

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING NOVEMBER 7, 2022

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WAS HELD NOVEMBER 7, 2022 IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM OF THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, 200 NE 21ST STREET, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73105

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ITEMS PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

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

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Gene McKown	Chairman
	Bob Peterson	Vice Chairman
	Bob Coburn	Member
	James Grimsley	Secretary
	TW Shannon	Member
	Don Freymiller	Member
	David Dyson	Member
	Bobby Alexander	Member
	Steve LaForge	Member
Absent:	None	
Presiding:	Gene McKown	

The following items were presented and approved as written at the Transportation Commission meeting November 7, 2022. 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: State Representative, Nicole Miller (also Chairwoman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee), Bobby Stem, Executive Director of the Association of Oklahoma General Contractors, Rich Brierre, Executive Director of INCOG, Andrea Ball, Executive Director of Oklahoma Transit Association and former Secretary of Transportation, Mike Patterson. We really do appreciate everybody coming and participating in our Commission Meeting.

Chairman McKown recognized Secretary Gatz for an announcement.

Secretary Gatz said I would like for Steve Johnson and Anthony Delce to come and talk a little bit about some of our networking and team building exercises they have been undertaking.

Mr. Johnson said it's an honor to be here and I am founder of the Hoop Dreams Engineers Basketball Tournament. We are in our 8th year and it was conceived as a fundraiser to raise funds for a mission trip to Guatemala, and it has since evolved into so much more thanks for the overwhelming support of most of the people behind me in this room. It has evolved into an event that the champion of that year's tournament gets to decide what the charity would be the following year. This year we saw a record number of teams (15) and we had 16 sponsors and 2 champions (Rec League & Competitive League). The Competitive League gets the traveling trophy as well as pick the charity for next year. I would like to recognize Anthony Delce and the ODOT Road Warriors, Champions of the 2022 Hoop Dreams Tournament.

Mr. Delce said this is our 3rd time winning this trophy and this is something that we look forward to every year. We appreciate CEC so much for allowing us to participate and be involved.

Secretary Gatz invited Bobby Stem and Shawn Davis to come and talk a little bit about the softball game that we have been having.

Mr. Stem said as you know softball is a team sport and this is our 2nd year to host this tournament. It is always a fun day and we have a great time. ODOT/OTA was the champion once again and I would like to present them with the trophy.

Mr. Davis said this a good time, we have a great field of players from ODOT and OTA. We all come together and play against the contractors; and probably the best thing about the day is nobody got hurt and we all went home safe.

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION

134. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of September 6, 2022

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

148. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of October 3, 2022

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

CONSENT DOCKET PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

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

a) Blaine County – Commission District V

Near Southard, Construction funding for a signal and surface project which includes the installation of pedestal mounted flashing lights and gates and a 40' concrete crossing surface at the intersections of Blaine County Road E0660 and the Grainbelt Corporation's mainline. Total cost is \$529,088.00

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

- a) Beckham County – Elk City – S. Pioneer Road – JP 35180(14) – FMRC- \$71,401– 16.9%
- b) Kiowa County – Snyder – SH-54 – JP 35180(07) – SLWC- \$55,767 – 17.5%
- c) Washita County – Lone Wolf – SH-9 – JP 34640(11) – FMRC- \$6,856.81 – 1.4%

151. Speed Zone Revisions – Ms. January

- a) Commission District III – Multiple Locations
 - 1. Johnston County – Along SH-7 including the Town of Mill Creek for 11.00 miles
 - 2. Lincoln County – Along SH-66 including the Town of Wellston for 7.46 miles

152. Safety Improvement Projects – Ms. January

a) Installation of School Zone - Commission Districts I, II & III

We have received a request from the District I, II & III Engineers for the purchase of solar powered equipment for the installation of new school zones at the following locations:

- 1. Cherokee County – District I - One location along SH-80, in the Town of Hulbert, to include school zone advanced warning signs with flashing beacons, and pavement marking improvements.
- 2. Cherokee County – District I - One location along SH-51, in the Town of Hulbert, to include school zone advanced warning signs with flashing beacons, and pavement marking improvements.
- 3. McCurtain County – District II - One location along SH-3, in the City of Idabel, for Denison Elementary School, to include school zone advanced warning signs with flashing beacons, and pavement marking improvements.
- 4. Hughes County – District III - One location along SH-7 in the Town of Calvin, to include school zone advanced warning signs with flashing beacons and pavement marking improvements.
- 5. McClain County – District III - One location along US-62, in the City of Newcastle, to include school zone advanced warning signs with flashing beacons, and pavement marking improvements.
- 6. Pottawatomie County – District III - One location along SH-9 in the City of Tecumseh, to include school zone advanced warning signs with flashing beacons and pavement marking improvements.

The equipment is estimated to cost \$48,000.00

153. Land Sales – Mr. Phillips

- a) Choctaw County – District II – located at the northeast corner of US-271 and SH-109, approximately 3.50 miles south of Hugo, OK - \$26,800.00
- b) Woodward County – District VI – located along the north side of US-412 and 3rd Street in Woodward, OK – \$4,001.00

- c) Tulsa County – District VIII - located along the east side of US-169 at the NE intersection of US-169 & East 126th Street North in Collinsville, OK - \$8,335.00

ACTION: LaForge moved and Shannon 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

154. Programming Item

Tulsa County – District VIII - a project to repair vehicle impact damage to SH-51 over S. 145th E. Avenue, located 2.8 miles east of junction US-169 - \$300,000 - Party responsible for the damage is known.

ACTION: Shannon moved and Peterson 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

155. Engineering Contracts

a) Statewide – All Districts - On-Demand Environmental Studies

CI-2397A	Able Consulting, LLC
CI-2397B	AmaTerra Environmental, Inc.
CI-2397C	C.H. Guernsey & Company
CI-2397D	CC Environmental, LLC
CI-2397E	CP&Y, Inc.
CI-2397F	Garver, LLC
CI-2397G	Olsson, Inc.
CI-2397H	Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.

Total aggregate not to exceed amount for these eight (8) contracts is \$1,600,000.00

b) Statewide – All Districts - On-Demand Multidimensional Design Support Services

CI-2407A	Freese & Nichols, Inc.
CI-2407B	Garver, LLC
CI-2407C	Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.

Total aggregate not to exceed amount for these three (3) contracts is \$1,500,000.00

c) Statewide – All Districts - On-Demand Scour Data Assessment & Repair Recommendations for Off-System Bridges

CI-2408A	Burgess & Niple, Inc.
CI-2408B	CONSOR Engineers, LLC
CI-2408C	Guy Engineering Services, Inc.
CI-2408D	H.W. Lochner, Inc.

Total aggregate not to exceed amount for these four (4) contracts is \$1,000,000.00

d) Atoka County - District II - to prepare construction plans for US-75: beginning 2.18 west of US-69, and extending northwest to the Coal County Line

CI-2385A	Cowan Group Engineering, LLC	\$738,360.00
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e) Atoka County – District II – to prepare construction plans for US-69: from 14.5 miles north of the Bryan County line, extending north approximately 1.6 miles

CI-2387A	HNTB Corporation	\$864,265.00
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f) Bryan County – District II - to prepare construction plans for US-70: ramps at Hillcrest Drive in Durant, approximately 3.0 miles east of SH-78

CI-2387B	Poe & Associates, Inc.	\$589,900.00
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g) Pottawatomie County – District III - to provide preliminary engineering and prepare construction plans for I-40/US-177 Interchange west of Shawnee

CI-2388	CEC Corporation	\$743,425.00
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ACTION: Dyson moved and Freymiller 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

156. Engineering Contract Supplements

a) Muskogee County – District I – this supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for US-62/SH-16/US-64/SH-72 intersection (bridge over SH-72)

CI-2264A	Supplement 1	MKEC Engineering, Inc.	\$13,200.00
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b) Garvin County – District III – this supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for SH-19: from SH-74, extending east 5.0 miles and SH-19: from 5.0 miles east of SH-74, extending east 4.3 miles

CI-2374A	Supplement 2	Cowan Group Engineering, LLC	\$1,085,670.00
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c) Stephens County – District VII – this supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for the Duncan Bypass: interchange construction at Elk Avenue

