

MINUTES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING AUGUST 3, 2020

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HELD August 3, 2020 VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE ONLY PURSUANT TO THE OKLAHOMA OPEN MEETING ACT, AS AMENDED BY SENATE BILL 661, RECORDED AND AUDIO LIVESTREAMED FROM THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, 200 NE 21ST STREET, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73105

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Commissioners joined the meeting by video teleconference

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ITEMS PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Bob Peterson called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Gene McKown	Chairman
	Bob Coburn	Member
	James Grimsley	Member
	T.W. Shannon	Secretary
	Don Freymiller	Member
	David Dyson	Member
	Bobby Alexander	Member
	Steve LaForge	Member
	Bob Peterson	Vice-Chairman
Absent:	Gene McKown	
Presiding:	Bob Peterson	

The following items were presented and approved as written at the Transportation Commission meeting of August 3, 2020. For those items amended, deferred, or rejected, those notations were also made. Action taken by the Commission is noted here on these sheets.

Commissioner Peterson recognized Secretary Gatz for some comments.

Secretary Gatz said we have Special Guests on the virtual meeting line with us this morning. They are State Representative, Daniel Pae and Department of Public Safety Commissioner, John Scully. I want to thank them for their time and attendance this morning, and we look forward to hearing from them later in the meeting.

Commissioner Peterson then recognized Taylor Henderson, State Maintenance Division Engineer for the Safety Awards Presentation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Henderson said thanks for allowing me to make this presentation today for our 2019 Safety Awards. Safety is always a priority here at ODOT, so we are excited to be have this opportunity. We will be presenting an award for each crew out of our 9 Divisions, and then we will be presenting the Progressive Excellence Award and the Governor's Safety Excellence Award at the end of the video. So our video branch has put together-- has produced a video that we'll show right now to show the winners.

The Winners are as follows:

Director's Safety Excellence Award

The following are this year's Division Winners:

Division 1	Superintendent, Brooks Billings	Adair County Maintenance Unit
Division 2	Superintendent, Montie Williams	Division Wide Traffic Crew
Division 3	Superintendent, Brad Faust	Division Wide Traffic Crew
Division 4	Superintendent, Matt Mitchell	Stillwater Residency
Division 5	Superintendent, Danny Wilson	Division Wide Traffic Crew
Division 6	Superintendent, Jason Tullis	Alfalfa County Maintenance Unit
Division 7	Superintendent, Robert Reed	Caddo County Maintenance Unit
Division 8	Superintendent, Steve Nelson	Pawnee County Maintenance Unit
Division 9	Division Manager, Ken Phillips	Facilities Management Division

Progressive Excellence Award

The Progressive Excellence Award is given to the Division that has shown the most improvement in the last year.

Division 7	Jay Earp Lisa Niebauer	Division Engineer Safety Manager
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Governor's Safety Excellence Award

The final award is the Governor's Safety Excellence Award and is given to the Division that has the best safety record for the year. It takes into consideration the accident incident rate, lost time accidents, lost work days, and accident severity.

Division 8	Randle White Lee Snow	Division Engineer Safety Manager
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Maintenance Division Engineer, Taylor Henderson also presented Division 8 with an incentive award, it was a Trailer Mounted Attenuator.

Secretary Gatz said on behalf of the Governor I congratulate all the crews and winners. Our safety record and the things that you do every day to take care of each other and our business is phenomenal! Commissioners, you see from the video what kind of conditions that the folks work in, day in and day out, and to have the safety records that these crews carry is nothing but a testament to their devotion to each other and their devotion to the Department of Transportation and the safety of the traveling public. So I want to extend our thank you to them and keep up the good work, folks.

