

MINUTES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HELD SEPTEMBER 8, 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

Notice of the schedule of regular meetings of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for the calendar year 2020 having been given in writing to the Oklahoma Secretary of State, and public notice and agenda having been posted in a prominent public view on the website of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, www.ok.gov/odot, and on the glass doors on the north side of the ODOT Building twenty-four (24) hours prior to this meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, in accordance with Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S. Section 311.

Commissioners joined the meeting by video teleconference

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ITEMS PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Gene McKown called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	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:	None
Presiding:	Gene McKown		

The following items were presented and approved as written at the Transportation Commission meeting of September 8, 2020. For those items amended, deferred, or rejected, those notations were also made. Action taken by the Commission is noted here on these sheets.

Chairman McKown recognized Secretary Gatz for some comments.

Secretary Gatz recognized Chief Engineer, Brian Taylor for an announcement.

Mr. Taylor announced that Shawn Davis has been chosen as the new Director of Operations. He said Mr. Davis had had 30 years of experience in the transportation industry and we are happy for him to join our team; please help me welcome Mr. Davis.

Secretary Gatz announced that the agency was recently honored with an award from the Western Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials for an innovative partnership with Law Enforcement and the Energy Industry to improve safety on SH-33 between Kingfisher and Watonga. The SH-33 Safety Corridor included additional signage, increased enforcement and public education in the community to make drivers more aware of heavy oilfield truck traffic in the area. Representative, Mike Sanders spoke about the project, along with Energize for Safety Coalition Founder and President, Tom Robins.

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION

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

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

CONSENT DOCKET PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

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

a) Tulsa County – Commission District VIII

In Owasso, Construction funding for a Signal and Surface project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms and a 24' concrete crossing surface at East 106th St North, on the South Kansas & Oklahoma mainline. Total cost is \$279,876.00

b) Tulsa County – Commission District VIII

In Owasso, Construction funding for a Signal and Surface project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms and a 130' concrete crossing surface at North 97th East Avenue, on the South Kansas & Oklahoma mainline. Total cost is \$387,362.00

c) Washington County – Commission District VIII

In Bartlesville, Construction funding for a Signal and Surface project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms and a 120' concrete crossing surface at South West Frank Phillips Boulevard, on the South Kansas & Oklahoma mainline. Total cost of the project is \$450,000

108. Modification of Federal Railroad Crossing Safety Funds - Section 130 Title 23 Funds - Mr. Schwennesen

- a) Canadian County – Oklahoma City - County Line Road – JP32589(26) - Stillwater Central Railroad - \$31,869.00 - 12.56%
- b) Canadian County – Oklahoma City - SW 104th St– JP32492(04) - Stillwater Central Railroad - \$30,865.00 – 12.12%
- c) Oklahoma County – Oklahoma City - NE 164th St – JP33075(14) - Stillwater Central Railroad - \$18,442.00 - 7.18%
- d) Oklahoma County – Oklahoma City - Post Road – JP33075(16) - Stillwater Central Railroad - \$6,875.00 – 3.08%

109. Safety Improvement Projects - Mr. Pendley

Commissioner Districts III, VI and VIII

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

- 1) One location along SH 74, in the City of Purcell, McClain County in District 3, to include school zone advanced warning signs with flashing beacons, and pavement marking improvements. Estimated Cost \$8,000.00
- 2) One location along US 64 in the City of Guymon, Texas County in District 6, to include school zone advanced warning signs with flashing beacons, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons, and pavement marking improvement. Estimated Cost \$16,000.00
- 3) One location along SH 82, in the Town of Locust Grove, Mayes County in District 8, to include school zone advanced warning signs with flashing beacons, and pavement marking improvements. Estimated Cost \$8,000.00
- 4) One location along SH 20 in the Town of Salina, Mayes County in District 8, to include school zone advanced warning signs with flashing beacons, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons, and pavement marking improvements. Estimated Cost \$16,000.00

The total equipment is estimated to cost \$48,000

110. Speed Zone Revisions - Mr. Pendley

a) McCurtain and LeFlore Counties - District II – at the following locations:

- 1) Along US 70 in McCurtain County including the City of Broken Bow
- 2) Along US 259 in McCurtain County including the City of Broken Bow
- 3) Along US 270 in LeFlore County including the Town of Wister
- 4) Along US 271 in LeFlore County including the Town of Talihina

b) Pottawatomie and Garvin Counties – District III – at the following locations:

- 1) Along SH 270 in Pottawatomie County including the Town of McLoud
- 2) Along US 77 in Garvin County including the Town of Paoli

c) Payne County – District IV - Along SH 51 in Payne County including the City of Stillwater

