

MINUTES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

July 6, 2020

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HELD July 6, 2020 VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE ONLY PURSUANT TO THE OKLAHOMA OPEN MEETING ACT, AS AMENDED BY SENATE BILL 661, RECORDED AND AUDIO LIVESTREAMED FROM THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, 200 NE 21ST STREET, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73105

Notice of the schedule of regular meetings of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for the calendar year 2020 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, 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 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S. Section 311.

Commissioners joined the meeting by video teleconference

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ITEMS PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Gene McKown called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	Present:	Gene McKown	Chairman
		Bob Coburn	Member
		James Grimsley	Member
		T.W. Shannon	Secretary
		Don Freymiller	Member
		David Dyson	Member
		Bobby Alexander	Member
		Steve LaForge	Member
		Bob Peterson	Vice-Chairman
	Absent:	None	
	Presiding:	Gene McKown	

The following items were presented and approved as written at the Transportation Commission meeting of July 6, 2020. For those items amended, deferred, or rejected, those notations were also made. Action taken by the Commission is noted here on these sheets.

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION

77. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of June 1, 2020

ACTION:	Freymiller moved and Peterson seconded that the Minutes be approved as presented.
MOTION:	Carried by the following vote:
AYES:	Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, McKown, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge and Peterson
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

CONSENT DOCKET PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

78. Programming of Federal Railroad Crossing Safety Funds - Section 130 Title 23 Funds - Mr. Schwennesen

Hughes County – Commission District III

In Wetumka, Construction funding for a Signal project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms and drainage improvements at the intersection of Wewoka Street and the BNSF mainline. Total cost is \$665,278.00

79. Safety Improvement Projects - Mr. Pendley

a). Commissioner Districts III, IV, V and VII

We have received a request from the Divisions III, IV, V, and VII Engineers for the installation of centerline rumble strip and pavement markings at the following locations:

1. SH 76: District III - Beginning in McClain County at the SH 76 & SH 39 junction, extending northerly approximately 6.5 miles to near the US 62 & SH 76 junction west of Blanchard;
2. US 81: District IV - In Canadian County beginning at the Canadian & Grady County Line, extending northerly approximately 2.5 miles to near the US 81 & SH 152 junction in Union City;
3. US 70 & US 183: District V - In Tillman County beginning at the Oklahoma & Texas State Line, extending northerly approximately 13 miles to near the US 183 & CR E1820 Road south of Frederick;
4. US 283: District V - In Jackson County beginning near the US 283 & SH 5 junction, extending northerly approximately 8 to near County Road 165 (Ridgecrest Road) south of Altus;
5. SH 54 & SH 19: District V - In Kiowa County beginning near the SH 54 & SH 19 & CR E1490 Rd junction south of Cooperton, extending northerly approximately 30.5 miles to near the SH 54 & SH 152 junction west of Cordell in Washita County;
6. US 177: District VII - Beginning in Murray County near Tulsa Avenue in Sulphur, extending northerly approximately 9 miles to near the Murray & Garvin County Line;
7. US 81: District VII - Beginning in Grady County beginning near North Street in Minco, extending northerly approximately 3.5 miles to near the Grady & Canadian County Line;
8. US 81: District VII - Beginning in Grady County at the US 62 & US 81 junction, extending northerly approximately 16.5 miles to the Buggy Creek Bridge south of Minco;
9. US 81: District VII - Beginning in Stephens County at the Stephens & Jefferson County Line, extending northerly approximately 5.5 miles to near Willow Avenue in Comanche;
10. US 81: District VII - Beginning in Jefferson County at the Oklahoma & Texas State Line, extending northerly approximately 20.5 miles to near the US 81 & US 70 Junction;
11. US 281: District VII - Beginning in Caddo County at the north end of the Washita River Bridge north of Anadarko, extending northerly approximately 15 miles to near the US 281 & SH 152 junction;
12. US 281: District VII - Beginning in Caddo County at the US 281 & SH 152 junction in Binger, extending northerly approximately 10.5 miles to near Sugar Creek Drive south of Hinton;
13. SH 8: District VII - Beginning in Caddo County near the SH 8 & CR E1380 Road junction, extending northerly approximately 4.5 miles to near the US 62 & SH 8 junction in Anadarko;
14. SH 36: District VII - Beginning in Comanche County near Taylor Avenue east of Chattanooga, extending easterly approximately 15.5 miles to the I-44 & SH 36 junction;

