

# MINUTES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

TO BE HELD IN THE ODOT BUILDING COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Monday the 3rd day of December, 2018, 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 2018 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, November 29, 2018, 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 11:01 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>Present:</b>	John Fidler	Member
	David Burrage	Chairman
	Dan Overland	Member
	Greg Love	Member
	Bobby Alexander	Member
	Brad Burgess	Vice Chairman
	Bob Peterson	Member
<b>Absent:</b>	Todd Huckabay	
<b>Presiding:</b>	David Burrage	

The following items were presented and approved as written at the Transportation Commission meeting of December 3, 2018. For those items amended, deferred, or rejected, those notations were also made. Action taken by the Commission is noted here on these sheets.

Commissioner Burrage thanked everyone for coming and introduced Special Guests: John Cox, Lori Peterson, Bobby Stem and Former Secretary of Transportation, Gary Ridley.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Director Patterson said the Pharaoh Award is presented annually by the Association of General Contractors and recognizes the bridge contracting firm and resident engineer completing construction on the highest quality bridge structure in the State of Oklahoma. The Pharaoh award is named after a very prominent and prestigious family from Eastern Oklahoma. OJ Pharaoh was a highway contractor many years ago; and was the first President of what we now know as the, Association of General Contractors. His son, Kent Pharaoh, was also President of the Association of General Contractors and actually represented District 1 for a few years in the 90's as a Transportation Commissioner. This year Division 8, the Claremore Residency received the award for a Bridge Project on US-412 over the Verdigris River in Rogers County. Accepting the award for ODOT were Randle White, Division 8 Engineer, Aaron Beats, Claremore Resident Engineer, Jennifer Bullard, Division 8 Construction Engineer and District 8 Commissioner, Robert Peterson.

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

**149. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of November 5, 2018**

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

**CONSENT DOCKET PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**

**150. Programming of Federal Railroad Crossing Safety Funds--Section 130 Title 23 Funds – Mr. Moody**

**a) Kay County – Commission District IV**

Near Ponca City, Construction funding for a Signal project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms at Kay County Road E0250, with the BNSF Railway Company. Total cost is \$486,576.

**b) Noble County – Commission District IV**

Near Perry, Construction funding for a Signal project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms and a 48' concrete crossing surface at Noble County Road N3260, with the BNSF Railway Company. Total cost is \$573,712.

**c) Craig County – Commission District VIII**

Near Vinita, Construction funding for a Signal project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms at Vinita County Road S4360, with the BNSF Railway Company. Total cost is \$412,444.

**d) Tulsa County – Commission District VIII**

Near Sand Springs, Construction funding for a Signal project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms, a traffic signal installation, intersection improvements and a 48' concrete crossing surface at South 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, with the Sand Springs Railroad. Total cost is \$664,085.

**151. Speed Zone Revision – Mr. Glabas**

- a) Marshall County – District II – various locations along US-70 in the City of Kingston
- b) Osage County – District VIII – various locations along SH-11 in the City of Shidler

**152. Land Sales – Mr. Phillips**

- a) Oklahoma County – District IV – located at the NE corner of SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street and South Lee Avenue in Oklahoma City - \$118,200.00
- b) Rogers County – District VIII – Land Sale – located at the NE corner of the intersection of SH-167 and Pine Street in the City of Catoosa - \$283,000.00

**153. State Highway System Revisions – Mr. Swift**

**Sequoyah County – District I**

This item is necessitated by the Cherokee Nations request for removal of SH-101 northeast of the City of Sallisaw, at Sequoyah’s Cabin in Sequoyah County.

Remove from the State Highway System, a portion of SH-101 beginning at the intersection of the entrance of Sequoyah’s Cabin and SH-101, and extending east to the gate of Sequoyah’s Cabin; a total of approximately 0.2 miles of SH-101. This portion of SH-101, including right-of-way, will be transferred to the appropriate local jurisdiction for further maintenance or abandonment. In accordance with state law, a Public Removal Hearing was held November 14th, 2018.

This revision will become effective upon approval by the State Transportation Commission, and completion of certification by Division 1 Engineer that the proposed removed roadways meet mandated criteria.

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

**END OF CONSENT DOCKET**

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

**154. Programming Items**

- a) Love County - District VII - a project to repair vehicle impact damage to I-35 NB over SH-32 located 15.3 miles north of the Texas State line in Love County - \$20,000 using State-Aid funds - Party responsible for the damage is known.
- b) Tulsa County - District VIII - a project to repair vehicle impact damage to US-75 SB over SH-20 located at the Junction of US-75 & SH-20 in Tulsa County - \$15,000 using State-Aid funds - Party responsible for the damage is known.

