

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

June 5, 2023

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WAS HELD JUNE 5, 2023 IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM OF THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, 200 NE 21ST STREET, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73105

Notice of the schedule of regular meetings of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for the calendar year 2023 having been given in writing to the Oklahoma Secretary of State, and public notice and agenda having been posted in a prominent public view on the website of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, www.ok.gov/odot, and on the glass doors on the north side of the ODOT Building twenty-four (24) hours prior to this meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, in accordance with Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S. Section 311.

ITEMS PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Peterson called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

The following items were presented and approved as written at the Transportation Commission meeting June 5, 2023. Items amended, deferred, or rejected, those notations were also made. As notations for amended deferred or reject agenda items.

Commissioner Peterson thanked everyone for coming and introduced Special Guests: Wife Eula and daughter Daphne Ridley and grandson of Secretary Ridley, Caleb. Chairman Peterson thanked them for being at the Commission Meeting. Peterson also recognized Representative Denise Crosswhite-Hader.

Commissioner Peterson recognized Secretary Gatz for an announcement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of 2022 Safety Awards including the Governor's Safety Excellence, the Progressive Excellence, and the Director's Safety Excellence Awards – **Mr. Sorsdal**

Secretary Gatz recognized Jared Schwennesen, Division Manager of ODOT's Multimodal Division for the 2023 Keith Leftwich Transit Champion of the Year Award presented by the Oklahoma Transit Association.

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION

78. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of May 1, 2023

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

CONSENT DOCKET PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

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

a) Lincoln County – Commission District III

Near Chandler, Construction funding for a signal and surface project which includes the installation of pedestal mounted flashing lights with gates and a 32' concrete crossing surface at the intersection of N. Industrial Rd with SLWC's mainline. Total cost is \$457,606.51. 100% Federal-aid grade crossing funds.

b) Grady County – Commission District VII

Near Tuttle, Construction funding for a signal and surface project which includes the installation of pedestal mounted flashing lights with gates and a 56' concrete crossing surface at the intersection of Cimarron Rd with SLWC's mainline. Total cost is \$418,722.51. 100% Federal-aid grade crossing funds.

c) Grady County – Commission District VII

Near Amber, Construction funding for a signal and surface project which includes the installation of pedestal mounted flashing light with gates and two 32' concrete crossing surfaces at the intersection of CR 1230 with the SLWC's mainline. Total cost is \$447,492.65. 100% Federal-aid grade crossing funds.

80. Safety Improvement Projects - Ms. January

a) Installation of School Zones - Commission Districts II & VI

1. One location along SH-91, in the City of Colbert, Bryan County in District II, to include school zone advanced warning signs with flashing beacons, and pavement marking improvements.
2. One location along SH-95, in the Community of Yarbrough, Texas County in District VI, to include school zone advanced warning signs with flashing beacons, and pavement marking improvements.

The plans will be prepared by the Traffic Engineering Division and the installation will be completed by District Maintenance forces.

b) Change in Traffic Control in the City of McAlester, Pittsburg County - Commission District II

At the request of the City of McAlester, removal of multiple traffic signals along US-69 Business (Main St): One location at the intersection of US-69 Business (Main St) and Wyandotte Ave to be converted to all-way stop, and one location at the intersection of US-69 Business (Main St) and Cherokee Ave to be converted to 2 "T" intersections, both stop controlled along only Cherokee Ave.

District 2 Maintenance forces to install changes in traffic control.

81. Safety Projects Programming - Ms. January

Implementation of curve mitigation countermeasures such as guardrail, high friction surface treatment, signage etc., at the following locations:

a) Commission District II – 5 locations

- 1. SH-82, in the Town of Red Oak, Latimer County;
- 2. SH-2, in the Community of Yanush, Latimer County;
- 3. US-259, in the Community of Big Cedar, LeFlore County;
- 4. SH-1, in the Community of Big Cedar, LeFlore County;
- 5. SH-1, in the Community of Zoe, LeFlore County;

b) Commission District VIII – 5 locations

- 1. SH-85, in the Community of Cleora, Delaware County;
- 2. SH-20, in the City of Jay, Delaware County;
- 3. US-59, in the Community of New Eucha, Delaware County;
- 4. SH-28, in the Community of New Eucha, Delaware County;
- 5. SH-82, in the Town of Spavinaw, Mayes County;

Plans will be designed by an on-demand consultant. Anticipated let date is October 2023. The work will be completed by contractor forces.

