

# **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING September 11, 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.

The following items were presented and approved as written at the Transportation Commission meeting on September 11, 2023

Chairman Peterson thanked everyone for coming and recognized former Secretary Mike Patterson, Mike Thompson, President of American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), Larry Patrick, Executive Director of Oklahoma Asphalt Pavement Association (OAPA). Chairman Peterson observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims that lost their lives during the tragic events on September 11, 2001.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Local Government Division Engineer Announcement – **Mr. Johnson**

Mr. Johnson recognized Matt Michell as the Local Government Engineer, Division Manager

Recognition of District VI Engineer Ron McDaniel's Retirement after 33 years of service – **Mr. Davis**

Chairman Peterson, Secretary Gatz and Mr. Davis presented District VI Engineer, Ron McDaniel with a Route 66 brick, and thanked him for his 33 years of service and dedication to the Department.

Presentation of Asphalt Awards – **Mr. Gatz**

Secretary Gatz called on Larry Patrick, Executive Director of Oklahoma Asphalt Pavement Association (OAPA) to assist in presenting and discussing the awards. Mr. Patrick started the presentations with the Quality in Construction award for the I-35 project, between Northeast 10<sup>th</sup> and Northeast 63<sup>rd</sup>, which was completed within 48 hours. He thanked District Four, Edmond Residency, along with Haskell Lemon Construction.

Mr. Patrick addressed the I-40 project, near Okemah, moving East. Warm-mix asphalt was used on the project and some increased use of recycled asphalt pavements (RAP). Mr. Patrick congratulated District III, Wewoka Residency and Haskell Lemon Construction for their work on this project.

Mr. Patrick congratulated District IV, Clinton Residency, for receiving the Perpetual Pavement by Conversion award and thanked Haskell Lemon Construction.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- a) District IV – Payne County – Installation of school zone along SH-51 in Stillwater – \$8,000.00
- b) District V – Kiowa County – Installation of school zone along SH-9 in the Town of Mountain View – \$8,000.00

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

- a) District III – Pottawatomie County – 6.93 miles of SH-59B, including the Town of Macomb
- b) District VI – Woodward County – 12.84 miles of US-183, including the City of Woodward
- c) District VI – Woodward County – 10.85 miles of SH-15, including the City of Woodward
- d) District VII – Comanche County – 7.19 miles of SH-49, including the Town of Medicine Park
- e) District VIII – Creek County – 5.13 miles of SH-66, including the Town of Kellyville and the City of Sapulpa

**130. Land Sales – Mr. Phillips**

- a) District II – Marshall County – North of US-70A and South of US-70 in Kingston – \$981.00
- b) District IV – Canadian County – North SH-152, 0.60 miles west of Frisco Rd in Mustang – \$71,300.00
- c) District IV – Canadian County – North SH-152, 0.56 miles west of Frisco Rd in Mustang – \$37,650.00

**131. Highway Number Redesignation – Mr. Planteen**

Districts IV and VIII – Delaware, Mayes, Rogers, Tulsa, Osage, Pawnee, Payne and Noble Counties

- a) Remove SH-152 Designation from I-44 junction west to Kilpatrick Turnpike junction
- b) Add I-240 Designation from I-44 junction west to Kilpatrick Turnpike junction
- c) Add I-240 Follow Route Designation I-240/I-44 junction north to I-44/SH-152
- d) Add I-344 Designation to the entirety of the Kilpatrick Turnpike
- e) Add I-335 Designation to Kickapoo Turnpike

**132. Upgrade Designation – Mr. Planteen**

- a) Districts IV and VIII – Delaware, Mayes, Rogers, Tulsa, Osage, Pawnee, Payne and Noble Counties  
Add Designation of I-42 in various locations throughout the state

**133. Memorial Highway and Bridge Designation – Ms. Smith**

- a) Statewide – Memorial designations and sign installations per Senate Bills 96 and 300, along with House Bill 2416

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

**END OF CONSENT DOCKET**

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

**134. Programming Item**

- a) District VIII – Tulsa County – a project to repair vehicle impact damage to the I-44 bridge over 49<sup>th</sup> W. Avenue, located 0.5 miles East Turnpike Gate – \$50,000.00

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

**135. Engineering Contracts**

- a) All Districts – Statewide – Provide On-Demand Biological Assessment and Studies, Monitoring, and Surveys

CI-2460A	Blackbird Environmental, LLC
CI-2460B	Environmental Solutions & Innovations, Inc.
CI-2460C	HDR Engineering, Inc.
CI-2460D	Olsson, Inc.
CI-2460E	Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.

