

MINUTES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Monday the 2nd, March, 2020, 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 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 at or before 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2020 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. Gene McKown called the meeting to order at 11:03 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

Absent: Bob Peterson

Presiding: Gene McKown

The following items were presented and approved as written at the Transportation Commission meeting of March 2, 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 McKown thanked everyone for coming and introduced Special Guests: Representative Denise Crosswhite Hader, Baylee Williams from Governor Stitt's Office, Jeannette Nance, Executive Director of Keep Oklahoma Beautiful, Bobby Stem, Lori Peterson, Executive Director and General Counsel of Oklahoma Railroad Association and Mike Patterson, former Secretary of Transportation. We really do appreciate everybody coming and participating in our Commission Meeting. He then recognized Secretary/Director Tim Gatz for some announcements and presentations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Secretary Gatz asked that we observe a moment of silence. We were saddened to learn of the passing of ODOT Retiree, Veldo Goins. He was a longtime Bridge Engineer and retired from the Department in 2001 after 38 years of meritorious service. Veldo was a structural engineer extraordinaire and a respected bridge expert across the country, who designed and inspected bridges all over the state that are used by thousands of Oklahomans every day. He even came out of retirement to help us when the I-40 Bridge at Webber Falls was knocked down by a barge; he was instrumental in putting that back up. He also had a significant role in the Sailboat Bridge at Grand Lake on US-59; and in 2012 that bridge was named in his honor. So at this time please observe a moment of silence for Veldo.

Secretary Gatz introduced Stasha Martin our new Personnel Attorney. She has got 17 years of litigation experience, and has worked for ODOT for about a year in our Legal Division.

He then recognized Director of Finance, Chelley Hilmes to make an introduction.

Ms. Hilmes announced Scott Lange as the new Human Resources Division Manager. Scott brings more than 34 years of Human Resources experience to the Department. He began his career with ODOT in the Training Branch in 2014. He started with the State in 1994 at the Merit Protection Commission and has 26 years of State Human Resources experience with 5 different agencies. Prior to ODOT, he worked for Tourism and Recreation Department as their Human Resources Director. Scott received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Nebraska in 1983. He is a Certified Mediator and a Senior Discrimination Complaint Investigator; as well as a Certified Personnel Professional. Scott and his wife, Lori have 2 sons and 5 grandsons; please congratulate him in his new role.

Secretary Gatz said the Department has received a very prestigious award from "Keep America Beautiful". We are so proud of our partnership with their affiliate, "Keep Oklahoma Beautiful". I want to invite Jeannette Nance, the Executive Director of Keep Oklahoma Beautiful to the podium to talk a little bit about this award and the partnership that we helped them with.

Ms. Nance said today is the 1st week marking the "Great American Cleanup" in Oklahoma and our partnership with the Department of Transportation. They helped us ship out 128 of our supply orders last week, and we will ship probably 200 more orders to all the districts again in mid-March. We want to look forward with a 2020 vision by looking back at 2019's numbers and why this partnership with you all is so significant. Your partnership helped deliver supplies to all 77 counties, has helped us as "Keep America Beautiful Affiliate" and the Department of Transportation both, be recognized by Keep America Beautiful for having 77 county participation. Which means at least 1 community in every one of our 77 counties has participated in the Great American Cleanup, cleaning roadsides for the State of Oklahoma. So I think that's very significant, and we could not do it without the partnership that delivers those supplies statewide. In 2019, 4,029,037 pounds of trash were collected; and those are only the numbers that were reported back to us, so that's probably not an accurate number. This was done in only for 3 months, from March to May, but that's what our volunteers do with the supplies you help us deliver. 2,050 plus miles were cleared, 13,000 flowers were planted and all of this was done by more than 42,000 volunteers statewide. So we certainly appreciate the Department of Transportation, and thank you for your partnership. This is your 9th national recognition and your 5th consecutive recognition.

NOTE: Chairman McKown said as Oklahomans, we immensely appreciate what our state looks like from your efforts.

Secretary Gatz said I want to emphasize the significance that Oklahoma is one of the few states that has participation in all 77 counties! I really want to thank Jeannette and "Keep Oklahoma Beautiful" for everything they do to help us keep the right-of-ways looking nice. So this a very prestigious award; and I thank you.