82. Land Sales – Mr. Phillips

a) Payne County – District IV – located along the north side of SH-33, between N. Seay Avenue & N. Central Avenue in Cushing, OK - \$3,094.50

b) Payne County – District IV - located along the south side of SH-33, between N. Depot Avenue. & N. Seay Avenue in Cushing, OK - \$2,768.00

83. Disclosure of Acquisition of Right-of-Way from an ODOT Employee – Mr. Blackwell

Pawnee County – State Job No. 23288(05), SSP-163B(194)RW, Parcel No. 46.0, owned by Steven G Nelson, ODOT Employee

In the course of normal acquisition of right-of-way for the above-referenced highway improvement project on US-64, from Jct. SH-18 east 4.2 miles, it has become necessary to acquire the above parcel from the above-named owners.

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

Chairman Peterson makes a note of a scrivener’s error in item 83, Pottawatomie County should read, Pawnee County.

END OF CONSENT DOCKET

ITEM PRESENTED BY ADMINISTRATOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS– Ms. Smith

84. Memorial Highway and Bridge Designation - Ms. Smith

Designation of the Honorable Secretary Gary M. Ridley, Memorial Interchange – District IV – The interchange of Interstate 35 and State Highway 51 in Payne County shall be designated as, The Honorable Secretary Gary M. Ridley Memorial Interchange.

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

ITEMS PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING – Mr. Tegeler

85. Programming Item

Tulsa County – District VIII - a project to repair vehicle impact damage to two bridges both impacted by the same vehicle. (1) US-75 Ramp N-W over US-75 SB, located 0.1 Miles North Jct. I-244 and (2) the 3rd St. bridge over I-444, located 0.9 Miles North of SH-51 - \$100,000 - Party responsible for the damage is known.

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

86. Engineering Contracts

a) Okmulgee County – District I - to prepare construction plans for US-75: from 1.50 miles north of SH-56 Loop, extending north 5.4 miles, (northbound). Proposed project improvements: reconstruct/rehabilitate existing facility

CI-2419A	Atkins North America, Inc.
Total Not to Exceed Amount	\$631,806.00

b) Kingfisher County – District IV - to prepare construction plans for SH-33: from 8 miles east of Kingfisher/Blaine County line, extending east approximately 7.2 miles to SH-81. Proposed project improvements: add shoulders to a 2-lane road

CI-2422A	Cowan Group Engineering, LLC
Total Not to Exceed Amount	\$1,827,305.00

c) Alfalfa County – District VI - to prepare construction plans for SH-8: beginning at the junction of US-64, extending north 7.0 miles to the junction of SH-58. Proposed project improvements: add shoulders to a 2-lane road

CI-2437C	C. H. Guernsey & Company
Total Not to Exceed Amount	\$1,743,220.00

- d) Beaver County – District VI - to prepare construction plans for US-270: from the junction of US-64, extending south 8.0 miles. Proposed project improvements: add sidewalks and shoulders to a 2-lane road

CI-2422C	EST, Inc.
Total Not to Exceed Amount	\$2,048,600.00

- e) Ellis County – District VI - to prepare construction plans for US-60: beginning 2.0 miles east of the Texas State line, extending east 5.24 miles (0.5 miles east of junction US-283) and US-60: beginning 0.5 miles east of junction US-283, extending east 6.5 miles to the junction of US-283 (east of Arnett). Proposed project improvements: add shoulders to a 2-lane road

CI-2437D	CONSOR Engineers, LLC
Total Not to Exceed Amount	\$2,265,800.00

- f) Woodward County – District VI - to prepare construction plans for SH-34: beginning at the junction of US-183, extending south 5.22 miles. Proposed project improvements: add shoulders to a 2-lane road

CI-2437E	Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc.
Total Not to Exceed Amount	\$1,063,800.00

- g) Rogers County – District VIII – to provide preliminary engineering and prepare construction plans for US-412: at 265th E. Avenue. Proposed project improvements: intersection modification and access improvements

CI-2427A	EST, Inc.
Total Not to Exceed Amount	\$587,500.00

- h) Tulsa County – District VIII - to prepare construction plans for SH-20: east from SH-11 to 0.09 miles east of US-75. Proposed project improvements: add shoulders to a 2-lane road and reconstruct/rehabilitate existing facility

CI-2385D	Craig & Keithline, Inc. (now EST, Inc.)
Total Not to Exceed Amount	\$428,645.00

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

87. Engineering Contract Supplements

- a) Muskogee County – District I - this supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for I-40: over Arkansas River, beginning at milepost 290, east 1.0 miles. Proposed project improvements: replace bridge on existing alignment

CI-2324	Supplement 1	EST, Inc.	\$2,987,200.00
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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 and I-40: eastbound and westbound over Sunnyslane. Proposed project improvements: intersection modification, add capacity to roadway, reconstruct/rehabilitate existing facility and replace bridge on existing alignment

EC-1457A Supplement 4 Garver, LLC \$2,705,387.00

- c) Payne County – District IV - this supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for SH-18: from SH-33, extending north 2 miles to E690. Proposed project improvements: add capacity to roadway, safety improvements and reconstruct/rehabilitate existing facility.

