

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 1st day of April, 2019, 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 2019 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, March 28, 2019 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:

Present:	John Fidler	Member
	David Burrage	Chairman
	T.W. Shannon	Member
	Todd Huckabay	Secretary
	Bobby Alexander	Member
	Brad Burgess	Vice Chairman
	Bob Peterson	Member
Absent:	Greg Love	
Presiding:	David Burrage	

The following items were presented and approved as written at the Transportation Commission meeting of April 1, 2019. 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: Former Transportation Secretaries, Neal McCaleb and Gary Ridley. We really do appreciate everybody coming and participating in our Commission Meeting. He also introduced T.W. Shannon from Norman, who is the newly appointed Commissioner for District III. Mr. Shannon works in the banking industry and previously served many years in the State Legislature, including as Speaker of the House. As a lawmaker, Shannon chaired the House Transportation Committee and authored landmark transportation funding legislation.

Commissioner Burrage recognized Secretary/Director, Tim Gatz for an announcement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Secretary Gatz said we are honored to have State Representative, Kenton Patzkowsky in attendance today. He had called to our attention some of the concerns that he had with one of the highways out in his district. This is something that we worked with him very carefully on; and engaged some of our personnel to go out and take a look at. I would like for him to come up and say a few words.

Representative Patzkowsky said I'm here to thank and praise the Commission for approving a speed limit increase on sections of US-54 to 70 miles per hour through Texas County in the Oklahoma Panhandle. The road is primarily a 4-lane divided highway and is a major commercial thoroughfare connecting New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. He said I also want to thank Division Engineer, Ron McDaniel and his staff for helping me get this done.

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION

41. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of March 4, 2019

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

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE GENERAL COUNSEL

42. Election of Transportation Commission Officers

ACTION: Peterson moved and Alexander seconded that the above item be deferred
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Shannon, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Love

CONSENT DOCKET PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

43. Programming of Federal Railroad Crossing Safety Funds--Section 130 Title 23 Funds – Mr. Hatt Craig County – Commission District VIII

Near Vinita, Construction funding for a Surface project to be completed in conjunction with ongoing Signal improvements to the crossing at Craig County Road S4460, with the BNSF Railway Company. Total surface cost is \$119,785.00

Note: *Chairman Burrage said there is a scrivener error on Item 43; should read, "Total surface cost is \$119,786.00".*

44. Safety Improvement Projects – Mr. Pendley

- a) Cleveland County – District III – to modify 2 intersections and traffic signals at US-77 and the southern exit of SH-9; and at the intersection of US-77 and Ann Branden Blvd. in the City of Norman - \$350,000.00
- b) Various Counties – District III – installation of guardrail at various locations in Cleveland and McClain Counties - \$400,000.00
- c) Payne County – District IV - installation of guardrail at various locations - \$1,000,000.00
- d) Various Counties – District VII – placements of signs along I-35 from the Texas State Line, extending north approximately 55.5 miles to the Murray/Garvin County Line - \$1,700,000.00

45. Speed Zone Revisions – Mr. Pendley

- a) Seminole County – District III – various location along SH-59 in the Town of Bowlegs
- b) Major County – District VI – various locations along US-60 in the City of Fairview
- c) Texas County - District VI – various locations along US-54 in the Cities/Towns of Texhoma, Goodwell, Guymon, Optima and Hooker
- d) Tulsa County – District VIII – various locations along US-64 in the Cities of Tulsa and Bixby

