

MINUTES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING JUNE 6, 2022

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WAS HELD JUNE 6, 2022 IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM OF THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, 200 NE 21ST STREET, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73105

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ITEMS PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. McKown called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Gene McKown	Chairman
	Bob Peterson	Vice Chairman
	Bob Coburn	Member
	James Grimsley	Member
	Don Freymiller	Member
	Steve LaForge	Member
Absent:	David Dyson	
	Bobby Alexander	
Presiding:	Gene McKown	

The following items were presented and approved as written at the Transportation Commission meeting June 6, 2022. 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 he then recognized Secretary Gatz for some announcements.

Secretary Gatz stated one of the things that is always at the front of the Department's mind in our operations and out on the highways every day is safety. Before we present our annual safety awards; I want to recognize Sarah Penn who has an introduction.

Ms. Penn introduced Keith Sorsdal, the new Cabinet-Wide Safety Manager. He has more than 30 years of experience, having served 26 years as a Naval rescue swimmer and Air Force Officer, serving 4 tours in support of operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. He recently served as the Director of Safety & Risk Management in Vallejo, California prior to relocating to Oklahoma. He and his wife Tina have 2 sons and reside in Choctaw. Help me welcome, Mr. Keith Sorsdal.

Mr. Sorsdal said he was honored to be selected as the new safety officer, and wanted to recognize his central office safety staff for helping him in his new role; they are Mr. Greg Lott, Mr. Tanner Mikles and Ms. Nancy Graham. I am honored to announce the winners of the Safety Awards.

The Safety Award Winners are as follows:

Director’s Safety Excellence Award

The following are this year’s Division Winners:

- District 1 I-40 Interstate Maintenance Crew in Checotah
- District 2 Atoka County Maintenance Crew in Atoka
- District 3 Wewoka Construction Residency
- District 4 Yukon Construction Residency
- District 5 District Wide Traffic Crew in Clinton
- District 6 Cimarron County Maintenance Crew in Boise City
- District 7 Grady County Maintenance Crew in Chickasha
- District 8 Ottawa County Maintenance Crew in Miami
- District 9 Multimodal Division

Progressive Excellence Award

The Progressive Excellence Award is given to the Division that has shown the most improvement in the last year.

- District 7 Jay Earp Division Engineer

Governor’s Safety Excellence Award

The final award is the Governor’s Safety Excellence Award and is given to the Division that has the best safety record for the year. It takes into consideration the accident incident rate, lost time accidents, lost work days, and accident severity.

- District 8 Randle White Division Engineer

Chairman McKown then recognized Mr. Rick Johnson for an announcement.

Mr. Johnson announced that Mr. Joe Brutsche has been chosen as the new Environmental Programs Division Manager. Joe began his career at ODOT in 2004 serving in various capacities across the agency; help me welcome Joe to his new role.

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION

69. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of May 2, 2022

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

CONSENT DOCKET PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

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

a) Pontotoc County – Commission District III

Near Ada, Construction funding for a signal project which includes the installation of pedestal mounted flashing lights with gates at the intersection of N. Francis Avenue with BNSF's mainline. Total cost is \$150,712.

b) Garfield County – Commission District IV

Near Covington, Construction funding for a signal project which includes the installation of pedestal mounted flashing lights and gates at the intersection of 6th St. and the BNSF's mainline. Total cost is \$343,961.

c) Garfield County – Commission District IV

Near Fairmont, Construction funding for a signal project which includes the installation of pedestal mounted flashing lights and gates at the intersection of CR N2990 and the BNSF's mainline. Total cost is \$235,174.

d) Garfield County – Commission District IV

Near Carrier, Construction funding for a signal project which includes the installation of pedestal mounted flashing lights and gates at the intersection of Logan Road/CR N2780 and the BNSF's mainline. Total cost is \$467,894.

e) Noble County – Commission District IV

Near Lucien, Construction funding for a signal and surface project which includes the installation of pedestal mounted flashing lights and gates and a 24' concrete crossing surface at the intersection of SW 4th St. and the BNSF's mainline. Total cost is \$629,522.

f) Creek County – Commission District VIII

In Sapulpa, Construction funding for a signal project which includes the installation of pedestal mounted flashing lights and gates at the intersection of Lee Avenue and the BNSF's mainline. Total cost is \$327,534.

