

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN THE ODOT BUILDING COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Monday the 7th day of January 2013, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., the Transportation Commission met in the Commission Meeting Room of the ODOT Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

NOTICE of the schedule of regular meetings of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for the calendar year 2013 having been given in writing to the Oklahoma Secretary of State, and public notice and agenda having been posted in a prominent public view at or before 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 3, 2013, prior to the meeting, on the Atrium Informational Monitor in the ODOT building, and on the glass doors on the north side of the ODOT Building in accordance with Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S. Section 311.

ITEMS PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. David Burrage called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	John Fidler	Member
	David Burrage	Vice-Chairman
	Todd Huckabay	Secretary
	Bobby Alexander	Member
	Brad Burgess	Member
	Pete Regan	Member
Absent:	Dan Overland	
	Greg Love	
Presiding:	David Burrage	

The following items were presented and approved as written at the Transportation Commission meeting of January 7, 2013. For those items amended, deferred, or rejected, those notations were also made. Action taken by the Commission is noted here on these sheets.

Mr. Burrage announced that the Commission Meeting next month scheduled for **February 4 will begin at 10:00 a.m. to accommodate Governor Fallin's State of the State Address**. He introduced special guests, Shawn Rose from Governor, Mary Fallin's office, Tim Stewart, Deputy Director of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, Mike Cooper, Chairman of the Oklahoma Strategic Military Planning Commission, and Bill Shewey, Mayor of Enid.

ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

Call to Order

Roll Call – Commission Secretary

Commissioner Burrage called upon Mr. Evans, Deputy Director/Chief Engineer for announcements and presentations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

Excellence in Concrete Pavement Awards from ACPA

The American Concrete Pavement Association's 23rd annual "Excellence in Concrete Pavement" national awards recognized ODOT and construction companies for safe, efficient, and durable concrete pavements constructed in the United States and Canada. Four Oklahoma projects received prestigious honors.

Mr. Evans asked that Brent Burwell, the Executive Director of the American Concrete Pavement Association in Oklahoma and Arkansas to join him in recognizing ODOT Engineers along with the construction contractors and engineering companies for their work in the following four winning ODOT Projects:

Gold Award: Divided Highways (Urban)
I-40 Crosstown Expressway, Oklahoma Co.
ODOT/TTK Construction Company, Inc.
Designed by: Poe & Associates, Inc.

The \$680 million project to replace the nearly 50 year old elevated I-40 Crosstown bridge in downtown Oklahoma City was a massive cooperative effort between ODOT, FHWA, City of Oklahoma City and construction contractors. Through the use of early-completion bonuses, the new I-40 Crosstown officially opened to the public ahead of schedule on January 5, 2012.

Co-Gold Award: Overlays-Highways
I-35 North of Marietta, Love Co.
ODOT/Duit Construction Co., Inc.
Designed by: Eduardo Elder, ODOT Roadway Design

Located halfway between Oklahoma City and Dallas, Texas, this section of I-35 is an important corridor for commerce and tourism. Because of heavy football-related travel between Texas and Oklahoma, ODOT included a financial incentive for the contractor to finish this pavement replacement project early to avoid traffic congestion and delays.

Silver Award: Divided Highways (Rural)
US-64 and I-40 at Webbers Falls, Muskogee Co.
ODOT/Duit Construction Co., Inc.
Designed by: Grossman & Keith Engineering Co.

This more than 6 mile highway reconstruction project on I-40 between Warner and the Arkansas River intersected with two busy highways and the Muskogee Turnpike. Through careful planning and execution, the contractor maintained access on 12 different ramps and completed the project without lost days. The project also included environmentally friendly and cost saving plans to recycle and reuse parts of the old roadway.

Silver Award: Industrial and Special Paving
I-35 Port of Entry Facility, Kay Co.
ODOT/Duit Construction Co., Inc.
Designed by: SAIC, Inc.

The \$7.9 million Port of Entry weigh and inspection station on I-35 near the Kansas border opened in April and is the first of nine facilities planned for the state. Once fully equipped, these state-of-the-art stations will help

protect the traveling public and Oklahoma's highways and bridges by ensuring that commercial trucks entering the state meet size and weight regulations and safety measures.

