

# MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

## June 2, 2025

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HELD JUNE 2, 2025, 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 2025 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 the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S. Section 311.

### ITEMS PRESENTED BY COMMISSION VICE-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 June 2, 2025.

<b><u>ROLL CALL:</u></b>	<b>Present:</b>	Bob Peterson	Chairman
		David Dyson	Vice-Chairman
		Bob Coburn	Secretary
		Lisa Billy	Member (11:03 arrival)
		Eric Stuteville	Member
		Michael Junk	Member
		Bobby Alexander	Member
		Don Freymiller	Member
		Paul Scott	Member

**Absent:**

**Presiding:** Bob Peterson

Chairman Peterson thanked everyone for coming and recognized Representative Denise Crosswhite Hader, Senator Darcy Jech, Josh Sharum with Senator Lankford's Office and Bobby Stem with Association of General Contractors (AOGC), for their attendance.

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

Call to Order

Roll Call – Commission Secretary

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

New Commissioner Announcement, Commissioner Paul Scott – Tim Gatz

District V Engineer Retirement Announcement, Brent Almquist

Presentation of 2024 Safety Awards including the Governor's Safety Excellence, the Progressive Excellence, and the Director's Safety Excellence Awards – Taylor Henderson

## **ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSION**

### **78. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of May 5, 2025**

ACTION: Dyson moved and Freymiller seconded that the Minutes be approved.

MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Coburn, Stuteville, Billy, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Junk, Peterson

ABSTAIN: Scott

ABSENT:

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

### **79. Speed Zone Revisions – Ms. January**

a) District V – Kiowa County – Along US-183 including the Town of Mountain Park for 13.27 miles

b) District VIII – Creek County – Along US-75A including the City of Sapulpa for 4.42 miles

c) District VIII – Nowata County – Along US-169 including the Town of South Coffeyville for 17.71 miles

### **80. Land Sales – Mr. Martin**

District II, Pittsburg County - \$351,000.00

### **81. State Highway System Revision – Mr. Coldiron**

a) District VI, Texas County – Realignment of SH-136

b) District VI, Texas County – Addition of SH-136 Follow Route Designation

ACTION: Coburn moved and Stuteville seconded that the Consent Docket be approved as presented.

MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Coburn, Stuteville, Billy, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Scott, Junk, Peterson

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**END OF CONSENT DOCKET**

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**ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF PROJECT DELIVERY – Mr. Nguyen**

**82. Engineering Contracts**

- a) All Districts – Statewide – On-Demand Intelligent Transportation Systems and Fiber Optic Design & Installation - \$500,000.00  
CI-2527A – Halff Associates, Inc.  
CI-2527B – Olsson, Inc.
- b) District I and VIII, Multiple Counties, Preliminary Engineering Study - \$2,500,000.00  
CI-2522 – Consor Engineers, LLC

ACTION: Alexander moved and Coburn seconded that the Item be approved.

MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Coburn, Stuteville, Billy, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Scott, Junk, Peterson

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**83. Engineering Contract Supplements**

- a) District I, Okmulgee County, Prepare Construction Plans – Supplement 2 - \$38,100.00  
CI-2354 CEC Corporation
- b) District III, McClain County, Prepare Construction Plans – Supplement 1 - \$147,047.00  
CI-2463 Hudson Prince Engineering & Inspection, PLLC

ACTION: Freymiller moved and Billy seconded that the Item be approved as presented.

MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Coburn, Stuteville, Billy, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Scott, Junk, Peterson

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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

**84. Change Orders with Cumulative Total of \$150,000.00 or Less - Information Only**

- a) District I, Adair County - SH-100  
Contract ID: 240284 - #1 - \$1,812.80 - 0.27%
- b) District VI, Beaver County - US-270  
Contract ID: 240268 - #1 - (\$1.68) - (0.00%) Underrun
- c) District VI, Beaver County - US-270  
Contract ID: 240268 - #2 - \$2,969.72 - 0.20%
- d) District VI, Beaver County - County Road  
Contract ID: 240023 - #1 - (\$455,114.43) - (6.87%) Underrun
- e) District V, Beckham County - SH-6  
Contract ID: 240115 - #3 - \$38,450.24 - 0.33%
- f) District V, Beckham County - SH-6  
Contract ID: 240115 - #4 - \$32,457.64 - 0.28%