111. Land Sales – Mr. Phillips

- a) Oklahoma County – District IV – located along the west side of SH-74 (Lake Hefner Parkway) at the intersection of NW 125th Street and St. Andrews Avenue in Oklahoma City - \$7,800.00
- b) Oklahoma County – District IV – located on the south side of the Oklahoma Boulevard at the SW corner of W. Reno Avenue and S. Klein Street in Oklahoma City - \$929.30
- c) Mayes County – District VIII – located approximately 5.3 miles west of the City of Pryor along the south side of SH-20, At the intersection of N 4620 Road and SH-20 - \$1,360.00

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

END OF CONSENT DOCKET

ITEMS PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING – Mr. Tegeler

112. Programming Item

Bryan County – District II - a project to repair vehicle impact damage to Red Bud Lane over US-69, located 6.77 miles north Jct. US-69 Business in Bryan County - \$70,000 - Party responsible for the damage is known.

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

113. Engineering Contracts

a) Statewide – All Districts – On-Demand NESHAP Investigation/Analysis (CI-2246)

CI-2246A Enercon Services, Inc.
CI-2246B Environmental Hazard Control Lab, Inc.
CI-2246C Terracon Consultants, Inc.

The aggregate not to exceed amount for these three (3) contracts is \$450,000.00

b) Statewide – All Districts - On-Demand Engineering Services for SAPM (CI-2250)

CI-2250A Garver, LLC
CI-2250B HNTB Corporation
CI-2250C High Street Consulting Group, LLC

The aggregate not to exceed amount for these three (3) contracts is \$750,000.00

c) McIntosh County –District I - to prepare construction plans for US-69B: from 0.25 miles north of SH-9/US-69B in Eufaula, south 1.0 mile.

CI-2218 H.W. Lochner, Inc. \$271,200.00

d) Wagoner County – District I - to provide preliminary engineering and prepare construction plans for SH-51: beginning 0.43 miles east of Midway Road, extending northeast to Muskogee Turnpike.

CI-2197 Poe and Associates \$705,900.00

e) Pushmataha County – District II - to prepare construction plans for SH-3 from junction US-271, extending east approximately 16 miles.

CI-2198 EST, Inc. \$2,341,548.49

f) Garvin County – District III - to prepare construction plans for SH-29: over Wildcat, Salt and Unnamed Creeks east of Stephens County Line.

CI-2224A Smith Roberts Baldischwiler, LLC \$828,275.00

g) Beckham County – District V - to prepare construction plans for I-40 from milepost 40.1 to milepost 45.17 (eastbound lanes only).

CI-2199 Atkins North America, Inc. \$942,680.00

- h) Texas County – District VI - to prepare construction plans for US-64: beginning at the junction of Main Street in Guymon, extending east 0.83 miles to the junction of US-64/US-54.

CI-2201	Smith Roberts Baldischwiler, LLC	\$542,500.00
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- i) Woods County – District VI - to prepare construction plans for US-64: east of Alva, beginning approximately 0.25 miles east of junction US-64/US-281 North, extending east approximately 2.0 miles.

CI-2202	MKEC Engineering Consultants, Inc.	\$479,900.00
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- j) Harper County – District VI - to provide prepare construction plans for US-183 from 12.9 miles north of the Woodward County Line, extending north 4.5 miles to Elm Street in Buffalo.

CI-2224B	Tetra Tech, Inc.	\$700,400.00
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- k) Washington County – District VIII - to prepare construction plans for US-60 from SH-123, east 3.75 miles to the US-75 interchange.

CI-2204	Craig & Keithline, Inc.	\$1,105,991.00
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- l) Tulsa County – District VIII - to prepare construction plans for US-64 (Memorial Drive) & US-169.

CI-2225	Garver, LLC	\$853,848.00
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ACTION: Dyson moved and Freymiller seconded that the Items be approved as presented.

MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, McKown, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge and Peterson

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

114. Engineering Contract Supplements

- a) Statewide – All Districts – Off-System Bridge Inspection

CI-2002C	Supplement 2	Circuit Engineering District #7	\$3,000.00
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- b) Statewide – All Districts – On-Demand Airborne LiDAR Mapping

CI-2095A	Supplement 1	Bearing Tree Land Surveying	\$500,000.00
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- c) Statewide – All Districts – On-Demand Environmental Services for Local Government Projects

CI-2101A	Supplement 2	Able Consulting, LLC
CI-2101B	Supplement 1	CC Environmental
CI-2101C	Supplement 1	C.H. Guernsey & Co.
CI-2101D	Supplement 1	CP&Y, Inc.
CI-2101E	Supplement 2	Cox McLain Environmental Consulting, Inc.
CI-2101F	Supplement 2	Garver, LLC
CI-2101G	Supplement 1	Kleinfelder, Inc.
CI-2101H	Supplement 2	Olsson Associates

The total aggregate increase for these Contract supplements is \$1,600,000.00

- d) Logan County – District IV – this supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plan for SH-105: from junction of SH-33, east 6.5 miles to 1,000 feet east of Henney Road

CI-1961	Supplement 2	EST, Inc.	\$49,577.00
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- e) Tulsa County – District VIII – this supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for the I-44/US-75 interchange reconstruction from I-244 thru the Arkansas River.