CI-2265	Supplement 1	Olsson, Inc.	\$806,650.00
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- d) Tulsa County – District VIII – this supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for US-169 from S-W ramp over I-244, 0.1 mile east of junction US-169

CI-2122	Supplement 2	EST, Inc.	\$334,360.50
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ACTION: Peterson moved and Freymiller 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

ITEMS PRESENTED BY CONSTRUCTION DIVISION ENGINEER – Mr. Leonard

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

- a) Beaver County - County Road - STP-204D(040)CI / 29381(04), \$46,941.00, 6.14%
- b) Bryan County - US-70 - SSR-022N(219)SR / 31334(04), \$66,957.54, 7.23%
- c) Carter County - US-70 - STP-010B(306)PM / 10154(04), \$14,853.73, 0.08%
- d) Cleveland County - City Street - TAP-214E(102)AG / 33271(04), \$9,120.00, 0.90%
- e) Coal County - US-75 - NHPP-215N(039)PM / 24761(04), \$33,684.61, 2.71%
- f) Comanche County - SH-115 - SSP-216C(101)PM / 29579(04), \$26,591.00, -4.70% Underrun
- g) Garvin County - SH-74 - SBR-225C(103)SB / 34231(04), \$30,290.48, 4.70%
- h) Kiowa County - SH-44 - STP-238B(082)3P / 35591(04), \$53,542.00, 2.24%
- i) Lincoln County - City Street - TAP-241D(082)TP / 34104(04), \$17,108.28, 3.58%
- j) Major County - County Road - CIRB-247D(031)RB / 29751(04), \$4,250.00, 0.80%
- k) McClain County - County Road - STP-244D(075)CI / 33485(04), \$37,351.80, 3.57%
- l) Murray County - I-35 - SSR-3500(131)SR / 35598(04), \$248,979.73, -17.27% Underrun
- m) Osage County - SH-99 - STP-257B(090)PM / 29686(04), \$67,937.50, 1.67%
- n) Pontotoc County - SH-99 - STP-CRRS(020)PM / 33339(04), \$29,743.39, 2.56%
- o) Seminole County - SH-39 - SSR-267C(082)SR / 33321(04), \$14,525.88, 1.16%
- p) Seminole County - SH-99 - SBR-267N(094)SB / 34232(04), \$6,262.40, 0.36%
- q) Seminole County - SH-99A - MC-267C(095)MD / 35796(04), \$52,426.26, 9.79%
- r) Sequoyah County - I-40 - NHPPI-4000-(127)PM / 29721(04), \$29,520.66, 0.37%
- s) Stephens County - US-81 - STP-269F(076)AD / TAP-269F(079)TP / 34106(04), \$28,429.25, 2.87%
- t) Texas County - City Street - TAP-270E(040)TP / STP-270C(036)AD / 32998(04), #6, \$285.00, -0.02% Underrun
- u) Texas County - City Street - TAP-270E(040)TP / STP-270C(036)AD / 32998(04), #7, \$13,632.34, 0.76%
- v) Texas County - SH-3 - SBR-017N(260)SB / 33901(04), \$40,858.32, 4.43%
- w) Tulsa County - City Street - TAP-272B(346)IG / 33034(04), \$2,266.50, 1.68%

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

- a) Alfalfa County - County Road - STP-202C(047)CI / 29785(04), \$14,393.92, 1.94%
- b) Caddo County - SH-9 - STP-108B(166)PM / 24094(04), \$48,510.00, 0.23%
- c) Choctaw County - US-70 - NHPP-022N(234)(235)(233)3P / 33391(04), #1, \$109,795.08, 3.18%
- d) Choctaw County - US-70 - NHPP-022N(234)(235)(233)3P / 33391(04), #2, \$20,106.40, 0.58%
- e) Coal County - County Road - CIRB-115C(074)RB / 24943(04), \$132,769.47, 3.44%
- f) Coal County - US-75 - SSR-215B(032)SR / 34584(04), \$99,610.68, 2.37%
- g) Craig County - US-59 - STP-218B(096)3P / 33369(04), \$16,357.82, 1.07%
- h) Custer County - I-40 - NHPPI-4000(073)PM / 28997(04), \$124,090.51, 1.44%
- i) Custer County - I-40 - NHPPI-4000-(145)3P / 35398(04), \$250.74, 0.02%
- j) Ellis County - SH-15 - NHPP-019N(118)PM / 26497(04), \$297,767.74, 4.65%
- k) Grady County - County Road - STP-226C(083)CI / 31113(04), \$11,968.00, 0.58%