- g) District II, Choctaw County - US-271  
Contract ID: 230222 - #1 - \$77,000.00 - 0.41%
- h) District III, Cleveland County - City Street  
Contract ID: 240162 - #2 - \$12,723.30 - 1.97%
- i) District VII, Comanche County - City Street  
Contract ID: 240026 - #5 - \$4,121.28 - 0.03%
- j) District VII, Comanche County - City Street  
Contract ID: 240026 - #6 - \$2,152.35 - 0.02%
- k) District VIII, Craig County - US-69  
Contract ID: 230263 - #3 - \$10,566.79 - 0.29%
- l) District VIII, Creek County - SH-48 / SH-33  
Contract ID: 230248 - #1 - \$4,620.00 - 0.05%
- m) District VI, Ellis County - SH-15  
Contract ID: 230197 - #6 - \$5,075.00 - 0.05%
- n) District VI, Harper County - US-183  
Contract ID: 230266 - #4 - \$27,565.05 - 0.23%
- o) District I, Haskell County - County Road  
Contract ID: 220092 - #5 - \$11,505.16 - 0.19%
- p) District V, Jackson County - SH-6  
Contract ID: 240047 - #6 - \$23,814.64 - 3.75%
- q) District VII, Jefferson County - County Road  
Contract ID: 240080 - #2 - \$42,089.40 - 4.39%
- r) District VII, Jefferson County - US-70  
Contract ID: 240271 - #2 - \$70,801.00 - 5.79%
- s) District IV, Kay County - County Road  
Contract ID: 240234 - #1 - \$35,277.47 - 0.33%
- t) District IV, Kingfisher County - County Road  
Contract ID: 240097 - #1 - \$17,755.65 - 0.23%
- u) District III, Lincoln County - SH-66  
Contract ID: 240175 - #4 - \$14,800.00 - 0.36%
- v) District IV, Logan County - County Road  
Contract ID: 240235 - #1 - \$30,186.00 - 0.67%
- w) District VI, Major County - US-281  
Contract ID: 240158 - #4 - \$19,727.49 - 0.12%
- x) District III, McClain County - SH-76  
Contract ID: 240203 - #1 - (\$171.20) - (0.00%) Underrun
- y) District III, McClain County - County Roads  
Contract ID: 240102 - #1 - (\$111,245.70) - (7.64%) Underrun
- z) District II, McCurtain County - SH-3  
Contract ID: 230256 - #7 - \$6,878.40 - 0.04%
- aa) District II, McCurtain County - SH-3  
Contract ID: 230256 - #8 - \$15,870.00 - 0.09%

- bb)** District II, McCurtain County - US-259  
Contract ID: 240287 - #1 - \$122,886.01 - 0.41%
- cc)** District IV, Oklahoma County - Creek Bend Trail  
Contract ID: 230332 - #3 - \$20,448.65 - 1.89%
- dd)** District IV, Oklahoma County - County Road  
Contract ID: 240069 - #1 - \$14,209.82 - 0.75%
- ee)** District I, Okmulgee County - US-75  
Contract ID: 240033 - #2 - \$12,144.00 - 6.50%
- ff)** District VIII, Osage County - County Road  
Contract ID: 240105 - #5 - (\$7,872.20) - (0.66%) Underrun
- gg)** District III, Pottawatomie County - US-270  
Contract ID: 240237 - #1 - \$19,694.70 - 0.07%
- hh)** District III, Pottawatomie County - US-270  
Contract ID: 240237 - #2 - \$55,440.00 - 0.21%
- ii)** District III, Pottawatomie County - US-270  
Contract ID: 240237 - #3 - \$13,685.10 - 0.05%
- jj)** District II, Pushmataha County - County Road  
Contract ID: 240180 - #2 - \$2,825.32 - 0.38%
- kk)** District V, Roger Mills County - US-283  
Contract ID: 230275 - #2 - \$26,187.80 - 0.19%
- ll)** District VIII, Rogers County - SH-66  
Contract ID: 240159 - #1 - \$504.77 - 0.01%
- mm)** District VIII, Rogers County - US-412  
Contract ID: 220069 - #6 - \$103,202.29 - 0.74%
- nn)** District VIII, Rogers County - I-44  
Contract ID: 240166 - #3 - \$58,512.62 - 0.14%
- oo)** District I, Sequoyah County - SH-82  
Contract ID: 240147 - #2 - \$147,492.00 - 0.48%
- pp)** District I, Sequoyah County - US-64B / MAIN STREET  
Contract ID: 240089 - #2 - \$6,590.08 - 0.90%
- qq)** District VI, Texas County - US-64  
Contract ID: 230336 - #2 - \$50,631.95 - 1.64%
- rr)** District VIII, Tulsa County - Multiple Locations  
Contract ID: 240224 - #1 - \$96,707.60 - 40.85%
- ss)** District VIII, Tulsa County - City Street  
Contract ID: 240113 - #2 - \$2,939.16 - 0.67%
- tt)** District VIII, Tulsa County - County Roads  
Contract ID: 240279 - #1 - \$23,850.00 - 23.93%
- uu)** District VI, Woods County - County Road  
Contract ID: 240114 - #4 - \$5,170.00 - 0.11%
- vv)** District VI, Woodward County - Multiple Locations  
Contract ID: 240182 - #1 - \$88,804.55 - 33.69%

ww) District VI, Woodward County - County Road  
Contract ID: 230321 - #5 - \$5,500.00 - 0.08%  
**Total of Less Than Change Orders: \$811,240.59**