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

**155. Engineering Contracts**

Oklahoma County – District IV – To provide preliminary engineering for I-44/SH-74/SH-66 interchange operational improvements.

EC-2028	EST, Inc.	\$1,025,766.00
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ACTION: Overland moved and Peterson seconded that the Item be approved as presented.  
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:  
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Overland, Love, Alexander, Burgess and Peterson  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Huckabay

**156. Engineering Contract Supplements**

- a) Canadian County – District IV – to perform additional engineering and to prepare final construction plans for I-40B: Over the UPAC Railroad on the south edge of El Reno.

EC-1408B Supplement 5 CEC Corporation \$24,100.00

- b) Ottawa County – District VIII - to perform additional engineering and to prepare final construction plans for US 60 over Spring and Neosho River, 11.1 miles east of US 69.

EC-1509E Supplement 1 Garver, LLC \$1,561,973.17

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

**ITEMS PRESENTED BY CONSTRUCTION DIVISION ENGINEER – Mr. Leonard**

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

- a) Alfalfa County - US-64 - ACSTP-102C(156)SS / 24124(07), \$4,696.80, 0.08%
- b) Alfalfa County – US-64 - STP-230F(029)PM / 26975(05), \$883.12, 0.68%
- c) Bryan County - US-70 - HSIPG-022N(217)TR / 33251(04), \$260.00, 0.09%
- d) Caddo County - SH-58 - STP-208C(052)SS / 24092(04), \$57,000.00, 1.07%
- e) Caddo County - SH-58 - STP-208C(047)SS / 28998(04), #2 \$38,844.90, 1.00%
- f) Caddo County - SH-58 - STP-208C(047)SS / 28998(04) #3, \$7,948.09, 0.21%
- g) Canadian County - I-40 - SSP-209F(029)SS / 24238(05), \$30,000.00, 10.84%
- h) Choctaw County - SH-109 - STP-212C(035)SS / 27906(04), \$4,603.16, 0.32%
- i) Choctaw County - SH-3 - HSIPG-212F(041)TR / 33249(04), \$2,566.67, 0.12%
- j) Cleveland County - SH-39 - SSR-214N(083)SR / 31828(04), \$1,687.96, 0.75%
- k) Cleveland County - Ct. St. - STPG-214C(082)AG / 33127(04), \$5,243.75, 1.25%
- l) Cotton County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-117D(091)RB / 28410(04), \$18,706.91, -3.49% Underrun
- m) Craig County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-218D(058)RB / 30443(04), \$1,256.75, 0.15%
- n) Craig County - US-69 - SSR-218N(072)SR / 32713(04), \$11,618.67, 1.85%
- o) Creek County - Co. Rd. - STP-119D(131)CI / 22752(04), \$244,597.81, -27.82% Underrun
- p) Creek County - US-75A - ACSTP-219C(033)SS / 27075(04), \$53,190.00, 0.66%
- q) Delaware County - US-59 - STP-221B(011)SS / 30223(04), \$12,000.00, 0.83%
- r) Garvin County - I-35 - STP-NBIP(517)3B / 33192(04), \$10,766.00, 1.68%
- s) Grady County - SH-37 - STPG-226C(060)AG / TAP-226D(059)TP / 33001(04), \$15,750.00, 3.85%
- t) Hughes County - SH-9 - STP-232C(059)PM / 28939(04), \$7,500.00, 0.30%
- u) Jefferson County - SH-89 - STP-234C(016)SS / 28801(04), \$41,080.64, 1.06%
- v) Kay County - SH-11 - SBR-236N(052)(053)SB / 29491(05), \$39,468.97, 0.75%
- w) Latimer County - Co. Rd. - ACSTP-239D(034)CI / 29976(04), \$7,835.48, 1.47%

