

# MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

## August 7, 2023

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HELD AUGUST 7, 2023, IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM OF THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, 200 NE 21<sup>ST</sup> STREET, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73105

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### ITEMS PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Peterson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>Present:</b>	Bob Peterson	Chairman
	Bob Coburn	Secretary
	Steve LaForge	Member
	TW Shannon	Member
	James Grimsley	Member
	David Dyson	Vice-Chairman
	Michael Junk	Member
	Don Freymiller	Member
<b>Absent:</b>	Bobby Alexander	Member

**Presiding:** Bob Peterson

The following items were presented and approved as written at the Transportation Commission meeting on August 7, 2023

Chairman Peterson thanked everyone for coming and recognized Bobby Stem, Executive Director of Association of Oklahoma General Contractors (AOGC) Randy Robinson, Executive Director of Oklahoma Cooperative Circuit Engineering Districts (CED), and Brent Burwell, Executive Director of American Concrete Pavement Association (ACPA).

**ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**

Call to Order

Roll Call – Commission Secretary

**ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION**

**113. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of July 10, 2023**

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

**CONSENT DOCKET TO BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**

**114. Safety Improvement Projects – Ms. January**

a) District VIII – Tulsa County – Change in Traffic Control in the City of Bixby

ODOT has received a request from the City of Bixby to install an emergency vehicle warning traffic signal at the Bixby Fire Department Driveway along SH-67. City of Bixby to install changes in traffic control.

**115. Speed Zone Revisions – Ms. January**

a) District II – Bryan County – Along SH-91 including the Town of Colbert for 1.90 miles

b) District VI – Texas County – Along SH-136 for 11.40 miles

**116. Land Sales – Mr. Phillips**

a) District VIII – Rogers County – West side of SH-88 near Tiawah, OK – \$16,100.00

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

**END OF CONSENT DOCKET**

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

**117. Engineering Contracts**

a) All Districts – Statewide – On-Demand Environmental Services for Local Government Projects

The Department has selected nine (9) firms to provide On-Demand Environmental Services for Local Government Projects. These firms may be utilized on an as-needed basis in support of the Department's staff.

CI-2444A	C.H. Guernsey & Company
CI-2444B	CC Environmental, LLC
CI-2444C	CP&Y DBA STV Infrastructure
CI-2444D	Freese and Nichols, Inc.
CI-2444E	Garver, LLC
CI-2444F	Hudson Prince Engineering & Inspection, PLLC
CI-2444G	Kleinfelder, Inc.
CI-2444H	Olsson, Inc.
CI-2444I	Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.

The aggregate not to exceed amount for these nine (9) contracts is \$2,400,000.00.

**b) All Districts – Statewide – Balanced Mix Design Program Development and Implementation**

The Department has selected EST, Inc. to provide Balanced Mix Design Program Development and Implementation. This firm may be utilized on an as-needed basis in support of the Department's staff.

CI-2451	EST, Inc.	\$1,000,000.00
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**c) District III – Garvin County**

The Department has selected MacArthur Associated Consultants, LLC to prepare construction plans for SH-19: from 2.0 miles east of Grady County line, east 3.5 miles to Washita River. Proposed project improvements: add sidewalks.

CI-2433	MacArthur Associated Consultants, LLC	\$1,502,769.00
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**d) District IV – Logan County**

The Department has selected Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. to prepare construction plans for SH-51: from SH-74, extending east 8 miles to approximately 2.5 miles west of US-77 and SH-51: from 8 miles east of SH-74 N3120, extending east to US-77. Proposed project improvements: add shoulders to a 2-lane road.

CI-2404A	Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.	\$1,598,005.00
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**e) District VI – Major County**

The Department has selected Tetra Tech, Inc. to provide preliminary engineering and prepare construction plans for city bridge in Fairview: over Sand Creek on E. Sand Creek Road, 0.9 miles east of SH-58, NBI 07307. Proposed project improvements: replace bridge on existing alignment.

CI-2445F	Tetra Tech, Inc.	\$251,731.00
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**f) District VIII – Rogers County**

The Department has selected Poe & Associates, Inc. to provide preliminary engineering and prepare construction plans for SH-266/SH-167. Proposed project improvements: intersection modification.