46. Land Sale – Mr. Phillips

- a) Bryan County – District II – Land Sale – located along the North side of US-70, approximately 6.5 West of the City of Durant - \$5,000.00
- b) Oklahoma County – District IV – located at the SW corner of Memorial Road and US-77 (Broadway Extension) in Oklahoma City - \$242,350.00
- c) Oklahoma County – District IV – located at Northeast corner of Grand Avenue and NW 51st Street along SH-74 (Lake Hefner Parkway) in Oklahoma City - \$119,861.00
- d) Creek County – District VIII – located approximately 0.39 miles Westerly of the intersection of SH-66 and SH-117 in the City of Sapulpa - \$11,000.000
- e) Creek County – District VIII – located at the SW corner of the intersection of SH-66 and SH-117 in the City of Sapulpa - \$54,500.00
- f) Creek County - District VIII – Land Sale – located at the NW corner of SH-66 and N. Poplar Street in the City of Sapulpa - \$42,350.00

ACTION: Huckabay moved and Peterson seconded that the Consent Docket be approved as presented.

MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Shannon, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Peterson

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Love

END OF CONSENT DOCKET

Governor, Kevin Stitt entered the Commission Room at 11:10 a.m.

Chairman Burrage said it's a pleasure to have the Governor with us today. I will recognize Secretary/Director Gatz to introduce the Governor.

Secretary Gatz said, Governor, we really want to welcome you to the Department of Transportation. We so very much appreciate your support for Work Zone Awareness in the State of Oklahoma; and appreciate you coming and taking the time to visit with us, and sign the Proclamation for us this morning. So thank you very much.

Secretary Gatz said some of the things that from a Work Zone Awareness Campaign standpoint that we want to recognize is, in the last 5 years we've had 65 people killed in work zones. And only 4 of those were ODOT employees; Rickie Nichols Jr. in Division III, Jarrell Gray in Division VIII, Jerald Warden in Division VIII

and Gordon Pipkin in Division VII. The real message is that our workers work in an extremely dangerous environment; and they are out there every day in a work zone with traffic traveling through those zones at high speeds. But often times, the folks that are in the most jeopardy and the most danger are the traveling public that are utilizing and traveling through those work zones. We really want to emphasize the need for folks to really pay attention and put away distractions as they travel through those work zones! We have a PSA that we are going to show, that really represents the kickoff to the work zone safety week. We are going to roll that out and announce it today. The PSA really is designed to help us get the message out that you're going to encounter the summertime construction zones, which is our peak period. This year's theme, if you've noticed out in the atrium, lines up with the Game of Thrones movie. We are calling it, "In the Game of Cones. Safety Always Wins", building on that popularity; and we're continuing with our overarching slogan, which is always, "Your Life Matters, Drive Like It". Again, that reflects putting away your distractions and really pay attention, to remind everyday drivers that they're impacted by how they drive, and the level of attention that they pay in work zones. And one of the problems that we have in work zones is simply, folks need to slow down. Just pay attention and observe the posted speed limits and be extra careful when you're traveling through.

We've got some of our field employees here today, representing their co-workers in the Department. And we've got some folks with the Turnpike Authority volunteering to be the faces and voices of our work zone safety campaign. This particular campaign will run April 1st, beginning today, through the 14th. We have 14 days of Work Zone Wednesday messages that have been extremely popular. We'll have a Press Event out here at Interstate 235, at the interchange on April 3rd. We've got a public outreach event where we'll have the throne set up in Woodland Hills Mall in Tulsa. The Sky Dance Bridge on April 8th, over I-40 crosstown is going to be illuminated in orange in honor of ODOT's fallen workers. April 9th, our Work Zone Memorial featuring the 61 medal ribbons in honor of our fallen ODOT workers will be displayed in Lawton. So we've got a pretty full agenda. April 10th will be Orange You Safe Selfie Day on social media. April 12th, public outreach event at Penn Square Mall here in Oklahoma, where again we'll have the throne set up, and various other social media and press events around the state.

Secretary Gatz before we play the public safety message; Governor Stitt would like to recognize his special guest.

Governor Stitt said a lot of us are parents in here; and I've got 6 children. My 2nd grader son, Remington is with us today and he is doing a project for school where he is going to be Governor for the day. So Remington stand up and wave to everybody.

Secretary Gatz thanked Remington for coming today and then played the PSA for everyone.