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION

28. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of February 3, 2020

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

CONSENT DOCKET PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

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

a) **Adair County – Commission District I**

Near Watts, Construction funding for a Signal project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms at Adair County Road E0670, with the Kansas City Southern Railway mainline. Total cost is \$296,000.00

b) **Adair County – Commission District I**

Near Westville, Construction funding for a Signal project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms at Adair County Road E0700, with the Kansas City Southern Railway mainline. Total cost is \$264,500.00

c) **Sequoyah County – Commission District I**

In Sallisaw, Construction funding for a Signal project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms at Old Dump Road, with the Kansas City Southern Railway mainline. Total cost is \$266,500.00

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

- a) Bryan County – Durant - Gates Ave - JP32589(04) - Kiamichi Railroad - \$4,715.97 - 2.43%
- b) Bryan County – Durant - 2nd Street – JP32589(05) - Kiamichi Railroad - \$7,527.53 – 2.81%
- c) McCurtain County – Idabel - SH-87 – JP32589(18) - Kiamichi Railroad - \$11,629.10 - 3.98%
- d) Kiowa County – Lone Wolf - SH-9 – JP 34640(11) - Farmrail - \$15,000 – 3.41%
- e) Washita County – Sentinel – SH-55 – JP34640(14) - Farmrail - \$15,000 – 2.8%

NOTE: Commissioner Dyson said there is a Scriveners error on Item 30, it should have **parts a-g**. They were included in the packet but left off the summary. **Parts f) and g)** should read as follows:

- f) Pawnee County – Pawnee – Co. Road N3430 – JP28304(04) - BNSF - \$55,506.00 – 22.03%
- g) Rogers County – Verdigris – Franklin Road – JP33075(23) - BNSF - \$1,258.22 – 1.25%

31. **Safety Improvement Projects – Mr. Pendley**

- a) Atoka County – District II – for the purchase of equipment for installation of a new school zone crossing along SH-3B, in the City of Atoka, to include a High Intensity Activated Crosswalk Beacon (HAWK System) - \$150,000.00
- b) Noble County – District IV – for the purchase of solar powered equipment for the installation of a new school entrance warning assembly along SH-15, near the Town of Red Rock, to include school entrance advanced warning signs with flashing beacons - \$8,000.00

32. **Speed Zone Revisions – Mr. Pendley**

- a) Adair County – District I – various locations along SH-100 in the City of Stilwell
- b) Johnston County – District III – various locations along SH-22 in the City of Tishomingo
- c) Grady County – District VII – various locations along US-81 in the City of Pocasset

33. **Land Sales – Mr. Phillips**

Delaware County – District VIII – located along the south side of US-412, approximately 1,414 feet west of US-59 in West Siloam Springs - \$8,970.00

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

END OF CONSENT DOCKET

ITEM PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING – Mr. Tegeler

34. Engineering Contract Supplements

Statewide – All Districts – On-Demand Engineering Services for ADA Improvements

CI-2065A		Atkins North American, Inc.
CI-2065B		Cabbiness Engineering, LLC
CI-2065C	Supplement 2	EST, Inc.
CI-2065D	Supplement 2	Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
CI-2065E		MacArthur Associated Consultants, LLC
CI-2065F		Smith Roberts Baldischwiler, LLC

The total aggregate increase for these six (6) contract supplements is \$1,500,000.00

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

ITEMS PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF CONSTRUCTION DIVISION ENGINEER – Mr. McIntosh

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

- a) Bryan County - US-70 - SSP-NBIP(527)PM / 24333(16), \$24,978.00, 7.35%
- b) Choctaw County - Co. Rd. - STP-112D(078)CI / 24821(04), \$33,646.94, 0.63%
- c) Cleveland County - Co. Rd. - STP-214D(088)CI / 31254(04), \$940.95, 0.32%
- d) Kay County - PEDESTRIAN TRAIL - TAP-236F(031)TP / 32993(04), \$27,986.61, -2.10%
Underrun
- e) Logan County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-242C(067)RB / 28686(04), \$5,881.74, 0.48%
- f) McClain County - I-35 - NHPPI-0035(297)SS / 23283(04), \$66,240.00, 1.38%
- g) Okfuskee County - I-40 - NHPPI-4000-(077)PM / 21007(06), \$65,643.60, 0.35%
- h) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - STP-155E(919)EH / 28817(04), \$16,242.63, 2.41%
- i) Oklahoma County - SH-66 - HSIP-255N(257)TR / 30793(04), \$476.00, 0.65%
- j) Oklahoma County - I-35 FRONTAGE ROAD - TAP-255D(327)AG / 31434(04), \$10,638.00, 2.32%
- k) Pittsburg County - SH-31 - STP-261C(071)(006)PM / 28912(04), \$9,918.73, 0.11%
- l) Rogers County - SH-88 - SSR-266C(057)SR / 31351(04), \$11,428.12, 1.56%
- m) Seminole County - US-270 - SSR-267B(068)SR / 31830(04), \$4,862.16, 0.46%
- n) Sequoyah County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-268C(037)RB / 28515(04), \$11,710.60, 0.40%
- o) Stephens County - Co. Rd. - STP-269D(055)CI / 29932(04), \$5,867.03, 0.54%
- p) Tulsa County - I-44 - NHPPI-4400(058)PM / 29693(04), \$0.00, 0.00%
- q) Tulsa County - US-169 - E-SAP-4400(060)ES / 34229(05), \$17,067.45, 2.91%
- r) Wagoner County - SH-51B - STPY-273C(015)3P / 29754(05), \$19,830.72, 2.60%
- s) Woods County - Co. Rd. - STP-276C(025)CI / 30492(04), \$13,075.05, 0.53%

