

# MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

## November 6, 2023

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HELD NOVEMBER 6, 2023, IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM OF THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, 200 NE 21<sup>ST</sup> STREET, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73105

Notice of the schedule of regular meetings of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for the calendar year 2023 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](http://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.

### ITEMS PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

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

The following items were presented and approved as written at the Transportation Commission meeting on November 6, 2023

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Presiding:** Bob Peterson

Chairman Peterson thanked everyone for coming and recognized Bobby Stem, Executive Director of Association of Oklahoma General Contractors (AOGC), former Secretary of Transportation, Mike Patterson and Representative Nicole Miller.

**ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**

Call to Order

Roll Call – Commission Secretary

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Recognition of District VIII Engineer Randal White’s retirement after 40 years of service – **Mr. Davis**

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

**163. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of October 2, 2023**

ACTION: Grimsley moved and Freymiller seconded that the Minutes be approved as presented.

MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Junk, Peterson

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Shannon, LaForge

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

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

a) District II – Atoka County – City of Atoka Traffic Signal Modifications– \$1,216,000.00

**165. Land Sales – Mr. Phillips**

a) District II – Bryan County – West side of SH-78 on NW corner of SH-78 & Sand Stone Road North of Armstrong, 0.61 acres – \$12,200.00

b) District IV – Oklahoma County – North side of I-40 on NW corner of I-40 & S. Western Ave. in Oklahoma City, 1.96 acres – \$555,000.00

c) District VII – Carter County – East side of US-177, approximately 0.14 miles north of the US-177 & Dillon Court, 0.61 acres – \$5,557.00

d) District VIII – Tulsa County – North side of I-44, approximately 0.15 miles East of the NE corner of I-44 & S. Harvard Ave. in the City of Tulsa, 0.92 acres – \$306,000.00

ACTION: Dyson moved and Alexander seconded that the Consent Docket be approved as presented.

MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Junk, Peterson

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Shannon, LaForge

**END OF CONSENT DOCKET**

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

**166. Engineering Contracts**

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

CI-2455A CP&Y, Inc. DBA STV Infrastructure

CI-2455B EST, Inc.

	CI-2455C	Garver, LLC	
	CI-2455D	HNTB Corporation	
	CI-2455E	H W Lochner, Inc.	
	CI-2455F	TEIM Design, PLLC	
	Total of six (6) contracts not to exceed \$15,000,000.00		
<b>b)</b>	All Districts – Statewide – Provide On-Demand Airborne LiDAR Mapping		
	CI-2456A	Aerial Data Service, Inc.	
	CI-2456B	CEC Corporation	
	CI-2356C	NV5 Geospatial, Inc.	
	CI-2356D	Technical Applications & Consulting, LLC	
	Total of four (4) contracts not to exceed \$3,000,000.00		
<b>c)</b>	All Districts – Statewide – Provide On-Demand Geotechnical Services		
	CI-2457A	Arrowhead Engineering Co, LLC	
	CI-2457B	Building & Earth Sciences, Inc.	
	CI-2457C	EST, Inc.	
	CI-2457D	Geocal, Inc.	
	CI-2457E	Kleinfelder, Inc.	
	CI-2457F	Olsson, Inc.	
	CI-2457G	Standard Testing & Engineering, LLC	
	CI-2457H	Terracon Consultants, Inc.	
	Total of eight (8) contracts not to exceed \$2,000,000.00		
<b>d)</b>	All Districts – Statewide – Provide On-Demand Wetland and Stream Mitigation		
	CI-2459A	Blackbird Environmental, LLC	
	CI-2459B	Freese and Nichols, Inc.	
	CI-2459C	HDR Engineering, Inc.	
	CI-2459D	Olsson, Inc.	
	CI-2459E	Switchgrass Consulting, Inc.	
	Total of five (5) contracts not to exceed \$1,000,000.00		
<b>e)</b>	District I – Muskogee County – Prepare construction plans for SH-10A		
	CI-2446A	C.H. Guernsey & Company	\$632,860.00
<b>f)</b>	Districts I & III – Muskogee & Seminole Counties – Prepare construction plans for US-64 & SH-56		
	CI-2452F	Cowan Group Engineering, LLC	\$3,000,000.00
<b>g)</b>	Districts II & IV – Latimer & Noble Counties – Prepare construction plans for US-270 and US-64		
	CI-2452G	CP&Y, Inc. DBA STV Infrastructure	\$3,000,000.00
<b>h)</b>	Districts III & VII – Johnston & Caddo Counties – Prepare construction plans for SH-22/78/48A and SH-58		
	CI-2452P	TEIM Design, PLLC	\$3,000,000.00
<b>i)</b>	District III – McClain County – Prepare construction plans for SH-39		
	CI-2452B	Benham Design, LLC	\$3,000,000.00
<b>j)</b>	District III – McClain County – Prepare construction plans for SH-59		
	CI-2452E	Conсор Engineers, LLC	\$1,500,000.00