EI Reno Residency receives 2012 Pharaoh Award for I-40/Morgan Road Project

Mr. Evans asked Bobby Stem, the Executive Director of the Association of Oklahoma General Contractors to join him in recognizing the State's best and most innovative bridge project. Mr. Evans and Mr. Stem presented the 2012 Pharaoh Award to ODOT's EI Reno Residency for reconstruction of the bridge and interchange at I-40 and Morgan Road in Canadian County.

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of December 3, 2012

ACTION: Fidler moved and Huckabay seconded that the Minutes be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Overland and Love

CONSENT DOCKET PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

2. Programming of Federal Railroad Crossing Safety Funds--Section 130 Title 23 Funds – Mr. Dougherty

- a) Canadian County - District IV – a signal/surface project for the installation of pedestal mounted flashing signals with gate arms and a 32' full depth concrete surface at Alfadale Road in EI Reno with the Union Pacific Railroad
- b) Caddo County – District VII – a signal/surface project for the installation of pedestal mounted flashing signals with gate arms and a 32' full depth concrete surface at EW-1450 near Apache with the Union Pacific Railroad
- c) Caddo County – District VII – a signal/surface project for the installation of pedestal mounted flashing signals with gate arms and a 32' full depth concrete surface at NS-2620 near Apache with the Union Pacific Railroad
- d) Craig County – District VIII – a signal/surface project for the installation of pedestal mounted flashing signals with gate arms and two (2) 32' full depth concrete surfaces at EW-290 south of Vinita with the Union Pacific Railroad
- e) Nowata County – District VIII – a signal/surface project for the installation of pedestal mounted flashing signals with gate arms and a 24' full depth concrete crossing surface at EW-270 south of Nowata with the Union Pacific Railroad

3. Traffic Control Improvement Projects – Mr. Smart

- a) Various Counties - District I - installation of milled shoulder rumble strips along approximately 49.0 Miles of highways at various locations
- b) Various Counties – District IV – installation of milled shoulder rumble strips along approximately 117.0 miles of highways at various locations

- c) Payne County – District IV – installation of a traffic signal system at the intersection of SH-51 and Drury Street in the City of Stillwater
- d) Beckham County – District V – installation of School Zone Advance Warning Signs with Flashing Beacons on SH-30 in the town of Sweetwater
- e) Various Counties – District VI – installation of milled shoulder rumble strips along approximately 163.0 miles of highways at various locations
- f) Various Counties – District VIII – installation of milled shoulder rumble strips along approximately 225.0 miles of highways at various locations
- g) Creek County – District VIII – change the traffic control at the intersection of SH-33 and Harley Avenue. The existing traffic signal will be removed and replaced with a 2 way stop control, to allow SH-33 to flow freely, and STOP conditions for Harley Avenue in the City of Drumwright
- h) Washington County – District VIII – change the traffic control at the intersection of US-60 and SH-123. The existing traffic signal will be removed and replaced with a 4 way STOP sign in the City of Bartlesville

4. Speed Zone Revision – Mr. Smart

- a) Grant County - District IV – various locations along SH-11 in the town of Medford
- b) Logan County – District IV – various locations along US-77 in the town of Guthrie

5. Land Sales – Mr. Bell

- a) Adair County – District I – Land Sale – at the NW corner of US-59 and West Elm Street in the City of Stilwell
- b) Comanche County - District VII – LED Billboard Sale – On the East side of I-44 and North of US-62 (Rogers Lane) in the City of Lawton

ACTION: Regan moved and Alexander seconded that the Consent Docket be approved as presented.
 MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
 AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Regan
 NAYES: None
 ABSENT: Overland and Love

END OF CONSENT DOCKET

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING – Mr. Streb

6. Programming Item

Tulsa County – District VIII – Replacement of the SH-151 Bridge over the Lake Keystone Dam – Not to Exceed \$6,000,000.00

ACTION: Burgess moved and Fidler seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
 MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Overland and Love