CI-2146 Supplement 2 Freese and Nichols, Inc. \$12,500.00

- d) Carter County – District VII - this supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for SH-53: from junction SH-53/SH-76S, extending north 3.05 miles. Proposed project improvements: add shoulders to a 2-lane road.

CI-2374E Supplement 1 EST, Inc. \$723,181.00

- e) Delaware County – District VIII - this supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for US-59: from 0.69 miles south of SH-127 North, north 5.46 miles and US-59 from 2.92 miles north of SH-20, north 0.79 miles. Proposed project improvements: add shoulders to a 2-lane road

EC-1384 Supplement 2 Craig & Keithline, Inc. \$1,920,000.00

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

ITEMS PRESENTED BY CONSTRUCTION DIVISION ENGINEER – Mr. Leonard

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

- a) Cherokee County - US-62 - SSR-211N(079)SR / 35635(04), \$47,850.00, 7.45%
- b) Choctaw County - US-271 - NHPP-014N(128)PM / 30394(04), \$19,984.58, 0.10%
- c) Cleveland County - SH-37 - SSR-214C(124)SR / 34290(04), \$17,432.29, 0.95%
- d) Comanche County - I-44 - STP-216F(104)PM / 29438(07), \$0.00, 0.00%
- e) Comanche County - US-62 - STP-216F(107)3B / 36013(04), \$14,729.00, 1.68%
- f) Delaware County - US-59 - STP-121B(111)PM / 24963(04), \$47,170.00, 0.29%
- g) Garfield County - County Road - STP-224D(087)CI / 31210(04), \$3,306.09, 0.37%
- h) Garfield County - County Road - STP-224B(085)CI / 32843(08), \$98,313.39, -3.74%
Underrun
- i) Garvin County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(134)PM / 30390(04), \$25,555.20, 0.08%
- j) Grady County - SH-19 - STP-226C(098)PM / 30426(04), \$4,144.32, -0.03% Underrun
- k) Hughes County - County Road - CIRB-232C(067)RB / 27886(04), #4, \$5,770.74, 0.09%
- l) Hughes County - County Road - CIRB-232C(067)RB / 27886(04), #5, \$12,473.71, 0.19%
- m) Johnston County - County Road - STP-235C(069)CI / 30017(04), \$4,500.00, 0.48%
- n) Johnston County - SH-48 - STP-235C(054)PM / 31049(04), \$5,950.00, 1.40%
- o) Kay County - City Street - TAP-236D(097)TP / 34110(04), \$1.50, -0.00% Underrun
- p) Kiowa County - US-62 - STP-238F(084)3B / 36006(04), \$17,335.00, 2.11%
- q) Leflore County - County Road - CIRB-240C(089)RB / 32353(04), \$3,450.00, 0.12%
- r) Logan County - US-77 - STP-242C(079)PM / 27976(04), \$45,863.20, 0.19%
- s) Major County - SH-8 - STP-047B(111)SS / 12569(04), \$17,793.90, 0.12%

