

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

August 5, 2024

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HELD AUGUST 5, 2024, IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM OF 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 2024 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.

ITEMS PRESENTED BY COMMISSION 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 August 5, 2024.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Bob Peterson	Chairman
	David Dyson	Vice-Chairman
	Bob Coburn	Secretary
	TW Shannon	Member
	Steve LaForge	Member
	Bobby Alexander	Member
	Don Freymiller	Member
	Michael Junk	Member
Absent:	James Grimsley	Member
Presiding:	Bob Peterson	

Chairman Peterson thanked everyone for coming and recognized Paul Zachary from City of Tulsa and Bobby Stem, Executive Director of Association of General Contractors, and Rich Brierre with Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG).

ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

Call to Order

Roll Call – Commission Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Moment of Silence for Senator Jim Inhofe – **Tim Gatz**

Government & Community Affairs Announcement, Katelynn Burns – **Dawn Sullivan**

ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION

99. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of July 1, 2024

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

MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Coburn, Shannon, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge, Junk, Peterson

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Grimsley

CONSENT DOCKET TO BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

100. Speed Zone Revisions – Ms. January

- a) District III – Garvin County – Along US-177 including the Town of Stratford for 15.03 miles
- b) District III – Garvin County – Along SH-19 including the Town of Stratford for 2.00 miles
- c) District III – Lincoln County – Along SH-66 including the City of Chandler for 1.41 miles
- d) District IV – Payne County – Along US-177 including the City of Perkins for 3.44 miles
- e) District V – Jackson County – Along US-283 including the Town of Blair for 8.91 miles
- f) District VII – Stephens County – Along US-81 including the City of Marlow for 6.45 miles
- g) District VII – Stephens County – Along SH-7 including the Cities of Duncan & Marlow for 9.99 miles
- h) District VII – Stephens County – Along SH-29 including the City of Marlow & the Town of Bray for 23.01 miles

101. Memorial Highway & Bridge Designations – Ms. Adams

ACTION: Shannon moved and LaForge seconded that the Consent Docket be approved as presented.

MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Coburn, Shannon, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge, Junk, Peterson

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Grimsley

END OF CONSENT DOCKET

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

102. Programming Item – District II, Choctaw County – Vehicle Bridge Impact Damage Repair - \$450,000.00

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

103. Engineering Contracts

a. District II – Bryan County – Develop alternative project delivery plan for the Roosevelt Bridge
CI-2499 Gransberg & Associates, Inc. \$250,000.00

b. District V – Kiowa County – Prepare construction plans for SH-9B
CI-2491B White Hawk Engineering & Design, LLC \$326,150.00

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

104. Engineering Contract Supplements

a) District I – Cherokee County – Supplement 1 for final construction plans for SH-100
CI-2370A Grossman and Keith Engineering Co. \$116,925.00

b) District III – Garvin County – Supplement 3 for final construction plans for SH-19
CI-2374A Cowan Group Engineering, LLC \$71,825.00

c) District IV – Logan and Payne Counties – Supplement 2 for final construction plans for SH-33
EC-1745 EST, Inc. \$26,932.00

d) District IV – Oklahoma County – Supplement 3 for final construction plans for I-35/I-35 frontage road
CI-2120 Poe & Associates, Inc. \$392,498.00

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

ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED BY CONSTRUCTION DIVISION ENGINEER – Mr. Leonard