CI-2123A Supplement 1 Benham Design, LLC \$675,545.00

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

ITEMS PRESENTED BY CONSTRUCTION DIVISION ENGINEER – Mr. Leonard

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

- a) Alfalfa County - SH-8 - STP-202C(033) / 27943(04), \$17,100.38, 0.72%
- b) Blaine County - SH-8 - STP-206C(044)SS / 27918(04), \$43,200.23, 1.81%
- c) Canadian County - Ct. St. - TAP-209E(076)AG / 31439(04), \$1,494.05, -0.42% Underrun
- d) Cherokee County - US-62 - SSP-211B(040)RW / 27111(09), \$3,082.65, 5.14%
- e) Cleveland County - Ct. St. - STP-214B(068)(069)AG / 29300(04), \$13,920.50, 0.15%
- f) Craig County - US-60 - SSR-218B(075)SR / 32714(04), \$12,329.72, 1.80%
- g) Garvin County - SH-74 - STP-225C(079)PM / 28938(04), \$2,432.84, 0.16%
- h) Johnston County - SH-7 - STP-235C(037)PM / 29666(04), \$74,897.74, 4.30%
- i) Johnston County - SH-22 - STP-235C(038)PM / 31841(04), \$717.00, 0.01%
- j) Lincoln County - Co. Rd. - STP-241D(067)CI / 32371(04), \$32,372.21, 5.48%
- k) Logan County - I-40 - STP-252F(069)PM / 24238(10), \$18,130.50, -9.92% Underrun
- l) Noble County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-252C(056)RB / 25421(13), \$49,926.16, -1.30% Underrun
- m) Oklahoma County - I-40 - NHPPI-0040-5(394)129SS / NHPPI-4000-(095)PM / 23310(04), \$242,917.51, -0.32% Underrun
- n) Oklahoma County - SH-77H - SBR-255N(517)SB / 27107(04), \$37,092.40, 1.01%
- o) Okmulgee County - Ct. St. - TAP-256D(043)TP / 32991(04), \$40,977.62, 5.31%
- p) Payne County - Co. Rd. - STP-260C(041)CI / 32597(04), \$17,240.52, 1.90%
- q) Payne County - I-35 - E-SAP-3500(088)ES / 34596(04), \$16,408.00, 2.55%
- r) Rogers County – Ct. St. - TAP-266E(071)TP / 33016(04), \$47,004.06, 12.18%
- s) Stephens County - US-81 - HSIPG-269N(050)AD / 32939(04), \$17,491.96, 5.45%
- t) Tulsa County - Ct. St. - STP-272B(278)CI / 30703(04), \$47,245.00, 1.64%
- u) Tulsa County - US-75 - SBR-272N(257)SB / 31368(04), \$7,687.50, 0.62%
- v) Tulsa County - Ct. St. - STP-272C(261)CI / 32203(04), \$3,784.00, 0.18%
- w) Woodward County - US-64 - STP-230F(031)PM / 26974(06), \$3,750.00, -0.98% Underrun

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

- a) Adair County - US-59 - NHPP-101A(052) / 16928(17), \$8.05, -0.00% Underrun
- b) Beckham County - SH-6 - STP-205B(076)PM / ACNHPPI-4000(061)PM / 30998(04), \$369,124.33, 1.29%
- c) Choctaw County - Co. Rd. - STP-112D(078)CI / 24821(04), \$82,050.00, 1.53%
- d) Cimarron County - US-64 - NHPP-034N(001)PM / 20941(04), \$96,000.00, 0.89%
- e) Cleveland County - Ct. St. - STP-214B(042)(063)AG / 29293(04), \$81,840.76, 0.31%
- f) Garvin County - SH-76 - SSR-225C(083)(084)SR / 33330(04), \$13,580.98, 0.50%
- g) Grady County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-226C(085)RB / 30462(04), \$64,887.73, 7.01%
- h) Grant County - Co. Rd. - STP-227C(023)CI / 31844(04), \$110,384.42, 4.88%
- i) Lincoln County - SH-66 - SBR-241C(012)SB / 29567(04), \$95,585.12, 19.09%
- j) Major County - SH-58 - SBR-247C(025)SB / 29477(04), \$46,240.04, 1.11%
- k) Marshall County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-248D(039)RB / 29985(04), \$25,438.84, 1.56%
- l) Marshall County - US-70 - SSR-248N(047)SR / 33881(04), \$4,341.56, 0.16%
- m) Mayes County - Co. Rd. - STP-249C(053)CI / 31161(04), \$69,031.96, 1.94%
- n) Oklahoma County – SH-74 – STP-155C(569)SS / 14964(08), \$592,097.88, 2.82%

