

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Monday the 14th day of February, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.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 2014 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 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, 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.

ITEM PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Greg Love called the meeting to order at 1:52 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

The following items were presented and approved as written at the Transportation Commission meeting of February 14, 2014. For those items amended, deferred, or rejected, those notations were also made. Action taken by the Commission is noted here on these sheets.

Commissioner Love recognized Director, Mike Patterson.

Director Patterson updated everyone about the status of the Lexington Bridge that we had to close on Friday, January 31, 2014 because of structural issues involving cracks in the beams. He said that he and Chief Engineer, Casey Shell met with local media, Legislators from that area and citizens from Purcell and Lexington on the evening of Monday, February 3rd, and then had another long meeting the next night at the Fire Department in Lexington. He stated it's very important that we continue our communication with the locals in the community. Then we had a Press Conference at the bridge on Friday, February 7th which Governor Fallin attended and at that time declared her Declaration of Emergency for the area. We are having 2 more meetings with the citizens on Tuesday, February 18th in Lexington at 5:00 p.m. and in Purcell at 7:00 p.m. to bring them up to date on current events of today and what is going on with the Contractor. He gave a special thanks to Governor Fallin for her efforts, and bringing her cabinet together and collaborating on different ideas on how to approach this situation. He said with her Declaration of Emergency it has provided some relief to the

communities from various sources. One of the things that we did initiate last Friday was to provide a transit operation using 4 of our transit operators from around the state; they are offering free shuttle service between Lexington and Purcell to the citizens. This has proved to be very fruitful; we have been averaging 75–80 riders per day and expect that number to rise. He called upon Chief Engineer, Casey Shell to give a more detailed explanation of what the repairs will look like for this bridge.

Mr. Shell gave a presentation that outlined the repair process of the bridge. We will repair 264 locations on the bridge and double up on supports at the repaired areas to sustain legal loads traveling across the bridge. The bridge also includes extra treatments to areas of the bridge to prevent cracking in order to extend its life for 10 years until it can be replaced. He stated that time is the driving force of this project; we hope to get the bridge open to passenger vehicle traffic (cars and pickups) within 45 days. He wanted to recognize the efforts of 3 groups that worked tirelessly on this project: 1) the Design Team, which included our own designers here at ODOT in the Bridge Division, Greg Allen and Jack Schmiedel; 2) the Office Engineer Division, Brian Schmitt and his staff; and 3) our Consultants who worked on this project to make sure that it all took place. It was a great team effort and everyone all pulled in the same direction on this project.

Director Patterson stated that the contract for the repair project has an ambitious timetable for reopening the bridge connecting Purcell and Lexington. The bridge must reopen to car and pickup traffic within 45 days. Incentives and disincentives included in the contract are some of the most aggressive in Oklahoma Department of Transportation history. The contractor stand to earn up to \$2,500 per hour for beating the deadline for reopening the bridge to car traffic; and \$1,500 per hour for reopening it to all traffic.

Director Patterson introduced special guests, Representative, Bobby Cleveland and Senator, Corey Brooks.

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR – Mr. Patterson

23. Declaration of Emergency Bridge Repair Project

Cleveland and McClain Counties – District III – James C. Nance Memorial Bridge on US-77 & SH-39 over South Canadian River

ACTION: Overland moved and Burrage seconded that an emergency does exist and Item be approved as presented.

MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Overland, Love, Huckabay and Regan

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Burgess and Alexander

NOTE: *Commissioner Love asked after the repairs, what is the life expectancy of the bridge?*

Director Patterson stated that since this bridge is very old, it was built in 1938; there have been numerous repair projects done to the bridge in the past 10-15 years. Ideally we would like to have this repair last forever, but we know that it's not going to. Based upon its' age and condition we know that there likely will be more subsequent repair projects. So knowing the age of the bridge it's hard to say a specific duration of time, the repair is designed to last at least 10 years.

Commissioner Love asked if this bridge was in the 8 year plan.

Director Patterson stated that yes the replacement of this bridge is in the 8 year plan, but not the construction of the bridge. This means that we had budgeted for Right-Of-Way relocation and moving utilities; but now that we have to make these emergency repairs, we are

accelerating the Environmental studies and design function for the construction component of the bridge replacement, which will be added when we do the rebalancing of the 8 year plan for next year.

Commissioner Love asked for a little more detailed information about the shuttle service?

Director Patterson said that Monday through Friday the shuttle starts running at 6:00 a.m. and ends at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday it begins at 7:00 a.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m. All information including the shuttle schedule can be found at www.okladot.state.ok.us.

ITEM PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING – Mr. Tegeler

24. Engineering Contracts

Cleveland and McClain Counties – District III – Fracture Critical Bridge Inspection Monitoring for US-77 & SH-39 over South Canadian River and Railroad - Aggregate Total - \$500,000

EC-1521A	Burgess & Niple, Inc.	\$250,000
EC-1521B	Infrastructure Engineers, Inc.	\$250,000

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

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE ENGINEER – Mr. Schmitt

25. Consideration of an Emergency Contract for the Repair of James C. Nance Memorial Bridge

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

NOTE: *Commissioner Love asked how long it will take to repair this bridge.*

Mr. Schmitt said it's in the contract that all work must be completed within 150 days. The bridge must reopen to car and pickup traffic within 45 days, and it must be reopened to all traffic within 120 days.

Commissioner Love asked how we will control which vehicles are allowed to drive over the bridge in 45 days.

Mr. Schmitt said there will be a law enforcement officer on both ends of the bridge. The officer will determine whether or not the vehicle is the right type/weight to cross over.

Commissioner Overland asked if it is going to be monitoring or enforcement.

Mr. Schmitt stated, "It is enforcement"!

Commissioner Fidler asked if this was going to be 24 hour enforcement.

Mr. Schmitt answered, "Yes, 24 hours".

Director Patterson pointed out that this is going to be a very complex project. He emphasized that these splints and supports that we have to install are not just something that we can go down to Wal-Mart and buy. These will have to be manufactured at a machine shop with very precise, very precision calculations and calibrations. So when we sign this contract later today and the contract time begins at 5:00 p.m., the public should not expect to see a flurry of activity underneath the bridge. The first flurry of activity will be the manufacturing/fabrication of the splints.

NOTE: *Representative Cleveland and Senator Brooks both said a few words praising ODOT for closing the bridge before a catastrophe like the Minneapolis bridge collapse in 2007. They praised them for doing a great job, because if ODOT hadn't amped up their yearly bridge inspections on this old bridge, the cracks in the bridge would not have been caught. Also thanked ODOT for going above and beyond what they were required to do to assist the Lexington and Purcell communities adapt to this very inconvenient matter. They also thanked Governor Fallin for bringing more attention to this issue.*

Secretary, Gary Ridley relayed a message from Governor Fallin, "I appreciate the hard work done by the Department of Transportation to get this contract awarded so promptly, and I appreciate the patience shown by the people of these two communities as we work as quickly as possible to fix their bridge." She also wanted to thank the Construction Company who will be responsible for repairing this bridge; and she would love to see them get paid the bonus for completing this project in record time, so that we can get this bridge back open for these two communities.

ITEM PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

26. Adjournment Motion

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes of the Emergency Transportation Commission Meeting of February 14, 2014.

Greg Love – Chairman

David Burrage – Vice Chairman