

MINUTES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

TO BE HELD IN THE ODOT BUILDING COMMISSION MEETING ROOM OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Wednesday the 4th day of January, 2017, 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 2017 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, December 29, 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 11:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	John Fidler	Member
	David Burrage	Chairman
	Dan Overland	Member
	Greg Love	Member
	Todd Huckabay	Secretary
	Pete Regan	Member
Absent:	Bobby Alexander	
	Brad Burgess	
Presiding:	David Burrage	

The following items were presented and approved as written at the Transportation Commission meeting of January 4, 2017. 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 Director, Mike Patterson for his announcements.

Director Patterson introduced special guest, Senator Stephanie Bice. He then asked her to come up and say a few words.

Senator Bice commented that she wasn't expecting to say anything, but just wanted to come and observe. She stated, "I'm excited that I was given the opportunity to be named the Chair of Appropriations for Transportation in General Government, and although I've only been in the legislature a couple of years, I'm excited for the opportunity to learn exactly how we are funding transportation in Oklahoma". She commented that hopefully we will be able to help you to continue to fund all projects in Oklahoma, including the eight-year plan. So, thank you for having me.

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of December 5, 2016

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

CONSENT DOCKET PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

2. Programming of Federal Railroad Crossing Safety Funds--Section 130 Title 23 Funds – Mr. Moody

- a) Adair County – District I – a signal project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms and a 32’ timber crossing surface at Adair County Road E0754 near Baron, with the Kansas City Southern Railroad - \$487,863.00
- b) Wagoner County - District I - a signal project the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms and a 32’ concrete crossing surface at Wagoner County Road 0790 near Okay, with the Union Pacific Railroad - \$425,786.00
- c) Wagoner County - District I - a signal project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms and a 32’ concrete crossing surface at Wagoner County Road E0790 near Okay, with the Union Pacific Railroad - \$324,661.00
- d) Sequoyah County - District I - a signal project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms at Fargo Street in Muldrow, with the Union Pacific Railroad - \$362,700.00
- e) LeFlore County - District II - a signal project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms and a 32’ timber crossing surface at LeFlore County Road E1425 near Howe, with the Kansas City Southern Railroad- \$448,613.00
- f) Oklahoma County - District IV - a signal project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms at Geronimo Drive in Oklahoma City, with the Union Pacific Railroad - \$260,349.00
- g) Oklahoma County - District IV - a signal project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms at Linn Avenue in Oklahoma City, with the Union Pacific Railroad - \$244,148.00
- h) Oklahoma County - District IV - a signal project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms and a 48’ concrete crossing surface at Douglas Avenue in Oklahoma City, with the Stillwater Central Railroad - \$274,479.00
- i) Grady County - District VII - a signal project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms and a 24’ concrete crossing surface at Grady County Road E1510 near Rush Spring, with the Union Pacific Railroad - \$322,680.00
- j) Stephens County - District VII - a signal project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms at Stephens County Road E1870 near Comanche, with the Union Pacific Railroad - \$265,768.00
- k) Tulsa County – District VIII – a signal project which includes the installation of cantilever-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms and an additional 8’ of concrete crossing surface on each end of the existing crossing surface to facilitate the installation of sidewalks at East 1st Street in Tulsa, with the Union Pacific Railroad - \$410,358.00

3. Land Sale – Mr. Phillips

- a) Pontotoc County - District III - Land Sale - Near the Northeast corner of the intersection of SH-19 and NS 3490 Road, approximately 5.37 miles West of Ada - \$3,333.00
- b) Tulsa County – District VIII – Land Sale – in the Southeast quadrant of the IDL at E. 13th Street and US-64/75 in Tulsa - \$171,000.00

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

***NOTE:** Commissioner Love suggested that Craig Moody or Director Patterson bring Senator Bice up to speed on the rail projects and all that goes with that. Because there's a lot to it and it's a little complicated, and I think it be good for her to understand what we're talking about here, and of everything around the rail as it kind of touches ODOT.*

END OF CONSENT DOCKET

NOTE: Addendum Item No. 12 was presented at this time.