Governor Stitt said I wanted to be here and thank all of you folks for your service. And Secretary Gatz, I'm so excited to work with you and give you the tools you need to execute your vision for us to be "Top 10" in roads and bridges. As we work to modernize our infrastructure, we're going to have more and more of these work zones. So it's so important that we bring awareness to this; because when I pulled up and saw the memorial out front, of the people that have been killed in our work zones, it just brings it home. We have to bring awareness to this; and as your Governor, I just want to make sure I lend my voice to this important issue, because safety is so important for us.

Governor Stitt then congratulated ODOT on what they have been able to do. He said if you think back to 2004, when we had 1,168 structurally deficient bridges, and now we're down to 132! I want to continue this momentum as we address other critical infrastructure needs like pavement conditions and 2-lane highways as well. "I've made it clear that I believe Oklahoma can be a "Top 10" State in infrastructure, and we are quickly approaching that goal with our highway bridges. We are going to set some aggressive goals through Secretary Gatz to continue to move this Department forward and deliver great services and a great infrastructure for the State of Oklahoma.

"So I'm just excited to be here with you guys, sign the Governor's Proclamation and present it to Secretary Gatz.

Secretary Gatz asked Jerry Hietpas of Action Safety to come up and say a few words about their involvement. We really appreciate everything that you do for transportation in Oklahoma, and also for your help with this extremely important campaign.

Mr. Hietpas thanked the Secretary and said it is a pleasure to be here today and call to mind, not so much as our company, but to the public that we serve and the cause that we serve. Quite a few years ago, I testified before the Senate Committee for transportation and we were able, through that testimony, to institute the double fines in the work zone. And I thought I was doing a good thing; well, my son came along a few years later with "My Daddy Works Here", which was the drawing of a little girl; and through the eyes of a child, she was trying to communicate to the drivers how important it was to slow down so that her daddy could come home safely. And what he said to me is, "Dad, you had a really good idea, but you grabbed 30 inches too low, you grabbed for their wallet instead of for their heart". And so that's what I'm trying to do; what you see out here today is through his work. After "My Daddy Works Here", was followed by the "No Cell Phones" in the work zone and he is the architect, he took a napkin drawing that Terri gave him and turned it into that little display that we have today. We are just hoping that somehow we can reach their minds and their hearts as they're driving through the work zones. Back in my day, all I had to do was wait for the drunks to go by before I could resume my activities in the evening; but unfortunately, today, those folks are distracted by cell phones 24/7, 365, and put all of these folks at risk every day. And so anything that we can do to draw attention to that, I mean, if we have to legislate it, which of course is going to be our last resort, I hope what we can do is get their attention, get their hearts, and get them to change the behaviors so that they can return home safely from work, or from wherever they happen to be, and don't take any of us with them. Now I turn it over to my son, Greg.

Mr. Hietpas said, I think I chose the small straw when I did that. I'm glad we can help guys. I've been on the road since I was 19, I'm 43 and I've seen a lot of nasty stuff out there; and if we can provide a little bit of fun; because people always remember stuff when they can experience fun. You remember your vacation, but you don't remember what you did yesterday. So if we can kind of wrap a little bit of fun into what we do for a living, I think it matters. We are honored that ODOT allowed us to help; it's a big deal and we really appreciate it. Thanks for letting us be a part of it; it matters to our guys and it matters to our customers.

Secretary Gatz said, "Thank you guys for what you do for us".

Governor Stitt exited the Commission Room at 11:25 a.m.