15. US 70: District VII - Beginning in Jefferson County at the US 70 & SH 79 junction, extending easterly approximately 11.5 miles to the US 70 & CR N2880 Road junction;
16. US 70: District VII - Beginning in Jefferson County near the US 70 & CR N2970 Road junction, extending easterly approximately 11.5 miles to near Red Steele Road west of Zaneis in Carter County;
17. SH 7: District VII - Beginning in Carter County near the Carter & Stephens County Line, extending easterly approximately 14 miles to near the Carter & Garvin County Line;
18. SH 76: District VII - Beginning in Carter County near Pickelsimer Road north of Fox, extending northerly approximately 6 miles near to the SH 76 & SH 7 junction;

Total length of project is approximately 204 miles and estimated to cost \$2,040,000.00

b). Commissioner Districts IV and VIII

We have received a request from the Divisions IV and VIII Engineers for the installation of centerline rumble strip and pavement markings at the following locations:

1. SH 33: District VIII - Beginning in Creek County beginning at the SH 33 & SH 16 & SH 99 Business junction near Drumright, extending easterly approximately 22 miles to near the I-44 & SH 33 junction;
2. SH 11: District IV - In Grant County beginning near the Grant & Alfalfa County Line, extending easterly approximately 36 miles to near the Grant & Kay County Line;
3. SH 11: District IV – In Kay County beginning near the east end of the Chikaskia River Bridge east of Blackwell, extending easterly approximately 12 miles to the US 77 & SH 11 junction;
4. US 60: District IV - In Grant County beginning near the Grant & Garfield County Line, extending northerly approximately 5 miles to the US 60 & US 64 junction west of Pond Creek;
5. US 81: District IV - In Grant County beginning at the US 81 & US 60 junction in Pond Creek, extending northerly approximately 10.5 miles to the US 81 & SH 11 junction in Medford;
6. US 169: District VIII - In Nowata County beginning near Watova Street in north Talala, extending northerly approximately 12 miles to the US 169 & CR 0230 Road (Galer Avenue) junction near Nowata;
7. US 64: District VIII - In Pawnee County beginning near the US 64 & US 412 & SH 48 junction, extending northerly approximately 7.5 miles to near the US 64 & SH 99 junction in Cleveland;
8. SH 28: District VIII - In Mayes County beginning near the I-44 & SH 28 junction, extending easterly approximately 15 miles to near Rogers Street in Pensacola;
9. US 60: District VIII - In Osage County beginning near McCord Road in McCord, extending easterly approximately 26.5 miles to near the US 60 & CR N3610 (Foraker Road) junction;
10. SH 167 & SH 266: District VIII - In Rogers County beginning near the SH 167 & CR 580 Road (Pine Street) junction, extending northerly & easterly approximately 10 miles to near the I-44 & SH 266 junction;

Total length of project is approximately 156.5 miles and is estimated to cost \$1,565,000.00

80. Land Sales – Mr. Phillips

- a) Marshall County – District II – located on the north side of US-70 on the west end of Roosevelt Bridge that crosses Lake Texoma - \$2,150.00
- b) Rogers County – District VIII – located at 725 W. Ramm Road, approximately 1450 east of SH-66 in Claremore, OK - \$48,700.00

ACTION: Shannon moved and Peterson seconded that the Consent Docket be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, McKown, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

END OF CONSENT DOCKET

ITEM PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING – Mr. Tegeler

81. Engineering Contracts

a) Statewide – All Districts – On-Demand Bridge Assessments

CI-2216A	Olsson Associates
CI-2216B	Poe and Associates, Inc.
CI-2216C	Purkeypile Engineering, LLC
CI-2216D	Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc.

The aggregate not to exceed amount for these four (4) contracts is \$1,000,000.00

b) Woodward County – District VI – to prepare construction plans for SH-34: from US-412 north 0.8 miles

CI-2147	Smith Roberts Baldischwiler, LLC	\$493,500.00
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ACTION: Alexander moved and Coburn seconded that the Items be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, McKown, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

82. Engineering Contract Supplements

a) Statewide – All Districts – On-Demand Engineering Services

CI-2058A	Supplement 1	CEC Corporation
CI-2058B	Supplement 1	Cowan Group Engineering, LLC
CI-2058C	Supplement 3	Garver, LLC
CI-2058D	Supplement 1	H.W. Lochner, Inc.
CI-2058E	Supplement 2	Tetra Tech, Inc.
CI-2058F	Supplement 1	Triad Design Group, Inc.