g) Creek County – Commission District VIII

In Sapulpa, Construction funding for a signal and surface project which includes the installation of pedestal mounted flashing lights and gates and 32' concrete crossing surface at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and the BNSF's mainline. Total cost is \$471,325.

h) Creek County – Commission District VIII

In Sapulpa, Construction funding for a signal and surface project which includes the installation of pedestal mounted flashing lights and gates and 88' concrete crossing surface at the intersection of Taft St./SH-117 and the BNSF's mainline. Total cost is \$627,295.

i) **Creek County – Commission District VIII**

In Mounds, Construction funding for a signal project which includes the installation of pedestal mounted flashing lights and gates at the intersection of 8th St. and the BNSF's mainline. Total cost is \$437,615.

j) **Rogers County – Commission District VIII**

Near Catoosa, Construction funding for a signal project which includes the installation of pedestal mounted flashing lights and gates at the intersection of Lynn Lane and the BNSF's mainline. Total cost is \$460,008.

71. Speed Zone Revisions – Ms. Parrish

a) District III – Various locations in Johnston and McClain Counties

1. Along SH 22 in Johnston County for 3.41 miles including the City of Tishomingo.
2. Along US 377 in Johnston County for 5.25 miles including the City of Tishomingo.
3. Along SH 74 in McClain County for 5.55 miles including the Town of Goldsby.
4. Along SH 24 in McClain County for 3.02 miles including the Town of Washington.

b) District V – One location in Blaine County

Along SH 8 in Blaine County for 21.91 miles including the Town of Okeene.

72. Safety Improvement Projects – Ms. Parrish

a) **Installation of School Zone - Commission Districts III & VII**

We have received a request from the District III & VII Engineers for the purchase of solar powered equipment for the installation of new school zones at the following locations:

1. One location along SH 22, in the Town of Elmore City, Garvin County in District III, to include school zone advanced warning signs with flashing beacons, and pavement marking improvements.
Note: The above item should read **SH-29** rather than SH-22.
2. One location along SH 74, in the Town of Elmore City, Garvin County in District III, to include school zone advanced warning signs with flashing beacons, and pavement marking improvements.
3. One location along SH 53 in the Town of Comanche, Stephens County in District VII, to include school zone advanced warning signs with flashing beacons and pavement marking improvements.

The equipment is estimated to cost \$24,000.00

b) **Change in Traffic Control in the City of Okemah, Okfuskee County – Commission District III**

We have received a request from the District III Engineer for the installation of an all way stop condition and stop ahead warning signs at the intersection of SH 56 (Broadway Street) & US 62/SH 27 (Woody Guthrie Street) in the City of Okemah.

The work will be completed by District Maintenance forces

73. Land Sales – Mr. Phillips

- a) Adair County – District 1 – located along the north side of US-59, 0.65 miles northerly of the Ballard Creek bridge south of the Town of Watts, OK - \$10,101.00
- b) Muskogee County – District 1 – located along the north side of US-62, approximately 2.75 miles westerly of the intersection of US-62/69 in Muskogee, OK - \$15,700.00
- c) Oklahoma County – District 4 – located along the east side of I-35, at the SE corner of the intersection of I-35 & East 33rd Street in Edmond, OK - \$26,700.00
- d) Dewey County – District 5 – located along the west side of US-183, at the north intersection of US-183 and the North Canadian River, approximately 0.75 miles north of Taloga, OK - \$25,101.00
- e) Tulsa County - District 8 – located on the north side of SH-11 west of Harvard Avenue, at the intersection with 32nd Street North in Tulsa, OK - \$10,000.00

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

END OF CONSENT DOCKET

ITEMS PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING – Mr. Tegeler

74. Engineering Contracts

- a) Muskogee County – District I - to prepare construction plans for US-62: from 0.26 miles north of Cloud Creek, north 7.86 miles to US-62/US-64/SH-16 junction
CI-2371A C. H. Guernsey & Company \$1,538,425.00
- b) McClain County – District III - to prepare construction plans for I-35: from the SH-74 interchange, extending north 2.75 miles to the Cleveland County line and I-35: from 1.0 miles south of Ladd Road, extending north 4.15 miles to the SH-74 interchange
CI-2373 Olsson, Inc. \$2,622,700.00
- c) Beckham County – District V - to prepare construction plans for US-283: beginning 350' north of SH-6 junction and extending north 3.3 miles
CI-2371B Grossman and Keith Engineering Company \$375,274.00
- d) Greer County – District V - to prepare construction plans for US-283: beginning 0.2 miles north of the SH-9 south junction and extending north 5.8 miles
CI-2371C Tetra Tech, Inc. \$862,400.00