- x) Mayes County - US-69 - NHPP-249N(044)3P / 31354(04), \$14,330.21, 1.89%
- y) McClain County - SH-74 - STP-244C(062)3P / 33632(04), \$4,409.33, 0.72%
- z) Muskogee County - US-64 - ACSTPY-251E(075)AD / 32837(04), \$9,630.72, 3.45%
- aa) Okfuskee County - Co. Rd. - ACSTP-254C(036)CI / 31703(04), \$47,783.46, 7.10%
- bb) Oklahoma County - I-35 - NHPPI-0240-1(358)004SS / 09032(17), \$2,947.55, 0.03%
- cc) Oklahoma County - SH-66 - SSP-255F(460)PM / 24238(14), \$15,000.00, 15.66%
- dd) Oklahoma County - I-35 - HSIPG-255F(180)IT / 25909(48), \$223,163.85, -5.92% Underrun
- ee) Oklahoma County - I-235 - NHPPI-2350-(007)PM / 27905(04) #2, \$22,839.76, 3.33%
- ff) Oklahoma County - I-235 - NHPPI-2350-(007)PM / 27905(04) #3, \$25,000.00, 3.64%
- gg) Osage County - SH-20 - SBR-257C(061)SB / 31367(04), \$98,482.32, -6.94% Underrun
- hh) Pushmataha County - SH-3 - SSR-264N(058)(059)SR / 29720(04), \$7,920.00, 1.08%
- ii) Tulsa County - I-244 - SSP-272F(239)PM / 31943(06), \$13,220.00, 3.93%
- jj) Woods County - US-64 - STP-276B(032)PM / 27923(04), \$6,740.00, 0.16%
- kk) Woods County - Co. Rd. - STP-276C(025)CI / 30492(04), \$7,588.54, 0.31%

**158. Change Orders with Cumulative Total Greater than \$75,000.00**

- a) Beckham County - I-40 - SSP-4000(041)SS / SBR-4000(038)SB / 27023(04) #10, \$70,501.20, 0.73%
- b) Beckham County - I-40 - SSP-4000(041)SS / SBR-4000(038)SB / 27023(04) #11, \$36,260.00, 0.38%
- c) Blaine County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-206D(002)RB / 28692(04), \$5,013.33, 0.15%
- d) Caddo County - SH-58 - ACSTP-208C(048)SS / ACSTP-208C(053)(049)SS / 27039(04), \$33,323.53, 0.25%
- e) Canadian County - I-40B - SBR-109A(180)SB / 28311(04), \$2,816.10, 0.13%
- f) Cleveland County - Ct. St. - STP-214C(080)AG / 29289(04), \$95,787.15, 3.43%
- g) Custer County - I-40 - SSR-220C(003)SR / 29152(04), \$72,003.69, 10.33%
- h) Grant County - SH-11 - STP-127B(107)(108)(109)(110)SS / 24163(04), \$354,393.90, -2.73% Underrun
- i) Jackson County - US-62 - NHPP-020N(044)3P / STP-233C(036)3P / 30407(04), \$41,368.43, 1.60%
- j) Jefferson County - US-81 - NHPP-234N(015)SS / 28800(04) #4, \$8,481.75, 0.34%
- k) Jefferson County - US-81 - NHPP-234N(015)SS / 28800(04) #5, \$4,339.69, 0.17%
- l) Kay County - SH-156 - SSR-236C(002)SR / 29149(04), \$138,534.77, 11.29%
- m) Leflore County - US-59 - ACNHPP-140N(171)SS / ACNHPP-240N(047)SS / 27024(04), \$80,616.89, 1.26%
- n) McCurtain County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-145C(172)RB / 25468(04), \$90,470.22, 7.45%
- o) Nowata County - SH-28 - STP-253C(041)SS / 28857(04), \$87,924.32, 4.94%
- p) Okfuskee County - Co. Rd. - ACSTP-254C(036)CI / 31703(04), \$54,850.48, 8.15%
- q) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - OKC-XTWN(078)SS / ACNHPP-XTWN(079)SS / 17428(88), \$62,555.63, 0.24%
- r) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - STP-255B(360)AG / 30326(04) #1, \$203,600.88, 4.61%
- s) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - STP-255B(360)AG / 30326(04) #3, \$25,200.00, 0.57%
- t) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - TAP-255D(329)AG / 31436(04), \$196,566.73, 30.49%
- u) Ottawa County - SH-10 - ACSTP-258C(023)SS / 27074(04), \$5,743.40, 0.13%
- v) Payne County - Ct. St. - STP-260B(019)MS / 31415(04), \$67,057.65, 1.26%
- w) Pontotoc County - SH-19 - SSR-262B(039)SR / 29705(04), \$24,463.17, 1.77%
- x) Rogers County - US-412 - SSP-266N(056)SS / 23170(10), \$18,945.00, 0.25%
- y) Tulsa County - US-64 - NHPP-272N(204)SS / 27015(04) #6, \$344,062.30, 4.60%
- z) Tulsa County - US-64 - NHPP-272N(204)SS / 27015(04) #7, \$47,181.10, 0.63%
- aa) Tulsa County - Ct. St. - STP-272B(175)IG / 29323(04), \$16,238.97, 1.26%
- bb) Wagoner County - SH-16 - ACSTP-273C(025)SS / 24366(04), \$85,170.00, 0.60%

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

**ITEM PRESENTED BY THE COMPTROLLER DIVISION – Mr. Hackney**

**159. Lettings**

- a) Final February, 2019 Bid Opening
- b) Tentative March, 2019 Bid Opening
- c) Tentative April, 2019 Bid Opening

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

**ITEM PRESENTED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER – Mr. Hulin**

**160. FY 2019 Budget Revision**

Request to transfer \$150,000 in state funds from Highway Administration to the Transit Program to match federal funding associated with the streetcar safety oversight program.