CI-2426	Poe & Associates, Inc.	\$1,340,960.00
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**g) District VIII – Rogers County**

The Department has selected EST, Inc. to provide preliminary engineering and prepare construction plans for US-412: at 4190 Road, approximately 1.50 miles west of SH-88, NS4190: near Inola, beginning at EW610 and extending north 2 miles to EW590, and NS4190: near Inola, beginning approximately 2.2 miles south of US-412, extending south 0.7 miles. Proposed project improvements: new interchange.

CI-2453	EST, Inc.	\$2,500,000.00
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**h) District VIII – Tulsa County**

The Department has selected Tetra Tech, Inc. to prepare construction plans for US-75; from SH-20, extending north 3.45 miles. Proposed project improvements: reconstruct/rehabilitate existing facility.

CI-2441B	Tetra Tech, Inc.	\$591,800.00
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ACTION: LaForge moved and Dyson seconded that the Item be approved as presented.  
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:  
AYES: Grimsley, LaForge, Shannon, Junk, Freymiller, Coburn, Dyson, Peterson  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT: Alexander

**118. Engineering Contracts/Supplements**

**a) District II – McCurtain County**

This supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for US-259: from 6.25 miles north of junction SH-3, extending north 6.0 miles. Proposed project improvements: reconstruct/rehabilitate existing facility, add capacity to roadway, intersection modification and safety improvements.

CI-2342A (Supplement 2)	Freese and Nichols, Inc	\$1,280,650.00
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**b) District II – Pittsburg County**

This supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for US-69: beginning approximately 2.5 miles south of Indian Nation Turnpike and extending north approximately 2.1 miles. Proposed project improvements: reconstruct/rehabilitate existing facility, replace bridge on existing alignment and safety improvements.

CI-2309B (Supplement 2)	Freese and Nichols, Inc.	\$60,800.00
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ACTION: Grimsley moved and Shannon seconded that the Item be approved as presented.  
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:  
AYES: Grimsley, Shannon, Junk, Freymiller, Coburn, Dyson, Peterson  
ABSTAIN: LaForge  
ABSENT: Alexander

**ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED BY CONSTRUCTION DIVISION ENGINEER – Mr. Leonard**

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

- a) Custer County - City Street - TAP-220D(070)TP / TAP-220F(083)TP / 32999(04), \$43,992.45, 2.89%
- b) Garvin County - SH-19 - STP-225B(081)PM / 27830(04), \$32,148.00, 1.63%
- c) Garvin County - SH-7 - SSR-225N(112)SR / 33882(04), \$825.00, 0.02%
- d) Grady County - SH-19 - STP-226C(098)PM / 30426(04), \$8,424.00, 0.05%
- e) Johnston County - County Road - STP-235C(069)CI / 30017(04), \$63,106.47, 6.76%
- f) Kay County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(125)PM / 24432(15), \$24,085.36, 0.40%
- g) Kay County - SH-156 - SBR-236C(112)SB / 28984(04), \$36,474.80, 1.67%
- h) Kay County - City Street - TAP-236D(095)TP / 34109(04), \$6,768.61, 4.13%
- i) Kay County - US-77 - SSR-236B(111)SR / 36304(04), \$23,232.00, -1.68% Underrun
- j) Leflore County - SH-63 - SBR-240C(110)SB / 34283(04), \$12,093.00, 2.53%
- k) McClain County - City Street - TAP-244D(083)TP / 32995(04), \$72,829.00, 2.43%
- l) Murray County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(128)PM / 31891(04), \$6,142.99, 0.10%
- m) Noble County - US-77 - STP-252F(093)PM / 24237(08), \$17,290.89, 5.89%
- n) Nowata County - SH-28 - STP-153C(150)PM / 24252(04), \$12,242.42, 0.22%
- o) Oklahoma County - City Street - TAP-255D(503)AG / 33279(04), \$218,788.29, -21.25% Underrun
- p) Oklahoma County - City Street - STPG-255F(546)(547)AG / 34173(04), \$30,125.00, 2.87%
- q) Oklahoma County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(105)IT / 34651(04), \$23,625.00, 0.92%
- r) Pawnee County - County Road - STP-259D(062)CI / 30584(04), \$19,400.00, 3.02%
- s) Pottawatomie County - City Street - TAP-263D(093)TP / 32996(04), \$4,999.64, 0.52%
- t) Pottawatomie County - I-40 - E-SAP-4000(179)ES / 36287(04), \$240.00, 0.15%
- u) Seminole County - US-270 - STP-167B(091)PM / STP-267B(093)PM / 21006(11), \$0.31, 0.00%
- v) Sequoyah County - County Road - STP-268C(056)CI / 32396(04), \$17,874.12, 0.20%
- w) Tulsa County - US-64 - NHPP-272N(356)PM / 33343(04), \$0.01, -0.00% Underrun
- x) Woodward County - US-183 - SBR-017N(259)SB / 32108(04), \$17,803.80, 1.03%