- e) Harmon County – District V - to prepare construction plans for US-62: beginning 2.0 miles west of the Jackson County line and extending east 7.0 miles

CI-2371D	Freese and Nichols, Inc.	\$1,198,110.00
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- f) Love County – District VII - to prepare construction plans for I-35: from mile marker 3.2, north 1.5 miles to mile marker 4.7 and I-35: from mile marker 5.7, north 2.0 miles to mile marker 7.7

CI-2375	EST, Inc.	\$1,618,465.00
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- g) Nowata County – District VIII - to prepare construction plans for US-169: from 1.9 miles south of US-60, north to US-60

CI-2377B	C.H. Guernsey & Company	\$976,547.00
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- h) Ottawa County – District VIII - to prepare construction plans for US-60: from 2.6 miles north of the Delaware County line, extending north to US-59 and from US-60 west, extending north 0.17 miles

CI-2371E	MKEC Engineering, Inc.	\$443,020.00
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- i) Rogers County – District VIII - to prepare construction plans for US-412: from 1.06 miles east of SH-66, extending east 6.44 miles

CI-2356F	Craig & Keithline, Inc.	\$664,725.00
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- j) Tulsa County – District VIII - to prepare construction plans for US-169: from east of 66th Street, north 2.0 miles to 86th Street

CI-2377C	Tetra Tech, Inc.	\$745,770.00
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ACTION: Grimsley moved and Freymiller seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Freymiller, McKown, LaForge and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Dyson & Alexander

NOTE: Commissioner Peterson asked when do these projects start.

Mr. Tegeler said usually when the contract is signed, each contract has their milestones and the start date for each milestone may vary.

75. Engineering Contract Supplements

- a) Okfuskee County – District III – this supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for SH-84: over Bad and Unnamed Creek, 3.8 and 4.8 miles east of the US-75 junction

CI-2269E	Supplement 1	Tetra Tech, Inc.	\$19,700.00
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- b) Oklahoma County – District IV – this supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for I-40: Scott Street over eastbound and westbound I-40, 1.1 miles east of I-35 and I-40: eastbound and westbound bridges over Sunnyslane, 1.9 miles east of I-35

EC-1457A	Supplement 3	Garver, LLC	\$1,681,700.00
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- c) Oklahoma County – District IV – this supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for I-35: Frontage Road modifications from Memorial Road to SH-66 and I-35: southbound between Memorial Road and NE 122nd Street, 4 miles north of I-44/I-35 interchange

CI-2120 Supplement 2 Poe & Associates, Inc. \$612,310.00

- d) Payne County – District IV – this supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for SH-51: from Western Road, east 2.0 miles to junction of US-177

CI-2119 Supplement 3 EST, Inc. \$13,500.00

- e) Washita County – District V – this supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for SH-152: begin 10.8 miles east of the Beckham County line and extend east 5.4 miles

EC-1504B Supplement 2 Dewberry Engineers, Inc. \$27,075.00

- f) Tulsa County – District VIII – this supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for SH-97: (Wilson Ave.) Morrow Road to West 2nd Street