47. Engineering Contract

Statewide – All Districts – On-Demand Land Surveying

EC-2085A	Carroll Surveying Services
EC-2085B	CEC Corporation
EC-2085C	Frontier Land Surveying, LLC
EC-2085D	Heartland Surveying and Mapping
EC-2085E	Keystone Engineering and Land Surveying
EC-2085F	White Hawk Engineering & Design, LLC

The aggregate total not to exceed amount for these 6 contracts is \$1,800,000.00

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

48. Engineering Contract Supplements

- a) Muskogee County – District I – this supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for US-266, from the McIntosh County Line, east 2.93 miles to SH-2 (Includes Bennett Creek Bridge)

EC-1464 Supplement 2 Cabiness Engineering, LLC \$134,329.00

- b) Sequoyah County – District I – this supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for I-40 bridges over Vian Creek, 1.1 miles east of SH-82

EC-1578A Supplement 2 CONSOR Engineers \$23,689.00

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

ITEMS PRESENTED BY CONSTRUCTION DIVISION ENGINEER – Mr. Leonard

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

- a) Caddo County - SH-152 - SBR-208C(057)SB / 32931(04), \$1,890.00, 0.06%
b) Cherokee County - Co. Rd. - STP-211D(025)CI / 29371(04), \$400.00, 0.06%
c) Cleveland County - SH-9 - ACSTP-114B(206)PM / 24760(04), \$3,469.18, 0.07%
d) Cleveland County - SH-77H - ACSTP-214C(084)3P / 33367(04), \$3,565.35, 0.32%
e) Coal County - US-77 - HSIPG-215F(027)TR / HSIPG-260B(034)TR / HSIPG-211F(031)TR / 33294(04), \$31,989.14, -5.46% Underrun
f) Cotton County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-217D(036)RB / 29366(04), \$53,689.32, 6.22%
g) Garfield County - US-60 - ACNHPP-224N(055)PM / 24637(04) #3, \$3,440.45, 0.03%
h) Garfield County - US-60 - ACNHPP-224N(055)PM / 24637(04) #4, \$2,311.36, 0.02%
i) Garvin County - SH-19 - SSP-125B(112)SS / 21786(04), \$136,586.67, -2.29% Underrun
j) Garvin County - SH-19 - STPY-225B(067)3P / 31826(04), \$5,361.81, 0.53%
k) Kingfisher County - US-81 - SSR-237N(047)SR / 33655(04), \$46,849.90, 7.68%
l) Latimer County - SH-1 - STP-239C(029) / 27138(04), \$2,148.00, 0.03%
m) McClain County - Co. Rd. - STP-244C(058)CI / 30107(04), \$7,080.00, 1.30%
n) Murray County - Co. Rd. - STP-250D(019)CI / 28440(04), \$105,613.52, -10.72% Underrun
o) Okfuskee County - US-62 - STP-254C(040)SS / 27963(04), \$23,029.20, 0.91%
p) Okfuskee County - SH-62 - ACHSIPG-254C(039)AD / TAP-254D(038)TP / 32966(04), \$7,022.32, -0.74% Underrun
q) Oklahoma County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(066)FP / 27897(04), \$24,804.92, 0.08%
r) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - TAP-255D(328)AG / 31435(04), \$6,061.82, 1.15%
s) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - STP-255E(354)AG / 31504(04), \$55,000.00, 2.56%
t) Osage County - SH-99 - SSP-157B(101)SS / 24261(04), \$4,899.98, 0.07%
u) Payne County - US-177 - HSIPG-260B(031)AD / STPY-260B(035)3P / 32746(04), \$1,371.00, 0.09%
v) Pittsburg County - US-69 - ACNHPP-261N(072)SS / 28991(04), \$11,571.86, 0.22%
w) Pittsburg County - SH-113 - SBR-261N(082)(081)SB / 31143(04), \$4,000.00, 0.50%
x) Seminole County - SH-99A - STP-167C(150)PM / STP-267C(071)SS / 29460(04), \$45,577.16, 1.01%
y) Sequoyah County - US-64 - NHPP-268N(048)SS / STP-NBIP(515)SS / STP-268C(045)SS / SBR-268N(047)SB / 28974(04), \$4,061.94, 0.07%