Total of Change Orders: \$208,470.56

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

- a) Alfalfa County - SH-8 - STP-102B(025)SS / 17668(10), \$14,375.00, 0.15%
- b) Bryan County - US-69 - NHPP-207N(085)FP / 31855(04), #12, \$92,786.13, 0.06%
- c) Bryan County - US-69 - NHPP-207N(085)FP / 31855(04), #13, \$20,202.00, 0.01%
- d) Canadian County - I-40 - NHPPI-4000-(182)PM / 34305(04), #1, \$1,118,453.00, 4.89%
- e) Canadian County - I-40 - NHPPI-4000-(182)PM / 34305(04), #2, \$28,571.96, -0.12% Underrun
- f) Canadian County - I-40 - NHPPI-4000-(182)PM / 34305(04), #3, \$140,610.40, 0.61%
- g) Choctaw County - County Road - STP-212D(065)CI / 32893(04), \$82,016.99, 8.05%
- h) Coal County - US-75 - NHPP-215N(039)PM / 24761(04), \$63,977.72, 5.15%
- i) Creek County - SH-66 - SSR-219N(095)SR / 35451(04), \$18,319.12, 0.72%
- j) Garvin County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(086)PM / 20970(08), \$54,511.23, 0.28%
- k) Garvin County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(134)PM / 30390(04), \$88,500.00, 0.29%
- l) Grady County - SH-37 - STP-126C(063) / 20301(04), \$25,768.00, 0.22%
- m) Kay County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(125)PM / 24432(15), \$490,192.99, 8.04%
- n) Kay County - US-177 - STP-236C(070)AD / 32954(04), \$130,883.35, 6.72%
- o) Lincoln County - SH-99 - NHPP-012N(111)(109)3P / SSR-012N(110)SR / 33764(04), \$109,551.65, 1.16%
- p) Mayes County - US-69 - NHPP-013N(206)3P / 35479(04), \$161,741.64, 6.90%
- q) McClain County - SH-76 - STP-244C(074)PM / 23264(07), \$35,313.32, 0.39%
- r) McCurtain County - US-70 - NHPP-022N(102)SS / NHPP-022N(225)PM / 18859(04), \$945,870.00, 4.07%

- s) Muskogee County - SH-10 - ACSTP-251C(081)SS / 28962(04), \$35,000.00, 0.47%
- t) Oklahoma County - I-44 - NHPPI-4400-(108)PM / 09033(28), #1, \$90,779.53, 0.42%
- u) Oklahoma County - I-44 - NHPPI-4400-(108)PM / 09033(28), #2, \$16,720.00, 0.08%
- v) Oklahoma County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(132)FP / 29844(04), \$511,023.20, 0.85%
- w) Oklahoma County - TURNPIKE - SSP-255F(549)IT / 35386(04), \$80,865.09, 5.64%
- x) Osage County - US-60 - NHPP-257N(084)PM / 35106(04), \$436,046.53, 2.84%
- y) Payne County - SH-51 - STP-260B(043)PM / 27978(04), \$93,083.62, 0.87%
- z) Pontotoc County - SH-19 - STP-162B(187)SS / 21841(07), \$275,000.00, 1.63%
- aa) Pottawatomie County - US-177 - SSR-263B(082)SR / 35305(04), \$15,567.61, 4.30%
- bb) Roger Mills County - SH-30 - SBR-265C(029)SB / 34330(04), \$25,269.30, 1.20%
- cc) Seminole County - County Road - CIRB-267C(080)RB / 32376(04), \$198,451.72, 5.06%
- dd) Tulsa County - SH-20 - STP-172B(360)SS / 24346(04), \$242,730.42, 1.57%
- ee) Tulsa County - City Street - STP-272N(360)IG / 33315(04), \$3,146.76, -0.22% Underrun
- ff) Tulsa County - City Street - STP-272N(358)IG / 34740(04), \$88,091.71, 18.39%
- gg) Woodward County - US-183 - NHPP-017N(206)(256)PM / 17457(54), \$26,725.77, 0.13%

