

# MINUTES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Monday the 6th day of January, 2020, 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, December 26, 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. Gene McKown called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

The following items were presented and approved as written at the Transportation Commission meeting of January 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.

Commissioner McKown thanked everyone for coming and introduced Special Guests: Representative Ronny Johns, Representative Denise Crosswhite Hader, Baylee Williams from Governor Stitt's Office, John Cox from TRUST and Gary Ridley, former Secretary of Transportation. We really do appreciate everybody coming and participating in our Commission Meeting. He then recognized Secretary/Director Tim Gatz for some announcements and presentations.

Secretary Gatz asked that we observe a moment of silence. The Department has lost a couple of members of the ODOT family. Kirk Goins of Roadway Design Division was killed in a car accident, he had 36 years of service to the Department; and Chad Hern in Division 4, Grant County Maintenance, was killed in a motorcycle accident, and had been with the Department for 3 years. Both leave behind family, friends, and colleagues, and certainly we're going to miss them as part of the ODOT team.

(Moment of Silence)

Secretary Gatz then recognized Brent Burwell the Executive Director of the Oklahoma/Arkansas Chapter of the American Concrete Pavement Association.

Mr. Burwell announced that the American Concrete Pavement Association honored a pavement rehabilitation project on I-35 and I-40 in Oklahoma County with the National Gold Award. The project was designed by ODOT and built by Duit Construction. Accepting the award was Trenton January, Division 4 Engineer, Brian Rivera, Assistant Edmond Resident Engineer, Rick Howland, Division 4 Construction Engineer, Don Freymiller, District 4 Commissioner, Secretary Gatz and Commission Chairman, Gene McKown.

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

**1. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of December 2, 2019**

ACTION: Shannon 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  
NAYES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**CONSENT DOCKET PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**

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

**Washita County – Commission District V**

In Sentinel, Construction funding for a Signal and Surface project which includes the installation of new pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms and the replacement of three 88 foot concrete crossing surfaces at SH-55/Main Street in Sentinel, with the Farmrail Corporation mainline. Total cost is \$536,094.00

**3. Safety Improvement Projects – Mr. Pendley**

a) Garvin, Lincoln, Okfuskee, Pottawatomie & Seminole Counties – District III – for the purchase of solar powered equipment for the installation of new school zone and school entrance warning assemblies at various locations - \$56,000.00

**NOTE: On Item 3 a) Seminole should be removed from the counties.**

b) Canadian County – District IV – for the purchase of solar powered equipment for the installation of new school zone entrance warning assembly at 1 location along SH-4 in the City of Mustang - \$8,000.00

**4. Land Sales – Mr. Phillips**

Tulsa County - District VIII – located on the southeast corner of SH-97 & E 41<sup>st</sup> Street in Prattville - \$1,200,000.00

ACTION: Coburn moved and Alexander 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**

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

**5. Engineering Contracts**

a) Statewide – All Districts – On-Demand Mobile LiDAR Mapping

CI-2137A	Bearing Tree Land Survey
CI-2137B	CEC Corporation

The aggregate not to exceed amount for these two (2) contracts is \$600,000.00

b) Statewide – All Districts – On-Demand Wetland and Stream Mitigation

CI-2140A	Blackbird Environmental, LLC
CI-2140B	Freese and Nichols, Inc.
CI-2140C	HDR Engineering, Inc.
CI-2140D	Kleinfelder, Inc.
CI-2140E	Switchgrass Consulting, Inc.

The aggregate not to exceed amount for these five (5) contracts is \$1,000,000.00

c) Statewide – All Districts – On-Demand Project Reconnaissance Data Collection

CI-2141A	Able Consulting, LLC
CI-2141B	C. H. Guernsey & Company
CI-2141C	CP&Y, Inc.
CI-2141D	EST, Inc.
CI-2141E	Garver, LLC
CI-2141F	Guy Engineering Services, Inc.
CI-2141G	H.W. Lochner, Inc.
CI-2141H	Triad Design Group, Inc.