**85. Change Orders with Cumulative Total Greater than \$150,000.00 - Mr. Leonard**

- a) District VII, Caddo County - SH-9  
Contract ID: 210072 - #11 - \$187,459.33 - 0.89%
- b) District IV, Canadian County - SH-4 / CITY STREET  
Contract ID: 230002 - #9 - \$42,847.60 - 0.34%
- c) District I, Cherokee County - US-62  
Contract ID: 220249 - #3 - (\$19.68) - (0.00%) Underrun
- d) District I, Cherokee County - US-62  
Contract ID: 220280 - #4 - \$227,600.00 - 3.93%
- e) District VI, Cimarron County - US-287  
Contract ID: 220285 - #9 - \$508,368.32 - 2.30%
- f) District V, Custer County - US-183  
Contract ID: 230070 - #7 - \$38.48 - 0.00%
- g) District VII, Jefferson County - US-70  
Contract ID: 240271 - #3 - \$389,874.83 - 31.90%
- h) District II, Leflore County - US-271  
Contract ID: 240173 - #2 - \$132,010.74 - 4.02%
- i) District I, Muskogee County - US-62  
Contract ID: 220294 - #6 - \$54,046.08 - 1.38%
- j) District IV, Oklahoma County - I-44  
Contract ID: 230040 - #7 - \$3,713.54 - 0.02%
- k) District I, Okmulgee County - US-75  
Contract ID: 190226 - #4 - \$195,728.60 - 5.11%
- l) District VIII, Osage County - US-60  
Contract ID: 210283 - #10 - \$11,333.40 - 0.04%
- m) District VIII, Pawnee County - Multiple Locations  
Contract ID: 220325 - #3 - \$52,369.16 - 6.04%
- n) District IV, Payne County - County Road  
Contract ID: 220350 - #8 - \$6,137.84 - 0.13%
- o) District II, Pittsburg County - Waterway Trail  
Contract ID: 230335 - #5 - \$118,689.50 - 11.42%
- p) District VIII, Rogers County - SH-66  
Contract ID: 230286 - #4 - \$233,100.00 - 1.68%
- q) District VIII, Rogers County - I-44  
Contract ID: 240166 - #4 - \$1,299.03 - 0.00%
- r) District III, Seminole County - SH-59  
Contract ID: 230137 - #7 - \$27,877.40 - 0.99%
- s) District VI, Texas County - US-54  
Contract ID: 230186 - #3 - \$13,860.00 - 0.04%



- t) District VIII, Tulsa County - I-244  
Contract ID: 230232 - #9 - \$171,426.77 - 0.33%
  - u) District VIII, Tulsa County - I-244  
Contract ID: 230232 - #10 - \$123,908.75 - 0.24%
  - v) District VIII, Tulsa County - US-64  
Contract ID: 230081 - #7 - \$19,119.94 - 0.72%
  - w) District V, Washita County - US-183  
Contract ID: 220074 - #9 - \$310,060.74 - 1.40%
- Total of Greater Than Change Orders: \$2,830,850.37**

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

**ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL – Ms. Wheeler**

**86. Additions to Lake Access Program**

- a) District I, Cherokee County - \$220,000.00
- b) District I, Haskell County - \$271,000.00
- c) District I, Muskogee County - \$800,000.00
- d) District I, Okmulgee County - \$540,000.00
- e) District I, Sequoyah County - \$100,000.00
- f) District II, Marshall County - \$400,000.00
- g) District II, Pittsburg County - \$200,000.00
- h) District II, Pushmataha County - \$565,000.00
- i) District III, Garvin County - \$1,000,000.00
- j) District III, Garvin County - \$20,000.00
- k) District IV, Noble County - \$1,470,000.00
- l) District IV, Oklahoma County - \$2,600,000.00
- m) District V, Custer County - \$42,000.00
- n) District V, Custer County - \$65,000.00
- o) District VI, Alfalfa County - \$334,000.00
- p) District VII, Caddo County - \$438,000.00
- q) District VII, Grady County - \$600,000.00
- r) District VII, Cotton County - \$55,000.00
- s) District VII, Comanche County - \$180,000.00
- t) District VIII, Creek County - \$370,000.00
- u) District VIII, Creek County - \$325,000.00
- v) District VIII, Delaware County - \$150,000.00
- w) District VIII, Osage County - \$95,000.00
- x) District VIII, Tulsa County - \$265,000.00

