

# MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

## October 7, 2024

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HELD OCTOBER 7, 2024, IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM OF THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, 200 NE 21<sup>ST</sup> 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](http://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 VICE-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 October 7, 2024.

<b><u>ROLL CALL:</u></b>	<b>Present:</b>	Bob Peterson	Chairman
		Bob Coburn	Secretary
		Bobby Alexander	Member
		Don Freymiller	Member
		James Grimsley	Member
		Steve LaForge	Member
	<b>Absent:</b>	David Dyson	Vice-Chairman
		Michael Junk	Member
		TW Shannon	Member
	<b>Presiding:</b>	Bob Peterson	

Chairman Peterson thanked everyone for coming and recognized Chairwoman Nicole Miller, Josh Sharam and Laramie Cochran with Senator Lankford's office and Tom Robbins, President of Work Zone Safe for being in attendance.

**ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**

Call to Order

Roll Call – Commission Secretary

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Trimble Infinity Award for Excellence for ODOT's Maintenance Division – **Mr. Henderson**

Ward Building 50 Year Anniversary – **Mr. Gatz**

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

**128. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of September 9, 2024**

The September Transportation Commission minutes will be continued to November 4, 2024 for approval along with the October 7, 2024 Transportation Commission minutes. A vote was taken for the continuation:

ACTION: LaForge moved and Alexander seconded that the Minutes be continued.

MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Freymiller, Alexander, LaForge, Peterson

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Shannon, Dyson, Junk

Due to a majority of the total membership not eligible to approve September minutes, a motion was made to continue approval to the November Transportation Commission meeting.

**CONSENT DOCKET TO BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**

**129. Safety Improvement Projects – Ms. January**

a) District VI – Major County – Ringwood SH-58 School Zone - \$8,000.00

b) District VIII – Creek County – Sapulpa US-75A School Zone – \$8,000.00

**130. Speed Zone Revisions – Ms. January**

a) District II – LeFlore County – Along US-59 including the City of Poteau for 5.57 miles

b) District II – LeFlore County – Along US-271 including the City of Poteau for 5.74 miles

c) District II – McCurtain County – Along US-259 including the Town of Smithville for 16.25 miles

d) District II – McCurtain County – Along SH-4 including the Town of Smithville for 12.01 miles

e) District VIII – Nowata County – Along US-169 including the City of Nowata for 7.59 miles

f) District VIII – Nowata County – Along US-169 including the City of Nowata for 4.42 miles

**131. Land Sales – Mr. Phillips**

a) District VII – Grady County - \$119,760.00

ACTION: Coburn moved and Freymiller seconded that the Consent Docket be approved as presented.

MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Freymiller, Alexander, LaForge, Peterson

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Shannon, Dyson, Junk

**END OF CONSENT DOCKET**

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**ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF DESIGN – Mr. Hernandez**

**132. Programming Item – District IV, Oklahoma County – Vehicle Bridge Impact Damage Repair - \$175,000.00**

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

**ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF DESIGN – Mr. Hernandez**

**133. Engineering Contracts**

- a) All Districts – Statewide – Provide On-Demand Environmental/Engineering Services including Permitting, Environmental Site Assessments, Remedial Planning and Oversight
- |          |   |                |
|----------|---|----------------|
| CI-2500A | Altamira-US, LLC                          |                |
| CI-2500B | Enercon Services, Inc.                    |                |
| CI-2500C | Freese and Nichols, Inc.                  |                |
| CI-2500D | Kleinfelder, Inc.                         |                |
| CI-2500E | Terracon Consultants, Inc.                |                |
|          | Total of five (5) contracts not to exceed | \$1,000,000.00 |
- b) All Districts – Statewide – Provide On-Demand NESHAP Investigation/Analysis and Project Design/Air Monitoring, Lead-Based Paint Surveys and Indoor Air Quality Assessments
- |          |   |              |
|----------|---|--------------|
| CI-2501A | Enercon Services, Inc.                    |              |
| CI-2501B | Ensolum, LLC                              |              |
| CI-2501C | Environmental Hazard Control Lab, Inc.    |              |
| CI-2501D | Terracon Consultants, Inc.                |              |
|          | Total of four (4) contracts not to exceed | \$600,000.00 |
- c) All Districts – Statewide – Provide On-Demand Bridge Rehabilitation - 8 Year Construction Work Plan
- |          |  |                |
|----------|--|----------------|
| CI-2502A | Aguirre & Fields, LP                     |                |
| CI-2502B | Burgess & Niple, Inc.                    |                |
| CI-2502C | Garver, LLC                              |                |
| CI-2502D | H W Lochner, Inc.                        |                |
| CI-2502E | NEO Design, LLC                          |                |
| CI-2502F | WSB LLC                                  |                |
|          | Total of six (6) contracts not to exceed | \$1,500,000.00 |
- d) District III – Seminole County – Prepare construction plans for SH-9
- |          |                                  |              |
|----------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| CI-2491A | Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. | \$928,505.00 |
|----------|----------------------------------|--------------|
- e) District V – Kiowa County – Prepare construction plans for SH-44
- |          |                        |              |
|----------|------------------------|--------------|
| CI-2495B | MKEC Engineering, Inc. | \$933,370.00 |
|----------|------------------------|--------------|
- f) District VIII – Ottawa County – Prepare construction plans for SH-137
- |         |             |                |
|---------|-------------|----------------|
| CI-2467 | Garver, LLC | \$1,787,650.00 |
|---------|-------------|----------------|
- ACTION: Grimsley moved and LaForge seconded that the Item be approved as presented.  
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:  
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Freymiller, Alexander. LaForge, Peterson  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT: Shannon, Dyson, Junk