The aggregate not to exceed amount for these eight (8) contracts is \$2,000,000.00

d) Statewide – All Districts – On-Demand Aesthetic Design

CI-2142A	Cabbiness Engineering, LLC
CI-2142B	Rhombic Engineering, PLLC

The aggregate not to exceed amount for these two (2) contracts is \$500,000.00

ACTION: Peterson moved and LaForge 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

**6. Engineering Contract Supplements**

a) Statewide – All Districts – this supplement is to increase funding for Off-System Bridge Inspections

EC-1925I	Supplement 1	MKEC Engineering, Inc.	\$16,000.00
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- b) Oklahoma County – District IV – this supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for I-40: From mile marker 167 east to mile marker 170 and I-40: From mile marker 170 east to mile marker 173

EC-1315                  Supplement 3                  CEC Corporation                  \$33,891.00

- c) Custer County – District V – this supplement is for additional surveying to develop final construction plans to replace bridges on US-183 over I-40 located 10.7 miles east of the Washita County Line

CI-2029                  Supplement 1                  MacArthur Associated Consultants, LLC                  \$18,000.00

ACTION:                  Alexander moved and Peterson 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**

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

- a) Alfalfa County - US-64 - STP-102B(106)SS / 24064(04), \$39,408.16, 0.46%
- b) Alfalfa County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-202D(024)RB / 29749(04), \$3,614.59, 0.83%
- c) Bryan County - SH-78 - STP-207C(065)PM / 28003(07), \$10,658.83, 0.07%
- d) Coal County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-115C(074)RB / 24943(04), \$74,957.21, 1.94%
- e) Cotton County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-217C(042)RB / 29800(04), \$972.59, 0.02%
- f) Garfield County - US-64 - NHPP-224N(054)SS / 27965(04), \$2,551.02, 0.15%
- g) Garvin County – I-35 - STP-262F(054)PM / 22973(16), \$27,946.40, 21.70%
- h) Garvin County - SH-19 - SSR-225C(077)SR / 33325(04), \$14,552.62, 1.30%
- i) Garvin County - SH-76 - SSR-225C(083)(084)SR / 33330(04), \$68,560.06, 2.55%
- j) Johnston County - SH-22 - STP-135C(135)SS / 27058(04), \$2,078.47, 0.08%
- k) Kiowa County - US-62B - STP-238C(052)PM / 28780(04), \$11,477.80, 1.18%
- l) Marshall County - Co. Rd. - STP-248C(038)CO / 32354(04), \$381.51, 0.03%
- m) Mayes County - US-69 - SSP-249F(038)SS / 31944(05), \$34,315.00, 1.92%
- n) McIntosh County - Co. Rd. - ACSTP-246D(035)CI / 29387(04), \$9,999.75, 2.53%
- o) Muskogee County - Co. Rd. - ACSTP-251C(090)CI / 31286(04), \$10,270.34, 1.50%
- p) Muskogee County - SH-10 - SBR-251C(068)SB / 31339(04), \$10,892.82, 0.67%
- q) Oklahoma County - SH-3 - NHPP-017N(252)3P / 32091(04), \$47,594.66, 0.78%
- r) Okmulgee County - SH-56 - STP-256C(047)PM / 10465(04), \$109,106.94, -3.65% Underrun
- s) Rogers County - Ct. St. - SRS-266E(035)ST / 31480(34), \$12,667.32, 3.26%
- t) Seminole County - SH-9 - STPY-167C(102) / 21845(04), \$5,056.80, 0.15%
- u) Seminole County - US-270 - STP-267B(076)PM / 28923(04), \$23,617.18, 1.38%
- v) Seminole County - US-270 - STP-267A(074)3P / 33329(04), \$180,692.64, -18.46% Underrun
- w) Seminole County - US-270 - MC-267C(079) / 34039(04) #1, \$45,769.87, 11.37%
- x) Seminole County - US-270 - MC-267C(079) / 34039(04) #2, \$27,378.00, 6.80%
- y) Wagoner County - Co. Rd. - STP-273C(051)CI / 32395(04), \$440.00, 0.03%
- z) Woods County - US-64 - STP-276B(029)PM / 27922(04) #1, \$674.00, 0.03%
- aa) Woods County - US-64 - STP-276B(029)PM / 27922(04) #2, \$36,798.35, 1.54%