- l) Haskell County - SH-82 - SSR-231C(047)SR / 34373(04), \$83,947.80, 7.16%
- m) Hughes County - County Road - CIRB-232D(066)RB / 32975(04), \$347,846.27, 7.74%
- n) Johnston County - SH-22 - STP-235C(038)PM / 31841(04), \$534,681.18, 7.90%
- o) Kiowa County - SH-6 - STP-038B(232)SS / 15027(04), \$278,883.68, -1.38% Underrun
- p) Lincoln County - County Road - CIRB-241C(081)RB / 32370(04), #2, \$27,571.23, 0.73%
- q) Lincoln County - County Road - CIRB-241C(081)RB / 32370(04), #3, \$9,504.00, 0.25%
- r) Lincoln County - US-177 - MC-241B(087)MD / 35947(04), \$99,458.96, 13.43%
- s) Logan County - County Road - CIRB-142C(152)RB / 25089(04), #4, \$2,750.00, 0.09%
- t) Logan County - County Road - CIRB-142C(152)RB / 25089(04), #5, \$107,294.28, 3.38%
- u) Logan County - SH-33 - STP-242B(098)PM / 26996(04), \$720,029.24, 7.23%
- v) McClain County - I-35 - NHPP-3500(094)PM / 31045(04), \$292,254.21, 2.38%
- w) Murray County - SH-7 - TAP-250D(022)TP / SSP-250N(018)PM / 33320(04), \$4,254.22, 0.12%
- x) Nowata County - US-169 - NHPP-030N(079)PM / 28892(04), \$234,284.20, 4.44%
- y) Okfuskee County - County Road - CIRB-254C(051)RB / 30087(04), \$200,273.05, 3.60%
- z) Oklahoma County - City Street - STP-155A(196)AG / 17827(04), #2, \$13,144.40, 0.21%
- aa) Oklahoma County - City Street - STP-155A(196)AG / 17827(04), #7, \$16,754.71, 0.27%
- bb) Oklahoma County - City Street - STP-155A(196)AG / 17827(04), #10, \$149,554.96, 2.41%
- cc) Oklahoma County - SH-152 - NHPP-255N(540)(535)PM / 32882(09), \$237,082.60, 3.30%
- dd) Okmulgee County - County Road - CIRB-256C(063)(064)RB / 33962(04), \$81,929.59, 1.05%
- ee) Pittsburg County - US-69 - NHPP-261N(084)PM / 14999(09), \$4,090.80, 0.01%
- ff) Pontotoc County - SH-19 - STP-162B(187)SS / 21841(07), \$71,995.68, 0.43%
- gg) Pottawatomie County - US-177 - SSR-263B(082)SR / 35305(04), \$99,413.86, 27.44%
- hh) Rogers County - SH-20 - STP-266B(081)PM / 27031(04), \$6,949.95, 0.02%
- ii) Seminole County - US-270 - STP-167B(122)PM / 21006(07), \$113,101.34, 0.96%
- jj) Stephens County - SH-53 - STP-269C(057)PM / 27967(04), \$19,549.97, 0.42%
- kk) Stephens County - SH-7 - SSP-269N(093)PM / 33454(06), \$108,793.93, 6.66%
- ll) Texas County - SH-136 - STP-270C(041)PM / 24241(07), \$874,271.66, 7.02%
- mm) Tulsa County - County Road - CIRB-272D(303)CO / 33566(04), \$20,009.29, 1.03%
- nn) Washita County - I-40 - NHPP-4000(084)PM / 27935(05), \$86,242.20, 1.13%

ACTION: LaForge moved and Dyson 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