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

**ITEM PRESENTED BY THE COORDINATOR OF EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION – Ms. Moore**

**161. Highway Construction Contractor Prequalification**

Adoption of Amendment to OAC Rule No.: 730:25-3-1 Prequalification

**NOTE:** *Commissioner Love asked is this is a state-driven change; or is it something that we are being directed by the Feds on.*

Ms. Moore answered that actually the AOGC had requested us to look at our Prequalification Administrative Rule, which we did. The Department came up with some different amendments, but also to bring us up to qualifying standards with other states as well in regards to our process for prequalification.

*Commissioner Love said, "I'm assuming we talked with other states on how they do their Prequalification."*

Ms. Moore answered yes we did an AASHTO Survey; a lot of them are at 1 or 2 years and they do take a Financial Audit or Financial Statement. Of course, we are changing from 5 years to 2, and we are also allowing for a Financial Review Statement instead of just only an audit.

Commissioner Love said, "Thank you".

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

#### **ITEM PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE ENGINEER – Mr. Delce**

##### **162. Awards**

- a) November 14, 2018 – Emergency Letting (Information Only)
- b) November 15, 2018 – Regular Letting

**NOTE:** *Commissioner Love asked Mr. Delce to keep an eye on the future competitive bidding process. We want to see if bids are affected, since the price of oil keeps dropping.*

Mr. Delce said, "Yes sir, we sure will".

*Commissioner Burrage said as we do in the various committees, we discuss all these projects. So the public knows, we don't just sit here and agree with Mr. Delce all the time. We also had that same comment for him in our prior meeting when we were reviewing these contracts. I appreciate your comments Commissioner Love, and we all need to stay on our toes.*

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

#### **ITEM PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR – Mr. Patterson**

##### **163. Declaration of Emergency**

District VII - Comanche County – Bridge Repair for I-44 Bridge over SH-49, Structure# 1649 1515 EX & WX, NBI# 15760 & 15761, located at the Junction of I-44 & SH-49 - \$191,750.00

**NOTE:** The Director said before I read the Declaration; I want to update the Commission on last month's Declaration for US-169 Bridge NB to SB I-244 in Tulsa. If you recall last month, I had declared an emergency; and my emergency authority is up to \$750,000. In that emergency, we really believed that the repairs would come in for less than that. At the time of the Commission Meeting we had a bid that was in excess of \$750,000, so we rejected that bid and went back out for a better bid; and in the awards you just approved, the Emergency Letting was awarded to Logos Construction and it came in significantly less than the \$750,000. So we are moving forward with this and that ties up last month's emergency declaration.

The Director then read Item 163 the Declaration of Emergency into the record. He stated that Division 7 Engineer, Jay Earp notified us this morning that this project will be completed today, which is a couple of days early and we are extremely happy about that!

Commissioner Burgess said, "I just wanted to say thank you from the Citizens of Comanche County; we are not used to traffic jams and I-44 is obviously our main artery for coming into the city, and it's been backed up at times over half a mile." "So we really appreciate the good folks at ODOT working hard to get this bridge back in operation"!

**Information Only:** No Commission action required.

#### **164. Director's Report**

Secretary/Director Patterson said I want to remind you that this Friday will be the exhaustion of the Continuing Resolution at the federal level. Now, there is no doubt in my mind that Congress and the President will take up the next action. Obviously, we would hope for a long term resolution to be available to us after Legislation this week, but I'm really anticipating yet another Continuing Resolution. What does that mean to us? That means that it's going to slow down some of our construction program; because we don't have the federal funds necessary to go ahead and authorize out into the future so that we can get them on the bid letting. For whatever matter of time that Congress deems this time, we will adjust accordingly. As you recall, Commissioner Peterson you won't recall, but this time last year, we were dealing with 10-20 day Continuing Resolutions as we marched along until the spring when we finally got the rest of the money. We adapt to it, but it does have an impact on our letting schedule going forward.