Total of five (5) contracts not to exceed \$1,250,000.00

- b) District II - LeFlore County - Provide preliminary engineering and prepare construction plans for SH-112
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| CI-2400 | Native Strategies, LLC | \$874,545.00 |
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- c) District III – Pottawatomie County – Prepare construction plans for SH-9A
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| CI-2446D | Tetra Tech, Inc. | \$754,227.00 |
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- d) District VI – Harper County – Prepare construction plans for US-283
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| CI-2448C | H W Lochner, Inc. | \$1,603,000.00 |
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- e) District VI – Texas County – Prepare construction plans for SH-136
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| CI-2448D | Grossman and Keith Engineering Co. | \$1,983,745.00 |
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- f) District VIII – Creek County – Prepare construction plans for SH-66
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| CI-2450B | Cowan Group Engineering, LLC | \$664,750.00 |
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- g) District VIII – Tulsa County – Prepare construction plans for SH-51
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| CI-2450A | Consor Engineers, LLC | \$796,100.00 |
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ACTION: Shannon moved and LaForge seconded that the Item be approved as presented.  
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:  
AYES: Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge, Peterson  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT: Coburn, Junk

### 136. Engineering Contract Supplements

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| a) | District I – Wagoner County – Supplement 2 for final construction plans for US-51<br>CI-2197    | Poe & Associates, Inc.               | \$481,833.00 |
| b) | District III – Garvin County – Supplement 1 for final construction plans for SH-29<br>CI-2224A  | Smith Roberts Baldischwiler, LLC     | \$66,675.00  |
| c) | District IV – Kay County – Supplement 1 for final construction plans for US-60<br>CI-2307B      | HNTB Corporation                     | \$249,500.00 |
| d) | District IV – Woodward County – Supplement 1 for final construction plans for SH-34<br>CI-2437E | Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc. | \$4,500.00   |

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

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

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

- a) Alfalfa County - County Road - CIRB-202D(065)RB / 30436(04), \$2,750.00, 0.36%
- b) Alfalfa County - City Street - TAP-202D(070)TP / 34105(04), \$29,758.55, 4.58%
- c) Atoka County - County Road - CIRB-203D(076)RB / 29948(04), \$26,321.67, 3.57%
- d) Bryan County - US-70 - SBR-207N(111)SB / 34996(04), \$22,374.79, 1.17%
- e) Bryan County - SH-78 - STP-207B(116)3P / 36346(04), \$7,255.00, -0.42% Underrun
- f) Cimarron County - US-287 - NHPP-017N(282)PM / 13337(06), \$42,115.92, 0.19%
- g) Cleveland County - SH-39 - STP-214B(115)PM / 24112(07), \$25,056.08, 0.16%
- h) Cleveland County - City Street - STPG-214F(131)AG / 35803(04), \$1,250.00, -0.14% Underrun
- i) Cotton County - US-70 - STP-217C(054)PM / 29596(04), \$7,470.00, -0.18% Underrun
- j) Custer County - SH-54 - STP-120C(127)PM / 24145(04), \$65,000.00, 0.43%
- k) Garvin County - SH-145 - SSR-225C(111)SR / 35863(04), \$45,418.63, 7.64%
- l) Grady County - SH-39 - STP-226B(104)PM / 20302(07), \$2,554.06, 0.02%
- m) Kay County - City Street - TAP-236D(095)TP / 34109(04), \$55,513.39, 33.89%
- n) Kay County - City Street - TAP-236D(097)TP / 34110(04), \$238.78, -0.02% Underrun
- o) Kiowa County - US-62 - STP-238F(084)3B / 36006(04), \$0.00, 0.00%
- p) Logan County - US-77 - STP-242C(079)PM / 27976(04), \$254,332.16, -1.04% Underrun
- q) Major County - County Road - CIRB-247C(036)RB / 28662(04), \$4,673.58, 0.07%
- r) McClain County - County Road - STP-244D(084)CI / 33482(04), \$50,502.62, 5.99%
- s) McCurtain County - US-70 - STP-245F(074)3B / 35963(04), \$12,900.07, 2.15%

