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OTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACCEPTS NEW ROLE IN COLORADO
Search Underway For New Director

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (December 22, 2015) — Tim Stewart, executive director of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA), has announced his resignation to accept a similar position with E-470 Public Highway Authority in Denver, Colorado.

Stewart has served as Executive Director of the OTA since April of 2013. He has spent the last 31 years with the Authority and has held various positions beginning in field maintenance services and working his way up through the organization to his current position of Executive Director.

“Although it’s hard to leave the OTA after 31 years, I believe this agency is stronger and in a great position going forward,” Stewart said. “The staff here at this agency is second to none and the knowledge and expertise they bring is unparalleled. They are looking forward to continuing what we started and seeing that the Governor’s Driving Forward plan is finished.”

“Tim Stewart has been a tremendous asset for the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority and the State of Oklahoma for over 31 years,” said Albert “Kell” Kelly, Chairman of the OTA, “Although we are sad to see Tim go, we hope for nothing but success in his new venture with E-470 in Colorado. We will work as expeditiously as possible to find the right individual to lead the OTA during this exciting time for the agency and the state to help spearhead the Governor’s Driving Forward initiative.”

Stewart’s resignation takes effect Jan. 31, 2016.

Neal McCaleb will serve as the interim director until a replacement is found. McCaleb previously served as the State’s first Secretary of Transportation and as Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs under President George W. Bush.

About Oklahoma Turnpike Authority

Oklahoma Turnpike Authority was established in 1947 to construct, operate and maintain Oklahoma turnpikes. Today, Oklahoma turnpikes are the safest and quickest ways to travel across the state. Oklahoma Turnpike Authority is managing multiple renovations throughout the state to maintain and operate the turnpike system to the highest standard. To learn more about the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority and recent projects, visit, www.pikepass.com.

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