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION

89. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of July 6, 2020

ACTION: Shannon moved and Coburn seconded that the Minutes be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge and Peterson
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: McKown

CONSENT DOCKET PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

90. Programming of Federal Railroad Crossing Safety Funds - Section 130 Title 23 Funds - Mr. Schwennesen

a) Beckham County – Commission District V

In Elk City, Construction funding for a Signal and Surface project which includes the installation of cantilever-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms and a 72' concrete surface at intersection of E. 7th St, with the Farmrail Corporation Railroad mainline. Total cost is \$467,549.00

b) Custer County – Commission District V

Near Indianapolis, Construction funding for a Signal and Surface project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms and two 32' concrete crossing surfaces at intersection of Custer City Road with the Farmrail Corporation mainline. Total cost is \$353,084.00

c) Tillman County – Commission District V

In Manitou, Construction funding for a Signal and Surface project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms and two 32' concrete crossing surfaces at intersection of SH-5C, with the Grainbelt Corporation Railroad mainline. Total cost is \$372,578.00

91. Safety Improvement Projects - Mr. Pendley

Commissioner Districts II, VI and VII

We have received a request from the Division II, VI, and VII Engineers for the purchase of solar powered equipment for the installation of new school zones at the following locations:

1. One location along SH 31, in the City of Krebs, Pittsburg County in District II, to include school zone advanced warning signs with flashing beacons, and pavement marking improvements. Estimated Cost \$8,000.00
2. One location along US 70, in the Town of Fort Towson, Choctaw County in District II, to include school zone advanced warning signs with flashing beacons, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons, and pavement marking improvements. Estimated Cost \$16,000.00
3. Two locations along US 183, in the City of Woodward, Woodward County in District VI, to include school zone advanced warning signs with flashing beacons, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons, and pavement marking improvements. Estimated Cost \$32,000.00
4. One location along US 412, in the City of Woodward, Woodward County in District VI, to include school zone advanced warning signs with flashing beacons, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons, and pavement marking improvements. Estimated Cost \$16,000.00

5. One location along SH 34, in the City of Woodward, Woodward County in District VI, to include school zone advanced warning signs with flashing beacons, and pavement marking improvements. Estimated Cost \$8,000.00
6. One location along SH 50, in the Town of Mooreland, Woodward County in District VI, to include school zone advanced warning signs with flashing beacons, and pavement marking improvements. Estimated Cost \$8,000.00
7. One location along US 64, in the Town of Forgan, Beaver County in District VI, to include school zone advanced warning signs with flashing beacons, and pavement marking improvements. Estimated Cost \$8,000.00
8. One location along SH 89, in the Town of Ringling, Jefferson County in District VII, to include school zone advanced warning signs with flashing beacons. Estimated Cost \$8,000.00
9. One location along SH 92, in the unincorporated area near Friend School, Grady County in District VII, to include school zone advanced warning signs with flashing beacons. Estimated Cost \$8,000.00
10. One location along US 62, in the Town of Verden, Grady County in District VII, to include school zone advanced warning signs with flashing beacons, and pavement marking improvements. Estimated Cost \$8,000.00

The total equipment is estimated to cost \$120,000.00

92. Speed Zone Revisions - Mr. Pendley

- a) Logan and Garfield Counties – District IV – various locations along SH-33, SH-105 and US-60
- b) Comanche County – District VII – various locations along SH-281A in the town of Geronimo
- c) Carter County – District VII – various locations along US-177 in the town of Dickson

93. Land Sales – Mr. Phillips

- a) Oklahoma County – District IV – located along the south side of SH-152 at the intersection of SW 74th Street in Oklahoma City - \$51,313.13
- b) Jackson County – District V – located on the south side of US-62, approximately 0.42 miles east of N. Veterans Drive in Altus - \$5,600.00
- c) Texas County – District VI – located along the south side of US-54 at the SW intersection with Colen Street (Block 17) in Tyrone - \$4,000.00
- d) Texas County – District VI – located along the south side of US-54 at the SW intersection with Colen Street (Block 25) in Tyrone Marshall County - \$1,300.00
- e) Woodward County – District VI – located along the south side of US-412 at the SW intersection with CR-2070 east of Woodward - \$20,001.00
- f) Creek County – District VIII – located along the south side of SH-66 at the NE intersection with Buffalo Street in Kellyville - \$1,023.29
- g) Creek County – District VIII – located along the south side of SH-66 at the SE intersection with Allen Street in Kellyville - \$4,500.00

ACTION: Alexander moved and Dyson seconded that the Consent Docket be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: McKown