- t) McIntosh County - US-266 - STP-246C(048)PM / 29724(04), \$29,608.95, 0.61%
- u) McIntosh County - US-266 - SSP-246C(056)PM / 34350(04), \$71,500.00, 4.74%
- v) Murray County - US-77 - SSP-250N(040)PM / 35228(04), \$9,688.51, -0.69% Underrun
- w) Muskogee County - County Road - STP-251B(125)CI / 28516(04), \$5,775.37, 0.47%
- x) Oklahoma County - SH-66 - STP-155C(610)(712)PM / 24356(04), \$42,629.38, 0.14%
- y) Oklahoma County - City Street - TAP-255E(519)AG / 33274(04), \$29,850.00, -1.68% Underrun
- z) Okmulgee County - US-62 - EMC-256N(071)ES / 35467(04), \$6.45, -0.00% Underrun
- aa) Payne County - SH-51 - STP-260B(074)PM / 27104(04), \$21,293.28, -0.26% Underrun
- bb) Pottawatomie County - City Street - TAP-263D(093)TP / 32996(04), \$9,202.00, 0.95%
- cc) Rogers County - TNPK - NHPP-166N(232)PM / NHPP-266N(101)PM / WR-MC-131 / WR- MC-131A / 26242(04), \$65,625.46, 0.10%
- dd) Sequoyah County - County Road - STP-268C(095)CI / 33498(04), \$9,466.24, 0.50%
- ee) Texas County - US-54 - NHPP-008N(108)FP / 14971(42), \$34,966.00, 0.23%
- ff) Tulsa County - I-44 - NHPPI-4400-(100)RW / 33788(20), \$124.00, 0.05%
- gg) Woods County - US-281 - STP-276B(064)PM / 30408(04), \$50,696.91, 0.51%

Total of Change Orders: \$373,149.49

Commissioner Grimsley commented on the fluctuation of Change Orders and inquired if it is a downward trend or normal fluctuation. Mr. Leonard confirmed that it is normal fluctuation

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

- a) Bryan County - US-69 - BSAP-207N(012)FM / BSAP-207C(102)FM / SSP-013N(182)PM / 25909(17), \$56,448.29, 0.31%
- b) Canadian County - US-281 - STP-109B(154)PM / 26360(04), \$374,061.16, 1.11%
- c) Canadian County - US-81 - SBR-209N(094)SB / 33880(04), \$53,381.79, 1.25%
- d) Canadian County - I-40 - NHPPI-4000-(182)PM / 34305(04), \$142,054.74, 0.62%
- e) Cleveland County - City Street - TAP-214E(102)AG / 33271(04), \$3,435.92, 0.34%
- f) Custer County - SH-33 - STP-220C(052)PM / 28771(04), \$21,476.79, 0.25%
- g) Custer County - City Street - NHPPI-4000-(152)PM / 31060(04), \$10,132.20, 0.05%
- h) Delaware County - US-59 - STP-121B(111)PM / 24963(04), \$94,481.10, 0.57%
- i) Dewey County - SH-34 - STP-222B(039)PM / 30333(04), \$31,362.71, 0.21%
- j) Garvin County - SH-74 - SBR-225C(103)SB / 34231(04), \$52,142.12, 8.08%
- k) Kay County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(072)PM / 24432(14), \$306,093.65, 3.16%
- l) Kay County - US-177 - STP-236C(070)AD / 32954(04), \$127,544.80, 6.55%
- m) Kiowa County - SH-9 - SSR-238B(035)(054)(079)SR / 29638(04), #3, \$47,989.09, 0.90%
- n) Kiowa County - SH-9 - SSR-238B(035)(054)(079)SR / 29638(04), #4, \$29,471.59, 0.56%
- o) Lincoln County - SH-66 - STP-241C(073)PM / 27947(04), \$77,805.00, 1.11%