105. Change Orders with Cumulative Total of \$150,000.00 or Less – Information Only

- a) Cherokee County - SH-82 - STP-211C(085)PM / STP-211B(094)PM / 27101(04), \$49,122.29, 0.10%
 - b) Cleveland County - City Street - STP-214D(125)AG / 35323(04), \$31,220.92, 0.40%
 - c) Cleveland County - City Street - STPG-214B(146)AG / 36151(04), \$16,976.96, 3.40%
 - d) Cleveland County - I-35 - SSR-3500(159)SR / 36465(04), #1, \$17,325.00, 1.90%
 - e) Cleveland County - I-35 - SSR-3500(159)SR / 36465(04), #2, \$6,547.49, 0.72%
 - f) Coal County - SH-3 - SSR-215N(049)SR / 34287(04), \$53,900.00, 1.76%
 - g) Delaware County - US-412A - STP-221C(056)PM / 34227(04), \$68,484.24, 6.90%
 - h) Jackson County - US-283 - STP-133B(084)PM / 24379(04), \$2,651.00, 0.03%
 - i) Mayes County - County Road - STP-249C(079)CI / 28555(04), \$0.02, -0.00% Underrun
 - j) Muskogee County - US-62 - SBR-251N(142)SB / 34377(04), \$24,000.00, 0.61%
 - k) Noble County - US-64 - SSR-252N(104)SR / 36494(04), \$2,126.40, 0.10%
 - l) Oklahoma County - City Street - STPG-255F(546)(547)AG / 34173(04), \$28,493.00, 2.72%
 - m) Oklahoma County - City Street - STP-255B(620)AG / 37928(04), \$936.00, -0.20% Underrun
 - n) Pontotoc County - SH-3 - SBR-017N(269)SB / SBR-262B(068)SB / 34243(07), \$3,673.95, -0.16% Underrun
 - o) Pottawatomie County - County Road - STP-263D(106)CI / 35002(04), \$5,450.00, 0.75%
 - p) Roger Mills County - County Road - CIRB-265C(028)RB / 30074(04), \$1,536.55, 0.04%
 - q) Rogers County - County Road - CIRB-266D(061)RB / 29400(04), \$53,060.60, 1.88%
 - r) Seminole County - County Road - STP-267D(104)CI / 31238(04), \$39,106.03, 3.54%
 - s) Sequoyah County - US-64 - SSR-268C(102)SR / 35631(04), \$2,464.97, 0.16%
 - t) Texas County - US-64 - NHPP-017N(290)AD / 32909(04), \$72,581.27, 13.44%
 - u) Texas County - SH-94 - STP-270C(049)PM / 33323(04), \$7,620.84, 0.10%
 - v) Tulsa County - US-64 - NHPP-272N(356)PM / 33343(04), \$10,459.52, 0.08%
 - w) Tulsa County - I-244 - SSP-2440(050)FP / 35135(04), \$135,304.00, 2.47%
 - x) Wagoner County - SH-51 - SSP-273N(106)PM / 29665(07), \$2,002.00, 0.14%
 - y) Woods County - County Road - STP-276C(073)CI / 31778(04), \$23,980.50, 1.86%
 - z) Woods County - City Street - TAP-276D(037)TP / 33003(04), \$4,359.80, 0.34%
- Total of Less Than Change Orders: \$654,163.41**

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

- a) Bryan County - US-69 - BSAP-207N(012)FM / BSAP-207C(102)FM / SSP-013N(182)PM / 25909(17), \$1,230.00, 0.01%
- b) Caddo County - I-40 - NHPPI-4000-(144)PM / 31816(04), \$375,030.00, 2.55%
- c) Canadian County - US-281 - STP-109B(154)PM / 26360(04), \$300,000.00, 0.89%
- d) Cherokee County - US-62 - STP-211B(039)PM / 27111(04), \$742,345.92, 8.32%
- e) Choctaw County - SH-109 - STP-212C(064)PM / 27982(07), \$96,114.65, 1.94%
- f) McClain County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(154)(162)FP / 19314(04), \$1,760.26, -0.00% Underrun
- g) McClain County - SH-76 - STP-244C(074)PM / 23264(07), \$59,540.91, 0.66%
- h) McIntosh County - US-266 - STP-246C(048)PM / 29724(04), \$286,695.00, 5.93%
- i) Oklahoma County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(132)FP / 29844(04), #14, \$2,005,630.09, 3.32%
- j) Oklahoma County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(132)FP / 29844(04), #16, \$15,099.04, 0.03%
- k) Oklahoma County - City Street - STP-255C(585)(583)(584)(586)(587)(588)(589)AG / 34161(04), \$101,641.00, 1.18%
- l) Pawnee County - City Street - NHPP-259N(071)PM / 31076(04), \$10,545.00, 0.40%
- m) Rogers County - TNPK - NHPP-166N(232)PM / NHPP-266N(101)PM / WR-MC-131 / WR MC-131A / 26242(04), \$79,494.74, 0.12%
- n) Seminole County - US-270 - STP-167B(091)PM / STP-267B(093)PM / 21006(11), #5, \$172,375.00, 0.30%
- o) Seminole County - US-270 - STP-167B(091)PM / STP-267B(093)PM / 21006(11), #6,

- \$45,724.57, 0.08%
 - p) Tulsa County - I-244 - NHPPI-2440(049)(034)FP / NHPPI-2440-(042)(046)PM / 26301(05), \$20,925.00, 0.04%
 - q) Tulsa County - City Street - STP-172N(455)IG / 26308(04), \$0.00, 0.00%
 - r) Tulsa County - US-169 - NHPP-272N(291)PM / 27073(04), \$210,000.00, 1.54%
 - s) Tulsa County - US-64 - SSP-272N(374)PM / 30368(04), \$20,500.27, 0.77%
 - t) Tulsa County - US-169 - NHPPI-2440-(035)PM / NHPPI-2440-(038)3B / 32096(04), \$3,773.97, 0.02%
 - u) Tulsa County - US-64 - SBR-019N(165)(166)SB / 34303(04), \$658,035.41, 20.82%
 - v) Wagoner County - County Road - STP-273C(096)IG / 29395(08), \$241,055.45, 3.37%
- Total of Greater Than Change Orders: \$5,443,995.76**

