer congratulations and my appreciation to our Captain on this effort, Linda Koenig, who is our Grant Writer. She takes us through all of our grants; we've been successful with Tiger Grants in the past. This is obviously our first time with the FAST Lane Grant and Linda took us through that process. She knew exactly what she's doing, worked with Anthony and his staff down in Division 2, and got the rest of us lined up. We did exactly what she told us to do, and we got it done, so special gratitude to Linda for her efforts.

Commissioner Burrage gave his congratulations on the grant, and said that competing against other projects all across the country, it really says something that you got the third largest award, or any award at all.

Director Patterson said that is true. We did have a lot of support; the Choctaw Nation Chief Batton had a conversation with Secretary Foxx, and explained the need for this project, Chairman Inhofe, lent his support to the project, as well as Congressman Mark Wayne Mullin. So without all of that support and all of the support of the Department of Transportation we wouldn't be getting this done.

Commission Burrage said it was important to note that, when the staff was doing the conceptual designs for this project they come up with a plan to not totally disrupt the communities which is awesome.

Director Patterson agree and said to be able to fit this facility in pretty much the existing right-of-way so as not to disturb anything, is amazing.

Commission Burgess asked the Director to give them an idea of what kind of timetable we're looking at in terms of actually bringing these bonds to market.

Director Patterson said I'm trying to think of the exact date, but it's probably not important. The last week in June, the Capitol Improvement Authority approved our reimbursement resolution; and that is to say that any projects that we've already started, that are in 2016 eight year plan, we can go back and capture those costs and draw those down immediately upon selling the bonds. We want to go to market as quickly as possible, and we'll have to do that before the Thanksgiving break, because you really don't sell anything after Thanksgiving. It's a bad time to be in the market, people are on vacation, holidays, and the like. I would like to see something early October if we can get everything put together, and that would be all the legal forms, and get the underwriting team together. So I'd like to see an early October, but if we have to go late October, I'm okay with that. But again, the sooner the better, so we can begin drawing those proceeds down. Because on December 1st, according to the budget deal, we're going to lose \$200 million on that date. They're going to come over and take \$200 million cash away from us, and we will need as much of that \$200 million in bond proceeds back in our account before that happens. But we will potentially have an issue with cash flow.

Commission Burgess stated, so they're offering some time in, hopefully, early October.

Director Patterson said early October is his goal.

Commissioner Love asked on the project down in Durant that was picked for the Fast Lane Grant, is there a particular kind of project that has to meet the requirements for that particular kind of grant.

Director Patterson answered, yes; it's a competitive grant process for those freight corridors that have either national or regional significance. So it's got to be heavily freight identified, which that project was, along with I-40 in Midwest City and I-44 in Tulsa, west of the Arkansas River. The grant

application that we put in included these 2 projects also. We will resubmit these 2 projects again at the appropriate time, which will be along about next spring.

Commissioner Love asked what type of special interchange is going to be put in place between Durant and Calera. What all is going on with the design?

Director Patterson said it's going to be a grade separated interchange, so that we can get rid of the stop lights and get rid of the conflicts with the grade separation.

Commissioner Burrage said, "What they're doing basically, Commissioner Love is putting in access roads, and taking the stop lights out, and not really disturbing any of the commercial businesses going through there". This is a big accomplishment, and will make the people that want 69/75 fully controlled happier, but not overwhelmed.

Director Patterson said, "That's right".

**Information Only:** No Commission action required.

### **ITEM PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**

#### **103. Adjournment Motion**

ACTION: Overland moved and Burgess seconded that the Meeting be adjourned.  
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:  
AYES: Fidler, Overland, Love, Burrage, Alexander, Burgess and Regan  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Huckabay

**Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.**

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Transportation Commission Meeting of July 11, 2016.

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David Burrage – Chairman

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Brad Burgess – Vice Chairman