- p)** Love County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(081)PM / 19576(05), \$4,802.46, 0.02%
- q)** Love County - I-35 - SSP-3500(126)PM / 31896(04), \$72,116.72, -0.63% Underrun
- r)** McIntosh County - I-40 - NHPPI-4000-(093)PM / NHPP-013N(178)PM / 31202(04), \$22,685.52, 0.36%
- s)** Okfuskee County - US-75 - STP-254B(055)PM / 12972(08), \$32,892.00, 0.29%
- t)** Okfuskee County - US-62 - STP-254C(057)AD / 33813(04), \$61,960.65, 7.75%
- u)** Oklahoma County - I-40 - NHPPI-0040-5(394)129SS / NHPPI-4000-(095)PM / 23310(04), \$42,103.87, 0.06%
- v)** Oklahoma County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(132)FP / 29844(04), #5, \$64,310.05, 0.11%
- w)** Oklahoma County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(132)FP / 29844(04), #6, \$190,567.16, 0.32%
- x)** Oklahoma County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(132)FP / 29844(04), #7, \$686,563.22, 1.14%
- y)** Oklahoma County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(132)FP / 29844(04), #8, \$524,875.61, 0.87%
- z)** Oklahoma County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(132)FP / 29844(04), #9, \$861,846.36, 1.43%
- aa)** Oklahoma County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(108)PM / 34830(04), \$11,833.79, 0.51%
- bb)** Osage County - US-60 - NHPP-257N(085)PM / 24233(04), \$9,776.94, -0.03% Underrun
- cc)** Osage County - SH-99 - STP-257B(090)PM / 29686(04), \$1,282.99, 0.03%
- dd)** Pittsburg County - SH-31 - STP-261C(071)(006)PM / 28912(04), \$97,500.00, 1.06%
- ee)** Pontotoc County - SH-1 - NHPP-262N(061)PM / 28946(04), #5, \$268,777.64, 2.98%
- ff)** Pontotoc County - SH-1 - NHPP-262N(061)PM / 28946(04), #6, \$36,657.44, 0.41%
- gg)** Tulsa County - I-44 - SSP-4400(096)PM / SBR-4400(075)SB / 10981(05), #3, \$110,784.85, 0.69%
- hh)** Tulsa County - I-44 - SSP-4400(096)PM / SBR-4400(075)SB / 10981(05), #4, \$32,000.00, 0.20%
- ii)** Tulsa County - SH-51 - NHPP-015N(034)PM / 26303(08), \$195,000.00, 1.27%
- jj)** Tulsa County - SH-11 - NHPPI-2440-(018)PM / NHPP-272N(245)PM / 29076(04), \$227,740.63, 2.69%
- kk)** Tulsa County - City Street - STP-272F(367)IG / 33955(04), \$112,967.78, 1.40%

Total of Change Orders: \$4,933,139.31

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

**ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY OPERATIONS**

**139. District VIII – Wagoner County - Termination of Highway Construction Contract 210290 – Becco Contractors, Inc. - Mr. Davis**

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

Commissioner Grimsley inquired if the Department expected a competitive pool went the project is re-bid, Mr. Davis confirmed that a competitive pool is expected.

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

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

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

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

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

**141. Awards**

- a) Cancellation of Construction Contract: TAP-255D(610)AG, JP No. 33278(04), Pedestrian Improvements (Sidewalks) along NW Grand Boulevard in Oklahoma City – Rudy Construction
- b) August 8, 2023 Emergency Bid Opening (Information Only)
- c) August 10, 2023 – Regular Bid Opening
- d) August 17, 2023 – Regular Bid Opening

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

A brief discussion was held between Commissioner Grimsley and Mr. Delce regarding part A and if there are special thresholds for DBE. Mr. Delce explained that when a project estimate is received, it is broken down into work categories and submitted to the contract compliance group. A goal is assigned based on a calculation.



## **ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY THE CHIEF ENGINEER – Mr. Taylor**

### **142. Informational Update of I-35 Corridor Study – Information Only**

No Commission action is required.

Commissioner Shannon expressed a continued concern for the I-35 congestion, and thanked ODOT for their work on the study.

Commissioner Alexander expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Shannon and his team for their help in addressing the important corridor.

Commissioner Grimsley also discussed his shared concern for the issue on the I-35 corridor.