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

ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY FINANCIAL SERVICES – Ms. Bryant

107. Proposed Bid Openings

- a) Final September, 2024 Proposed Bid Opening
- b) Tentative October, 2024 Proposed Bid Opening
- c) Tentative November, 2024 Proposed Bid Opening

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

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

108. Awards

- a) July 11, 2024 – Regular Bid Opening
- b) July 18, 2024 – Regular Bid Opening

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

ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR – Mr. Gatz

109. Director's Report – Information Only

Director Tim Gatz began his report with the Department receiving a \$124 million large bridge project grant through the Federal Highway Administration's Bridge Investment Program, a part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The Department was received for the Roosevelt bridge on US-70 between Kingston and Durant, and is the largest in ODOT history and will rebuild the existing facility with multimodal opportunities. The financial solution empowers the Department to move forward with the project and Gatz thanked the Commission for their approval in hiring a Consultant to begin that process. The accelerated project will allow ODOT to explore alternative delivery opportunities that will require an abundance of engagement and involvement from both our private sector, construction contractors and our consulting engineering field. Gatz stated that alternative delivery methods have potential in assisting the acceleration of the construction project with replacing the current bridge to the south with four lanes, wider shoulders, lighting, potential pedestrian and bicycle crossing as the traffic is heavily influenced by the lake traffic. Gatz expressed the importance of this project and the solutions it will bring to the traffic volume. Chairman Peterson requested elaboration on the alternative project delivery versus what the Department normally does in the design of projects. Director Gatz responded with the typical practice of developing plans, specifications and estimates that are specific to the location (design, bid, build), and the contract then goes out to bid for the contracting community to bid for build. In some of the alternative delivery methods, the construction contractor and the engineering designer can be on the same team and work in tandem to deliver more innovative ideas with a focus on best value.

Gatz addressed the tragic accident that occurred in 2022 at US-377 and SH-22 in Tishomingo. The National Transportation Safety Board's (NTSB) reported the WYE interchange at that location was not a factor in the crash. However, the Department has solicited and added a project to create a new configuration including a roundabout that will improve traffic flow and lower ODOT's maintenance cost. The project is scheduled to start in 2026 and is on schedule. The finality of the NTSB report called attention to the dangers of marijuana use while driving and the opinion of a deficiency in the Department's messaging regarding the utilization of marijuana and the impact that it could have on the ability to operate a vehicle. Gatz assured the Commission of the current partnership with the Office of Highway Safety, Department of Public Safety and the Department of Education as a part of a reaction to the NTSB report. The implemented Work Zone Safe program targets the young drivers and has legislative support that requires new drivers to attend the Work Zone Safe program to receive their learner's permit. ODOT will add further discussion about the potential impact of marijuana usage on driving to the curriculum, along with public campaigns and public safety announcements. Gatz stated that marijuana is an impairment-causing drug and certainly can impact the ability to operate a motor vehicle.

Gatz began his project updates by thanking the Commission for their approval the \$42 million project on I-44 and SH-66 in Catoosa that will straighten out a significant curve on I-44 between the Will Rogers Turnpike and the Tulsa metro area that is inclusive of the SH-66, Route 66 interchange. This improvement will add capacity and allow for higher speeds from fifty-five to seventy-five miles per hour as the eastbound I-44 exit to SH-66 will be relocated. The plan for completion will be prior to the Route 66 Centennial in 2026.

Gatz addressed the I-44 and US-75 traffic issue in Tulsa and added the interchange construction has been divided into five work packages in order to break the project into more manageable and fiscally

responsible projects. The first work package was completed in late 2022, since then, ODOT has been working on Right-of-Way acquisition and utility relocation in support of the future phases. Gatz assured the public that while construction appears to have ceased, the activities that are necessary to deliver the project will combine several of those work packages into one contract, all attainable due to the approximate \$85 million grant that allows ODOT to leverage the necessary resources. The project is expected to start in the spring of 2025 and last approximately 3 years and will include columns and piers.

Gatz concluded the Director's Report by recognizing the August Safety Campaign, School Zone Safety and reminded the traveling public to slow down and put away distractions, especially in school zones. It is the drivers responsibility to also be aware of school buses and the stop sign when children are entering and exiting the bus. We, as the traveling public can create a safer environment for our communities and our citizens, and certainly, with kids being the most vulnerable. In conclusion, Gatz entreated the public to slow down, put away distractions, especially in school zones and as always, buckle up.


No Commission action required

ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

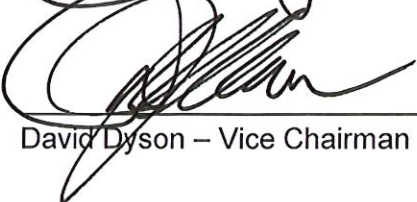
110. Adjournment Motion

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

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Bob Peterson - Chairman



David Dyson – Vice Chairman