<b>k)</b>	Districts III & VIII – Pottawatomie & Osage Counties – Prepare construction plans for SH-270 and SH-18		
	CI-2452C	Burgess & Niple, Inc.	\$3,000,000.00
<b>l)</b>	District IV – Canadian County – Prepare construction plans for US-270		
	CI-2437B	TEIM Design, PLLC	\$2,184,835.00
<b>m)</b>	District IV – Logan County – Prepare construction plans for SH-105		
	CI-2452K	Half Associates, Inc.	\$1,500,000.00
<b>n)</b>	District V – Greer County – Prepare construction plans for US-283		
	CI-2452A	Aguirre and Fields, L.P.	\$1,500,000.00
<b>o)</b>	District V – Greer County – Prepare construction plans for US-283 and SH-9		
	CI-2452H	Freese and Nichols, Inc.	\$3,000,000.00
<b>p)</b>	District V – Jackson County – Prepare construction plans for SH-6		
	CI-2452D	CEC Corporation	\$3,000,000.00
<b>q)</b>	Districts VI & VIII – Major & Pawnee Counties – Prepare construction plans for SH-8 and US-64		
	CI-2452J	Guy Engineering Services, Inc.	\$3,000,000.00
<b>r)</b>	District VII – Grady County – Provide preliminary engineering and prepare construction plans for city bridge in Rush Springs		
	CI-2445E	MacArthur Associated Consultants, LLC	\$256,606.00
<b>s)</b>	District VIII – Craig County – Prepare construction plans for SH-2		
	CI-2452N	The Schemmer Associates, Inc.	\$1,500,000.00
<b>t)</b>	District VIII – Creek & Osage Counties – Prepare construction plans for SH-16 and SH-99		
	CI-2452M	Professional Engineering Consultants, P.A.	\$3,000,000.00
<b>u)</b>	District VIII – Creek & Pawnee Counties – Prepare construction plans for SH-99		
	CI-2452L	MacArthur Associated Consultants, LLC	\$3,000,000.00
<b>v)</b>	District VIII – Osage County – Prepare construction plans for SH-99 and SH-11		
	CI-2452I	Garver, LLC	\$3,000,000.00
<b>w)</b>	District VIII – Rogers County – Provide preliminary engineering and prepare construction plans for city bridge in Chelsea		
	CI-2445C	Guy Engineering Services, Inc.	\$272,759.00
<b>x)</b>	District VIII – Tulsa County – Prepare construction plans for US-169		
	CI-2441A	Poe & Associates, Inc.	\$2,369,900.00

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

Commissioner Grimsley inquired the significance of switching from photogrammetry and LiDAR and if LiDAR is providing a resolution. Mr. Tegeler responded in stating that LiDAR is providing a resolution and provides the necessary information and any anything additional that may be needed.