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

- a) Beckham County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-105C(157)RB / 24839(04), \$51,262.60, 0.75%
- b) Cleveland County - I-35 - IM-NHIY-0035-2(289)109 / 09031(08), \$55,433.64, 0.19%
- c) Comanche County - Ct. St. - STP-116B(137)MS / 23410(04), \$20,562.08, 0.25%
- d) Cotton County - SH-5A - STP-217C(041)PM / 28037(04), \$115,000.00, 2.88%
- e) Creek County - SH-66 - HSIP-119C(160)PM / 24132(04), \$46,272.29, 1.38%
- f) Creek County - SH-48 - STP-219B(054)SS / 27925(04), \$301,560.50, 3.47%
- g) Garfield County - Ct. St. - STP-224B(052)(053)UR / 17020(05), \$119,930.32, 2.59%
- h) Hughes County - SH-9 - STP-232C(059)PM / 28939(04), \$29,287.50, 1.17%
- i) Johnston County - SH-1 - SBR-235C(017)SB / 29603(04), \$61,115.35, 2.46%
- j) Kiowa County - SH-6 - STP-038B(232)SS / 15027(04), \$83,502.87, 0.41%
- k) Lincoln County - US-62 - STP-241C(052)SS / 28925(04), \$2,750.00, 0.18%
- l) Logan County - US-77 - STP-242C(055)PM / 27103(04), \$10,124.43, 0.19%
- m) McClain County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(074)PM / 27220(04), \$137,990.00, 1.53%
- n) McClain County - US-77 - ACNHPP-244N(052)SS / 27946(04), \$63,988.21, 0.18%
- o) McIntosh County - US-69 - NHPP-246N(027) / 29755(04), \$0.50, -0.00% Underrun
- p) Oklahoma County - I-235 - NHPPI-2350-(009)PM / 09033(27), \$291,507.80, 0.29%
- q) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - OKC-XTWN(078)SS / ACNHPP-XTWN(079)SS / 17428(88) #24, \$32,252.93, 0.12%
- r) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - OKC-XTWN(078)SS / ACNHPP-XTWN(079)SS / 17428(88) #31, \$500,000.00, 1.91%
- s) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - OKC-XTWN(078)SS / ACNHPP-XTWN(079)SS / 17428(88) #32, \$213,744.25, 0.82%
- t) Oklahoma County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(066)FP / 27897(04) #14, \$38,817.60, 0.13%
- u) Oklahoma County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(066)FP / 27897(04) #15, \$156,148.14, 0.53%
- v) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - STP-255A(450)AG / 30230(04), \$32,908.95, 1.15%
- w) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - STP-255C(430)(431)AG / 31102(04), \$472,923.50, 11.96%
- x) Oklahoma County - SH-3 - NHPP-017N(252)3P / 32091(04), \$17,342.61, 0.29%
- y) Payne County - SH-51 - SSP-160B(190)SS / 26369(04), \$47,932.06, 0.65%
- z) Payne County - US-177 - HSIPG-260N(060)AD / 32952(04), \$22,890.74, 4.59%
- aa) Pittsburg County - US-69 - ACNHPP-261N(072)SS / 28991(04), \$269,366.01, 5.17%
- bb) Pottawatomie County - Ct. St. - TAP-263D(065)TP / 32990(04), \$27,158.24, 18.12%
- cc) Seminole County - US-270 - NHPP-267N(004)SS / 29109(04), \$90,865.48, 4.36%
- dd) Seminole County - SH-56 - SBR-267C(077)SB / 30580(04), \$99,056.06, 2.87%
- ee) Stephens County - SH-29 - STP-169B(134)PM / 24412(04), \$62,123.15, 0.50%
- ff) Tulsa County - CITY STREETS - SEC1934-272C(223)TI / 23708(06), \$9,542.08, -0.48% Underrun
- gg) Wagoner County - SH-16 - ACSTP-273C(025)SS / 24366(04), \$78,314.16, 0.55%
- hh) Washita County - I-40 - ACNHPP-4000-(057)PM / 27935(04), \$206,931.85, -2.43% Underrun