EC-1362 Supplement 5 Craig & Keithline, Inc. \$53,875.00

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

ITEMS PRESENTED BY CONSTRUCTION DIVISION ENGINEER – Mr. Leonard

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

- a) Beaver County - SH-3 - NHPP-017N(268)PM / 31064(04), \$37,642.50, 0.83%
- b) Bryan County - US-69 - BSAP-207N(012)FM / BSAP-207C(102)FM / SSP-013N(182)PM / 25909(17), \$5,461.33, 0.03%
- c) Bryan County - US-69 - NHG-013N(144)(145)TR / 28101(04), \$75,582.58, 3.78%
- d) Caddo County - US-62 - SSR-208B(098)SR / 34417(04), \$29,522.55, 1.59%
- e) Caddo County - US-281 - E-SAP-208B(109)ES / 35452(04), #1, \$4,480.00, 2.33%
- f) Caddo County - US-281 - E-SAP-208B(109)ES / 35452(04), #2, \$33,199.46, 17.24%
- g) Carter County - I-35 - STP-210E(084)PM / 29438(06), \$5,924.45, 0.78%
- h) Carter County - US-177 - STP-210B(078)3P / 33455(04), \$15,291.46, 1.31%
- i) Cleveland County - City Street - STP-114E(300)EH / 28811(04), \$500.00, 0.05%
- j) Coal County - US-75 - NHPP-215N(039)PM / 24761(04), \$20,365.54, 1.64%
- k) Comanche County - I-44 - SBR-4400(080)SB / 33890(04), \$30,714.11, 0.71%
- l) Cotton County - County Road - SAP-4400(098)ES / 35839(04), \$968.53, 0.41%
- m) Creek County - SH-66 - NHPP-219N(084)3P / 33368(04), \$24,667.01, 1.79%
- n) Garvin County - US-177 - STP-CRRS(017)PM / 35094(04), \$11,892.15, 1.26%
- o) Greer County - County Road - CIRB-228C(023)RB / 30033(04), \$9,330.76, -0.24% Underrun
- p) Kingfisher County - SH-51 - STP-237C(034)PM / 27945(04), \$34,500.00, 0.28%
- q) Kingfisher County - US-81 - STP-237B(068)AD / 33779(04), \$20,708.24, 15.90%
- r) Latimer County - County Road - CIRB-239C(037)RB / 31233(04), \$2,389.20, 0.05%
- s) Leflore County - SH-112 - SSR-240B(083)SR / 33382(04), \$36,018.00, -2.81% Underrun
- t) Lincoln County - SH-99 - STP-241B(064)PM / 29543(04), \$12,589.20, 0.58%
- u) McClain County - SH-76 - STP-244C(074)PM / 23264(07), \$19,613.37, 0.22%

- v) McIntosh County - I-40 - NHPPI-4000-(093)PM / NHPP-013N(178)PM / 31202(04), \$149,753.20, -2.35% Underrun
- w) Murray County - County Road - STP-250D(037)CI / 32369(04), \$17,531.46, 1.86%
- x) Muskogee County - US-62 - ERSTP-251B(101)ER / 34448(04), \$5,989.76, 0.84%
- y) Okfuskee County - County Road - STP-254C(052)CI / 33582(04), \$17,016.00, 1.39%
- z) Oklahoma County - City Street - STP-155A(196)AG / 17827(04), #1, \$18,793.89, 0.30%
- aa) Oklahoma County - City Street - STP-155A(196)AG / 17827(04), #3, \$11,425.19, 0.18%
- bb) Oklahoma County - City Street - STP-155A(196)AG / 17827(04), #4, \$17,232.22, 0.28%
- cc) Oklahoma County - City Street - TAP-255D(330)AG / SRS-255E(340)ST / 31437(04), \$71,676.81, 5.10%
- dd) Oklahoma County - City Street - SBR-4000(124)SB / 34233(04), \$27,845.07, 2.16%
- ee) Osage County - City Street - STP-272N(344)IG / 31313(08), \$500.00, 0.02%
- ff) Ottawa County - SH-137 - SSR-258C(078)SR / 33741(04), \$6,426.73, 0.51%
- gg) Pontotoc County - SH-99 - STP-162B(192)PM / 23286(07), \$112,758.50, -2.72% Underrun
- hh) Pontotoc County - SH-1 - NHPP-262N(061)PM / 28946(04), \$69,000.00, 0.76%
- ii) Pontotoc County - SH-48 - STP-262C(055)3P / 33756(04), \$1,877.78, 0.27%
- jj) Pontotoc County - SH-3W - SSR-262B(070)(069)SR / 34288(04), #2, \$23,961.48, 0.68%
- kk) Pontotoc County - SH-3W - SSR-262B(070)(069)SR / 34288(04), #3, \$19,541.41, 0.55%
- ll) Pontotoc County - SH-1 - STP-CRRS(016)PM / 35095(04), \$37,140.88, 2.39%
- mm) Rogers County - US-412 - NHPP-266N(106)PM / 30353(04), \$172,000.00, -1.24% Underrun
- nn) Seminole County - US-270 - NHPP-267N(088)AD / 32968(04), \$16,128.00, 2.61%
- oo) Sequoyah County - County Road - CIRB-268C(069)RB / 28513(04), \$368.00, -0.01% Underrun
- pp) Stephens County - US-81 - STP-269F(076)AD / TAP-269F(079)TP / 34106(04), \$29,996.12, 3.03%
- qq) Texas County - City Street - TAP-270E(040)TP / STP-270C(036)AD / 32998(04), \$572.00, 0.03%
- rr) Tillman County - SH-5 - STP-271C(066)PM / 29516(04), \$11,917.62, 0.17%
- ss) Tulsa County - I-244 - SSP-272F(307)SS / 31943(08), \$53,038.70, 18.62%
- tt) Tulsa County - County Road - CIRB-272D(303)CO / 33566(04), \$52,456.90, 2.71%
- uu) Washita County - SH-55 - STP-275C(073)PM / 30336(04), \$27,381.73, 1.92%
- vv) Woodward County - US-64 - STP-230F(040)PM / 26974(08), \$24,567.63, -11.71% Underrun