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

**ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS – Mr. Davis**

**87. Emergency Declaration for Bridge Repair (Roosevelt Bridge)**

District II, Bryan County - \$750,000.00

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

**ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER – Ms. Hilmes**

**88. Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Work Program**

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

\*Although a vote was held, it was not required because the Item was presented for information only

**ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY FINANCIAL SERVICES – Ms. Bryant**

**89. Proposed Bid Openings**

- a) Final July 2025 Proposed Bid Opening
- b) Tentative August 2025 Proposed Bid Opening
- c) Tentative September 2025 Proposed Bid Opening

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



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

**90. Awards**

- a) April 17, 2025 – Regular Bid Opening
- b) May 8, 2025 – Regular Bid Opening
- c) May 15, 2025 – Regular Bid Opening

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

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

**91. Emergency Award**

- a) May 30, 2025 – Emergency Bid Opening

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

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

**92. Director's Report – Information Only**

Director Tim Gatz provided a comprehensive update on the emergency situation at the Roosevelt Bridge and causeway on US-70. He emphasized that upon discovering significant erosion concerns impacting safety, ODOT promptly closed the causeway to assess the damage and deploy engineers. Gatz acknowledged Commissioner Stuteville for his early on-site involvement, and commended District 2 for both inspecting the site and monitoring it around the clock throughout the repair process. An emergency declaration was issued to initiate a temporary fix and allow two-lane traffic to resume by shifting flow to the north side of the causeway. Bridge Co. was awarded the contract for the permanent repair through an emergency bid letting, which exceeded Director Gatz's statutory authority but aligned with the regular June commission meeting. The replacement project, already accelerated, is now being fast-tracked with a target construction start in early 2026, supported by a \$125 million federal grant. Gatz confirmed the bridge itself is not load posted due to prior structural investments and reiterated the critical importance of maintaining US-70's freight route. He thanked the Commission for their continued support and expressed confidence in Bridge Co's ability to expedite repairs.

He further highlighted ODOT's strong commitment to safety, recognizing and congratulating field crews for their safety awards. Gatz stressed the risks involved in field operations, particularly during bridge inspections, and praised the team's dedication to safety protocols.

Regarding the Lake Access Program, Director Gatz noted that while no new line-item revenue was allocated this fiscal year, the Commission awarded over \$8 million based on prior authorizations. He indicated the program's continuation would be reassessed later in the fiscal year, pending budget developments.

Gatz extended appreciation to legislative partners including Representative Crosswhite Hader, Representatives Ronny Johns and Nicole Miller, and Senator Tom Woods for supporting transportation funding. The Roads Fund received an additional \$20 million allocation, increasing its total to \$610 million. These funds, earmarked for weigh station infrastructure, will be used over eight years, after which they will return to general road project apportionments.

Gatz also discussed the launch of the third annual Safe Oklahoma Summit, co-hosted by the Highway Safety Office, Department of Transportation, particularly the State Traffic Engineer, Lauren January and her team. Also involving law enforcement, educators, and public health professionals. Attendance is expected to exceed 600 participants. The summit's focus on a "safe systems approach" aims to prevent crashes and reduce severity when they occur.

Director Gatz announced progress on the new construction residency and training facility at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. This joint initiative with OSU will serve as both a training hub and operational base, especially valuable for engineering and construction management students. It reflects a longstanding vision by former Director Gary Ridley and will bear his name in honor of his legacy. Brian Taylor was acknowledged for helping bring this university partnership to fruition. Gatz explained the importance of the first-class training facility and the benefit that Oklahoma Transportation will heed, due to the OSU students having access to the Residency. He thanked Commissioner Freymiller for his attendance and support.

Regarding the Heartland Flyer rail service, Gatz acknowledged funding uncertainty from the Texas Legislature, which has not approved its share. The State of Oklahoma cannot fund the service independently, and discussions with TxDOT are ongoing to clarify next steps.

The Director also delivered the June safety message focused on securing vehicle loads, a national campaign aimed at preventing roadway accidents caused by loose cargo. He stressed the seriousness of this issue, noting that unsecured loads not only pose hazards to other drivers but also place ODOT personnel in danger during clean-up efforts.

Commissioner Bobby Alexander expressed pride in Division 6 for their safety award. Director Gatz responded with emphasizing that safety is a continuous, team-based effort that does not happen by accident.

Chairman Bob Peterson closed the session by clarifying the Commission's rigorous review process of the Items, including the budget, noting that although budget approvals may appear effortless, they are preceded by thorough vetting in subcommittees. He commended the ODOT staff for their skillsets and expressed strong confidence in Director Gatz's leadership.



**ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**

**93. Adjournment Motion**

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

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Bob Peterson - Chairman



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David Dyson - Vice Chairman