- o) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - OKC-XTWN(078)SS / ACNHPPPI-XTWN(079)SS / 17428(88), \$189,244.98, 0.72%
- p) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - STP-255E(475)AG / 30193(04), \$164,160.00, 2.65%
- q) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - STP-255N(496)AG / 31546(04), \$53,958.13, -2.10% Underrun
- r) Oklahoma County - SH-66 - TAP-255C(490)TP / NHPP-255N(489)EH / 32984(04), \$125,014.26, 3.57%
- s) Oklahoma County - I-35 - STP-255F(501)3B / 34180(04) #5, \$58,363.83, 7.17%
- t) Oklahoma County - I-35 - STP-255F(501)3B / 34180(04) #6, \$8,314.88, 1.02%
- u) Pottawatomie County - I-40 - NHPPI-4000(096)(097)3P / 33336(04), \$131,420.12, 2.22%
- v) Seminole County - SH-9 - STPY-167C(102) / 21845(04), \$326,895.38, 9.43%
- w) Seminole County - SH-99A - STP-167C(150)PM / STP-267C(071)SS / 29460(04), \$5,207.81, 0.12%
- x) Sequoyah County - I-40 - NHPPI-4000-(248)FP / NHPPI-4000-(064)PM / 10618(07), \$15,445.00, -0.04% Underrun
- y) Stephens County - SH-29 - STP-169B(134)PM / 24412(04) #6, \$28,725.51, 0.23%
- z) Stephens County - SH-29 - STP-169B(134)PM / 24412(04) #7, \$6,240.57, 0.05%
- aa) Tulsa County - I-44 - ACNHPPPI-4400-(016)(014)(015)SS / 28872(04), \$55,000.00, 0.94%
- bb) Tulsa County - I-444 - NHPPI-4440-(005)(007)PM / 28900(04), \$16,974.14, 0.07%
- cc) Wagoner County - Co. Rd. - STP-273C(051)CI / 32395(04), \$32,851.15, 2.55%

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

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE COMPTROLLER DIVISION

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

- a) Final November, 2020 Proposed Bid Opening
- b) Tentative January, 2021 Proposed Bid Opening

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

ITEM PRESENTED BY STRATEGIC ASSET & PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT DIVISION ENGINEER - Mr. Swift

118. 2020-2045 Oklahoma Long Range Transportation Plan

In accordance with federal law, the Department has prepared the 2020-2045 Oklahoma Long Range Transportation Plan. The Plan is a policy document that guides ODOT in the development, management and operation of the State's Transportation System. Following this presentation the Plan will be forwarded to Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration.

Information Only: No Commission action required.

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE ENGINEER – Mr. Delce

119. Awards

August 20, 2020 – Regular Letting

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

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR – Mr. Gatz

120. Director's Report

Secretary Gatz said the Governor is going to join us momentarily. We will have a short video and then have some remarks from him related to our recent acknowledgment that Oklahoma is in the "Top 10" for structurally-deficient bridge conditions. It was announced recently that we are #9 in the country! To some #9 doesn't seem that significant, until you have a complete understanding that we achieved a #9 ranking, up from #49 in 2004. When you when you look back across that time period, you see that nearly 20% of our bridges on the highway system in Oklahoma in 2004 were structurally deficient, a full 1,168 bridges. The infrastructure on the highway system in Oklahoma was at a state where we were nearing a potential catastrophic bridge failure at some point; and it desperately needed investment. Thanks to the leadership at the Department at the time, the Legislature, and certainly the Governors have all participated, new funding mechanisms were put in place and made available. The Department began to chip away at those numbers with a focus on making sure that our bridge infrastructure was progressively getting better. And as you gentlemen know, there is no instant gratification in managing infrastructure; it takes years and years of commitment and investment to be able to improve those conditions.