**134. Engineering Contract Supplements**

- a) All Districts – Statewide – Supplement 1 for On-Demand Engineering for ADA Improvements  
CI-2417A CONSOR Engineers, LLC  
CI-2417B Cowan Group Engineering, LLC  
CI-2417C Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.  
CI-2417D Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc.  
CI-2417E R.L. Shears Company, P.C.  
CI-2417F Smith Roberts Baldischwiler, LLC  
Total of six (6) contracts not to exceed \$1,500,000.00
- b) District I – Okmulgee County – Supplement 1 - Final construction plans for US-75 - \$61,000.00  
CI-2354A – CEC Corporation
- c) District IV – Grant & Kay Counties – Supplement 1 for final construction plans for SH-11  
EC-1842B Garver, LLC \$62,209.00
- d) District IV – Kingfisher County – Supplement 2 for final construction plans for US-81  
EC-1500G MacArthur Associated Consultants, LLC \$392,591.00
- e) District IV – Logan County – Supplement 4 for final construction plans for I-35  
CI-2264D MacArthur Associated Consultants, LLC \$338,362.00
- f) District IV – Logan County – Supplement 1 for final construction plans for SH-51  
CI-2404A Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. \$29,823.00
- g) District IV – Logan County – Supplement 1 for final construction plans for SH-74  
CI-2404B Hudson Prince Engineering & Inspection, PLLC \$12,809.00

Public Access to total contracts by Consultant, type: Oklahoma.gov/odot, under Business Center or click: [8-Year CWP Contract Totals by Consultant SFY 2017-Present](#)

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

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

- 135. Change Orders with Cumulative Total of \$150,000.00 or Less – Information Only**
- a) Atoka County - US-69 - SSR-013N(228)SR / 36348(04), \$51,041.87, 4.31%
  - b) Canadian County - SH-4 - STP-209F(118)PM / 24237(10), #2, \$1,382.93, 0.14%
  - c) Canadian County - SH-4 - STP-209F(118)PM / 24237(10), #3, \$26,828.40, 2.70%
  - d) Canadian County - US-81 - NHPP-209N(090)FP / 31807(04), \$40,547.00, 0.40%
  - e) Canadian County - I-35 - STP-299S(332)IT / 35416(05), \$107,281.00, 6.20%
  - f) Canadian County - City Street - STP-209C(106)AG / 37909(04), \$47,250.00, 6.41%
  - g) Cleveland County - US-77 - STP-114C(207)SS / 20997(10), \$16,800.00, 0.07%
  - h) Cleveland County - City Street - TAP-214E(153)AG / 33735(04), \$16,136.45, 0.93%
  - i) Cleveland County - City Street - STP-214B(129)AG / 35321(04), \$19,520.41, -0.43% Underrun
  - j) Cleveland County - I-35 - HSIPG-3500(364)TR / 36461(04), \$98,448.78, 2.13%
  - k) Comanche County - City Street - STP-116B(059)MS / 19144(04), #1, \$21,397.50, 0.16%
  - l) Comanche County - City Street - STP-116B(059)MS / 19144(04), #3, \$11,865.90, 0.09%