- t) Major County - US-412 - SBR-019N(139)SB / 31799(04), \$46,110.89, 4.31%
- u) Major County - County Road - STP-247C(029)CI / 32832(04), \$4,462.13, 0.22%
- v) McCurtain County - US-70 - STP-245F(074)3B / 35963(04), \$3,960.00, 0.66%
- w) McIntosh County - US-69 - NHPP-019N(175)PM / 30572(04), \$7.40, -0.00% Underrun
- x) Murray County - County Road - STP-250D(037)CI / 32369(04), \$725.14, 0.08%
- y) Murray County - US-77 - SSP-250N(040)PM / 35228(04), \$29,250.00, 2.10%
- z) Muskogee County - US-59 - HSIPG-251F(133)TR / 35404(04), \$22,421.32, -1.02% Underrun
- aa) Okfuskee County - US-62 - STP-254C(057)AD / 33813(04), \$22,674.39, 2.83%
- bb) Oklahoma County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(120)PM / 20330(04), \$37,454.15, 0.76%
- cc) Oklahoma County - SH-66 - STP-155C(610)(712)PM / 24356(04), \$6,015.63, 0.02%
- dd) Oklahoma County - County Road - STP-155C(750)CI / 26985(04), \$2,263.63, 0.10%
- ee) Oklahoma County - I-40 - NHPPI-4000-(126)(156)PM / 28992(04), #4, \$8,488.20, 0.01%
- ff) Oklahoma County - I-40 - NHPPI-4000-(126)(156)PM / 28992(04), #5, \$4,467.56, 0.00%
- gg) Oklahoma County - City Street - TAP-255D(510) AG / 33269(04), \$45,669.00, 3.10%
- hh) Oklahoma County - US-77 - NHPP-024N(016)PM / 34987(04), \$7,718.34, 0.09%
- ii) Oklahoma County - I-40 - HSIPG-255F(581)TR / 35795(04), #1, \$44,704.32, 1.25%
- jj) Oklahoma County - I-40 - HSIPG-255F(581)TR / 35795(04), #2, \$6,703.43, 0.19%
- kk) Osage County - County Road - STP-257C(042)CI / 30499(04), \$0.00, 0.00%
- ll) Ottawa County - County Road - STP-258D(082)CI / 30555(04), \$20,300.55, 1.40%
- mm) Ottawa County - SH-69A - STP-258B(089)PM / 32698(04), \$13,190.00, 0.36%
- nn) Pawnee County - County Road - STP-259D(062)CI / 30584(04), \$18,297.34, 2.84%
- oo) Rogers County - US-59 - SSP-272F(352)PM / 31944(09), \$71,456.00, 3.87%
- pp) Sequoyah County - County Road - STP-268C(095)CI / 33498(04), \$57,208.05, 3.04%
- qq) Stephens County - US-81 - STP-269F(076)AD / TAP-269F(079)TP / 34106(04), \$12,234.51, 1.23%
- rr) Tulsa County - US-169 - NHPPI-2440-(035)PM / NHPPI-2440-(038)3B / 32096(04), \$74,335.80, 0.39%
- ss) Tulsa County - City Street - STP-272N(361)IG / 35212(04), \$858.00, 0.10%
- tt) Tulsa County - US-64 - STP-272F(357)3B / 35942(04), \$33,090.00, -1.04% Underrun
- uu) Wagoner County - SH-51 - NHPP-273N(083)AD / 32840(04), \$9,000.59, 1.90%
- vv) Washita County - SH-115 - SBR-275C(076)SB / 34332(04), \$5,000.00, 0.46%

Total of Change Orders: \$683,733.43

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

- a) Adair County - US-59 - NHPP-201N(052)PM / 34352(04), \$1,023.00, 0.04%
- b) Bryan County - SH-78 - STP-207C(105)PM / 24088(04), #7, \$331,594.70, 3.39%
- c) Bryan County - SH-78 - STP-207C(105)PM / 24088(04), #8, \$252,095.07, 2.58%
- d) Bryan County - US-69 - BSAP-207N(012)FM / BSAP-207C(102)FM / SSP-013N(182)PM / 25909(17), \$104,000.00, 0.58%
- e) Caddo County - County Road - STP-208B(089)CI / 30214(04), \$10,854.28, 0.86%
- f) Canadian County - US-281 - STP-109B(154)PM / 26360(04), \$567,373.44, 1.68%
- g) Canadian County - I-40 - SBR-4000(146)SB / 33420(04), \$62,906.68, 5.08%
- h) Carter County - US-70 - STP-010B(306)PM / 10154(04), \$8,431.50, 0.05%
- i) Cleveland County - City Street - TAP-214E(102)AG / 33271(04), \$23,431.94, 2.30%
- j) Creek County - SH-66 - HSIP-119C(160)PM / 24132(04), \$15,400.00, 0.46%
- k) Custer County - SH-33 - STP-220C(052)PM / 28771(04), #2, \$115,063.00, 1.36%
- l) Custer County - SH-33 - STP-220C(052)PM / 28771(04), #3, \$42,000.00, 0.50%
- m) Custer County - City Street - NHPPI-4000-(152)PM / 31060(04), \$79,351.22, 0.42%
- n) Dewey County - US-270 - NHPP-017N(077)PM / 17671(13), \$870,000.00, 6.83%
- o) Ellis County - SH-15 - NHPP-019N(118)PM / 26497(04), \$136,531.39, 2.13%
- p) Ellis County - County Road - CIRB-223C(017)RB / 28457(04), #5, \$81,685.89, 1.96%
- q) Ellis County - County Road - CIRB-223C(017)RB / 28457(04), #6, \$41,630.30, 1.00%
- r) Grady County - SH-37 - STP-126C(063) / 20301(04), \$1,300.00, 0.01%
- s) Kay County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(101)PM / 29845(04), \$9,597.50, 0.09%
- t) Kay County - I-35 - STP-236F(103)3B / 35403(04), \$79,689.70, 14.91%
- u) Lincoln County - SH-66 - STP-241C(073)PM / 27947(04), #11, \$285,410.22, 4.08%
- v) Lincoln County - SH-66 - STP-241C(073)PM / 27947(04), #12, \$367.96, 0.01%