7. Engineering Contract

- a) Delaware County – District VIII – Preliminary engineering services for US-59 over Spavinaw Creek
EC-1412A - \$698,300.00 – Garver LLC
- b) Washington County – District VIII – Preliminary engineering services for US-75: Turkey Creek 1.3 miles North of US-60E
EC-1412C - \$184,400.00 – Cobb Engineering Company
- c) Nowata County – District VIII – Preliminary engineering services for US-169 over Hickory Creek and Opossum Creek
EC-1412D - \$1,053,850.00 – SAIC
- d) Craig County – District VIII – Preliminary engineering services for SH-10 over East Fork of Big Creek and Big Creek
EC-1412E - \$422,130.00 – Frankfurt-Short-Bruza Associates, P.C.
- e) Nowata County – District VIII – Preliminary engineering services for SH-28 over the Verdigris River
EC-1412F - \$264,400.00 – Grossman and Keith Engineering Company
- f) Creek County – District VIII – Preliminary engineering services for US-75A over Rock Creek
EC-1412G - \$176,700.00 – MacArthur Associated Consultants LLC

ACTION: Regan moved and Alexander seconded that the Items be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Overland and Love

8. Engineering Contract Supplements

- a) Oklahoma County – District IV – to perform preliminary engineering studies and prepare final construction plans for I-40 mile marker 167 to 173
EC-1315 - Supplemental No. 1 - \$1,624, 410.00 – Cobb Engineering
- b) Statewide – All Districts – Complete the NEPA phase for 3 Projects that contain the replacement of 61 structurally deficient bridges and 65 total bridges
EC-1394, Supplemental No. 2, 3, & 4 - \$450,000.00 – 3 Consulting Firms

ACTION: Fidler moved and Huckabay seconded that the Items be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Overland and Love

ITEMS PRESENTED BY ACTING RAIL PROGRAMS DIVISION MANAGER – Mr. Dougherty

9. 8 Year State Owned Rail Construction and Maintenance Work Plan

The Department has completed the proposed 8-Year State-Owned Rail Construction and Maintenance Work Plan with consideration for the critical needs of Oklahoma's State-Owned Short Line Rail Operators and the financial constraint of available State funding. The Work Plan is designed to provide improved rail infrastructure to allow the State-Owned Short Line Operators to compete in Regional and National markets. The encompassed projects have been defined, validated, and included in accordance with the Short Line Rail Operators needs and priorities of the State, for 2013 through 2020.

NOTE: Item 9 above is deferred.

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE PROGRAMS DIVISION MANAGER – Mr. Adkins

10. Lettings

- a) Final March 2013 Bid Opening
- b) Tentative April 2013 Bid Opening
- c) Tentative May 2013 Bid Opening

ACTION: Burgess moved and Regan seconded that the Items be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Overland and Love

ITEMS PRESENTED BY CONSTRUCTION DIVISION ENGINEER – Mr. Raymond

11. Change Orders – Cumulative Total - \$50,000.00 or Less – Information Only

- a) Atoka County – Pk. Rd. – SAP-103D(141) / 28755(04), \$16,557.20
- b) Bryan County – US-70 – HPPY-022N(163)HP / 23417(04), \$2,496.13
- c) Bryan County – US-69B – BRFY-107B(151) / 26231(04), \$809.76
- d) Carter County – SH-53A – MC-110C(231) / 28095(04)#2, \$5,149.08
- e) Carter County – SH-53A – MC-110C(231) / 28095(04)#3, \$6,142.71
- f) Choctaw County – US-70 – CIP-112N(10)IP / 16745(04), \$26,681.30
- g) Cimarron County – Co. Rd. – CIRB-113C(058)RB / 24823(04), \$1,720.48
- h) Cleveland County – SH-9 – BRFY-NBIP(449) / 21925(04), \$41,933.06
- i) Cleveland County – Ct. St. – STP-114B(222)AG / 25648(04), \$5,950.00
- j) Cleveland County – Ct. St. – IM-035-2(307)111MS / 25922(04), \$13,722.00
- k) Garvin County – SH-29 – BHFY-125B(158) / 24762(04), \$14.13
- l) Kay County – IS-35 – SSR-136N(198)SR / 27446(04), \$14,808.92 Underrun
- m) Kay County – US-60B – SBR-136N(211)SB / 28315(04), \$11,553.10
- n) Kingfisher County – US-81 – SBR-137N(072)SB / 24882(04), \$11,723.42
- o) LeFlore County – Co. Rd. – BRO-140D(189)CI / 26904(04), \$4,939.90
- p) Major County – US-281 – STPG-147B(171) / 27005(04), \$1,400.00 Underrun
- q) Noble County – IS-35 – BRFY-252F(004) / 23306(09), \$23,009.00