**167. Engineering Contracts Supplements**

a)	District II – Atoka County – Supplement 6 for final construction plans for SH-7 EC-1326	BKL, Inc.	\$87,730.00
b)	District III – Cleveland County – Supplement 2 for final construction plans for US-77 CI-2326B	Garver, LLC	\$200,400.00
c)	District III – Garvin County – Supplement 1 for final construction plans for I-35 CI-2263C	MacArthur Associated Consultants, LLC	\$100,100.00
d)	District IV – Logan County – Supplement 3 for final construction plans for I-35 CI-2264D	MacArthur Associated Consultants, LLC	\$992,900.00
e)	District VII – Caddo County – Supplement 3 for final construction plans for SH-58 CI-2374D	Meshek & Associates, LLC	\$47,163.00
f)	District VIII – Tulsa County – Supplement 2 for final construction plans for US-75 CI-2344	Poe & Associates, Inc.	\$348,100.00

ACTION: Grimsley moved and Alexander seconded that the Item be approved as presented.

MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Junk, Peterson

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Shannon, LaForge

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

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

- a) Atoka County - SH-3 - NHPP-017N(148)PM / 20307(04), \$24,881.91, 0.18%
- b) Blaine County - US-270 - SSR-017N(292)SR / 36161(04), \$1,848.00, 0.07%
- c) Bryan County - US-70 - SBR-207N(111)SB / 34996(04), \$49,000.00, 2.57%
- d) Canadian County - City Street - SBR-4000(143)SB / 33421(04), \$10,752.00, 0.85%
- e) Carter County - SH-76 - STP-210C(100)3P / 32827(04), \$17,608.50, -4.67% Underrun
- f) Coal County - County Road - CIRB-115C(075)RB / 24943(08), \$14,924.55, 0.55%
- g) Comanche County - SH-17 - STP-216C(112)PM / 31044(04), \$11,106.60, -0.27% Underrun
- h) Cotton County - SH-5 - STP-217C(049)PM / 28804(04), \$40,374.84, 0.32%
- i) Grady County - SH-19 - SSP-226C(100)RW / 30425(12), \$1,500.00, 2.17%
- j) Haskell County - County Road - STP-231D(044)CI / 31288(04), \$34,115.87, 7.62%
- k) Kay County - SH-156 - SBR-236C(112)SB / 28984(04), \$32,887.65, 1.51%
- l) Kingfisher County - County Road - CIRB-237D(091)RB / 31188(04), \$935.00, 0.06%
- m) Leflore County - County Road - CIRB-240C(089)RB / 32353(04), \$50,000.00, 1.81%
- n) Lincoln County - I-35 - SSP-262F(083)PM / 22973(21), \$14,740.80, 9.58%
- o) Lincoln County - SH-66 - TAP-241D(088)TP / 32997(04), \$18,554.07, 6.74%
- p) Love County - County Road - CIRB-243D(046)RB / 33537(04), \$22,157.28, -2.23% Underrun

- q) Major County - SH-8 - STP-047B(111)SS / 12569(04), \$22,407.15, 0.16%
  - r) Marshall County - SH-32 - STP-248C(035)PM / 28006(07), \$68,756.67, 0.93%
  - s) McClain County - I-35 - NHPP-3500-(154)(162)FP / 19314(04), \$69.54, 0.00%
  - t) McClain County - SH-9 - NHPP-244N(088)3P / 34348(04), \$74,679.08, 3.42%
  - u) McCurtain County - US-70 - NHPP-245N(081)3P / 29729(04), \$39,400.20, 0.99%
  - v) McIntosh County - US-69 - NHPP-013N(186)3P / 33834(04), \$0.94, -0.00% Underrun
  - w) Murray County - US-77 - SSP-250N(040)PM / 35228(04), \$4,999.00, 0.36%
  - x) Oklahoma County - SH-66 - STP-155C(610)(712)PM / 24356(04), #4, \$1.00, 0.00%
  - y) Oklahoma County - SH-66 - STP-155C(610)(712)PM / 24356(04), #6, \$12,648.89, 0.04%
  - z) Oklahoma County - City Street - TAP-255D(578)AG / 33281(04), \$10,201.00, 1.65%
  - aa) Pottawatomie County - County Road - CIRB-263D(091)RB / 35006(04), \$71,797.28, 3.08%
  - bb) Seminole County - County Road - STP-267D(096)CI / 32381(04), \$23,866.53, 2.42%
  - cc) Sequoyah County - I-40 - SSP-249F(078)PM / 35163(04), \$0.41, -0.00% Underrun
  - dd) Tulsa County - City Street - STP-172N(455)IG / 26308(04), \$55,334.50, 0.38%
  - ee) Tulsa County - I-444 - SBR-4440(012)SB / 33800(04), \$70,175.60, 9.60%
- Total of Change Orders: \$697,977.40