- m) Creek County - County Road - STP-219D(086)CI / 28681(04), \$7,920.00, 0.20%
  - n) Creek County - SH-97 - NHPP-219N(094)PM / 33826(04), \$103,235.28, 4.54%
  - o) Custer County - County Road - STP-120B(059)UR / STP-220B(087)UR / 19411(04), \$38,355.99, 0.59%
  - p) Garvin County - SH-145 - STP-255C(120)PM / 33846(04), \$9,165.75, 0.17%
  - q) Grady County - SH-19 - STP-226C(098)PM / 30426(04), #6, \$28,490.40, 0.17%
  - r) Grady County - SH-19 - STP-226C(098)PM / 30426(04), #7, \$67,478.55, 0.41%
  - s) Grant County - County Road - STP-227D(030)CI / 34557(04), \$37.50, -0.00% Underrun
  - t) Harper County - County Road - STP-230C(043)CI / 28664(04), \$5,436.90, 0.10%
  - u) Harper County - US-183 - STP-230C(036)PM / 30399(04), \$33,868.61, 0.28%
  - v) Haskell County - County Road - STP-231C(049)CI / 28507(04), #1, \$94,993.75, 1.55%
  - w) Haskell County - County Road - STP-231C(049)CI / 28507(04), #3, \$120.80, -0.00% Underrun
  - x) Haskell County - County Road - CIRB-231C(050)RB / 31283(04), \$568.33, -0.01% Underrun
  - y) Jackson County - SH-6 - STP-233C(056)AD / 35177(04), \$11,953.26, 1.88%
  - z) Latimer County - County Road - CIRB-239D(028)RB / 29978(04), \$38,218.79, 2.08%
  - aa) Major County - County Road - CIRB-247C(036)RB / 28662(04), \$30,773.60, 0.46%
  - bb) McCurtain County - SH-3 - NHPP-245N(005)PM / 24219(04), \$34,507.70, 0.20%
  - cc) McIntosh County - County Road - CIRB-246D(062)RB / 31429(04), \$4,370.00, 0.30%
  - dd) Murray County - SH-110 - STP-250C(045)PM / 31894(04), \$150,000.00, 15.31%
  - ee) Nowata County - County Road - STP-253D(064)CI / 32200(04), \$12,183.52, 1.05%
  - ff) Oklahoma County - City Street - STP-255B(620)AG / 37928(04), \$32,993.35, 6.98%
  - gg) Osage County - County Road - CIRB-257D(098)RB / 34578(04), \$3,300.00, 0.28%
  - hh) Pawnee County - County Road - STP-259C(076)CI / 30588(04), \$4,400.00, 0.46%
  - ii) Payne County - US-177 - SBR-260N(071)SB / 33422(04), \$14,714.75, 1.58%
  - jj) Pittsburg County - US-69 - SSP-013N(216)PM / 35594(04), \$18,474.87, 0.35%
  - kk) Pontotoc County - SH-1 - STP-262C(084)AD / 35175(04), \$958.98, -0.13% Underrun
  - ll) Pottawatomie County - City Street - BRO-263B(100)CB / 36455(04), \$5,854.37, 0.28%
  - mm) Rogers County - County Road - CIRB-266D(061)RB / 29400(04), \$33,685.35, 1.19%
  - nn) Stephens County - US-81 - SSR-011N(122)SR / 35604(04), \$23,511.23, 1.37%
  - oo) Tulsa County - City Street - NHPPI-4400-(123)PM / 29693(08), \$13,298.00, 0.68%
  - pp) Tulsa County - US-75 - NHPP-014N(131)PM / 35120(08), \$21,060.05, 0.07%
  - qq) Woodward County - County Road - CIRB-277C(053)RB / 28460(04), \$19,667.49, 0.27%
- Total of Less Than Change Orders: \$1,279,685.37**