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

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

Secretary Gatz began his report by recognizing Nicole Miller, with the House of Representatives and stated Ms. Miller represents the Transportation and General Government Appropriations and Budget Committee. Gatz stated Ms. Miller's is supportive and attentive to the highway system needs and the needs of the total transportation system across the State. Gatz thanked Ms. Miller for being in attendance.

Secretary Gatz commended Commissioner Shannon, Brian Taylor, and the ODOT team for the focus they have put on I-35, South of Oklahoma City. Gatz recognized the problem across the Southern border and the need to understand the challenges, such as traffic volumes due to population levels south of the Red River. Gatz also mentioned the I-35 North and I-40 East and West corridors and the continued investments that will need to be made to support freight and passenger movements.

Secretary Gatz announced the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Accelerated Innovation Deployment and Demonstration Program grant. The Department received nearly \$840,000 to replace 18 expansion joints and 18 fixed joints of the north and southbound I-35 Cimarron Overflow bridges, located on the Logan and Payne County line. FHWA encourages the use of tools, such as ultra-high-performance concrete that improve safety on our bridges and in our work zones. Ultra high performance concrete was used for the US-281, Route 66 bridge at Bridgeport. Secretary Gatz and the ODOT team believe it will be a successful treatment.

Secretary Gatz informed the Commission of his planned attendance and the ODOT team at the US-54 groundbreaking in Guymon. The location of the resurfacing project is from 5<sup>th</sup> Street, approximately 2.5 miles long, extending northeast through town. Gatz added this project will provide a major thoroughfare improvement and will help the daily traffic volume as well as the freight traffic.

Secretary Gatz gave an update on the US-81 roundabout project at State Highway 66 in El Reno. The project will include the conversion of a signalized intersection into a roundabout. Gatz added the project will improve traffic conditions between I-40 and the intersection of Highway 81 and Route 66, and the duration of the project will be approximately 1.5 years.

Secretary Gatz continued the project updates with the US-69 pavement improvement project in District II for conditional and maintenance improvements. Secretary Gatz thanked the Commission for their consideration on the US-69 project and expressed his concern for the traffic volume in the McAlester area.

Secretary Gatz provided an update for the resurfacing project on I-40 at Morgan Road and expressed his gratitude for the innovation that was shown by District IV in avoiding tax-free weekend and Labor Day with the closures. Gatz stated the work was completed within approximately two months ahead of schedule and was heavily incentivized, to minimize any traffic conflicts amounted to \$480,000.

Secretary Gatz recognized Rail Safety Week for September 18<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup> and as a part of the recognition during Rail Safety Week, the Skydance Bridge over I-40 will light up red on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Gatz also mentioned Operation Lifesaver, ODOT's partner organization which raises awareness regarding rail safety across the state as Oklahoma has 3,450 railroad crossings statewide.

Secretary Gatz closed his report with a reminder of the Safe Oklahoma Summit, which is focused on transportation safety and multiple facets of transportation safety and is scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup>. The Summit is a full-day event at the Embassy Suites and is free to anyone who would like to participate, registration is now open.

Commissioner Grimsley expressed his desire to meet with the ODOT staff to possibly develop a long-term plan for the I-35 corridor. Secretary Gatz assured Commissioner Grimsley that a meeting could take place and briefly discussed the importance of traffic volume on the I-35 corridor, along with the I-40 traffic congestions.

Commissioner Freymiller thanked Secretary Gatz and Trenton January, District IV Engineer, for their efforts in ceasing the traffic issue during the I-40/Morgan Road project.

Commissioner Alexander commended Ron McDaniels on his service to Oklahoma Transportation and thanked him for his dedication.

No Commission action is required.

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

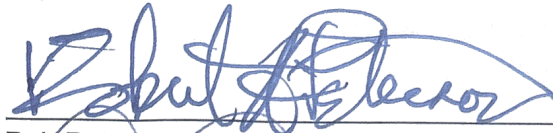
### **144. Adjournment Motion**

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

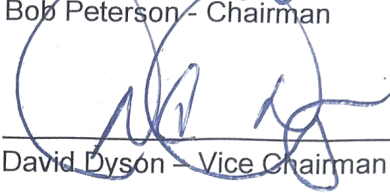
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Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting September 11, 2023.



Bob Peterson - Chairman



David Dyson - Vice Chairman