**169. Change Orders with Cumulative Total Greater than \$75,000 - Mr. Leonard**

- a) Adair County - US-59 - NHPP-201N(052)PM / 34352(04), \$10,499.85, 0.45%
- b) Bryan County - US-69 - NHPP-207N(085)FP / 31855(04), #9, \$868,923.85, 0.57%
- c) Bryan County - US-69 - NHPP-207N(085)FP / 31855(04), #10, \$4,885,000.00, 3.20%
- d) Bryan County - US-69 - NHPP-207N(085)FP / 31855(04), #16, \$14,738.00, 0.01%
- e) Bryan County - US-69 - SSP-013N(203)PM / 34363(04), \$3,955.60, 0.07%
- f) Caddo County - SH-9 - STP-108B(166)PM / 24094(04), \$906,515.68, 4.32%
- g) Carter County - SH-199 - SSP-210B(096)PM / 35555(04), \$119,218.75, 2.63%
- h) Choctaw County - County Road - STP-112D(078)CI / 24821(04), \$42,593.57, 0.79%
- i) Custer County - US-183 - NHPP-4000-(184)PM / 31696(04), \$87,560.00, 0.94%
- j) Garvin County - US-77 - STP-225C(085)PM / 29544(04), #4, \$2,478.17, 0.05%
- k) Garvin County - US-77 - STP-225C(085)PM / 29544(04), #5, \$166,617.55, 3.29%
- l) Lincoln County - SH-66 - STP-241C(073)PM / 27947(04), \$319,441.76, 4.56%
- m) Lincoln County - County Road - CIRB-241C(081)RB / 32370(04), \$12,142.00, 0.32%
- n) Love County - I-35 - SSP-3500(126)PM / 31896(04), \$69,440.00, 0.61%
- o) Marshall County - SH-32 - STP-248C(035)PM / 28006(07), \$98,546.49, 1.33%
- p) Mayes County - US-69 - NHPP-013N(206)3P / 35479(04), \$38,264.70, 1.63%
- q) McClain County - City Street - TAP-244D(083)TP / 32995(04), \$2,347.63, 0.08%
- r) McClain County - County Road - STP-244D(084)CI / 33482(04), \$34,648.00, 4.11%
- s) McClain County - SH-59 - SSR-244C(087)SR / 35097(04), \$314,520.66, 17.47%

- t) McCurtain County - US-259 - NHPP-016N(003)PM / 24404(04), \$73,920.00, 0.33%
- u) McCurtain County - County Road - STP-245C(065)CI / 31276(04), \$101,254.98, 4.19%
- v) Oklahoma County - I-35 - NHPPI-0035-3(125)121 / 09032(05), #4, \$37,328.90, 0.05%
- w) Oklahoma County - I-35 - NHPPI-0035-3(125)121 / 09032(05), #5, \$79,373.69, 0.11%
- x) Oklahoma County - I-40 - NHPPI-4000-(126)(156)PM / 28992(04), \$149,810.63, 0.09%
- y) Okmulgee County - County Road - CIRB-256C(063)(064)RB / 33962(04), \$17.26, -0.00% Underrun
- z) Osage County - SH-20 - NHPP-257N(073)PM / 27168(04), \$102,542.27, 1.94%
- aa) Ottawa County - US-60 - STP-258B(084)PM / 29687(04), #4, \$56,034.20, 1.46%
- bb) Ottawa County - US-60 - STP-258B(084)PM / 29687(04), #6, \$5,778.21, 0.15%
- cc) Ottawa County - SH-125 - STP-258B(079)PM / 29689(04), #7, \$135,278.54, 2.12%
- dd) Ottawa County - SH-125 - STP-258B(079)PM / 29689(04), #8, \$300,000.00, 4.71%
- ee) Pittsburg County - SH-31 - STP-161C(205)PM / 24331(04), \$8,960.00, 0.11%
- ff) Pontotoc County - SH-1 - NHPP-262N(061)PM / 28946(04), #7, \$347,601.37, 3.85%
- gg) Pontotoc County - SH-1 - NHPP-262N(061)PM / 28946(04), #9, \$403,628.00, 4.47%
- hh) Pottawatomie County - SH-39 - STP-163B(212)SS / 24240(07), \$17,316.41, 0.25%
- ii) Pottawatomie County - County Road - CIRB-263D(091)RB / 35006(04), \$6,596.28, 0.28%
- jj) Roger Mills County - SH-30 - SBR-265C(029)SB / 34330(04), \$174,000.00, 8.23%
- kk) Tulsa County - I-44 - SSP-4400(096)PM / SBR-4400(075)SB / 10981(05), \$15,420.33, 0.10%
- ll) Tulsa County - SH-20 - STP-172B(360)SS / 24346(04), \$23,175.74, 0.15%
- mm) Tulsa County - I-444 - NHPPI-4440(009)PM / SBR-014N(112)SB / 28899(04), \$45,000.00, 0.17%
- nn) Tulsa County - US-75 - E-SAP-014N(138)ES / 36579(04), \$100,000.00, 40.28%
- oo) Washita County - US-183 - NHPP-009N(061)PM / 17669(04), \$18,069.60, 0.08%