The total aggregate increase for these Contract supplements is \$1,500,000.00

b) Cherokee County - District I – This supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for SH-82: from 4 miles south of SH-100/SH-82 junction north 4 miles

EC-1959B	Supplement 2	Tetra Tech, Inc.	\$79,532.25
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c) Canadian County - District IV – This supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for intersection modification at US-81/SH-66 in EI Reno

EC-1824	Supplement 2	Freese and Nichols, Inc.	\$70,340.00
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- d) Oklahoma County - District IV – This supplement is for additional engineering to develop preliminary engineering and final construction plans for I-40: Scott Street over eastbound and westbound I-40 and eastbound and westbound bridges over Sunnyslane

EC-1457A Supplement 2 Garver, LLC \$91,379.00

ACTION: Coburn moved and Freymiller seconded that the Items be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, McKown, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

ITEMS PRESENTED BY CONSTRUCTION DIVISION ENGINEER – Mr. Leonard

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

- a) Atoka County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-203C(033)RB / 29925(04), \$703.40, 0.14%
- b) Beckham County - SH-6 - STP-205B(077)PM / 28775(04), \$30,000.00, 1.02%
- c) Beckham County - I-40B - STP-205C(079)PM / 29005(04) #1, \$8,957.00, 0.35%
- d) Beckham County - I-40B - STP-205C(079)PM / 29005(04) #2, \$40,110.00, 1.56%
- e) Blaine County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-206C(047)RB / 30057(04) #1, \$0.00, 0.00%
- f) Blaine County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-206C(047)RB / 30057(04) #2, \$7,500.00, 0.19%
- g) Canadian County - US-81 (I-40B) - NHPP-209N(051)SS / 27004(04), \$2,500.00, 0.03%
- h) Choctaw County - Co. Rd. - STP-212C(043)CI / 29965(04), \$55,078.42, 7.88%
- i) Cleveland County - Ct. St. - NHPPG-214N(098)AG / 32533(04), \$2,200.00, 1.06%
- j) Creek County - Co. Rd. - STP-119D(131)CI / 22752(04), \$24,799.99, 2.82%
- k) Delaware County - Co. Rd. - STP-221D(043)CI / 29896(04), \$3,800.00, 0.38%
- l) Grant County - US-81 - STP-227B(027)3P / 30632(04), \$74,106.40, 3.26%
- m) LeFlore County - SH-63 - SBR-240C(072)SB / 31160(04), \$65,137.60, 3.42%
- n) Lincoln County - Co. Rd. - STP-241D(067)CI / 32371(04), \$4,647.07, 0.79%
- o) Marshall County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-248D(039)RB / 29985(04), \$10,000.00, 0.61%
- p) McCurtain County - US-259 - SSR-245C(061)SR / 34382(04) #1, \$20,010.24, 2.01%
- q) McCurtain County - US-259 - SSR-245C(061)SR / 34382(04) #2, \$21,450.83, 2.16%
- r) Nowata County - US-60 - NHPP-253N(042)(043)PM / 27012(05), \$3,579.99, -0.04% Underrun
- s) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - STP-255E(354)AG / 31504(04), \$2,620.50, 0.12%
- t) Oklahoma County - Co. Rd. - STP-255D(499)CO / 32591(04), \$4,301.40, 0.85%
- u) Oklahoma County - SH-74 - STP-242C(078)3P / 32777(04), \$4,615.65, -0.26% Underrun
- v) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - STPG-255F(483)AG / 33344(04), \$9,086.00, 1.47%
- w) Oklahoma County - I-35 - HSIP-255E(486)PM / 33860(04), \$56,827.17, 2.11%
- x) Osage County - Co. Rd. - STP-157C(167)CI / 25528(04), \$21,713.95, 0.96%
- y) Pawnee County - US-64 - STP-259B(034)SS / STP-159B(058)SS / 27934(04), \$72,860.65, 0.67%
- z) Pittsburg County - US-69 - NHPP-013N(168)3P / 33393(04), \$9,600.00, 0.82%
- aa) Roger Mills County - US-283 - STP-265B(017)SS / 27899(04), \$1,540.00, 0.07%
- bb) Sequoyah County - I-40 - NHPPI-4000-(076)(075)PM / SBR-4000(080)SB / 28988(04), \$34,500.00, 0.09%
- cc) Tillman County - Co. Rd. - STP-271D(065)CI / 31154(04), \$7,393.60, 2.00%
- dd) Tulsa County - I-44 - STP-272F(252)3B / 33577(04), \$35,026.55, -3.42% Underrun
- ee) Wagoner County - US-69 NB - SSR-013N(171)SR / 32789(04), \$30,566.26, 2.18%

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

- a) Adair County - US-59 - NHPP-101A(052) / 16928(17), \$365,566.32, 1.41%
- b) Atoka County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-203C(068)RB / 31192(04), \$60,480.00, 3.72%
- c) Beckham County - SH-6 - STP-205B(077)PM / 28775(04), \$91,486.79, 3.12%
- d) Carter County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-110C(205)RB / 24819(04), \$92,888.55, 1.26%