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

- a) Beckham County - I-40B - STP-205C(079)PM / 29005(04), \$59,374.19, 2.31%
- b) Blaine County - County Road - CIRB-206C(036)RB / 28704(04), \$27,675.00, 0.40%
- c) Caddo County - US-62 - SSP-008B(316)PM / STP-208B(091)PM / 12571(08), \$500,000.00, 3.09%
- d) Caddo County - County Road - STP-208B(089)CI / 30214(04), \$90,033.62, 7.10%
- e) Caddo County - County Road - STP-208B(097)CI / 33680(04), \$25,677.84, 3.07%
- f) Canadian County - US-81 - NHPP-209N(051)SS / 27004(04), \$4,141.25, 0.04%
- g) Carter County - County Road - CIRB-110C(205)RB / 24819(04), \$18,690.51, 0.25%
- h) Carter County - I-35 - STP-210F(086)3B / 35330(04), \$92,500.00, 13.91%
- i) Cherokee County - SH-51 - SSR-211N(045)SR / 33832(04), \$72,830.12, 4.40%
- j) Cimarron County - US-287 - NHPP-032N(007)3P / 33407(04), \$185,500.00, 5.79%
- k) Cleveland County - US-77 - STP-114C(111)SS / 20997(04), \$67,209.24, -0.58% Underrun
- l) Cleveland County - I-44 - NHPPI-CRRS-(018)PM / 35093(04), \$90,060.41, 5.52%
- m) Garvin County - US-77 - STP-125A(190)PM / 27566(04), \$1,920.77, 0.03%
- n) Grady County - County Road - STP-226C(083)CI / 31113(04), #5, \$85,801.83, 4.15%
- o) Grady County - County Road - STP-226C(083)CI / 31113(04), #6, \$11,879.78, 0.57%
- p) Harper County - US-183 - STP-130C(149)PM / 24224(04), \$243,839.13, 3.26%
- q) Johnston County - SH-48A - STP-235C(035)PM / 31380(04), \$17,790.84, 1.64%
- r) Logan County - SH-51 - STP-242C(057)(058)SS / 27099(04), \$4,036.20, 0.09%
- s) Love County - SH-32 - STP-243C(032)PM / 29576(04), \$51,226.29, -0.78% Underrun
- t) McClain County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(077)PM / 29734(04), #7, \$5,465.74, 0.03%
- u) McClain County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(077)PM / 29734(04), #8, \$78,479.32, 0.47%