I want to emphasize that we are going to do our best this morning to celebrate this accomplishment and recognize specifically some folks that have been and are a very important part of it. But I know that we are going to miss somebody; I apologize for that up front. Now let's go ahead and start the video about our structurally deficient bridge journey.

Secretary Gatz then recognized Governor Stitt who has joined the virtual meeting.

Governor Stitt then briefed the Commissioners about his recent announcement of Oklahoma's Top Ten State ranking in highway bridge conditions, the achievement of a longtime ODOT goal to address the structurally deficient bridges on the highway system. He noted that Oklahoma improved from 49th place nationally for highway bridge conditions in 2004 to 9th place in 2019. It's a major win for our state and a testament to the leadership, from you, Secretary Gatz, from all the Commissioners on this phone call, from the whole team at ODOT, our Legislators, and so many Oklahomans who came before us to make this goal a reality. To put this in perspective, back in 2004 there were 1,168 structurally deficient highway bridges; and now there are currently 86, with plans, obviously, to address each one of them as well. The vision and leadership shown by Secretary Gatz and his predecessors to focus on making our bridges some of the best in the nation in such a short timeframe is really remarkable. Oklahomans really can be proud that when they see those work zones, they see their tax dollars have paid off and helped make us a national leader in bridge safety on our state highway systems. Having a strong and safe transportation infrastructure keeps businesses running and attracts new ones. It's so important for economic development and commerce. It makes our state, a state that visitors want to come drive to, not drive by; and it keeps our communities connected.

So in closing, I just want to thank the commissioners. I know you all put a lot of time and effort. I just want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for what you're doing to help guide and shape ODOT and our infrastructure needs into the future. You're making a huge impact for our children and grandchildren, and for the next generation. And so I'm so thankful that you are locking arms with ODOT to improve transportation and infrastructure across our state. I'm just a phone call away; and it's a huge initiative of mine and something that I'm focused on, is continuing to be "Top 10" in everything related to infrastructure. I'm going to continue to work with our State House and Senate members; and I know they are passionate as well about being top in infrastructure.

Also acknowledging the feat and saying a few words at the meeting were former Transportation Secretary Gary Ridley and State Representatives, Avery Frix and Todd Russ, who chair the House Transportation Committee and the House Appropriations and Budget Subcommittee on Transportation

Secretary Gatz thanked the Commissioners for awarding the project on I-44/US-75 in Tulsa. The contract is about a \$90 million contract funded by INFRA Grant money and will be a major improvement for this location. We do want to give everybody a heads up, and ask the folks that are going to be traveling that route for their patience. It is going to be a significant construction project and will have a major impact on traffic.

I wasn't to point out that we have 3 major projects in the Oklahoma City area that begin this week. The first is the replacement of 3 sets of bridges on I-40, Crutch Creek, Southeast 15th Street, and Sooner Road. This will affect the I-40 corridor, Del City and Midwest City, especially some of the Tinker Air Force Base traffic. This is going to be a very difficult and major project to administer; but we will do our best to make sure that we minimize traffic disruptions to the extent we can.

Two are going to affect our west and southwest in Oklahoma City, the 2nd project is on I-44 south of I-40 and through the SH-152 Airport Road ramps. That project is going to get started this week and will be bridge rehabilitation and pavement rehabilitation. The 3rd project is on I-40 West at Frisco Road, and that's a partnership project that was awarded with the City of Yukon. This project will be building an interchange at his location and will go under construction this week also.

On the Transportation Modernization Initiative front, we continue to make good progress. Our consultant, Guidehouse, has worked with agency representatives and we have completed vision and guiding principles development. We've conducted some additional outreach with question and answer sessions; and Guidehouse is in the process of gathering more in-depth data collection and will have recommendations to us sometime around April 2021. Guidehouse will stay on with us through spring and into summer to help us with change management for some of the shared services arrangements, that are expected to come out of this initiative across the Transportation Cabinet, between Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission, the Turnpike Authority, and ODOT. So we look forward to that continuing.

On the COVID-19 front, ODOT is continuing to follow all CDC guidelines and have only had 44 cases among our approximately 2,400 employees. Our employees continue to do a phenomenal job in conducting themselves and working hard to keep each other safe and healthy first.

And in closing ODOT is continuing to work on rebalancing our 8 Year Construction Work Plan. Due to budget concerns on a State and Federal level we will wait until December to present this to the Commission. What we are really working towards is to make sure that we account for any changes in the federal funding level; and then, that we have a good opportunity to sit down with each of you and walk you through our investment strategy that's going to be included.

Information Only: No Commission action required.

ITEM PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

121. Adjournment Motion

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting September 8, 2020.

Gene McKown – Chairman

Bob Peterson – Vice Chairman