Total of Change Orders: \$10,198,524.15

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

**ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY THE OPERATIONS DIVISION**

**170. Emergency Declaration – Mr. Davis – Information Only**

District VII – Cotton County, SH-36 over I-44 – Removal of Damaged Portion of Bridge Structure & Repair

**ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT – Mr. Mitchell**

**171. Off-System Bridge Funding – Mr. Mitchell**

All Districts – Statewide – Approval for (15) bridges to participate in Structurally Deficient Bridge Program

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

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

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

- a) Tentative January, 2024 Proposed Bid Opening
- b) Tentative February, 2024 Proposed Bid Opening

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

**ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE ENGINEER**

**173. Awards – Mr. Delce**

- a) October 12, 2023 – Regular Bid Opening
- b) October 19, 2023 – Regular Bid Opening

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

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

**174. Director’s Report – Information Only**

Secretary Gatz began his report with an update on the Continued Resolution for the federal appropriations bill through November 17<sup>th</sup>. ODOT will persist in making decisions to invest the federal funds we have available until the appropriations bills are passed.

Secretary Gatz expressed his appreciation to the Chairman and Commissioners for their approval of the engineering contracts and made note of the focus on rural two-lane highways. The Construction Work Plan approved in October 2023, include more than thirty percent of the total investment towards rural two-lane highway infrastructure. Gatz mentioned there are 5,300 miles that do not have safety shoulders, and rural two-lane highways have the highest severity rates of injury and fatality accidents and thanked



the District Engineers for their exceptional job of bringing forward improvements on those types of facilities.

Secretary Gatz thanked the Chairman and Commissioners for their consideration of the Structurally Deficient Bridge Program (SDP), which includes 15 structurally deficient bridges and it is part of our commitment to local, municipal and county government to address some of the issues that exist. Gatz added there are approximately 800 bridges, off the highway system, with the majority being county bridges and commended Matt Mitchell with Local Government for a great job of identifying those bridges and maintaining strong lines of communication with our local government partners to ensure they have a clear understanding of what ODOT can, and cannot accomplish and how we intend to advance those projects. ODOT has committed up to \$28 million a year to improve those off-system bridges.

Secretary Gatz included an update from the Gary Ridley Memorial Interchange Dedication that was held on October 27<sup>th</sup>. The event was conducted in Perry at our headquarters building, the Legislature passed a bill to name the I-35 and State Highway 51 interchange in Payne County as the Honorable Secretary Gary M. Ridley Memorial Interchange. Gatz added that Gary Ridley's start was in Perry, Oklahoma, in ODOT District 4, and he certainly had a long history of doing the right things for highways across Oklahoma. At this particular interchange, Ridley had a clear perspective on what it took to manage the peak period traffic volumes that we experienced during game day. Gary's wife Eula and his family, along with several legislators, including Senator Markwayne Mullin, our own Representative Nicole Miller, Senator Jack Stewart, and former Secretary Mike Patterson, as well as many colleagues and friends were in attendance. And as you know, Secretary Ridley was passionate about ODOT, passionate about District 4 and the state of transportation in Oklahoma.