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

- a) Alfalfa County - SH-8 - STP-102B(016)PM / 17668(04), \$493,316.58, 3.33%
- b) Atoka County - SH-3 - NHPP-017N(148)PM / 20307(04), \$28,990.42, 0.21%
- c) Beckham County - I-40 - STP-299S(330)IT / 35336(05), #1, \$157,248.69, 5.64%
- d) Beckham County - I-40 - STP-299S(330)IT / 35336(05), #2, \$10,873.50, 0.39%
- e) Beckham County - I-40 - STP-299S(330)IT / 35336(05), #3, \$66,000.00, 2.37%
- f) Cimarron County - US-287 - NHPP-017N(282)PM / 13337(06), \$162,979.50, 0.74%
- g) Cleveland County - I-35 - HSIPG-3500(364)TR / 36461(04), \$320,467.95, 6.92%
- h) Garvin County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(086)PM / 20970(08), \$299,318.68, 1.52%
- i) Kay County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(125)PM / 24432(15), \$211,822.78, 3.48%
- j) Leflore County - County Road - CIRB-240C(089)RB / 32353(04), \$100,111.65, 3.62%
- k) McClain County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(154)(162)FP / 19314(04), \$83,090.84, 0.10%
- l) Noble County - I-40 - STP-252F(103)PM / 31023(05), \$36,243.98, 2.29%
- m) Oklahoma County - I-35 - NHPPI-0035-3(125)121 / 09032(05), \$250,004.49, 0.35%
- n) Oklahoma County - I-40 - ACNHPPI-0040-5(382) / ACNHPPI-4000-(047) / 20324(04), \$127,574.55, 0.18%
- o) Payne County - County Road - CIRB-160C(184)RB / 25445(04), \$90,278.98, 1.94%
- p) Payne County - SH-51 - STP-260B(074)PM / 27104(04), \$489,070.48, 5.90%
- q) Payne County - SH-33 - STP-260B(058)(059)(057)PM / 31815(04), \$725,912.27, 3.00%
- r) Payne County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(176)MS / 35160(04), \$167,105.26, 4.96%

- s) Pontotoc County - SH-19 - STP-125B(115)PM / 21841(04), \$226,504.83, 1.28%
- t) Pontotoc County - SH-99 - STP-162B(150)PM / 23286(04), \$792,082.77, 6.35%
- u) Pontotoc County - SH-1 - NHPP-262N(081)PM / 31878(04), \$104,853.42, 2.76%
- v) Tulsa County - I-244 - NHPPI-2440(049)(034)FP / NHPPI-2440-(042)(046)PM / 26301(05), #5, \$129,665.11, 0.25%
- w) Tulsa County - I-244 - NHPPI-2440(049)(034)FP / NHPPI-2440-(042)(046)PM / 26301(05), #6, \$65,452.50, 0.12%
- x) Tulsa County - SH-97 - STP-172B(461)PM / 26505(04), #6, \$83,133.54, 0.31%
- y) Tulsa County - SH-97 - STP-172B(461)PM / 26505(04), #7, \$492,780.65, 1.85%
- z) Tulsa County - City Street - STP-172B(484)IG / 27291(04), #11, \$161,369.96, 2.08%
- aa) Tulsa County - City Street - STP-172B(484)IG / 27291(04), #12, \$7,115.29, 0.09%
- bb) Tulsa County - City Street - STP-172B(484)IG / 27291(04), #13, \$22,752.19, 0.29%
- cc) Tulsa County - City Street - STP-172B(484)IG / 27291(04), #14, \$71,622.73, 0.92%
- dd) Tulsa County - I-44 - STP-272F(270)PM / 33818(04), \$3,050.00, 0.06%
- ee) Washita County - US-183 - NHPP-009N(061)PM / 17669(04), \$143,385.59, 0.65%
- ff) Washita County - SH-152 - STP-175C(093)PM / 24352(10), \$124,903.18, 1.31%

**Total of Greater Than Change Orders: \$6,249,082.36**

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

**ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS – Mr. Davis**

**137. Negotiated Settlement of Contractor’s Claim Exceeding Statutory Limits – Paradigm Construction & Engineering**

- a) District VIII, Pawnee County - \$248,163.57

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

**ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION – Mr. Mitchell**

**138. Transportation Alternative Projects (TAP)**

- a) All Districts – Statewide – Approval of Transportation Alternative Projects - \$35,768,349.83

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

**ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT DIVISION – Mr. Dudgeon**

**139. Asset Preservation Plan – Information Only**

- a) All Districts – Statewide – Presentation of Asset Preservation Plan for FY 2025 through FY 2028

ACTION: LaForge moved and Coburn seconded that the Item be approved as presented.

MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Freymiller, Alexander. LaForge, Peterson

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Shannon, Dyson, Junk

**140. 8-Year Construction Work Plan**

- a) All Districts – Statewide – Approval of 8-Year Construction Work Plan for FY 2025 through FY 2032

ACTION: Grimsley moved and Freymiller seconded that the Item be approved as presented.

MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Freymiller, Alexander. LaForge, Peterson

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Shannon, Dyson, Junk

Commissioner Grimsley recognized the inflation issue and expressed the need for legislative help due to the budgetary constraints.

**ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY FINANCIAL SERVICES – Ms. Bryant**

**141. Proposed Bid Openings**

- a) Final November, 2024 Proposed Bid Opening  
b) Tentative January 2025 Proposed Bid Opening

ACTION: Coburn moved and Freymiller seconded that the Item be approved as presented.

MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Freymiller, Alexander. LaForge, Peterson

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Shannon, Dyson, Junk

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

**142. Awards**

- a) September 12, 2024 – Regular Bid Opening  
b) September 19, 2024 – Regular Bid Opening

ACTION: Coburn moved and Freymiller seconded that the Item be approved as presented.

MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Freymiller, Alexander. LaForge, Peterson

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Shannon, Dyson, Junk

ODOT Chief Engineer, Brian Taylor briefed the Commission on the percentage details of call order 166, the I-44 and US-75 Interchange in Tulsa.

## ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR – Mr. Gatz

### **143. Director’s Report – Information Only**

Director Gatz began his report by acknowledging Commissioner Grimsley’s comment on the inflation issues. The National Highway Construction Cost Index that is produced by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) indicates from first quarter 2021 to first quarter of 2024, the inflation is at approximately 68%, 17% annually. Director Gatz expressed the challenge of rebalancing the 8-Year Construction Work Program and commended the District Engineers for their work in balancing the highway system priorities. Gatz also recognized the Oklahoma State Legislature for their contribution to the Rural Economic Transportation Reliability and Optimization Fund that helps fund the 8 Year Construction Work Program with \$200 million. Gatz thanked Chairwoman Nicole Miller and Chairman John Haste for their continued support and increasing investments for Transportation and the Commission for their consideration and approval of the 8 Year Construction Work Program. The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Asset Preservation Program and the 8 Year Construction Work Program is an example of the Department’s commitment and is intended to be a communication tool to the public, pointing towards the understanding of the Department’s challenges and work that comes with balancing the programs with the priorities and safety of the traveling public on the highway systems.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was approved to commit funds in 2020. The recent continuing resolution that applies to the appropriation of those funds, was passed by Congress, avoiding a Government shutdown. The continuing resolution will carry through December 20, 2024 and will yield approximately \$150 million of previously committed dollars via IIJA.

Director Gatz announced the opening of Randall Street Bridge in District V, Beckham County. The bridge repairs were completed on September 21<sup>st</sup> and was a \$670,000.00 emergency contract.

With the Red River Rivalry on October 12<sup>th</sup>, Gatz informed the public of the Heartland Flyer transporting fans to Texas and the trip to For Worth was full, with about 274 passengers. The Department worked with Amtrak to coordinate schedules for the trips back to Oklahoma. Gatz alerted the traveling public of the I-35 projects near Goldsby and Thackerville but should not affect game day traffic and the Department will work towards keeping two lanes of traffic open all the way to Texas. Gatz reminded the public to pay attention to work zones and slower traffic was to be expected. The traveling public can check traffic conditions before departure on the Drive Oklahoma app.

#### Project Updates:

##### District IV – Oklahoma County – I-40/I-44

- Bridge rehabilitation on the east and westbound I-40 bridges over I-44
- Expected duration – tentatively beginning in Spring 2025 and completed approximately six months
- Traffic Impact – drivers will need to be prepared for delays

##### District VIII – Tulsa County – I-44/US-75

- Interchange
- Project duration – construction to begin Spring 2025, approximately 2.5 years to complete

Gatz expressed his confidence in the bid for the Tulsa project and the inclusion of an \$85 million federal grant that made it possible for the Department to get started on the interchange. The discretionary grant was not possible without the full support of Senator Lankford, Senator Mullin and Congressman Hern and the entire congressional delegation.



Due to of Halloween, this month's safety campaign is Pedestrian Safety and is a growing concern. Between 2017 and 2021, Oklahoma had 326 pedestrian fatalities and is not exclusive to cross-walks. Gatz expressed the importance of being cognizant and to look for pedestrians everywhere, including highway shoulders with pedestrians experiencing vehicle trouble or flat tires, as well as trick or treaters that may be difficult to see after dark and inclement weather. Impairment is another cause of pedestrian fatalities with 48% occurring while impaired, either by the driver or pedestrian. Gatz reminded the traveling public to put away distractions, buckle up and pay attention during the holiday season.

No Commission action required

**ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**

**144. Adjournment Motion**

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

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Bob Peterson - Chairman

  
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David Dyson - Vice Chairman

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