- w) Lincoln County - SH-102 - STP-241C(079)PM / 31879(04), \$84,947.96, 2.84%
- x) Logan County - SH-33 - STP-242B(098)PM / 26996(04), \$2,000.00, 0.02%
- y) McCurtain County - US-259 - NHPP-016N(003)PM / 24404(04), \$184,885.25, 0.83%
- z) McIntosh County - I-40 - STP-246F(057)3B / 35962(04), \$85,873.81, 19.27%
- aa) Muskogee County - US-62 - NHPP-251N(117)PM / SBR-251B(121)SB / 30416(04), \$168,257.93, 0.23%
- bb) Noble County - SH-15 - STP-252C(068)3P / 34356(04), \$261,801.68, 18.86%
- cc) Oklahoma County - SH-152 - NHPP-255N(540)(535)PM / 32882(09), \$142,524.22, 1.99%
- dd) Oklahoma County - I-35 - NHPP-3500-(108)PM / 34830(04), \$466,000.00, 20.08%
- ee) Osage County - SH-99 - STP-257B(090)PM / 29686(04), #5, \$24,536.40, 0.60%
- ff) Osage County - SH-99 - STP-257B(090)PM / 29686(04), #6, \$33,215.00, 0.82%
- gg) Ottawa County - SH-125 - STP-258B(079)PM / 29689(04), \$7,433.87, 0.12%
- hh) Payne County - SH-33 - NHPP-260N(055)(054)PM / 28983(04), \$444,063.14, 2.34%
- ii) Pittsburg County - SH-31 - STP-161C(205)PM / 24331(04), \$274,894.41, 3.33%
- jj) Pottawatomie County - SH-39 - STP-163B(212)SS / 24240(07), \$23,735.23, 0.34%
- kk) Roger Mills County - SH-30 - SBR-265C(029)SB / 34330(04), \$124,375.00, 5.88%
- ll) Tulsa County - SH-51 - NHPP-015N(034)PM / 26303(08), \$138,022.11, -0.90% Underrun
- mm) Tulsa County - I-44 - NHPP-4400(054)(077)PM / 33788(04), \$17,010.00, 0.02%
- nn) Tulsa County - US-75 - SBR-014N(117)SB / SAP-014N(121)ES / 33802(04), \$100,000.00, 3.90%
- oo) Tulsa County - City Street - STP-272F(367)IG / 33955(04), \$147,934.42, 1.83%
- pp) Woodward County - County Road - CIRB-177C(113)RB / 27407(04), \$885.55, 0.01%

Total of Change Orders: \$5,576,089.55

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

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE COMPTROLLER DIVISION

90. Proposed Bid Openings – Mr. Hackney, Project Funding Manager

- a) Final July, 2023 Proposed Bid Opening
- b) Tentative August, 2023 Proposed Bid Opening
- c) Tentative September, 2023 Proposed Bid Opening

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

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS – Mr. Davis

91. Claim for Additional Payment to C3 Construction, Inc.

Pavement Rehabilitation on SH-20, from the SH-66 junction extend East in Claremore – Rogers County - \$524,063.03

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

ITEM PRESENTED BY GENERAL COUNSEL – Ms. Penn

92. Damage Collection Claim Resolution

Settlement of claim for damages to ODOT property – District VIII - \$25,000.00

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

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

93. Additions to the Industrial Access Road Program

a) Commission District I – Cherokee County

The Cherokee County Commissioners are requesting approval for a lake access project for Fort Gibson Lake. Fort Gibson Lake is located on the Neosho River and lies in Wagoner, Cherokee, and Mayes Counties. Fort Gibson Lake offers six campgrounds and several activities, including fishing, boating, and swimming.