- v) McClain County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500(094)PM / 31045(04), \$370,106.38, 3.01%
- w) Okfuskee County - I-40 - NHPPI-4000-(100)PM / 21007(09), \$453,041.41, 2.56%
- x) Oklahoma County - City Street - STP-155A(196)AG / 17827(04), \$5, \$34,276.80, 0.55%
- y) Oklahoma County - City Street - STP-155A(196)AG / 17827(04), #6, \$7,945.00, 0.13%
- z) Pawnee County - US-64 - STP-259B(034)SS / STP-159B(058)SS / 27934(04), \$3,850.00, 0.04%
- aa) Rogers County - US-412 - NHPP-019N(144)3P / 33370(04), \$109,795.57, 6.54%
- bb) Seminole County - SH-3E - SBR-9595(004)SB / 29595(04), #8, \$29,158.74, 1.33%
- cc) Seminole County - SH-3E - SBR-9595(004)SB / 29595(04), #9, \$34,297.80, 1.56%
- dd) Tulsa County - SH-20 - STP-172B(360)SS / 24346(04), \$20,408.69, 0.13%
- ee) Tulsa County - I-444 - NHPPI-4440(009)PM / SBR-014N(112)SB / 28899(04), \$6,830.00, 0.03%
- ff) Tulsa County - I-44 - NHPPI-4400(054)(077)PM / 33788(04), #7, \$40,549.05, -0.05%
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- gg) Tulsa County - I-44 - NHPPI-4400(054)(077)PM / 33788(04), #9, \$120,000.00, 0.14%
- hh) Tulsa County - I-44 - NHPPI-4400(054)(077)PM / 33788(04), #10, \$53,306.79, 0.06%
- ii) Woods County - US-64 - STP-276B(032)PM / 27923(04), \$22,122.37, 0.53%

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

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE COMPTROLLER DIVISION

78. Proposed Bid Openings – Mr. Hilmes

- a) Final August, 2022 Proposed Bid Opening
- b) Tentative September, 2022 Proposed Bid Opening
- c) Tentative October, 2022 Proposed Bid Opening

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

ITEMS PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE – Ms. Wheeler

79. Additions to the Lake Access Road Program

a) Commission District I – Cherokee County

The Cherokee County Commissioners are requesting approval for a lake access project for Lake Tenkiller. Lake Tenkiller covers 12,900 acres and has 130 miles of shoreline offering boating, camping, fishing, scuba diving and swimming.

The proposed project begins at the intersection of SH-82 and East Carter's Landing Road and extends northeast for approximately 1.8 miles to the entrance of Carter's Landing Public Use Area. The county will be responsible for initiation, construction, and completion of all work associated with the project. The Department's participation in the project shall not exceed **\$200,000**.

b) Commission District II – McCurtain County

The McCurtain County Commissioners are requesting approval for a lake access project for Pine Creek Lake. Pine Creek Lake covers 3,750 acres of land with approximately 74 miles of shoreline containing facilities such as boat ramps, RV hookups and swimming areas.

The proposed project begins at the intersection of Old Highway 98 and Pine Creek Road and extends north for approximately 5.0 miles to the entrance of Pine Creek Lake. The county will be responsible for initiation, construction, and completion of all work associated with the project. The Department's participation in the project shall not exceed **\$750,000**.

c) Commission District II – Pushmataha County

The Pushmataha County Commissioners are requesting approval for a lake access project for Sardis Lake. The lake covers 14,360 acres with 117 miles of shoreline containing three campgrounds offering facilities including RV hookups, showering facilities, swim beach and fishing docks.

This project begins at SH-43 and N 4260 Rd/Sardis Cemetery Rd and extends north for approximately 1.8 miles, then extends east on SW Sardis Cemetery Rd for approximately 2.75 miles to the Latimer County line. The county will be responsible for the initiation, construction and completion of all work associated with the project. The Department's participation in the project shall not exceed **\$725,000**.

d) Commission District VII – Jefferson County

The Jefferson County Commissioners are requesting approval for a lake access project for Waurika Lake. Waurika Lake amenities include boating, camping, and fishing.

This project begins at the intersection of N 2740 Rd and E 1920 Rd approximately 0.3 miles from SH-5 and extends north approximately 2.0 miles to E 1900 Rd. The county will be responsible for initiation, construction, and completion of all work associated with the project. The Department's participation in the project shall not exceed **\$381,000**.

e) Commission District VIII – Delaware County

The Delaware County Commissioners are requesting approval for a lake access project for Neosho River which feeds into Grand Lake. The Neosho River flows for approximately 463 miles and incorporates canoeing, fishing, and other recreational activities.