- r) Okfuskee County – US-62 – SSR-154C(167)SR / 28198(04), \$6,853.92
- s) Oklahoma County – Co. Rd. – BRO-155D(638)CI / 25011(04), \$5,644.77
- t) Oklahoma County – Ct. St. – STP-155B(800)AG / 27834(04), \$3,185.40
- u) Oklahoma County – Ct. St. – CMC-255E(091) / 29332(04), \$26,294.88
- v) Ottawa County – SH-10 – HSIPG-158C(168) / 26609(04), \$5,373.90
- w) Pontotoc County – SH-48 – SSP-162C(226)SS / 22973(10), \$16,536.40
- x) Seminole County – US-270B – BRFY-067C(245) / 12313(04), \$800.00 Underrun
- y) Seminole County – SH-99A – HSIPG-167C(187)TR / 28463(04), \$25,452.75
- z) Tulsa County – Ct. St. – STP-172A(346)IG/STPG-172A(396)IG / 24037(04), \$45,746.37
- aa) Tulsa County – IS-244 – BHYY-0244-2(484)005 / 26304(05), \$8,977.70

12. Change Orders – Cumulative Totals Greater Than \$50,000.00

- a) Atoka County – US-69 – SBR-103N(137)SB / 28194(04), \$108,642.45
- b) Canadian County – IS-40 – IMY-040-4(396)128SS/IM-STIM(015)/IMG-040-4(421)125TR / 20539(04), \$1,905,493.00
- c) Canadian County – IS-40 – SEC1702Y-109A(130)HP/IMY-040-4(433)139 / 21008(04)#6, \$50,943.60
- d) Canadian County – IS-40 – SEC1702Y-109A(130)HP/IMY-040-4(433)139 / 21008(04)#7, \$11,792.00
- e) Canadian County – IS-40 – SEC1702Y-109A(130)HP/IMY-040-4(433)139 / 21008(04)#9, \$510,000.00
- f) Cimarron County – Co. Rd. – CIRB-113C(058)RB / 24823(04), \$85,238.00
- g) Cleveland County – Ct. St. – TCSP-0H68(007)TC/STP-STIM(504)HP / 22670(04)#9, \$71,760.30
- h) Cleveland County – Ct. St. – TCSP-0H68(007)TC/STP-STIM(504)HP / 22670(04)#10, \$339,500.00
- i) Cleveland County – Ct. St. – HSIPY-114A(242)TR / 26474(04), \$34,509.62
- j) Craig County – SH-66 – STPY-118C(096)SS / 24183(04), \$21,640.00
- k) Craig County – US-60 – BRFY-018N(050) / 24220(04), \$5,624.46
- l) Creek County – SH-66 – SBR-119C(209)SB / 27625(04), \$26,774.70
- m) Mayes County – SH-28 – SSP-149C(059)SS / 20230(04), \$24,748.08
- n) McClain County – SH-59A – STPY-162C(223)3P/STPY-144C(163)3P / 28217(04), \$19,810.70
- o) Muskogee County – US-69 – NHY-013N(154)3P / 29022(04), \$5,238.24
- p) Noble County – US-77 – SSR-152C(190)SR / 27600(04), \$99,675.00
- q) Oklahoma County – IS-235 – IMY-0235-1(103)005IP / 09033(40), \$90,387.85
- r) Oklahoma County – IS-40 – OKCY-XTWN(003)TI / 17428(22), \$769,182.25
- s) Oklahoma County – Ct. St. – CMC-255A(062) / 29266(04), \$32,413.49
- t) Oklahoma County – IS-44 – SBR-255A(063)SB / 29274(04), \$163,465.30
- u) Pottawatomie County – SH-18 – STPY-163A(355)3P / 28206(04), \$10,757.89
- v) Texas County – US-54 – NHY-008N(019) / 14971(13), \$138,000.00
- w) Tulsa County – IS-244 – IM-TIGR(497)SS / 26604(04)#1, \$91,438.80
- x) Tulsa County – IS-244 – IM-TIGR(497)SS / 26604(04)#2, \$46,134.91
- y) Tulsa County – IS-244 – IM-TIGR(497)SS / 26604(04)#3, \$92,567.54
- z) Tulsa County – SH-20 – SAP-172A(511) / 27921(04), \$14,092.50
- aa) Tulsa County – IS-244 – SBR-272N(020)SB / 27929(04)#2, \$154,127.60
- bb) Tulsa County – IS-244 – SBR-272N(020)SB / 27929(04)#3, \$46,662.34