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

- a) Alfalfa County - US-64 - STP-102B(106)SS / 24064(04), \$423,846.00, 4.96%
- b) Cleveland County - SH-39 - ACSTP-114B(185)SS / 24112(04), \$37,838.99, 0.39%
- c) Cleveland County - Ct. St. - NHPP-3500(065) / 32155(04), \$236,168.26, 2.10%

- d) Comanche County - Ct. St. - STP-116B(137)MS / 23410(04), \$99,327.07, 1.19%
- e) Cotton County - Co. Rd. - ERSTP-217C(021)ER / 32035(08), \$20,709.26, 2.41%
- f) Garvin County - US-77 - STP-225C(072)PM / 27999(04), \$29,246.15, 0.35%
- g) Grant County - SH-11 - STP-127B(107)(108)(109)(110)SS / 24163(04), \$3,000.00, 0.02%
- h) Grant County - US-60 - SSR-227B(026)SR / 31372(04), \$110,451.38, 5.56%
- i) Hughes County - SH-9 - STP-232C(059)PM / 28939(04), \$34,996.29, 1.40%
- j) Johnston County - SH-99 - ACSTP-135B(086)SS / 23268(04), \$796,532.61, -7.23% Underrun
- k) Latimer County - SH-1 - STP-239C(029) / 27138(04), \$98,924.92, 1.58%
- l) Leflore County - US-70 - NHPP-207N(081)PM / 24333(10), \$76,405.25, 12.05%
- m) Love County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-143C(091)RB / 25447(04), \$8,310.00, 0.13%
- n) Major County - US-60 - STP-247B(017) / 29446(04), \$6,083.01, 0.11%
- o) McClain County - SH-74B - SBR-244C(060)SB / 32742(04), \$57,587.12, 6.83%
- p) McIntosh County - US-69 - NHPP-246N(027) / 29755(04), \$346,383.12, 1.41%
- q) Muskogee County - SH-10 - ACSTP-251C(081)SS / 28962(04), \$300,030.25, 4.01%
- r) Noble County - US-64 - HSIPG-252N(037)AD / TAP-252E(049)TP / 32745(04), \$68,774.57, 4.68%
- s) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - STP-255C(430)(431)AG / 31102(04), \$4,684.41, 0.12%
- t) Ottawa County - SH-125 - STP-258B(045)PM / 28871(04), \$103,938.89, 3.36%
- u) Roger Mills County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-165C(100)RB / 25478(04), \$62,870.52, 1.11%
- v) Seminole County - SH-56 - SBR-267C(077)SB / 30580(04), \$289,411.00, 8.39%
- w) Stephens County - US-81 - ACNHPP-011N(100)SS / 20316(04), \$147,265.87, -1.03% Underrun
- x) Stephens County - SH-29 - STP-169B(134)PM / 24412(04), \$5,485.42, 0.04%

ACTION: LaForge 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 DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

**9. Lettings – Mr. Hackney**

- a) Final March, 2020 Proposed Bid Opening
- b) Tentative April, 2020 Proposed Bid Opening
- c) Tentative May, 2020 Proposed Bid Opening

ACTION: Shannon moved and Dyson 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**

**10. 2019 Standard Specifications**

Presentation of the 2019 Standard Specifications for Highway Construction

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

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

### **11. Authority to Enter into Agreements**

The Department, through the Director of ODOT, requests authorization to negotiate the terms and conditions of the Gilcrease Expressway Assistance Agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation related to the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) and the supporting ODOT / Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA) Interagency Funding Agreement and to execute said agreements.

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:** Secretary Gatz said this 5 mile segment of the Gilcrease Expressway has been challenging to fund and this arrangement is a great example of local, state and federal government entities working together to leverage their resources to bring a major project forward that would have never happened otherwise. You can find more information about this project including cost and schedule at OTA's project webpage at [www.drivingforward.com](http://www.drivingforward.com).