END OF CONSENT DOCKET

ITEM PRESENTED BY STATE TRAFFIC ENGINEER - Mr. Pendley

94. Rural Interstate Speed Zone Revisions

- a) Multiple Counties - Districts III, IV & VII - various locations Statewide on Interstate Highway 35
- b) Multiple Counties – District I, III, IV, V, & VII - various locations Statewide on Interstate Highway 40

Secretary Gatz said I would like to just give a little bit of a historical perspective on the speed limits. We've had many conversations over the years with the Legislature about speed limits, normally with an eye to potentially increasing those speed limits. With House Bill 1071 a couple of years ago, we had the opportunity to sit down with Representative Pae and start a very productive and worthwhile conversation about how the Department studies and understands what appropriate speed limits are. The outcome of that was an effort to update our speed study, which again, this item that's being presented today is a culmination of that, to create what I would characterize as a benchmarking condition for our interstate system. This speed study will be a living document. It's something that we will go back and address regularly to make sure that we've got a clear understanding of how traffic patterns are acting, and also to consider any developments that may occur because of any change in the speed limit. We've looked at several safety factors, roadway geometry, site distance, accident collision histories, traffic flows, and existing speed patterns; to really take a deep and detailed dive into each one of these locations to make sure that the recommendations is supported by the engineering. Also we have had extensive coordination with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and Commissioner John Scully on enforcement. I want to emphasize that it's the "Three E's", **Engineering**, which materializes in the study that Chad and Brian and the people that have worked on it have worked tremendously hard to compile. **Education**, which starts with the drivers; please observe all posted speeds, buckle your seat belt, put away your distractions, and pay attention while you're driving. Observe that responsibility and make sure that you have a clear understanding of what it takes for the privilege of being a licensed driver. And then **Enforcement**, we are working very closely with the Highway Patrol to make sure that we focus enforcement efforts to close that gap between that black and white posted speed and what traffic is actually traveling out on the highway system. New speed limit signs are being produced and will be installed over the next few months.

ACTION: Grimsley moved and LaForge seconded that the Items be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Dyson, Alexander and LaForge
NAYES: Freymiller and Peterson
ABSENT: McKown

NOTE: Speaking in support of the proposal were Representative, Daniel Pae of Lawton, who authored HB 1071, and Commissioner of Public Safety John Scully, who oversees the OHP.

ITEMS PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING – Mr. Tegeler

95. Programming Item

Pottawatomie County – District III - a project to repair vehicle impact damage to bridge on I-40 EB over US-177 SB, located 8.1 miles east of the Oklahoma County Line in Pottawatomie County - \$45,000 - Party responsible for the damage is unknown.

ACTION: Freymiller moved and Coburn seconded that the Items be approved as presented.
 MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
 AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge and Peterson
 NAYES: None
 ABSENT: McKown

96. Engineering Contracts

- a) Payne County – District IV – (CI-2146) to prepare construction plans for SH-18: from SH-33, extending north 2 miles to E690

CI-2146 Freese & Nichols, Inc. \$915,909.00

- b) Greer County – District V – to prepare construction plans for SH-6, northbound lanes beginning 1.0 mile north of SH-9 and extending north 4.0 miles

CI-2200 CP&Y, Inc. \$592,700.00

ACTION: Shannon moved and Alexander seconded that the Items be approved as presented.
 MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
 AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge and Peterson
 NAYES: None
 ABSENT: McKown

97. Engineering Contract Supplements

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

EC-2059A Supplement 2 Freese and Nichols, Inc. \$250,000.00

- b) Cherokee County - District I – This supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for SH-82: from SH-51 Spur extending north and west to town of Gideon

EC-1369 Supplement 9 Garver, LLC \$280,550.00

- c) Wagoner County - District I – This supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for US-69 bridges over UP R.R. (northbound) 0.7 miles and 1.5 north of SH-51 junction

EC-1916 Supplement 2 Professional Engineering Consultants, P.A. \$66,720.00

ACTION: Shannon moved and Freymiller seconded that the Items be approved as presented.
 MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
 AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge and Peterson
 NAYES: None
 ABSENT: McKown