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE COMPTROLLER DIVISION

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

- a) Final December, 2022 Proposed Bid Opening
- b) Tentative January, 2023 Proposed Bid Opening
- c) Tentative February, 2023 Proposed Bid Opening

ACTION: Grimsley moved and Coburn 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

ITEMS PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE – Ms. Wheeler

160. Addition to the Industrial Access Road Program

Commission District IV – Garfield County

The City of Enid is requesting approval for an industrial access project for Takkion Energy. Takkion is investing \$33 million in the new facility and creating 80 new full-time jobs. This facility will be nation's first commercial gearbox testing facility capable of handling wind turbine equipment and will provide service to existing wind farms within a 300-mile radius of Enid. Facility construction began in October 2022 and is expected to conclude in approximately September 2023.

The proposed project begins at the intersection of State Highway 412 and South 54th Street and extends approximately 1.0 miles south to East Market Avenue. The city of Enid will be responsible for initiation, construction and completion of all work associated with the project. The total cost of project is estimated at \$1,249,100. The Department's participation in the project shall not exceed **\$954,779**.

NOTE: *Commissioner Peterson asked who is making up the difference between the \$1,249,100 and ODOT's participation amount of \$954,779.*

Ms. Wheeler said the City of Enid is paying the difference.

Commissioner Grimsley said this program is paying some pretty good dividends; for the amount of money that's going in and I think we are getting some tremendous results back. It's really making our transportation network a lot more efficient; I do want to thank the legislature, Representative Miller and others for helping with this fund, it is working!

ACTION: Dyson moved and Alexander 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

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE ENGINEER – Mr. Delce

161. Awards

October 20, 2022 – Regular Bid Opening

ACTION: Shannon moved and LaForge 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

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR – Mr. Gatz

162. Director's Report

Secretary Gatz informed everyone that former Transportation Commission and Turnpike Authority Board Member, Guy Berry had passed away. (A short moment of silence was held in remembrance of Mr. Berry)

He said ODOT just completed participation in the 2nd Annual Statewide Suppliers Expo. This event was created at the recommendation of Governor Stitt in order to provide a chance for private businesses to explore the opportunities of providing services to state agencies. All 3 agencies from the Transportation Cabinet were represented. Businesses got a chance to meet face to face with Oklahoma Cabinet Secretaries, Agency Directors and team members, to help them learn about business opportunities with the State and learn how to navigate the State's Procurement System. The event was held at the Oklahoma City Convention Center and was well attended by both suppliers as well as state agencies.

ODOT held a groundbreaking ceremony on November 2 for the reconstruction of the Bridgeport bridge. This is the US-281/SH-66 bridge over the Canadian River north of Hinton and is known as the "yellow" bridge that was originally constructed with 38 yellow steel trusses and more than 4000 foot long. This project will replace and widen the bridge deck while maintaining the historical trusses and will be completed in time for the Route 66 Centennial Celebration in 2026. (He showed some pictures of the event and noted that Lt. Governor, Matt Pinnell and Trey Thompson from the Historical Society were in attendance) He also recognized Shawn Davis for the great job he did out there.

He said we have Andrea Ball with the Oklahoma Transit Association here today. I had the opportunity to go attend the unveiling of their one-of-a-kind project at the Scissortail Park last Wednesday. It was the Rolling Oklahoma Classroom bus, which is parked outside the ODOT building today (please go look at it & take some pictures). It was made possible through a Federal Transit Administration grant through the Oklahoma Transit Association, and partnership with Oklahoma City EMBARK, Tulsa Transit, and the RISE Corporation from Muskogee. This bus is designed to enhance awareness of public transit options in rural, tribal and urban communities and can travel to these areas by request and at no cost. It will also provide hands-on safety and security training for transit workers and address human traffic awareness and prevention across the state. The human trafficking side of it is so important to us, because that's something that the Transportation Cabinet and all the other agencies are committed to combat human trafficking and bring awareness. If you see something that doesn't look quite right, you're always better off to bring that forward and point it out to law enforcement so they can check into it and do something about it. We have got a responsibility to keep an eye out for each other; congratulations to the team for putting that bus and that message together.