ITEM PRESENTED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION ENGINEER – Mr. Sheffert

12. Amendment to State Fiscal Years 2017- 2021 County Improvements for Roads & Bridges (CIRB) Work Plan

This Amendment is to add in District III - Garvin County Project No. JP 27869(04), a Bridge on County Road NS 3230/Indian Meridian Road over Owl Creek

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

ITEMS PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING – Mr. Tegeler

4. Programming Item

Oklahoma County - District IV - repair vehicle damage to Boulevard Bridge over Penn Avenue located 1.0 mile east May Avenue in Oklahoma City - \$150,000– Party responsible is known

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

5. Engineering Contract

- a) Statewide – All Districts – On-Demand Traffic Engineering Services.

EC-1851A	Lee Engineering
EC-1851B	Traffic Engineering Consultants, Inc.

The aggregate total not to exceed amount for these two contracts is \$600,000.00

- b) Statewide – All Districts – to provide On-Systems Bridge Inspection Services.

EC-1855A	Burgess & Niple, Inc.
EC-1855B	CEC Corporation
EC-1855C	Guy Engineering Services, Inc.
EC-1855D	H.W. Lochner, Inc.
EC-1855E	Walter P. Moore & Associates, Inc.

The aggregate total not to exceed amount for these five contracts is \$1,500,000.00

- c) Statewide – All Districts – to provide On-System Truss and Fracture Critical Bridge Inspection Services.

EC-1857	Burgess & Niple, Inc.
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The total not to exceed amount for this contract is \$2,455,662.00.

- d) Statewide – All Districts – to provide On-Demand Engineering Services for ADA Improvements.

EC-1858A	Atkins North America, Inc.
EC-1858B	Cowan Group Engineering, LLC
EC-1858C	Freese & Nichols, Inc.
EC-1858D	MacArthur Associated Consultants, LLC
EC-1858E	Meshek and Associates, PLC
EC-1858F	The Schemmer Associates, Inc.
EC-1858G	Smith Roberts Baldischwiler, LLC

The aggregate total not to exceed amount for these seven contracts is \$1,750,000.00.

Note: Commissioner Huckabay asked on **Item 5 d)**, what type of ADA Improvements are we making.

Mr. Tegeler said, "Well we have just begun putting projects in the 8 Year Program to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act; projects to do sidewalks and projects that will upgrade the system for the disabled. What we're doing is being able to hire consultants to do the design of those plans. It's an on-demand contract like our other on-demand contracts; so we can choose from that list to help the cities and agencies to design the projects for us.

*Commissioner Burrage commented that the Department is always doing interesting things, such as keeping up with ADA; but **Item 5 g)**, where we are raising those bridges is really interesting. In our subcommittee meeting, we were talking about the injection methods that we are using try to correct some problems. I just applaud you guys for your innovative thinking, from being the first to install the cable barriers, to now jumping on the injection of silicone, or whatever they want to call that project. These are really neat things!*

- e) Coal County – District III – to provide preliminary engineering and prepare construction plans for SH-48 over Elm and Tell Creek, 2.1 miles north of Johnston C/L, SH-48 over Elm and two Unnamed Creeks, 5.82 miles north of Johnston C/L and SH-48 over Unnamed Creek, 11.0 miles north of Johnston C/L.

EC-1823A Cabbiness Engineering, LLC \$979,425.00

- f) Kay County – District IV – to provide preliminary engineering and prepare construction plans for I-35 Bridge and Approaches over US-60.

EC-1839 Benham Design, LLC \$478,600.00

- g) Kay County – District IV – to provide preliminary engineering and prepare construction plans for I-35 bridge raisings at county roads North, Highland, Hartford, Coleman, Chrysler, Ferguson, Adobe, Home and Indian over I-35.

EC-1840 HNTB Corporation \$769,750.00

- h) Harmon County – District V – to provide preliminary engineering and prepare construction plans for SH-30: Replace thirteen (13) wooden roadway size boxes, various locations between US-62 and SH-9.