ACTION: Huckabay moved and Alexander seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Overland and Love

ITEM PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS – Mr. Shell

13. Request for Additional Appropriations on Emergency Bridge Repair Project

Tulsa County – Emergency Bridge Repair on I-244 over Charles Page Boulevard in the City of Tulsa - \$445,833.33

ACTION: Fidler moved and Regan seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Overland and Love

ITEMS PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF THE DIRECTOR’S OFFICE – Mr. Surret

14. Additions to the Industrial Access Road Program

a) Garfield County – District IV

The City of Enid is requesting approval for an industrial access project for the Enid Woodring Regional Airport. The City of Enid, the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission, Vance Air Force Base and the Enid Woodring Regional Airport are partnering in a project totaling \$5,800,000.00 to extend the runway at the airport and relocate a county road.

The City will be responsible for the initiation, construction and completion of all work associated with the road project. The Department’s participation in the project shall not exceed **\$500,000.00**.

NOTE: *Mike Cooper, Chairman of the Oklahoma Strategic Military Planning Commission commented that this project would protect mission capabilities and reduce costs for Vance Air Force Base. He stated that, “Oklahoma’s communities and government agencies have a great track record of working together to improve our military bases”.*

Commission Burgess and Commissioner Burrage thanked Mr. Cooper for all that they do; and commended their hard work on making sure that no military bases are closed in Oklahoma.

b) Garvin County – District III

The Garvin County Commissioners are requesting approval for an industrial access project for Forum Energy Technologies. Forum is investing over \$9,000,000.00 in the expanding facility and creating 45 new full-time jobs.

The proposed project begins at SH-29 on NS3120 and extends south approximately 625 feet, then west for approximately 1875 feet, then back north approximately 625 feet. The County will be

responsible for the initiation, construction and completion of all work associated with the project. The Department's participation in the project shall not exceed **\$200,000.00**.

ACTION: Burgess moved and Alexander seconded that the Items be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Overland and Love

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION – Mr. Ridley

15. Director's Report

Mr. Ridley commented that "Vance Air Force Base is extremely important to national security and the State's economy and that this project is a cooperative effort that will really benefit Enid and northwest Oklahoma. He stated that this is not the only project we have on-going with the military bases; there are projects in McAlester and Lawton.

Mr. Ridley updated the Commissioners on the Salary Study that the Department Heads had conducted concerning ODOT's high turnover rate. He reiterated that we are currently at the lowest level of Staff that he has seen since becoming an employee for the agency back in 1965. We have come up with an Employee Retention Program that changes compensation levels and raised them for a lot of positions across the agency. We hope this program encourages employees to make this agency a career opportunity and not just another job. The impact it will have on our cost for personnel is about a 3.3% increase for the remaining 2013 Fiscal Year. When it is fully implemented for the next Fiscal Year it will be about a 6.6% increase.

Mr. Ridley stated that the Daily Oklahoman has done a great job of covering the discussions of how to reconnect the downtown area to the new I-40 Crosstown. He asked that Deputy Director/Chief Engineer Gary Evans come and update the Commissioners on the changes that are being discussed.