Secretary Gatz proceeded with an update on the US-68/75 Ribbon Cutting event and thanked Commissioner Grimsley for his attendance. In the past, the area had numerous access points onto Highway 69, including three signalized intersections, which created traffic congestion and serious safety concerns. Some of the worst accidents were certainly in District 2 and in the State of Oklahoma. With the help of one of the largest federal grants in the Department's history, ODOT was able to improve accessibility on and off the highway, protect those key interchange points, and create one-way frontage roads in a much-needed cross over the railroad and the highway, to help with traffic congestion and improve the safety of the traveling public from Calera south of Durant all the way through Durant. Gatz continued by noting the significance of the project was accomplished through and during the COVID-19 pandemic which had an impact from workforce to supply chain difficulties. Gatz thanked Duit Construction, and all their subcontractors and supplies for their perseverance. The participation of the local government, City of Durant, Calera, the Choctaw Nation and the support of Senator Bullard, Representative Maynard along with those and the federal level, is appreciated. Senator Inhofe along with Congressman Mullin, (now Senator Mullin) were extremely helpful in making sure Oklahoma could accomplish this major improvement.

In another project update, Secretary Gatz included the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) project on Midwest Boulevard in Midwest City. The \$5.5 million mill and overlay project that will cover three miles, improve drainage and build two miles of ADA-compliant sidewalks will provide better access to community resources like Midwest City Elementary School, and the Midwest City City Hall. Gatz mentioned the partnership with the City of Midwest City and ACOG through a long-range plan, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), another great collaboration with local government entities.

Secretary Gatz thanked the Chairman and Commissioners for their approval of the I-35 wrong-way countermeasures. This project is \$4.6 million and will work on the installation of wrong-way countermeasures on I-35 south of the Oklahoma City metropolitan area to the Texas State line. Gatz added the improvements include flashing signs, sign upgrades, and pavement markings. This is one, of four parts, to a larger initiative. I-40 & Eastern is complete, West I-40 is to be completed early 2024 and Northern I-35 was completed Summer 2023.

Secretary Gatz concluded his report by addressing inclement weather in stating ODOT is responsible for maintaining more than 30,000 lane miles of highway across the state with approximately 1,500 employees in the field districts and 500 pieces of equipment that are available to manage winter weather events. In the event of inclement weather, personnel enters into a 24/7 operation until the highways are clear. Gatz addressed the traveling public to slow down during inclement weather events and allow time for field personnel to clear the highways and to know before you go. To prepare for travel in inclement weather, [www.okroads.org](http://www.okroads.org), Twitter: @OKDOT, and the Drive Oklahoma mobile app that is available for iPhone and Android. Gatz added that ODOT's equipment and personnel are ready, salt sheds are full and ready for winter.

Commissioner Grimsley commented on the incredibility of the Calera project, the highway was not shut down and the Contractor had limited space to work in and was a great success. Grimsley also commended Anthony Echelle and his team for being responsive to the local businesses during construction.

No Commission action required

## **ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**

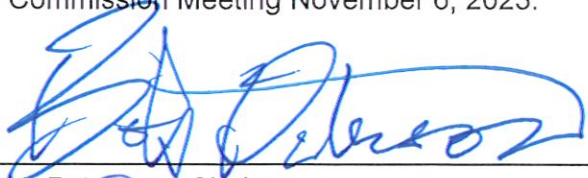
### **175. Adjournment Motion**

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

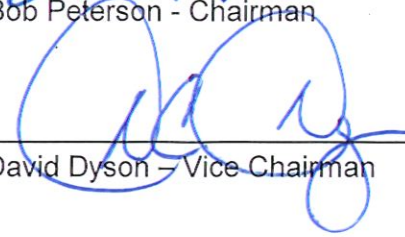
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Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting November 6, 2023.



Bob Peterson - Chairman



David Dyson - Vice Chairman