

Oklahoma Department of Transportation Speakers Bureau Available to Civic Groups

Speakers bureau representatives from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's top management team have prepared a program to **provide a comprehensive update on the state's transportation system** for community organizations such as yours.

We thank you for helping to make transportation a priority and would like the opportunity to report back to you what ODOT has accomplished and is planning for the future, including information on highway projects in your area.

As you know, the governor, state legislature and driving public have made transportation a top priority in recent years by incrementally increasing funding to Oklahoma's system of highways and bridges. Thanks to these investments, ODOT has delivered numerous improvements to meet the state's most pressing transportation needs in a fiscally responsible manner through its Eight-year Construction Work Plan. Most importantly, this has allowed ODOT to address the state's backlog of bad highway bridges, reducing the number of structurally deficient bridges by more than half since 2004. Along with bridges, future transportation needs include improving pavement conditions and major highway corridors, adding shoulders to narrow two-lane highways and installing more miles of cable barrier.

Throughout the past two decades, ODOT has talked to many groups of community leaders about the importance of transportation to Oklahoma's success and looks forward to continuing in that role. To secure a date, contact Arla McCarty at amccarty@odot.org, 405-521-6000 or Brenda Perry, bperry@odot.org, 405-521-6006.