The proposed project begins at the intersection of Sunset Valley Road and Groat Rd, and extends north on Sunset Valley Road for approximately 0.6 miles to W Riviera Road. The project continues west on Riviera Rd for approximately 0.2 miles to N Shoreline Drive. The project then continues north on Shoreline Drive, then curves westerly for approximately 0.4 miles, ending at the boat ramp. The county will be responsible for initiation, construction, and completion of all work associated with the project. The Department’s participation cost shall not exceed \$135,000.

b) Commission District I – McIntosh County

The McIntosh County Commissioners are requesting approval for a lake access project for Lake Eufaula. Lake Eufaula is located on a 102,000-acre reservoir that offers camping and water activities as well as trails for hiking and biking.

The proposed project begins at the intersection of Texanna Rd and N4220 Rd and extends south approx. 1.14 miles to E1170 Rd. The project continues west on E1170 Rd for 0.4 miles and ends at Bar Harbour Rd. The county will be responsible for initiation, construction, and completion of all work associated with the project. The Department’s participation cost shall not exceed \$290,000.

c) Commission District I - Wagoner County

The Wagoner County Commissioners are requesting approval for a lake access project for the Verdigris River. The Verdigris River is a tributary of the Arkansas River and is approximately 310 miles long. Boating, fishing and camping are among the amenities offered.

The proposed project begins at the intersection of SH-51B and N4250 Rd and extends 3.2 miles north, ending at the entrance of the Tullahassee Loop Recreational Area. The county will be responsible for initiation, construction, and completion of all work associated with the project. The Department’s participation cost shall not exceed \$580,000.

d) Commission District II – Leflore County

The Leflore County Commissioners are requesting approval for a lake access project for Kerr Lake. Kerr Lake, also known as Robert S. Kerr reservoir, is the 3rd largest lake in Oklahoma, with 250 miles of shoreline. Camping, boating, and swimming are among the amenities, as well as hiking and nature trails.

The proposed project begins at the intersection of US-59 and Kerr Overstreet and extends southwesterly for approximately 1.1 miles, ending at 4630 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 \$215,000.

e) Commission District II – Marshall County

The Pushmataha County Commissioners are requesting approval for a lake access project for Lake Texoma. Lake Texoma is the second largest Oklahoma lake and one of the premier hot spots for striped bass fishing. Lake Texoma also offers camping, swimming, boating, and hiking.

This project begins at the intersection of Texoma Park Rd and Alberta Creek Rd and extends east 2 miles to Washita Point Rd. 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 \$560,000.

f) Commission District II – Pittsburg County

The Pittsburg County Commissioners are requesting approval for a lake access project for Lake Eufaula.

The proposed project begins at the intersection of Bucks of Gains Creek Rd and Bugtussle, and extends north on Bugtussle Rd for 2.0 miles, ending at Carl Albert Rd. The county will be responsible for initiation, construction, and completion of all work associated with the project. The Department's participation shall not exceed \$270,000.

g) Commission District III – Lincoln County

The Lincoln County Commissioners are requesting approval for a lake project for Prague Lake. Prague Lake is a no-wake lake, located six miles northwest of Prague. Visitors to Prague Lake can enjoy fishing or horseback riding on Prague Lake Trail.

The proposed project begins at the intersection of US-62 and Lake Rd and extends north for 2.0 miles, ending at Lloyd Bateson Rd/CR1030. The county will be responsible for initiation, construction, and completion of all work associated with the project. The Department's participation cost shall not exceed \$600,000.

h) Commission District IV – Payne County

The Payne County Commissioners are requesting approval for a lake project for Lake Carl Blackwell. Lake Carl Blackwell is a 3,350-acre lake operated by Oklahoma State University. Fishing, swimming, boating, hiking and mountain biking are among the amenities offered.

The project begins at the intersection of SH-51 and Redlands Rd and extends north 2.0 miles to Lakeview Rd, then extends west 1.0 miles, ending at the lake. The county will be responsible for initiation, construction, and completion of all work associated with the project. The Department's participation shall not exceed \$850,000.

i) Commission District V – Custer County

The Custer County Commissioners are requesting approval for a lake access project for Foss Reservoir. Foss Reservoir, also known as Foss Lake, is located fifteen miles west of Clinton. Its amenities include fishing, boating, camping, and hiking.