Earlier Russell Hulin came up and presented his item, thank you for approving the transfer of money from Highway Program to Transit. What we find ourselves in, was something that we have known about for 1 ½ to 2 years. We are excited about the streetcar coming to Oklahoma City; but never did we imagine with that announcement that ODOT was going to be as intimately involved in the program as we are. Congress and the Federal Transit Administration have identified the DOT's all across this country as the ones that will provide safety oversight of fixed guideway rail transit systems, which includes the Oklahoma City Streetcar. Our Transit Division is working very closely with the City of Oklahoma City and has been for the last several months, as we get even closer to the December 14th opening, to make sure that all of the regulations and the guidelines given to us by the Federal Transit Administration are in place at the time of opening. I'm excited about it, I have tried to get a free ticket on the streetcar, but none is available. So I'm going to buy my ticket, I'm going to ride it and I'm looking forward to it! But I wanted to make sure that you all understood that we do have a role in the streetcar that's coming up; just like we do with a lot of transit operations in the state; but this is new to us. We have a great consultant on staff with us, Dovetail Consulting; they have done many of these across the country, so we are going to work alongside Oklahoma City to get this completed.

This last Tuesday, you may have seen in the press, "*Energize for Safety Coalition*"; it is really a grouping, a collaboration of the energy companies along with the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Transportation. If you look in Kingfisher and Blaine County, which is the first target, there's so much more traffic on SH-33 and different kinds of traffic. It used to be farm trucks, automobiles and pickups; but now, there's significantly more energy traffic, 18-wheelers, semis; SH-33 has undergone a significant change in dynamics. With the Energize for Safety Coalition, we have joined in with the energy companies, and now we have ongoing communication about what they might be doing, where they might be going along this route so that we can hopefully be a little more proactive about providing safe, effective and efficient transportation. Included in this particular coalition is US-81 north and south of Kingfisher; but clearly SH-33 is the primary emphasis. You are going to see more signage, you are going to see more enforcement, and you are going to see more education. The coalition has already met with high schools, civic organizations and the career techs to talk about how to address this different kind of traffic; to realize that an 18-wheeler is not going to stop on the dot! There is also more emphasis on the part of the Energy Companies to brief their crews on daily safety announcements and meetings; and so it is ongoing. When you look at that safety corridor, the fatality rate is significantly higher than it is the average in the State of Oklahoma. I'm very proud for the Department of Transportation to be involved in this effort to bring safety to that corridor. Looking forward, we know that there are other parts of the state; south of Chickasha and along SH-19, the Safety Coalition is going to begin looking at things we can do down there as well.



And then, last, you approved the next contract on the I-235 corridor that we have been working on for decades. It is not the last contract; there is a little small contract yet to be executed in that same interchange, but the interchange is the last piece, the crown jewel to this whole effort. We have talked about how much we appreciated the patience of the traveling public for our most recent I-235 project; where you saw the innovation of moving bridges into place so that we didn't impact the traffic for any more than we had to. But this next step, it's going to be difficult for all of us. We are going to talk about work-zone safety; we have to! There's going to be a lot of people from Allen Contracting out there working every day, and it's going to affect 2 interstate highways, that navigates 200,000 vehicles a day. It is imperative that the public give us that same attention to that they gave us in the last project; to this project, if not more so. But it is something that we have been working on and I talked about it at the last Commission Meeting. The Governor that cut the ribbon on the 1st I-235 project was Governor Bellmon. So we have been triculating up this highway trying to get it finished for a long time, and we want to get this finished so badly. I'm proud for the Department to have this opportunity to get it done. We have a good Contractor on board and I think we will be successful. But again, please be safe out there, please pay attention. When you go through in the morning, it likely will look different at night because it's going to be fast moving. Even with that, it's going to take 785 days to complete. It's long and drawn out, but that's what happens when you remodel the kitchen and you still cook in it. We got 200,000 visitors a day in our kitchen, and we are trying to get it remodeled.

*Commissioner Burrage said on that project, I think it's important to point out that there's 4 grade separations. I think the highest is less than 80 feet in elevation and will never be less than 2 lanes going either way. And that little \$20 million estimated project is to connect Lincoln to the Broadway Extension without having to get on I-44.*

Secretary/Director Patterson said that is correct.

*Commissioner Burrage said that is a very significant improvement that we all look forward to, and all we ask out of Mr. Allen is that he have the same success on this project as he's had on the last one; and that it goes as smoothly and completed earlier, so we get fewer closings. I think we have got 4 weekend closings planned?*

Division 4 Engineer, Brian Taylor said, "Yes sir, there is 4 on I-235 planned and also closings on I-44.

*Commissioner Burrage teasingly said we just ask that you try and cut those in half. But we are excited about those projects, and please slow down and don't be speeding through our work zone.*

**Information Only:** No Commission action required.

## **ITEM PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**

### **165. Adjournment Motion**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.**

Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting December 3, 2018.

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David Burrage - Chairman

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Brad Burgess – Vice Chairman