ITEMS PRESENTED BY CONSTRUCTION DIVISION ENGINEER – Mr. Leonard

98. Change Orders with Cumulative Total of \$75,000.00 or Less – Information Only

- a) Atoka County - US-69 - NHPP-013N(174)PM / 30411(04), \$34,860.00, 0.18%
- b) Atoka County - US-69 - NHPP-013N(181)3P / 34254(04), \$4,950.00, 0.41%
- c) Choctaw County - US-70 - SSR-212N(046)SR / SSR-022N(221)SR / 33944(04), \$53,658.10, 1.67%
- d) Cimarron County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-213C(024)RB / 24826(08), \$24,802.98, 0.83%
- e) Cleveland County - I-35 - MC-3500(090)MD / 34760(04), \$0.00, 0.00%

- f) Comanche County - I-44 - STP-216F(082)PM / 28782(05), \$38,093.89, 6.56%
- g) Craig County - SH-10 - STP-218C(059)SS / 29068(04), \$4,469.09, 0.22%
- h) Garvin County - I-35 - SBR-125N(201)SB / 28184(04), \$24,325.56, 0.69%
- i) Marshall County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-248D(039)RB / 29985(04), \$58,604.54, 3.60%
- j) McIntosh County - Co. Rd. - STP-246C(030)CI / 29374(04), \$247.50, 0.02%
- k) Murray County - I-35 - HSIPG-243F(033)TR / 34144(04), \$6,933.84, 0.27%
- l) Muskogee County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-251C(095)RB / 29383(04), \$39,563.40, 3.21%
- m) Noble County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-252D(019)RB / 29867(04), \$1,650.00, 0.38%
- n) Oklahoma County - Co. Rd. - STP-255D(499)CO / 32591(04), \$9,788.22, 1.92%
- o) Okmulgee County - US-75 - NHPP-256N(034)PM / HSIPG-256N(041)PM / 28967(04), \$8.00, -0.00% Underrun
- p) Okmulgee County - Ct. St. - TAP-256D(043)TP / 32991(04), \$22,188.00, 2.87%
- q) Ottawa County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-258D(051)RB / 30709(04) #1, \$21,459.00, 3.43%
- r) Ottawa County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-258D(051)RB / 30709(04) #2, \$7,080.00, 1.13%
- s) Payne County - I-35 - E-SAP-3500(088)ES / 34596(04), \$11,131.74, 1.73%
- t) Pittsburg County - US-69 - SSP-013N(176)PM / 34329(04), \$12,648.68, -0.20% Underrun
- u) Pushmataha County - US-271 - STP-264B(062)PM / STP-264C(063)PM / 28835(04), \$2,967.40, 0.14%
- v) Rogers County - Ct. St. - STP-266B(072)IG / 33314(04), \$46,273.60, 5.72%
- w) Stephens County - US-81 - HSIPG-269N(050)AD / 32939(04), \$26,546.17, 8.28%
- x) Tulsa County - US-64 - SBR-272N(292)SB / 30604(04), \$1.44, -0.00% Underrun
- y) Tulsa County - SH-11 - STP-272B(266)PM / 31885(04), \$2,250.00, 0.13%
- z) Tulsa County - I-44 - HSIPG-272F(180)TR / 32626(04), \$3,359.82, 0.88%
- aa) Wagoner County - SH-51 - NHPP-273N(053)3P / SSR-273N(054)SR / 32791(04), \$37,879.20, 1.75%