EC-1845 MKEC Engineering, Inc. \$266,700.00

- i) Tulsa County – District VIII – to provide preliminary engineering and prepare construction plans for US-75 over 81st street northbound and southbound, 7 miles north of Jct. US-75/SH-67.

EC-1847 Benham Design, LLC \$682,100.00

- j) Mayes County – District VIII – to provide preliminary engineering and prepare construction plans for SH-82 FR: Cherokee C/L north approx. 6.5 miles.

EC-1848 Craig and Keithline, Inc. \$780,900.00

ACTION: Overland moved and Love seconded that the Items be approved as presented.

MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Fidler, Overland, Love, Burrage, Huckabay and Regan

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Alexander and Burgess

6. Engineering Contract Supplements

- a) Statewide – All Districts – to provide On-Demand Railroad Studies.

EC-1713 Supplement 1 HDR Engineering, Inc. \$210,000.00

- b) Atoka County – District II – to perform preliminary engineering and to prepare final design plans for EC-1326 – SH-7 from 6.0 miles east of the Johnston C/L, east 5.4 miles and SH-7 from 11.4 miles east of the Johnston County Line, east 4.0 miles.

EC-1326 Supplement 4 BKL, Inc. \$97,219.61

- c) Oklahoma County – District IV – to perform preliminary engineering and to prepare final design plans for I-40: from mile marker 165 to mile marker 167, add lanes & reconstruction of Choctaw Road Interchange.

EC-1316 Supplement 2 EST, Inc. \$655,543.00

- d) Texas County – District VI – to perform preliminary engineering and to prepare final design plans for SH-136 from US-412 south 2.5 miles.

EC-1460 Supplement 4 Poe & Associates, Inc. \$616,000.00

Note: *Mr. Tegeler pointed out on Item 5 d) there is a scrivener's error. We have the wrong firm, it reads, Poe & Associates, it should read, Smith Roberts Baldischwiler. It's correct on the agenda item attachment*

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

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE PROGRAMS DIVISION MANAGER – Mr. Adkins

7. Lettings

- a) Final March 2017 Bid Opening
- b) Tentative April 2107 Bid Opening
- c) Tentative May 2017 Bid Opening

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

ITEMS PRESENTED BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS – Mr. Raymond

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

- a) Alfalfa County - US-64 - STPY-102C(116)SS / 24124(04), \$15,890.74
- b) Beckham County - I-40B - STP-205B(057)SS / 32208(04), \$2,500.00
- c) Carter County - US-177 - HSIP-210N(029)TR / 31422(04), \$1,500.00
- d) Cleveland County - Ct. St. - STP-214B(042)(063)AG / 29293(04), \$31,680.00
- e) Craig County - US-59 - STPY-118B(067)SS / 23126(04), \$22,581.41
- f) Craig County - SH-66 - STPY-118C(093) / 24121(04), \$12,569.50
- g) Creek County - SH-48 - STP-219C(041)3P / 30532(04), \$23,405.45
- h) Garfield County - Co. Rd. - STP-124C(145)CI / 28429(04), \$16,576.02
- i) Garvin County - SH-74 - STP-225C(055)3P / 29819(04), \$1,352.76
- j) Garvin County - Co. Rd. - STP-225C(050)CI / 30298(04), \$13,741.44 Underrun
- k) Greer County - SH-6 - ACSTP-128B(008)SS / 15023(07), \$10,464.72
- l) Kay County - SH-156 - SBR-236N(029)SB / 29492(04), \$5,348.86
- m) Kiowa County - SH-9 - SSP-138B(062)SS / 20806(04), \$29,810.13