- z) Texas County - US-64 - SSP-277F(040)SS / 26975(04), \$1,521.41, 1.84%
- aa) Washita County - SH-55 - STP-275C(044)PM / 27902(04), \$28,072.28, 1.15%

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

- a) Caddo County - SH-58 - STP-208C(052)SS / 24092(04), \$98,670.00, 1.85%
- b) Cleveland County - Ct. St. - STP-214C(080)AG / 29289(04), \$11,526.40, 0.41%
- c) Comanche County - Ct. St. - STP-116B(137)MS / 23410(04) #7, \$63,979.64, 0.77%
- d) Comanche County - Ct. St. - STP-116B(137)MS / 23410(04) #8, \$66,444.71, 0.80%
- e) Garfield County - Ct. St. - STP-124B(080)UR / STP-124E(146)EH / 23087(04), \$21,841.81, 0.56%
- f) Garvin County - SH-76 - ACSTP-225C(070)3P / 31829(04), \$8,771.66, 2.06%
- g) Grady County - US-81 - SBR-226N(062)SB / 31311(04), \$71,354.13, 2.02%
- h) Jackson County - Ct. St. - STP-033B(157)SG / 17014(06), \$13,605.99, 0.55%
- i) Jefferson County - US-81 - NHPPY-234N(041) / NHPPY-234N(043)SS / 29566(04), \$93,096.81, 2.42%
- j) Kingfisher County - SH-51 - ACSTP-137C(051)SS / ACSTP-242C(045)SS / 21858(04), \$30,200.00, 0.46%
- k) Logan County - SH-33 - ACSTP-242C(046)SS / 21860(04), \$40,309.88, 0.23%
- l) Love County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-143C(091)RB / 25447(04), \$52,301.95, 0.79%
- m) McClain County - SH-74 - NHPPPI-244N(029)SS / 29572(04), \$4,328.00, 0.18%
- n) McClain County - I-35 - ACNHPPPI-0035-2(339)3P / 33313(04), \$35,435.39, 2.86%
- o) McClain County - SH-74 - STP-244C(062)3P / 33632(04), \$19,168.00, 3.13%
- p) Noble County - Co. Rd. - ACSTP-252C(043)CI / 31189(04), \$5,000.00, 0.31%
- q) Nowata County - SH-28 - STP-253C(041)SS / 28857(04), \$6,473.52, 0.36%
- r) Oklahoma County - I-235 - ACNHPPPI-2350-(004)(005)SS / 09033(16), \$1,800,000.00, 2.22%
- s) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - OKC-XTWN(078)SS / ACNHPPPI-XTWN(079)SS #12 / 17428(88), \$55,312.50, 0.21%
- t) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - OKC-XTWN(078)SS / ACNHPPPI-XTWN(079)SS #15 / 17428(88), \$86,965.84, 0.33%
- u) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - STP-255A(450)AG / 30230(04), \$1,650.00, 0.06%
- v) Oklahoma County - I-35 - HSIPIG-3500(044)TR / 32625(04), \$304,129.76, 9.81%
- w) Osage County - SH-123 - SSR-257C(066)SR / 30519(04), \$13,745.42, 0.65%
- x) Pittsburg County - US-69 - ACNHPP-013N(017)SS / 14999(04), \$53,552.91, 0.40%
- y) Pushmataha County - SH-2 - SBR-264C(049)SB / 30432(04), \$22,368.85, 1.32%
- z) Stephens County - US-81 - ACNHPP-011N(100)SS / 20316(04), \$65,124.35, 0.45%
- aa) Texas County - US-54 - NHPP-270N(017)FP / 20839(08), \$466,138.21, 5.46%
- bb) Washita County - SH-152 - STP-275C(043)PM / 27001(04), \$73,244.61, 3.23%
- cc) Washita County - I-40 - ACNHPPPI-4000-(057)PM / 27935(04) #4, \$36,234.00, 0.43%
- dd) Washita County - I-40 - ACNHPPPI-4000-(057)PM / 27935(04) #5, \$6,504.96, 0.08%
- ee) Washita County - I-40 - ACNHPPPI-4000-(057)PM / 27935(04) #6, \$1,696.00, 0.02%
- ff) Woods County - US-64 - STP-176B(163)SS / 26495(04), \$1,043.62, 0.02%
- gg) Woods County - US-64 - STP-276B(032)PM / 27923(04), \$298,065.09, 7.11%