The proposed project begins at the intersection of SH-33 and N 2130 Rd and extends south for 4.0 miles to 990 Rd. The project then extends west on 990Rd for 1.5 miles, ending at Culberth Trail. The county will be responsible for initiation, construction, and completion of all work associated with the project. The Department's participation shall not exceed \$125,000.

j) Commission District V – Kiowa County

The Kiowa County Commissioners are requesting approval for a lake access project for Tom Steed Reservoir, which lies northeast of Altus. Swimming, camping and hiking are among the amenities.

The proposed Project begins the intersection of US-183 and E1570 Rd and extends west on E1570 road for 0.8 miles, ending at the railroad track. The county will be responsible for initiation, construction, and completion of all work associated with the project. The Department's participation shall not exceed \$110,000.

k) Commission District VI – Ellis County

The Ellis County Commissioners are requesting approval for a lake access project for Lake Lloyd Vincent. Lake Lloyd Vincent is located thirteen miles southwest of Arnette and its amenities include boating and fishing.

The proposed Project begins at the intersection of CR173 and CR64 and extends south 4.0 miles to CR67. The county will be responsible for initiation, construction, and completion of all work associated with the project. The Department's participation shall not exceed \$300,000.

l) Commission District VII – Carter County

The Carter County Commissioners are requesting approval for a lake access project for Lake Murray. Lake Murray is home to Lake Murray State Park, which is Oklahoma's largest state park. Amenities include camping, boating, fishing, swimming, as well as ATV rental at the nearby ATV campground.

This project begins at the intersection of US-70 and Dogwood Rd and extends south, then curves east for approximately 0.8 miles. The county will be responsible for initiation, construction, and completion of all work associated with the project. The Department's participation shall not exceed \$185,000.

m) Commission District VIII – Delaware County

The Delaware County Commissioners are requesting approval for a lake access project for Lake Eucha. Lake Eucha offers forty-nine miles of shoreline and 2,860 surface acres of water. Amenities include boating, swimming and camping.

This project begins where existing pavement ends on CR595/587 and extends northwesterly, then southwesterly, then east for approximately 1.3 miles, ending at the intersection of CR587 and CR495. The county will be responsible for initiation, construction, and completion of all work associated with the project. The Department's participation shall not exceed \$265, 000.

n) Commission District VIII – Pawnee County

The Pawnee County Commissioners are requesting approval for a lake access project for Keystone Lake. Keystone Lake is a Corps of Engineers-operated Lake located on the Arkansas River. Keystone Lake offers 330 miles of shoreline and sixteen recreational areas for boating, fishing, and mountain biking.

The proposed project begins at the intersection of US-64 and Dixie Road and extends east for approximately 0.9 miles, then extends north for approximately 0.6 miles, ending at E0530 Rd. The county will be responsible for initiation, construction, and completion of all work associated with the project. The Department's participation shall not exceed \$275,000.

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

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

94. Fiscal Year 2024 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 2024 Budget Work Program in the amount of \$2,413,241,291.

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

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE ENGINEER – Mr. Delce

95. Awards

- a) March 9, 2023 – Regular Bid Opening
- b) May 11, 2023 – Regular Bid Opening
- c) May 18, 2023 – Regular Bid Opening

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

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR – Mr. Gatz

96. Director's Report

Secretary Gatz began his report by thanking the legislature and Governor Stitt for naming the I-35 and State Highway 51 interchange the "Designation of the Honorable Secretary Gary M. Ridley Memorial Interchange". Secretary Ridley, early in his career managed traffic through that interchange location. Ridley also recognized the challenge that a substandard interstate design and an interchange design brought to managing that traffic. Ridley always worked to improve that interchange and make it safer for the traveling public and as always, that

was in the front of his mind. Secretary Gatz thanked Eula and Daphne Ridley and Caleb for joining ODOT in designating the interchange in Ridley's honor.

Secretary Gatz stated that he also appreciated the Commission's consideration of ODOT's budget work program an important milestone that is brought in front of Commission every June. Gatz mention The Rural Economic Transportation Reliability and Optimization Fund, the one-time appropriation of \$200 million that will help the State of Oklahoma address developing issues that the rural areas.

Secretary Gatz moves on to says was a great honor to join Lieutenant Governor, Matt Pinnell and Tulsa Mayor, GT Bynum on Route 66 to unveil a Route 66 Bike Route sign. He states this route signage and the designation along the rest of Route 66 is first and foremost, a safety concern. The designations alerts the traveling public in vehicles that there could be bicycles present along that route. He mentions that anyone traveling that route should be mindful of that safety concern and plan their route carefully and make sure their skill levels match some of the challenges that they might encounter and experience. The Commissioners were thanked for their support of that route designation and there will be more of this activity prior to the Centennial celebration in 2026.