- n) Lincoln County - SH-105 - ACSTP-241C(044)SS / 27060(04), \$14,600.00
- o) McCurtain County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-145C(173)RB / 25469(04), \$47,503.75
- p) Nowata County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-253C(031)RB / 27814(04), \$9,030.55
- q) Nowata County - SH-28 - SSR-253C(028)SR / SSR-266C(034)SR / 30514(04), \$42,514.51
- r) Ottawa County - US-69 - BRFY-158B(071) / 21916(04), \$19,675.47
- s) Pawnee County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-259D(027)RB / 29928(04), \$42,157.26
- t) Rogers County - Co. Rd. - STP-266D(040)(039)CI / 27811(04), \$529.80 Underrun
- u) Sequoyah County - I-40 - EMC-4000(045) / 32974(04), \$30,000.00
- v) Stephens County - SH-53 - STP-269C(016)SS / 27045(04)#1, \$4,167.23 Underrun
- w) Stephens County - SH-53 - STP-269C(016)SS / 27045(04)#2, \$948.01
- x) Tulsa County - US-75 - SBR-272N(114)SB / SSP-272N(123)SS / 30592(04), \$40,000.00
- y) Tulsa County - US-75 - STPY-272F(074)3B / 30964(05), \$20,125.72
- z) Wagoner County - Ct. St. - STPY-173C(177)MS / 28905(04)#3, \$9,400.00
- aa) Wagoner County - Ct. St. - STPY-173C(177)MS / 28905(04)#4, \$15,222.66
- bb) Washington County - Ct. St. - STP-174A(072)CR / 26486(04), \$40,114.29
- cc) Woods County - SH-50 - SBR-276C(015)SB / 29463(04), \$540.00
- dd) Woodward County - SH-34 - ACSTP-277B(032)SS / 27924(04), \$840.00

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

- a) Alfalfa County - US-64 - ACSTP-202C(003)SS / 27006(04), \$94,050.00
- b) Beckham County - Ct. St. - STP-105B(084)(178)UR / 21321(04), \$6,268.28
- c) Bryan County - US-69 - SBR-207N(046)SB / SSR-207N(050)(049)SR / 31975(04)#6, \$340,000.00
- d) Bryan County - US-69 - SBR-207N(046)SB / SSR-207N(050)(049)SR / 31975(04)#7, \$98,591.37
- e) Bryan County - SH-22 - E-SAP-207C(068) / 32871(04), \$105,000.00
- f) Choctaw County - US-70 - HSIPG-240N(034)TR / HSIPG-212N(014)TR / 31557(04), \$59,660.00
- g) Cleveland County - US-77 - ACSTP-214C(044)SS / 20997(18), \$277,741.69
- h) Cleveland County - Co. Rd. - STP-155B(655)AG / STP-114B(249)AG / 26803(04), \$40,567.68
- i) Craig County - US-59 - STPY-118B(067)SS / 23126(04), \$93,970.00
- j) Creek County - SH-16 - STPY-119C(119)SS / 21908(04), \$48,468.17
- k) Grant County - SH-132 - STP-127C(177)DC / 27614(04), \$53,773.93
- l) Greer County - SH-6 - ACSTP-128B(008)SS / 15023(07), \$220,930.37
- m) Kay County - I-35 - NHPI-236N(024)SS / 24226(06), \$129,567.29
- n) Kingfisher County - SH-33 - SSP-137B(042)SS / 21855(04), \$2,890.19
- o) Kingfisher County - SH-51 - ACSTP-137C(051)SS / ACSTP-242C(045)SS / 21858(04), \$240,006.00
- p) Love County - I-35 - SAP-243N(009)(008)FM / 25909(26), \$16,938.90
- q) Mayes County - SH-69A - SSP-149C(103)SS / 24235(04), \$46,750.00
- r) McClain County - SH-59 - SSP-244C(025)SS / 29107(04), \$6,485.46
- s) Muskogee County - US-64 - SBR-251N(050)SB / 30583(04), \$105,931.92
- t) Nowata County - US-169 - NHY-030N(011) / 09488(04), \$96,715.64
- u) Oklahoma County - I-235 - SSP-2350(003)SS / 09033(49), \$200,000.00
- v) Oklahoma County - I-40 - OKCY-XTWN(003)TI / 17428(22), \$132,300.00
- w) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - STPG-155C(873)AG / 28545(04), \$73,922.15
- x) Oklahoma County - I-44 - SSP-4400(007)SS / 31623(04), \$209,533.53
- y) Osage County - SH-99 - SSP-157B(110)SS / 24264(04), \$77,024.44
- z) Ottawa County - SH-125 - SSP-158C(128)SS / 24276(04), \$57,520.85
- aa) Ottawa County - Co. Rd. - STP-158C(147)CI / 25092(04), \$24,852.08
- bb) Pawnee County - US-64 - NHPP-259N(015)SS / 30320(04), \$410,160.53