Total of Change Orders: \$5,696,708.32

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

**ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE COMPTROLLER DIVISION**

**121. Proposed Bid Openings – Mr. Hackney**

- a) Final September, 2023 Proposed Bid Opening
- b) Tentative October, 2023 Proposed Bid Opening
- c) Tentative November, 2023 Proposed Bid Opening

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

**ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION – Mr. Dudgeon**

**122. Proposed County Improvements of Roads & Bridges (CIRB) 5 Year County Work Plan (2024-2028)**

The Department has worked collaboratively with the Counties and 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 \$804 million in improvements
- Replacement or rehabilitation of 176 county bridges, 74 structurally deficient or functionally obsolete
- Improvements to 395 miles of county roads

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

**ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS – Mr. Davis**

**123. Emergency Declaration – Information Only**

District VIII – Tulsa County – Northbound bridge on US-75 over Polecat Creek - \$350,000.00

**ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE ENGINEER – Mr. Delce**

**124. Awards**

- a) July 13, 2023 – Regular Bid Opening
- b) July 20, 2023 – Regular Bid Opening

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

## **ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR – Mr. Gatz**

### **125. Director's Report – Information Only**

Secretary Gatz began his report by addressing the US-75 emergency declaration. The bridge being addressed is structurally sound, however, there will be one lane closed during the repair. Gatz agreed with ODOT's bridge engineer, Justin Hernandez, when he stated, with the lane closed, it is not so much of a structural emergency as it is a traffic emergency. Gatz added ODOT's priority is repairing this bridge before Labor Day.

Secretary Gatz thanked the Commission's for its consideration of the County Improvements for Roads and Bridges (CIRB) 5-year work plan. Gatz added ODOT's partnership with County Government is crucial and the County Commissioners are primary partners.

Secretary Gatz announced the I-35 and State Highway 9 West interchange. This will be a diverging diamond interchange, much like the current operational Elk City interchange, and the Memorial and Creek Turnpike interchange that is currently under construction. Gatz stated this will also include local road improvements around the interchange and the widening of I-35 through that location, from the River Bridge, widening to six lanes to the Goldsby interchange. Gatz thanked the Commission for their consideration of this project.

Secretary Gatz continued the project updates with State Highway 19 in Grady County. SH-19 carries approximately 4,000 cars a day and is a significant cut-through between Chickasha to I-35 in Paul's Valley. Gatz added this will be an eight-mile project and will add shoulders to the rural, two-lane highway. Jay Earp in District 7 was recognized for his work in prioritizing investments on this corridor. Gatz added the project will start in early 2024 and will be under construction for approximately two and a half years.

Secretary Gatz recognized Chris Wallace in District One for his work on a series of improvement projects on US-75 near Okmulgee. These projects will address some problem areas on US-75 that includes pavement rehabilitation and patching.

Secretary Gatz provided an update for the resurfacing project on I-40 at Morgan Road, the project has gone extremely well, and ODOT appreciates the cooperation and attention of the traveling public. Gatz adds that the Contractor, Haskell Lemon has done a significant amount of night work, and some lane closures during the weekends, which has proven to be very effective. Gatz asked the traveling public to continue to be attentive to the traffic advisories that ODOT issues because there will be changing traffic conditions on that corridor as the project continues through November.

Secretary Gatz redirected his report to recognize ODOT's safety campaign for the month of August which will focus on pedestrian safety. Gatz added, when motorists practice safe driving habits, we can create a safer walking environment for our communities. With children returning to school, Gatz reminded the traveling public to be attentive around school buses and school zones. Also, the public should be aware of the pedestrians on the side of the highways with potential car trouble and to move over while passing.

Secretary Gatz addressed the accident rate that involving seat belt usage, Oklahoma ranks 40<sup>th</sup> in the nation. Gatz implored the traveling public to buckle their seat belts.

No Commission action is required.



**ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**

**126. Adjournment Motion**

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

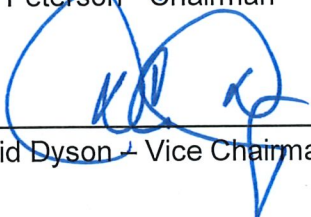
**Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.**

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Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting August 7, 2023.

  
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Bob Peterson - Chairman

  
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David Dyson - Vice Chairman