This project begins at the intersection of E 250 Rd and S 580 Rd, just west of SH 59 near Copeland, then extends south approximately 1.0 miles to the water. The county will be responsible for initiation, construction, and completion of all work associated with the project. The Department's participation in the project shall not exceed **\$145,000**.

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

NOTE: *Commissioner Peterson asked what exactly is a Lake Access project.*

Ms. Wheeler explained we are improving the surface access from the highway to the lake.

Commissioner Peterson asked what is the width of these projects, is it built to our standards or the county road standards.

Ms. Wheeler said it is built to the width that is requested by the county; so, to the county standards.

Commissioner LaForge asked if the industrial access and lake access have 2 pots of money or was it all 1 big pot.

Ms. Wheeler said they each have their own separate pot.

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

80. Settlement for Damages to State Property – Ms. Hilmes

a) Mr. Stout – Pottawatomie County - \$14.84

b) Mr. Martin – Noble County - \$2,536.88

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

81. Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Work Program – Ms. Hilmes

The Department is required to submit a Budget Work Program to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services in June of each year which will provide budget authority for the upcoming fiscal year. In keeping with that process, the Department is submitting for Commission approval the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Work Program in the amount of \$2,271,034,786.

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

NOTE: *Commissioner Grimsley commented that the last 2 years our Legislature has shown some real leadership; and helping with the budget has improved considerably. So, I just want to thank our Legislature who has put a lot of time into this and I very much appreciate it.*

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE ENGINEER – Mr. Delce

82. Awards

May 19, 2022 – Regular Bid Opening

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

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR – Mr. Gatz

83. Director's Report

Secretary Gatz said Commissioner Peterson asked a great question about the engineering contracts and the timing of the development of a project. One of the things to keep in mind is that our goal always is to have a project ready to go to contract 2 years in advance of when it's scheduled in the work plan. This is extremely important for us to be able to take advantage of maybe revenue increases, maybe discretionary dollars that we might want to apply for through grants. This is always a goal; but not always achieved, but that's one of the reasons that we start engineering as early as we do in the process, is to try to get those projects ready and have a project waiting on resources rather than chasing the other way, so great question.

About the settlement for damages item, one of the things based on a recommendation from Ms. Hilmes was that we pursue a legislative authorization to raise the limit for presenting those damages to the Commission to \$5,000. The legislature did approve that this year, so we won't have to bring those minor amounts of dollars forward for commission approval.

I appreciate you considering and approving some speed limit changes on SH-99 and SH-22 in Tishomingo, the site of a tragic collision in March that claimed the lives of 6 teenage girls. Other interim safety measures have been placed and ODOT is working with the City of Tishomingo on a future project to reconfigure that intersection.

In the context of the budget, we recently closed on a \$41.6 million Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan to finance half of the eligible costs for Rural Two-Lane Advancement and Management Plan, otherwise known as (RAAMP). This is really a new and important tool in our transportation toolbox to try to help us accelerate work out there on our rural 2 lane highways where we know we have got safety and accident issues. So, thank you for allowing us to pursue that federal loan; and in FY 2023 we will pursue another TIFIA loan for a like amount, and use that to continue to accelerate work on our rural 2 lanes.

Commissioner Grimsley certainly made a great recognition of the Legislature's efforts to support transportation infrastructure and providing us with additional resources. The Department certainly recognizes that and is grateful for the support of both the Legislature and the Governor; but I also want to acknowledge specifically the folks that we communicate with directly on a regular basis, and that is Representative Nicole Miller and Senator John Haste. They are the ones we communicate with directly when we talk about infrastructure needs; and we are so grateful they continue to support investment in our infrastructure. It is the Department's responsibility under the leadership of the Transportation Commission to show results; and that's what we will remain focused on.