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

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE COMPTROLLER DIVISION – Ms. Hilmes

51. Lettings

- a) Final June, 2019 Bid Opening
- b) Tentative July, 2019 Bid Opening
- c) Tentative August, 2019 Bid Opening

NOTE: *Chairman Burrage asked the Secretary if he had a comment since there's a historic project in this group. The "Fast Lane" project in Bryan County.*

Secretary Gatz said the project on US-69 in Bryan County, we've been working feverishly on to make sure that we are addressing all the concerns that have been raised, and working through some design issues still. We had a good meeting last Friday; the project is now on the June letting schedule.

Chairman Burrage said I want to commend the Department on they have handled these large projects; The I-235 project, the Norman project, and this large project. But this is what you guys have become and done; it's quite a feat and we really want to brag on you.

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

52. Settlement for Damages to State Property

- a) Nathan Mitcham – Tulsa County – \$1,310.10
- b) Frankie Wright – McCurtain County - \$200.00

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

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE ENGINEER – Mr. Delce

53. Awards

March 14, 2019 – Regular Letting

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

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR – Mr. Gatz

54. Director's Report

First and foremost, I'd like to take the opportunity to once again to welcome our newest commissioner, Commissioner Shannon. We very much look forward to working with him going forward; but I'd be remiss if I didn't express appreciation, and say thank you, for the previous service of Commissioner Danny Overland. He was certainly a staunch supporter of the Department and we very much appreciate the service that he brought. At the same time, we look forward to, again, a long future with Commissioner Shannon.

So also, I'd like to express to this Commission, how much the Department appreciates your support and your patience as we work through the transition. And as we, again, work through a little bit of a law change and get to the end of making any new appointments that might occur. So we really appreciate your support and your patience while we work through that.

With the beginning of Work Zone Awareness, we talk a lot about fatality accidents that happen in work zones. But one of the things that goes unnoticed; is the close calls that our men and women face every day as they work in these areas. And we have so many close calls out there where we've got folks working within feet of high speed traffic every day. And I'd just like to take the one final opportunity to really encourage the public to slow down in work zones; pay attention to what's going on around you; observe the posted speed limits and put away your distractions anytime you're driving. But especially when you're traveling through a work zone that has variable conditions, and really look out for the folks that are traveling through and those working in the area.

NOTE: Commissioner Huckabay said the PSA video you showed was excellent!

Commissioner Alexander said he would like to thank all of our contractors that work so hard in keeping the work zones safe, for their employees and ODOT workers. We're very proud of the job you guys do, and we appreciate the Contractors very much for participating in all these programs with us too. So thank you very much.

Chairman Burrage said Secretary Gatz mentioned it and now I will also add my comments that ODOT's done a great job in the transition of the 4-5 Governors that I've been involved with. You guys have really done a great job making sure your new Commissioners were informed and involved. I know you'll continue to do that. We want you to continue with our support, whether we're on the Commission or not. Because the winner needs to be the Department, the State with better roads, better maintenance, and money spent more efficiently, with a higher level of safety going on at the same time. You guys have made a backbone that is very strong in a Department that's doing a great job. And I know everybody up here, whether we're sitting here next month or not, we will always be supportive and cheering you on for your great work. It's been an honor to work with each and every one of you; just keep doing it; embrace new ideas and keep this state moving forward into the top 10 status.

Information Only: No Commission action required.

ITEM PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

55. Adjournment Motion

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting April 1, 2019.

Chairman

Vice Chairman