Mr. Evans stated that there are changes to the City of Oklahoma City's plan to use federal funds administered by ODOT to construct a boulevard to reconnect the downtown area to the new I-40 Crosstown. He said that since the downtown area had changed so much since the last environmental study was completed; that the City of Oklahoma City is requesting that another environmental study be done. Because of the City's changes and required evaluation, construction of the boulevard will be delayed until 2014 and likely not completed until early 2016.

NOTE: Commissioner Burgess asked Mr. Evans to clarify the exact changes.

Mr. Evans explained that changes to the area in the last decade caused the City to revisit construction plans approved by the Federal Highway Administration, which originally called for a six-lane boulevard built in the existing right-of-way. Any deviations from the original plans can impact the previous environmental study. The City has hired an outside consulting firm to design some options and there is a council meeting tomorrow to see the different options the consultant has designed. ODOT is in agreement with these plans and is open to ideas from the City since this boulevard will be a City street and not a part of the state highway system. As to the exact changes, I will have Director of Engineering David Streb come and talk about that.

Mr. Streb said the City is talking about taking the existing right-of-way down to a four-lane facility, slowing traffic down a little bit and making it more pedestrian friendly with the types of development that are

going on in that area. They are talking about swinging the boulevard a little more to the south by the Chesapeake Arena. The last option is the design at the west end near Western. The council will vote on these options tomorrow and will forward the approved designs to the Department soon.

NOTE: *Commissioner Burgess asked what the timeframe would be after deviations are approved and a new environmental study is done.*

Mr. Evans said the changes that the City votes on will be input into ODOT's Environmental process and will ultimately be submitted back through FHWA. This is a time consuming process that would probably not be completed until the end of this year. In this scenario, you wouldn't be able to get a construction project until the spring of 2014 and it is assumed that this will be a 2 year project, which makes the estimated completion date in early 2016.

NOTE: *Commissioner Regan asked if there was anything we could do to expedite that process.*

Mr. Evans replied that there is nothing really we can do to expedite this; we have to be really respectful to the environmental process and let it play out. It is really hard to predict the timing of these processes, because you don't know all the input that you are going to receive. So depending on the input received by the Department, we will know how to handle that and guide that as it goes through that process.

NOTE: *Commissioner Burrage applauded ODOT and the City of Oklahoma City on all they have accomplished. He stated that the Public wants it now and it seems to be taking a long time, but if you look at it in the context of when we started the crosstown and couldn't even get all the money together in 1 year and had to wait on funds; even with all these hurdles it has really gone fast. He said no one could have envisioned a few years ago that downtown Oklahoma City would look this good; and he is sure that the environmental process will go fast and we can stay on this minimal timeframe and it doesn't turn into the maximum timeframe.*

Commissioner Burrage commended ODOT for what they did for their staff and felt it was well deserved. He applauded the ODOT staff and Secretary Ridley's leadership because even though the number of ODOT staff went down, the workload has went up, and yet we have won nationally recognized awards and have developed a robust amount of vendors.

Mr. Ridley asked Director of Operations Casey Shell to come and report on ODOT's response to the holiday winter storms that affected travel in many parts of the state.

Mr. Shell praised the more than 800 maintenance workers who spent most or all of the Christmas and New Year's holidays away from their families while working to clear state highways and bridges of snow and ice. "Any time there is inclement weather combined with holiday traffic, it creates a difficult situation for our crews, and I want to commend them for their hard work and thank them for their sacrifices they made to ensure that holiday travelers in Oklahoma got to their destinations safely."

Mr. Ridley recognized ODOT Photographer, Ken Corder who has worked for ODOT more than 40 years. He stated that this is the last Commission Meeting Ken will be attending as an employee, since he is planning to retire at the end of January.

Information Only; No Commission action required.

ITEM PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

16. Adjournment Motion

ACTION: Burgess moved and Regan seconded that the Meeting be adjourned.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Overland and Love

Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of January 7, 2013.

David Burrage - Vice-Chairman

Brad Burgess - Member

Information Only; No Commission action required.