99. Change Orders with Cumulative Total Greater than \$75,000.00

- a) Beckham County - SH-6 - STP-205B(076)PM / ACNHPP-4000(061)PM / 30998(04), \$106,720.00, 0.37%
- b) Choctaw County - Co. Rd. - STP-112D(078)CI / 24821(04), \$283,766.00, 5.29%
- c) Comanche County - I-44 - SBR-4400(056)SB / 33886(04), \$100,000.00, 10.06%
- d) Creek County - SH-48 - STP-219B(054)SS / 27925(04), \$15,431.50, 0.18%
- e) Custer County - SH-54 - STP-120C(133)PM / 24145(10), \$342,224.74, 5.25%
- f) Ellis County - SH-15 - NHPP-223N(011) / 24223(04), \$221,860.00, 2.97%
- g) Major County - SH-58 - SBR-247C(025)SB / 29477(04), \$76,433.40, 1.84%
- h) McClain County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(074)PM / 27220(04) #3, \$1,071,974.84, 11.87%
- i) McClain County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(074)PM / 27220(04) #4, \$900.00, -0.01% Underrun
- j) McClain County - Co. Rd. - STP-244D(066)CI / 30111(04), \$120,694.80, 8.02%
- k) McIntosh County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-246C(039)RB / 28502(04), \$97,470.00, 2.38%
- l) McIntosh County - US-69 - NHPP-246N(027) / 29755(04), \$25,602.32, -0.10% Underrun
- m) Okfuskee County - SH-48 - STP-254C(035) / 28919(04), \$17,646.00, 0.52%
- n) Oklahoma County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(066)FP / 27897(04), \$327,349.98, 1.12%
- o) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - STP-255C(430)(431)AG / 31102(04), \$95,785.07, 2.42%
- p) Okmulgee County - Co. Rd. - STP-256C(044)CI / 31193(04), \$76,248.40, 4.66%
- q) Seminole County - US-270 - STP-167B(122)PM / 21006(07) #4, \$21,285.69, 0.18%
- r) Seminole County - US-270 - STP-167B(122)PM / 21006(07) #5, \$84,745.00, 0.72%
- s) Seminole County - SH-56 - STP-267C(045)SS / 28911(04), \$48,256.82, 1.62%
- t) Tulsa County - Ct. St. - STP-272C(259)IG / 32541(04), \$12,144.15, 0.84%
- u) Woodward County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-177C(113)RB / 27407(04), \$1,453,837.80, 22.92%

ACTION: LaForge moved and Coburn seconded that the Items be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: McKown

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE COMPTROLLER DIVISION

100. Proposed Bid Openings – Mr. Hackney, Project Funding Manager

- a) Final October, 2020 Proposed Bid Opening
- b) Tentative November, 2020 Proposed Bid Opening

ACTION: Coburn moved and Alexander seconded that the Items be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: McKown

101. Damages to State Property – Ms. Williams, Budget and Reporting Manager

- a) Mr. Cervantes – McClain County - \$2,027.04
- b) Mr. Martin – Cleveland County - \$964.50
- c) Ms. Moreno – Oklahoma County - \$6,263.83
- d) Ms. Davis – Bryan County - \$934.09
- e) Mr. Shockley, Jr. – Oklahoma County - \$15,636.83

ACTION: Freymiller moved and Dyson seconded that the Items be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: McKown

ITEM PRESENTED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION ENGINEER – Ms. Williams

102. Presentation of the proposed CIRB 5 Year County Work Plan (2021-2025)

The Department has worked with the County Circuit Engineering Districts from across the State to compile an update to the 5 Year CIRB plan.

Funding for the CIRB program is currently derived from a portion of the revenues accruing from the Motor Vehicle and Registration Act as authorized in HB 2249.

The Plan was developed with consideration for the critical needs of the County Transportation System within the financial constraints of funding projected to be available to the program.

The CIRB Plan to improve the county road system includes:

- Approximately \$879 million in improvements
- Replacement or rehabilitation of 313 county bridges
- Replace or restore 151 Structurally Deficient or Functionally Obsolete
- 22 bridges incorporating recycled I-40 Crosstown bridge beams
- Improvements to 585 miles of county roads

ACTION: Coburn moved and Shannon seconded that the Items be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: McKown

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE ENGINEER – Mr. Delce

103. Awards

July 23, 2020 – Regular Letting

ACTION:: LaForge moved and Coburn seconded that the Items be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: McKown

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR – Mr. Gatz

104. Director's Report

I'd like to lead off with some very special recognition this morning. Our Director of Operations, Darren Saliba, is going to retire August 31st. Darren began his ODOT career in 1983, there are many things that I can personally say about Darren, but he's a man of integrity, a man of tremendous work ethic, and from a personal note, across the course of my 30 year career, he's been an individual that would never fail to take the time to sit down with me and offer guidance and perspective. He's been a tremendous part of the success that the Department of Transportation has had and we're going to miss him greatly. I want to present to him a commemorative Route 66 brick which is inscribed with, "The Oklahoma Department of Transportation recognizes Director of Operations Darren Saliba for his 37 years of contributions to the Department. A conscientious and hard-working man, his hallmarks include leading crews through the I-40 Webbers Falls operations as they expedited critical detour maintenance as well as completing a vital Tahlequah highway loop, improving contracting practices, and maximizing field and central office collaboration". Darren I extend the opportunity for you to come to the podium and make any remarks if you choose to.