- cc) Payne County - SH-18 - SSP-160B(129)SS / 21867(04), \$61,078.87
- dd) Pottawatomie County - I-40 - STP-263F(029)3B / 31662(04), \$71,070.00
- ee) Tulsa County - I-44 - IMY-0044-2(399)226 / 06374(47), \$49,917.25
- ff) Tulsa County - I-44 - HSIPG-272C(122)IT / 23170(07), \$1,023.15 Underrun
- gg) Tulsa County - US-169 - NHPP-272N(077)SS / 27939(04)#2, \$9,075.00
- hh) Tulsa County - US-169 - NHPP-272N(077)SS / 27939(04)#3, \$475,000.00

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

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR – Mr. Patterson

10. Director's Report

Director Patterson stated that one of the things that I'm most proud of this agency is annually, we go through a lot of fundraising efforts that culminates at Christmas time when we have an opportunity to help our community with collecting toys, Christmas for children, both in the community and from our ODOT family. But also this year, as we have in the past, our fundraising efforts allowed us to feed 16 families that would not have otherwise had a really nice Christmas dinner. I'd like to just call out the Committee Who Cares. Sherry, your able-bodied assistant is a key player with the Committee Who Cares, as are a lot of other people in this Agency. It is truly a Committee Who Cares about, not only ODOT, but the entire community; and I don't think they get enough recognition for what they do. So thank you CWC.

Director Patterson said, as often is the case, I am not the smartest guy in the room when I'm in a room; but the smartest guy in the room is sitting behind me on the second row, to my left over here. Sam, could you stand up please? He doesn't want to be here, by the way, we kind of forced him to be here; but Sam Scovill was on Jeopardy for 4 days in late December on the 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 27th. So when one of our employees does well, or does something like that; because I'm sure nobody else in this room would get up on stage like that and expose yourself. So I just wanted to recognize Sam for bringing attention to ODOT and what a great job he did, thank you Sam.

Well, as we bring 2016 to a close, I wanted to bring to your attention, "The Top 10 List", I think's what Terri called it when she gave it to me and I'm going to briefly read it to you. Her Top 10 List is in no particular order; but mine will be in a particular order for a particular reason, and I may even add a couple while I'm reading. I will start with the 8 Year Plan you approved in October; we always appreciate the Commission's involvement in our 8 Year Plan; because you are an integral part of sitting down with us outside of this room to look over projects and make sure we've got everything covered; and then you approve it.

The metropolitan area projects that we're adding capacity here in Oklahoma City and in Tulsa. Off Broadway, as we call it, I-235 right over here, that a lot of people are enjoying; and our great Contractor, Jeff Allen, is sitting over here with a smile on his face; because I think it's one of those projects that is a game changer; and I think Allen Contracting is going to have a good time with this one.

We have things going on in Tulsa on 169; a huge effort replacing those 8 structurally deficient bridges between Tulsa and Owasso and adding capacity. The other thing that's not real exciting, kind of a little bit of a downer is the funding cuts that we had to go through to help balance the budget; and we understand that. Just to remind you, we took \$323 Million Dollars out of the highway program, \$367 out of the agency to help with that effort.

And fortunately, we were able to make sure all the projects in the 8 Year Plan stayed in the 8 Year Plan; but certainly, any discussion of doing that again, we won't be able to keep all the projects in. As Commissioners you know that we didn't get to add what we needed to add to the eighth year. So we're going to have to make some adjustments, and if asked to do it again, we will do so, but it won't come without consequences.