The Heartland Flyer was recognized by Secretary Gatz and was named as a top ground travel provider in the Southwest by Wanderu Passengers Choice Awards. They allow travelers to compare and book bus and train travel across North America and Europe. And the award was voted on by passengers. This highlights the fact that the Heartland Flyer offers a very high level of convenience and a super alternative transportation mode.

Secretary Gatz recognizes ODOT's major, upcoming project starting with the I-35 and I-240 interchange improvement. The duration of the project is two years and features a new turnaround at Southeast 59th, rehabilitation of east and westbound I-240, Frontage Roads and Poe Road, a replacement of a railroad bridge over I-240 and construction of a new northbound I-35 to eastbound I-240 off ramp. This is a multi-phase, cloverleaf interchange design and ODOT is seeking to improve that interchange's functionality and safety as both I-35 and I-240 moves a significant volume of traffic. Gatz mentions that in the course of construction, traffic will be disruptive and ODOT is looking forward to the completion of this project.

In an additional project update, Secretary Gatz brings attention to I-35 at Northeast 63rd Street. ODOT had a successful full closure of northbound last week which allowed the Contractor to hang bridge beams for the new northbound I-35 to westbound I-40 for the flyover ramp. Gatz thanked the public's patience with traffic disruptions as ODOT works to complete major improvements at these locations in the safest way that was possible. He adds that there will likely be a few more light closures in the interchange as the project continues through 2025.

Secretary Gatz adds an update to the I-40 and Douglas Boulevard, including the projects occurring in that area. Gatz adds that last month, ODOT did a full closure of I-40 at Midwest City to remove the Ingle Road bridge. There were approximately 60 personnel present and working on the project. Crews were able to cut the bridge free and get it off the interstate in just more that 48 hours. Gatz stated the removal allowed ODOT to widen I-40 to six lanes and make this improvement as safe as possible. He adds that the I-40 and Douglas Boulevard interchange is going to be a new single-point urban interchange, the fourth of its kind in the metro area. This is a \$170 million project that started in April 2023 and will take approximately two years to complete. He congratulated District Four, Trenton January and Allen Construction, the Contractor.

Secretary Gatz recognized "Secure Your Load" as ODOT's safety campaign for the month of June. Gatz stated that Secure Your Load is a national campaign to remind and encourage drivers to make sure whatever they are hauling is secure in their vehicle. ODOT and Turnpike Authority are joining Keep Oklahoma Beautiful, the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office and the Department of Public Safety to recognize National Secure Your Load Day as Tuesday, June the 6th. Gatz adds that Governor Stitt as declared June 6th through June 12th as Secure

Your Load Week in Oklahoma. ODOT requests that whether you are hauling something in the bed of your pickup, make sure it is tied down, and equipment, make sure it is chained down, including the boom if it has one. Gatz points out the couple of bridge hit times on the June agenda from overheight vehicles striking a bridge. If you believe you are close to the 14-foot legal height limit, it is best to double check the measurement on it. The campaign is designed to make roads safer and help reduce litter in the state and certainly to be mindful of everything that goes on and off ODOT's highways every day. ODOT and OTA maintenance forces spend more than \$6 million a year to pick up debris and litter annually along the highways which is in addition to the many efforts by volunteers. Also, nationally in 2019, there were 739 deaths and nearly 90,000 crashes cause by road debris. Drivers can decrease their chances of being involved in road debris crashes by securing vehicle loads, maintaining their vehicle and driving defensively. Gatz addressed the public that the first line of defense is your seatbelt and to buckle up.

Commissioner Grimsley stated his concern of the Contractors facing a lot of volatility and pricing issues. Grimsley adds that some of the asphalt contracts are having trouble and are paying liquidated damages for the first time in their history. He adds that it would be in everyone's best interest if ODOT could continue to be vigilant and invest more time in how the pricing is estimated or tracked. Grimsley stated that it has a bit more of a significant impact on the rural communities because those same contractors supply our cities and our counties and are also a part of our economy.

Gatz commended on ODOT's team for an exceptional job of meeting with the contractors and working out these issues as they arise, being mindful of both protecting the taxpayer dollars and making sure that ODOT is not posing a hardship on the Contractors.

ITEM PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

97. Adjournment Motion

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting June 5, 2023.

Bob Peterson - Chairman

David Dyson – Vice Chairman