(Ms. Ball said a few more words about the Rolling Oklahoma Classroom Bus and said to find out more go to: <https://oktransitassociation.com>).

Secretary Gatz said our thoughts and prayers go out to Idabel that was hit with a tornado last week. There is really nothing worse than a late fall tornado; and we are continuing to provide assistance to the people in Southeast Oklahoma.

He reminded us that winter weather is upon us; we have a freeze warning with the potential of freezing precipitation coming and we want to carry that safety message to the traveling public. So, one of the tools we use and developed is a new flyer produced to promote preparedness during winter weather storms. The brochure includes a behavioral and equipment check list, number of trucks and crews and materials available, the Road Conditions hotline phone number, road conditions website and a QR code to the Drive Oklahoma app. It will be available at some of our tag agency partners, Travel Information Centers, District and Central ODOT and OTA Offices.

He thanked the Commission for their consideration of some pretty important projects:

- I-40 continuation of our Wrong Way Detection System on I-40 western corridor. It will be installed along 10 key interchanges between the Texas state line and Oklahoma County. It is a \$4 million project awarded to Action Safety, expected to start early 2023 and complete summer 2023. This is just the next phase of the wrong way detection system, a total of 49 interchanges on I-40 are receiving safety upgrades as a part of these projects, the 1st installation occurred in early 2022 along I-40 between Oklahoma County and the Arkansas state line. A 2nd project is about to begin on the northern I-35 corridor between Oklahoma County and the Kansas state line.

- SH-20 Rogers County realignment and Will Rogers turnpike access point near Claremore. It is a \$64 million project that will widen SH-20 to 4 and 5 lanes between the Verdigris River and SH-66. The new alignment will run about 2-3 miles south of the current alignment and will include a BNSF railroad grade separation and new interchange on Flint Rd which will be improved and includes a new access point to the Will Rogers Turnpike. This project is estimated to start late 2023 with 2 to 2½ year timeline.
- US-283 Jackson County shoulders, bridge south of Altus, a \$10 million project that runs from half-mile north of the Red River to SH-5 junction in Jackson County. It adds 8-foot shoulders on a 2-lane highway as well as resurfacing US-283 between SH-5 and the Red River. This is a final project in a 3-project series adding 8-foot shoulders from the state line to Altus.

We have some upcoming events coming up:

- On November 10th, we will be in Seiling for a groundbreaking ceremony for the next phase of US-270. This will be the next project to continue construction of the “Northwest Passage” which will create a 4-lane divided highway from Oklahoma City to Woodward.
- On Friday, November 18th will be the annual Environmental Excellence Awards Banquet presented by our partner Keep Oklahoma Beautiful will be held at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. ODOT and participating communities will be recognized for their efforts in the Keep Oklahoma Beautiful campaign.
- On November 22nd there will be a groundbreaking ceremony at I-40 and Douglas for the new interchange that will soon be known as US Senator James Inhofe Interchange. Senator Inhofe will be present for the ceremony and will be recognized for his efforts to further infrastructure and military expansion in Oklahoma.

NOTE: *Commissioner Alexander thanked all employees of ODOT and the contractors for their hard work they put in on the route from Woodward to Oklahoma City. It’s been a 20-year project or more on getting that road done and we are so excited.*

Commissioner Grimsley said he made a comment last month that sometimes our Engineers are “Engineering Wizards”. Bobby Stem told me after meeting that I couldn’t just say that, but I needed something more tangible. So, I have a Wizard Hat to present to Commissioner Freymiller and Division 4 for the remarkable project they completed in 2 weekends here on I-35 in Oklahoma City. They set a very high bar; this award may stay with them awhile, but maybe we can have this as a revolving award when you pull off that amazing wizardry.

Secretary Gatz thanked Commissioner Grimsley for that recognition and that may become an annual award and we’ll incorporate that into our innovation.

Information Only: No Commission action required.

ITEM PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

163. Adjournment Motion

ACTION: Shannon moved and Freymiller 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 11:44 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting November 7, 2022.

Gene McKown - Chairman

Bob Peterson – Vice Chairman