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 and LaForge
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Peterson

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

37. Proposed Bid Openings – Mr. Hackney

- a) Final May, 2020 Proposed Bid Opening
- b) Tentative June, 2020 Proposed Bid Opening
- c) Tentative July, 2020 Proposed Bid Opening

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

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE ENGINEER – Mr. Delce

38. Awards

February 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 and LaForge
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Peterson

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR – Mr. Gatz

39. Director's Report

Secretary Gatz said, I want to thank you for approving some of the transportation alternatives, program projects that are focused on sidewalks and trails in 3 communities. The investment in mobility for our bicyclists and pedestrians out there is really important for Oklahoma. When you're talking about sidewalks, many times those sidewalks are adjacent to the highway system; and these improvements, not only help with pedestrian access, they help communities meet the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

We've got some upcoming work in the I-40 corridor in the Del City area. We will be resurfacing Interstate 40 between the Ft. Smith Junction and Sooner Road beginning later this month. This work is a precursor to a major bridge project that we hope to bring to the Commission for consideration next month. That project will construct new I-40 bridges over Southeast 15th street, Crutch Creek, and Sooner Road. Those bridges have been a major condition issue in the Interstate 40 corridor in the Oklahoma City area for many years. The decks on those bridges are deteriorated; and they are not in good structural condition. So many times we have to disrupt traffic, and go in and do emergency repairs on those structures. So we are really excited to move forward a project that will implement permanent improvements at those locations. It is an extremely vital corridor for Oklahoma and the nation; and absolutely serves as direct access for Tinker Air Force Base and other businesses and communities along that route.

Secretary Gatz showed Commissioners the new "Welcome to Oklahoma" signs; and said we are in the process of putting these new welcome signs around the State of Oklahoma. The updated welcome signs have been recently installed at some of the major border crossings around the state. We have been working closely with the Lieutenant Governor on his branding initiative, and have worked hard to make those signs happen and get that initiative moving forward.

The Federal Highway Administration has opened up their INFRA Grant Program. The Department has the ability to apply for 3 of those grants across the state, which we have taken advantage of. The 3 projects submitted are as follows:

1. The US-81 truck relief realignment route around downtown Chickasha
2. I-44/US-75 interchange in Tulsa
3. I-40/Douglas Blvd. interchange near Tinker Air Force Base

We are happy to have our applications supported by the Congressional delegation; and we are hopeful and optimistic for this round.

USDOT also just announced the availability of Build Grants, which is another discretionary grant program that comes through the federal government. It encompasses all modes of transportation; and we will be working towards trying to get some applications prepared for that program also.

Update on the "Transit Plan" we have 1 more scheduled meeting with the Transit Providers in Woodward on March 12th. The survey comes to a close this month and can still be found on www.oktransitplan.org. We continue to work closely with the Oklahoma Transit Association to keep the Legislature updated on our progress. The Legislation that brought us the Office of Mobility and Public Transit has a deadline for the creation of this plan of July 1. That would have been extremely difficult, if not impossible, for us to meet. There is a piece of legislation moving now over in the Legislature to extend that deadline to the end of this calendar year.

I wanted to acknowledge Governor Stitt in his State of the State Address. He talked about the Department's partnership with other agencies and communities, and thanked us for the work that we did in assisting with the devastating floods; and some of the things that went on around that time period in Oklahoma. He also recognized our significant progress on Structurally Deficient Bridges, moving from one of the worst rankings for bridge infrastructure in the country to now approaching one of the best. We are continuing to work on our structurally deficient bridge issue; right now, we've got 132 as was reported in 2019. The Bridge Division and our folks are putting together our report for 2020; and that will go in the middle of this month, and we will get the national results later this summer. If everything goes as I hope, I think we may break into the Top 10 this year; we should be well into double digits rather than triple digits. As we get better and better with our bridge infrastructure, it's important that we not lose sight of the fact that we have to continue to invest in that infrastructure all across the state. Because as we sit here today, we've got more than 1,000 bridges out on the highway system that are 80 years old or older. So we are not done; we have got to continue to be diligent and continue to work. We have got a goal of being 1% or less by the end of this calendar year, which I'm optimistic that we will make. But we will have to continue our focus and our efforts in order to keep that infrastructure in good condition; and continue to replace bridges that are on the verge of becoming structurally deficient.

We are also working on pavement conditions and our rural 2-lane highways that have deficient shoulders. Both of these initiatives are important for Oklahoma's future, and we are going to make progress in the context of the 8 Year Construction Work Plan going forward.

Information Only: No Commission action required.

ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

40. Adjournment Motion

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting March 2, 2020.

Gene McKown - Chairman

Bob Peterson - Vice Chairman