Mr. Saliba said I want to thank you for those kind words. I don't want to take up too much of people's time. ODOT is a great place to work for 37 years and it's primarily for two reasons: The great group of people who are dedicated professionals; and right behind the people for the organization is our mission statement, where every day they're concentrating on the best interests of the motorists. So between the people and our mission statement, it's been a great place to work and I appreciate you putting up with me all these years, Mr. Gatz, thank you very much!

Mr. Chairman, thank you for the opportunity to recognize Darren's meritorious service to the people of the State of Oklahoma and to this nation. He's had a tremendous role in transportation for us.

I thank you for your approval this morning of the County Improvements for Roads and Bridges plan. Since that plan was created in 2006, I want to tell you that nearly \$2 billion worth of improvements have been made out on the county road system. This program is really about allowing counties to put together the resources that it takes to tackle major bridge improvement projects and big projects in the counties that they would never be able to put together the resources to do without this program. The Department is proud to lend our support to administering it and we have tremendous things out on the county system because of it.

To give you an update on our Transit 5310 Program, if you will recall that that is a program that the Department has taken over from the Department of Human Services, and it's really geared towards rides for the elderly and individuals with disabilities. We are continuing to put together an administrative plan and program. So we are completing an online survey and we continue to conduct our telephone town hall meetings to get input from the providers, as we shape that program for the Office of Mobility and Public Transit going forward to the future.

You also approved this morning the award of a project on US-270 near Seiling. This US-270 initiative really crosses three division lines, Divisions 4, 5 and 6 between I-40 and Woodward. All of the field divisions and the Commissioners deserve our thanks for staying focused on this highway, as it carries a lot of traffic and we

continue to make improvements. This is one of the five remaining segments that are left to be able to complete the widening of this Northwest Passage.

From a transportation modernization initiative, as you recall, the Transportation Cabinet is taking a hard look at our organizational structure between the Aeronautics Commission, the Department of Transportation, and the Turnpike Authority. We have engaged a Consultant called "Guidehouse" to help us with that. Guidehouse has completed their interviews with executive staff and are now moving forward with additional data gathering, that will happen across the course of the next few months and finish up with some visioning and putting together some guiding principles. From that will come recommendations and we will begin to go ahead and transform into change management. I want to emphasize that we expect this study to take approximately a year; so sometime in late spring or early summer of next year, we will wrap this up with some organizational recommendations.

I want to offer an update on COVID-19 and some of the challenges that it continues to present for us in all of State Government, and all of walks of life in Oklahoma. The Department continues to focus on the CDC guidelines; our personnel are doing a tremendous job of taking care of the health and safety of each other. We are continuing to implement teleworking, social distancing, and mask usage where it's appropriate. I can't thank our people enough for the great job that they are doing out there on a daily basis.

Commissioners, I would close just by extending thanks to Representative Pae and Commissioner Scully for their participation in the meeting this morning. They're great partners in transportation and in all things we do, we appreciate their participation. That's all I have for today.

Commissioner Peterson congratulated Darren on his 37 years of fantastic service and wish you all the best in your future years.

Commissioner Alexander said first I want to thank Darren for his service; and said I hope you have a wonderful retirement. Secondly, it's been wonderful to work with the other divisions on the 270 Project; I just want everybody to know how much the people in Woodward appreciate the work everyone has put into this. And lastly I want to thank the winners of the Safety Awards.

Information Only: No Commission action required.

Ms. Riddle reported that ODOT had been monitoring the public audio connection; and it was reported that the public audio connection has been maintained throughout the meeting.

ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

105. Adjournment Motion

ACTION: Peterson moved and Coburn seconded that the Meeting be adjourned.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: McKown

Meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting August 3, 2020.

Bob Peterson – Vice Chairman

Bobby Alexander - Member