- e) Cimarron County - US-64 - NHPP-034N(001)PM / 20941(04), \$231,444.45, 2.14%
- f) Cleveland County - SH-37 - SBR-214C(086)SB / 33414(04), \$2,847.81, 0.15%
- g) Custer County - I-40 - NHPPI-0040-3(072)SS / 24427(05), \$181,353.69, -1.74% Underrun
- h) Garfield County - Ct. St. - STP-224B(052)(053)UR / 17020(05), \$8,804.48, 0.19%
- i) Kiowa County - SH-6 - STP-038B(232)SS / 15027(04), \$63,548.48, 0.32%
- j) Kiowa County - SH-44 - STP-275C(035)SS / ACSTP-238C(037)SS / 28999(04), \$11,319.47, 0.34%
- k) Latimer County - US-270 - ACSTP-139B(049)SS / 20922(04), \$62,191.93, 1.14%
- l) Lincoln County - US-62 - ACSTP-141C(168)(171)(224)(232)SS / 24228(10), \$43,660.91, 0.19%
- m) Lincoln County - SH-66 - SBR-241C(012)SB / 29567(04), \$33,825.33, 6.76%
- n) McClain County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(077)PM / 29734(04), \$573,776.69, 3.45%
- o) McIntosh County - I-40 - NHPPI-4000-(066)PM / 27958(04) #1, \$76,457.50, 0.49%
- p) McIntosh County - I-40 - NHPPI-4000-(066)PM / 27958(04) #2, \$31,050.00, 0.20%
- q) Murray County - SH-7 - TAP-250D(022)TP / SSP-250N(018)PM / 33320(04), \$23,504.56, 0.67%
- r) Oklahoma County - I-235 - NHPPI-2350-(009)PM / 09033(27) #8, \$35,817.97, 0.04%
- s) Oklahoma County - I-235 - NHPPI-2350-(009)PM / 09033(27) #9, \$4,366,472.77, 4.32%
- t) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - OKC-XTWN(078)SS / ACNHPPI-XTWN(079)SS / 17428(88), \$208,252.00, 0.80%
- u) Oklahoma County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(066)FP / 27897(04), \$113.34, 0.00%
- v) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - STP-255E(354)AG / 31504(04), \$144,226.09, 6.71%
- w) Osage County - SH-99 - SSP-157B(101)SS / 24261(04), \$150,436.19, 2.24%
- x) Pottawatomie County - US-270 - SSP-263B(062)PM / 29569(04), \$55,859.26, 3.00%
- y) Pushmataha County - US-271 - SBR-264B(065)(066)SB / 30433(04) #1, \$92,210.00, 5.36%
- z) Pushmataha County - US-271 - SBR-264B(065)(066)SB / 30433(04) #2, \$5,088.00, 0.30%
- aa) Roger Mills County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-165C(099)RB / 25477(04), \$3,915.19, 0.06%
- bb) Rogers County - US-412 - SSP-266N(056)SS / 23170(10), \$327,939.84, 4.29%
- cc) Seminole County - SH-56 - SBR-267C(077)SB / 30580(04), \$35,430.71, 1.03%
- dd) Tulsa County - Ct. St. - STP-172B(484)IG / 27291(04), \$1,426.55, 0.02%
- ee) Tulsa County - Ct. St. - NHPPI-2440-(016)PM / 30596(04), \$35,000.00, 0.85%
- ff) Tulsa County - I-44 - STP-272F(252)3B / 33577(04), \$40,430.33, 3.95%
- gg) Washita County - SH-44 - SBR-275C(048)SB / 29278(04), \$94,750.00, 9.35%

ACTION: Peterson moved and Shannon seconded that the Items be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, McKown, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE COMPTROLLER DIVISION

85. Proposed Bid Openings – Mr. Hackney, Project Funding Manager

- a) Final September, 2020 Proposed Bid Opening
- b) Tentative October, 2020 Proposed Bid Opening
- c) Tentative November, 2020 Proposed Bid Opening

ACTION: Dyson moved and Coburn seconded that the Items be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, McKown, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE ENGINEER – Mr. Delce

86. Awards

- a) Deferral from the May 14, 2020 Regular Bid Opening

b) June 18, 2020 – Regular Letting

ACTION: LaForge moved and Alexander seconded that the Items be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, McKown, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

NOTE: *Commissioner Peterson asked Anthony to refresh his memory on Deferred Call Order 565.*

On Call Order 565, last month the bid we received from the prime Contractor, was using a DBE Subcontractor, who at the time we thought was not certified to do the work they were contracted for. After further discussion and investigation, it finds out that they are capable of doing the work; so we now recommend award at this time.