### **12. Director's Report**

Secretary Gatz said since the last commission meeting, we received some good news out of our Congress. The Congress passed and the President signed their long-term appropriations bill that provides us with federal funding certainty through the end of Federal Fiscal Year 2020. This allows ODOT to continue with our normal operations and continue to deliver our projects for bid and awarding contracts with federal funds through the rest of this federal fiscal year. And it also will provide certainty in some of the Grant Programs that we are often submitting applications for, to try and enhance our ability to deliver some of our major infrastructure improvements. So we'll have those opportunities preserved, and we are really pleased that the Congress was able to do that; and to fund our transportation operations for another year.

We are also working on a Statewide Transit Plan; the new Office of Mobility and Public Transit is a critical part of that. And as part of the Oklahoma Public Transit Policy Plan, the Department and the Oklahoma Transit Association are holding some regional stakeholder meetings in several cities statewide. The meetings are to get local input on the transit needs from both transit providers and users to help shape the State's Transit Program. To get more information about the plan we have started our new transit plan website, which is [www.oktransitplan.org](http://www.oktransitplan.org).

The Turnpike Authority on this Thursday, January 9th, will cut the ribbon on part of the John Kilpatrick Turnpike extension from I-40 extending south and then back east to Highway 152. That will help, again, as an important reliever route for transportation patterns around the City of Oklahoma City. That airport connection over into that part of Oklahoma City is really, really important; and the type of activities that are going on out in that general area of the City are heavily in the area of distributorships. Hobby Lobby has got a major operation out there and a lot of commercial freight moves in and out of that area. So it's an important project for the Turnpike Authority, and we're really glad to be able to open it up. We won't be able to open all of that facility, so we will do a partial opening, but over the next 2-3 weeks, the rest of it will come open. We are looking forward to getting that one available for transportation.

At this time, I'd like to take just a minute to show you a video of our 2019 Year in review. The staff put this together, and I think it's a really good snapshot of what was going on in 2019. We've got a lot to be proud of!

At this time I would like to talk a little bit about a group that we've got at the Department. We talk a lot about ODOT and the ODOT family; and we have got a committee that's called the, "Committee Who Cares". I want to recognize them because no one exemplifies the ODOT family more than the CWC, it was formed in 1992 to help ODOT employees through staff appreciation events to assist employees who are in need. They have supported employees and their families who were impacted by natural disasters, unexpected financial issues, and medical emergencies, just to name a few. It is made up of employees who volunteer their time and energy to raise money and put on events and programs for ODOT Workers and their families; these folks really go above and beyond to put that together.

I want to first recognize a very special CWC member, Betty Freeman, who spent hours and hours of her free time decorating the beautiful Christmas tree that was in the ODOT lobby this year. She really deserves special recognition, I have been around the Department of Transportation for going on 30 years now, and I have never seen a more beautiful Christmas tree than what we had in our lobby. So Betty, thank you so much for your effort.

This winter, the CWC held a contest at the central office and collected \$4,000 in food and monetary donations and were able to help 20 ODOT families during the holiday season. Their initial goal was to collect enough for 12 families; so our employees exceeded that goal and really came together to help that out. We have got 8 CWC members here today who worked hard to organize the food drive; Corbi Jenkins, Anthony Delce, Arla McCarty, Linda Martin, Daniella Bzdula, Lucy Usiukiewicz and Dana Hogan. Thank you for your efforts, we really appreciate the work that you do for us. And again, they go above and beyond, because they do this in addition to everything else that they do for us and the hard work that they do every day. We had a floor by floor contest and the 2nd floor donated the most at the food drive, and they were the contest winners.

I want to talk a little bit about some upcoming legislative dates that we've got that are significant! We are into the fast approaching legislative season. On January 28th, we have a joint House and Senate Budget Hearing for the Department; so we will be over providing some information to the House and the Senate. And then, next Commission Meeting on February 3rd, Governor Stitt will make his "State of the State Address" at the Capitol, and then we go right into session. So all of that is upcoming, and we are looking forward to a strong 2020 for the Department of Transportation!

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

**ITEM PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**

ACTION: Dyson moved and Peterson 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 11:32 a.m.**

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



*Gene McKown*  
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Gene McKown - Chairman

*Bob Peterson*  
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Bob Peterson - Vice Chairman