Our earthquake inspections wow, fortunately, we got ahead of the curve a little bit! Just to remind you, we got with Caltrans; they came in and gave us a class. They talked to us about how to handle earthquakes and the inspections, since they have had a lot more experience at that. So we have a very good protocol now and we inspect when we need to; and then, late in the year, we had those over 5.0 earthquakes in the Pawnee area that we had to go out and inspect. I want to say again, can't be more proud of this agency for the way they responded; you know the earthquake happens and our employees are putting their boots on before the aftershock shows up.

We got a FASTLANE Grant. One of the 18 FASTLANE Grants awarded by the Federal Administration was here in Oklahoma at US-69/75, just south of Durant at Calera; huge bottleneck safety concerns. I know Anthony Echelle and his team and this entire agency are focused on delivering that project within the timelines that are provided to us by the Federal Government. That's going to be a great project; and we have made applications again for the next round of FASTLANE Grants. We put in for the 2 projects that we previously put in for when we got this one on 69. Just to remind you, those 2 projects are, I-44 in Tulsa west of the river, and I-40 here in Oklahoma from the Douglas Interchange to kind of around Tinker Field. So we're going to pursue those as diligently as we did before, and see if we can get those 2 Grants.

We maintained progress on those structurally deficient bridges, our number one performance goal in this agency and we will continue to meet that. If you'll recall, as we went through the budget cuts, I told you that we were not going to deter from that effort. This agency has been on that goal for a decade; and for me to take this agency off of that goal would be disingenuous; because people have worked very hard to attain that goal.

We continue to work on US 270, the Northwest Passage; getting that completely 4-laned up to Woodward. We have been working on that for 25 years or longer, probably longer, but we've got all that in the 8 Year Plan, it is getting closer to being completed.

We were part of all the states on the I-35 corridor to designate the I-35 corridor as the Monarch Highway. It's just a little something we can do to help with the ecological problems that the Monarch Butterflies and honey bees are having. If we can keep those pollinators going, hopefully, it'll help farmers and ranchers, and just our overall economy; and it doesn't take much for us to do that, so we're participating in that.

Our interstate corridor investments; we improved pavement on 80 miles, 36 bridges on I-35 and I-40. We opened a new interchange, we haven't done that very often; it's on I-40 and Radio Road out near El Reno. We were able to do this through a partnership with then Chesapeake Energy, now 77 Energy, to complete that interchange. Another one that we completed that I don't think gets enough notice is the connection to downtown Oklahoma City off of I-235, I-40, and I-35. So now, travelers can get to downtown Oklahoma City on a new access; it will ultimately merge right in with the new Boulevard downtown.

The last one is what I think is probably our best effort, at least the most enduring effort, was what we have done with our National Work Zone Awareness. You know, in the past, we always had that Work Zone Safety Week; we've turned this into the National Work Zone Forever; we're going to keep working on this. One of the things that happened while we were working on that campaign that month in May was one of our employees, Jarrell Gray, lost his life in the line of duty. Just to remind you, Jarrell wasn't in the roadway, he was off the road, the vehicle left the roadway for some reason and struck him and killed him! Also during that campaign, a young teacher from Owasso was in our US-169 Work Zone and was rear ended and Bobbi White lost her life during that campaign. It's something that we have to continue on; and this Agency has embraced that effort and we will continue to. I don't want to put any more ODOT names on that monument out front. I think 60 is enough; that's a good place to stop!

That was 2016, we're looking for a bigger and better 2017! We're going to make more improvements on our interstate highways; we're starting to move into our rural 2-lane highways, making those safety improvements and our structurally deficient bridge program will come in as planned. Thank you for listening to that, it was just a little something that we wanted to make you aware of.