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR – Mr. Gatz

87. Director's Report

Secretary Gatz said you may recall 2 Legislative sessions ago, House Bill 1365 passed that created within the Department of Transportation, the Office of Mobility and Public Transit. Part of that piece of Legislation also transferred the 5310 Program (a program by the Federal Transit Administration), from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Transportation. That program is really focused on providing transit services to the elderly and the disabled. And part of our process in developing that program we are conducting an online survey for public input on the 5310 Program. We also during the month of July will be hosting several telephone town hall meetings to continue to gain that public input. The State of Oklahoma has received some CARES Act funding from the federal government and we are working now diligently with the transit providers to put agreements in place to utilize those CARES Act funds. We are coming up with a plan for the distribution of those dollars to make certain that the transit agencies, and the transit providers across the state, have access to those dollars efficiently and as effectively as we can possibly make them available. Those funds are a little bit different, they can be used for operational expenses to help those transit providers stay in service. The COVID 19 Pandemic has hit those transit providers in the urban and rural transit areas across the State of Oklahoma in a significant way, and they definitely need this assistance. So the Department is doing everything we can to make sure that those dollars flow to those providers in a manner that minimizes their ability to further accessing those funds.

We are also in the process of formulating our Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) which covers 2020-2025. This is a federal requirement for all federally funded projects and that plan is in the final phase of update and there is a final draft available for public review and comment on our website at www.OKLongRangePlan.org and that will be available through July 29th

Thank you Commissioner for approving the I-40/Frisco Road project today. This \$14 million project is a result of a partnership with the City of Yukon to add that new interchange; and it will help alleviate a real traffic congestion problem at Garth Brooks Boulevard at the existing interchange, and the interchange at North Cimarron Road. This is a great project and we expect this interchange to be completed in about a year.

You also approved a project at SH-28 over the Pensacola Dam between Disney and Langley in the Grand Lake area. It is the longest bridge in the state and it's owned by the Grand River Dam Authority. The Department has a highway easement across the dam and fundamentally maintains the surface of that structure. The bridge is currently load posted at 16 tons and needs significant repairs to the deck. ODOT will be making some structural issue repairs which will remove the load posting on this bridge. At the same time we are doing that, GRDA will be making repairs to the dam. This project will take approximately 9 months to complete.

The Port of Catoosa received an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant to complete work at the Port of Catoosa. This will make some rail improvements at the Industrial Park near Inola. This was a public-private partnership, the Department supported this grant application, which will benefit the businesses in the industrial expansion in the area for the future. And I want to certainly give credit to Senator Inhofe and his support for infrastructure across the State of Oklahoma, but also our Congressional delegation; Congressman Mullin and Congressman Hern were uniquely supportive of this, and we are all happy to see those improvements being made. There is a lot of economic development happening in that area and this will uniquely support access to rail and rail infrastructure.

To give you an update on our Transportation Modernization Initiative, we are continuing to work with a consultant called Guidehouse. They are looking at the agencies within the Transportation Cabinet, ODOT, OTA and the Aeronautics Commission to come up with some ideas on how to maximize our efficiencies and share services across the agencies where we can identify those opportunities. Phase 1 began with the kickoff meeting on June the 3rd with our Transportation Modernization Committee. The Consultant is working their way through interviews with our Executive Staff; and are planning some visioning sessions with our division managers. We should have their complete assessment report in about a year.

From a COVID 19 perspective, the Department's protocol for COVID 19 really hasn't changed since we entered the pandemic. We are still teleworking everywhere possible; we are still practicing social distancing and encouraging the use of face masks. We look for every opportunity to keep our personnel, and the public that we interact with safe and healthy. We look for silver linings in the pandemic and teleworking has been one of those silver linings; that we believe that will offer some efficiencies for our future. We have been conducting virtual public meetings when we are seeking public input on either projects or Department-related programs. What we have found is that by providing those opportunities virtually, the public is far more apt to provide us some input and feedback without having to leave home and actually go to a meeting location. They can conduct those and deliver that input virtually and that's been a real success for us; and it's something we are going to do our best to incorporate into our future public involvement activities. We are receiving comments at a greater rate than we have in the past; and that has been a bright spot in some of the things that we are having to do, to keep our folks safe and healthy, and the public safe and healthy.

Information Only: No Commission action required.

ITEM PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

88. Adjournment Motion

ACTION: Peterson moved and Coburn seconded that the Meeting be adjourned.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, McKown, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting July 6, 2020.

Gene McKown - Chairman

Bob Peterson - Vice Chairman