This Memorial Day, May 26th marks the 20th anniversary of the collapse of the I-40 Bridge at Webbers Fall which claimed 14 lives. And always at this time, we want to appreciate the tragic loss of life and really recognize the impact that it had on those travelers and families. Certainly, our hearts still go out to them 20 years later; but also, to the first responders that responded to that incident, to the Department workers who worked diligently, and our Construction Contractor and Consulting Engineer Partners that helped us get that bridge back in the air in a very short period of time. One of the things that sometimes goes unnoticed is not just the work that we had to do on the Arkansas River Bridge itself, but the detour routes, where we had to detour interstate traffic onto a State Highway system that was woefully prepared to support that level of truck traffic and the volume of traffic. Part of that was due to structurally deficient bridges, many were load posted, and it took a monumental effort to keep those detour routes working during the time that it took us to quickly put the Arkansas River Bridge on I-40 back up. This was a galvanizing moment, by detouring I-40 traffic onto our state highway system highlighted the deficient condition of our bridges and served as a catalyst for our campaign to replace these structures. It resulted in the first 8 Year Construction Work Plan which we implemented in 2003; and we have come a long way since then, all the way to less than 1% of our bridges on the highway system in the State of Oklahoma now are structurally deficient. That's something that every Oklahoman should be proud of.

The Department's Safety Campaign is still ongoing. The Department will be teaming up with Keep Oklahoma Beautiful to acknowledge the week June 6-12 as "Secure Your Load" week, to encourage all motorists to be mindful of securing and tying down their loads when traveling down the highway. According to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety more than 200,000 crashes are related to road debris and/or unsecure loads. Those crashes resulted in 39,000 injuries and close to 500 deaths. In the past 3 years in Oklahoma, 17 motorists were killed in unsecured load related crashes. Drivers can decrease the chances of being involved in road debris crash by securing loads and maintaining their vehicle and driving defensively.

He reminded the Commission that the Regular Commission Meeting will be conducted on July 11th; since Monday the 4th offices will be closed for the National Holiday.

Secretary Gatz said he wanted to continue our conversation from last month about I-35 from Purcell to Oklahoma City. He invited Chief Engineer Brian Taylor to the podium to talk a little bit about the I-35 corridor and what the Department has been working on to help alleviate some of this congestion.

Mr. Taylor gave a detailed presentation to Commissioners about growing traffic concerns on I-35, especially between Oklahoma City and Purcell and at the Texas state line near Thackerville. Traffic data collected by ODOT, third-party consultant EST, the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments and the Cities of Moore and Norman reveal worsening congestion each year. It's projected to eventually create near standstill traffic during daytime hours on I-35 between I-40 in downtown Oklahoma City and Purcell in the next 30 years. He stated, "I-35 in Oklahoma has regional and even international economic significance, and we know that traffic volumes are only going to continue to increase, especially commercial trucks coming up from Texas; the data is very clear that the status quo is not an acceptable solution." As demands on I-35 continue to increase, we must continue to work toward new and better solutions. These solutions are limited as our ability to add additional lanes has diminished due to the adjacent development that has occurred. In partnership with our consultant, ACOG, City of Norman and the City of Moore, we've been diligently working on options that optimize what we have today, solutions that pinpoint safety, operational and excess improvements in locations where those investments can have lasting impact. The partnership will result in a master plan that we believe will be the tool that guides and directs our path forward. These targeted improvements will help, but will not address the need for additional capacity throughout this urban section of Interstate. The need for action is inescapable.

NOTE: *A lengthy discussion and questions from Commissioners were answered.*

Secretary Gatz thanked Mr. Taylor for his presentation. He noted that I-35 wasn't the only problem corridor, the highly traveled routes on our southern border i.e., SH-69 & SH-75 are not going to experience any lower traffic volumes between now and 2050. The graph presented is what we believe is going to happen; and regardless of how far you drill into that data, there's a significant amount of traffic that originates both from the South and from the Northeast that travels into Oklahoma. A lot of it is not destination for Oklahoma, but traveling through. Those volumes are going to continue to grow, and it's going to take for Oklahoma's future an all of the above approach for us to be able to manage traffic. And all of the above means we've got to continue to invest in all of these reliever routes. We've got to continue to be forward thinking and manage traffic for the future, especially in our major Metropolitan areas. We also got to look at options like improvements to public transit and commuter rail to move traffic into the metro area. All of those factors are important for Oklahoma's future, and all of those things, are things that we need to have in the front of our minds all the time. The Department of Transportation does not have the resources to address these challenges alone, and certainly needs the help of the Turnpike Authority to look at key investment areas and opportunities for us to do some things for our future.

Information Only: No Commission action required.

ITEM PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

84. Adjournment Motion

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting June 6, 2022.

Gene McKown - Chairman

Bob Peterson – Vice Chairman