With Senator Bice here, remind us that the Legislature is about to start. It starts in earnest the first Monday in February; which is the next Commission Day for us. Tomorrow, in what is new for everybody, I guess, it certainly is in my history; I've never known the House Appropriations and Budget Committee to bring in the top larges 5 Agencies and have virtually day long hearings in the Chamber of the House. That's what's happening right now, the Department of Education is going through theirs today and we are up tomorrow. So, I will be there along with Senior Staff and others; and we will make our presentation as we normally would, but certainly, there will be lots of questions. I'm anticipating 1 of the questions will be about, "What about this gas tax"? Just in the last month or so, we heard a lot of conversations about gas tax. Well, that's not something that we generated; but it's certainly something that we will embrace. In the last several years we have not asked for additional money outside of what's already in the Statute that we're supposed to receive; and some of the income tax allocation increases over time. We, as a Department, and you, as a Commission, expect that to happen. Well during this last session, it certainly didn't happen when Motor Fuel Tax was diverted; \$50 million dollars of it was diverted to help balance the budget. So ODOT's down \$50 million dollars just in Motor Fuel Tax, besides the cash balances that were contributed outside of that. But we will talk about Motor Fuel Tax. We will certainly embrace that idea about what that might look like. There are a lot of improvements you could make to Motor Fuel Tax; but you also have to remember Motor Vehicle Fees. In most states, the DOT gets all or most of the Motor Vehicle Fees; in Oklahoma, we get 3/10 of 1% of that dollar. That's not 3%, that's 3/10 of 1%! So, if the Legislature wants to talk about funding transportation in the future and what that looks like, we are certainly going to have that conversation; because there does need to be that conversation.

And last, I asked Bart to put together a video for us; it is 8 minutes long and I appreciate your indulgence here to watch this video. One of the things that we've talked around is how the highway transportation system in Oklahoma is the largest single asset owned by the State of Oklahoma; and it is the largest driver of economic development! Without transportation, you're not going to have economic development. We've seen that in other States who have a more robust transportation program; they get more money, they have a more robust program and we see economic development. So in this video Bart has done you will see this; we went out and visited with some people around the State; and after we watch the video, I'll be back up here to answer any questions.

(Video was presented at this time showing the challenges and choices we face in transportation; and that Infrastructure is an investment; but also an opportunity to keep our national economic engine from sputtering, and keeping Oklahoma on its promising course as a rising star of the American economy).

NOTE: *Commissioner Burrage commented that the Video was excellent and that our State has been known for a lot of great things! Here lately Tulsa has done a lot of great things as well as other communities; you know everybody knows about The Thunder and MAPS; but infrastructure doesn't have quite that same sizzle. But the Commercial Metals piece in the video didn't tell us about, that right under a billion dollars' worth of investments were made by companies in that area; the Choctaw Nation, some other manufacturing places; and the reason they were there is because they could get around.*

Director Patterson stated that was right, it was all about mobility and access.

Commissioner Burrage stated, "I would even offer the comment that without the attention to infrastructure, some of these other great things that we have been hearing about our State would not have happened".

Director Patterson agreed and stated you can look at any City; and I'll use Pauls Valley as an example, because even the town I live in, Edmond is the same way. You look at Pauls Valley, and it was 5-7 miles off the interstate; but for some reason they grew out to the interstate. Well, they grew out there for a particular reason, and that was to get tax revenues. They went out there to get the sales tax that's generated off of that great interstate; but the property values also went up. So the school district, you know, benefits from higher ad valorem taxes. So, I don't know who's losing in investing in transportation.

Commissioner Burrage said, well you don't want to pontificate, except when you get the opportunity; but you know it doesn't make any difference if it's Corrections, Education, Health Care; you know if we don't handle infrastructure, we can't improve those other ones either; those other areas of the needs in this. I mean, infrastructure's so interrelated to that, to those other challenges; and you know, Senator, we appreciate you guys and how you all have worked with us over the last many years. I know you've only been there 2 years, but you've seen what's gone on; and we can make this continue to work, even at a higher and better level, as long as we recognize where we are at, who we are, and what we need.

Director Patterson said, "That's right, and I do appreciate everyone's patience, because I did give a long report today".

Information Only: No Commission action required.

ITEM PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

11. Adjournment Motion

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of January 4, 2017.

David Burrage – Chairman

Dan Overland – Member