

**Traffic Monitoring Web site
Now Available to Public**
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The Oklahoma Department of Transportation is pleased to announce the motoring public can now access ODOT's traffic monitoring system on the Web. The site provides pictures of Oklahoma City and Tulsa metro highway and interstate traffic. Monday, the Oklahoma Transportation Commission heard discussion and updates on the public Web site www.oktraffic.org. The Web site is overseen by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

Drivers will be able to access the new traffic monitoring site from any computer with Internet access. Users can view traffic conditions, refreshing less than every two minutes. After agreeing to user terms, drivers can navigate the site and choose among 17 Oklahoma City camera locations or 12 in Tulsa, each displaying multiple stationary views. From the site, drivers can see traffic conditions and make route decisions based on content, ultimately saving time and gas.

"This is a monumental step for the public and the department. We are pleased to be able to share images and help motorists with making informed driving decisions. Accessing the Web site before traveling has several benefits such as cutting down on delays, emissions and stress. With the cost of gas on the rise, a few miles saved can make a lot of difference," ODOT Director Gary Ridley said.

The program will continue to evolve over time thus making it even more user-friendly. Extensive nationwide research was conducted and efforts made to provide information to the public while being sensitive to privacy issues. While the Web site services are available to the public 24 hours, seven days a week, ODOT does not have a command center to monitor the images 24 hours, seven days a week. ODOT and its public and private partners are restricted from recording the information or using it for any enforcement or litigation purposes as well. Power outages, storms and other natural disasters can impact the image display, however ODOT will make repairs as soon as possible.

The cameras were initially installed to support emergency responders and traffic management personnel, allowing operators to assess situations and reduce incident response time. The images are of the overall highway or interstate corridor to assist in traffic movement and are not specific to individual vehicles or incidents.

The traffic monitoring Web site is one of many phases being implemented under ODOT's federally-funded Intelligent Transportation System program. To date, the ITS program has invested approximately \$9 million in traffic monitoring systems which includes all necessary equipment, Web site maintenance as well as 18 strategically-placed Dynamic Message Signs across the metros. The DMS boards provide real-time information to motorists.

Support from the Federal Highway Administration and the University of Oklahoma has been integral in assisting program implementation. Future plans will allow expansion on both the road and on the Web with more real-time DMS boards planned as well as increased coverage on the Web.

To access the ODOT Traffic Monitoring Web site, visit www.oktraffic.org or click the link from the ODOT webpage www.okladot.state.ok.us.

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(Editors and News Directors: For more information call the ODOT Media & Public Relations Division at 405-521-6000. To download maps of the monitoring locations, visit www.okladot.state.ok.us/newsmedia/press/mg)

Traffic Monitoring Locations - 5/30/08

OKC - 17

- I-35 & N 12th Street (Moore)
- I-35 & I-240
- I-44 & I-240
- I-44 & Airport Rd
- I-44 & SW 29th St
- I-44 & I-40
- I-40 & Meridian Ave
- I-44 & NW 10th St
- I-44 & SH-66
- SH-74 & SH-3A
- SH-74 & Britton
- SH-74 & Memorial
- I-40 & EK Gaylord
- I-35 & I-40 West Intersection
- I-40 & Reno
- I-40 & SE 29th St
- I-40 & Douglas

Tulsa - 12

- I-44 & I-244 West Intersection
- I-44 & Arkansas River
- I-44 & SH-51
- SH-51 & US-169
- SH-51 & E 129th Ave
- US-169 & S 71st St
- US-169 & I-44
- US-169 & I-244
- I-44 & I-244 East Intersection
- I-244 & SW Blvd
- I-244 & Arkansas River
- SH-51 & US-75

Dynamic Message Sign Locations - 5/30/08

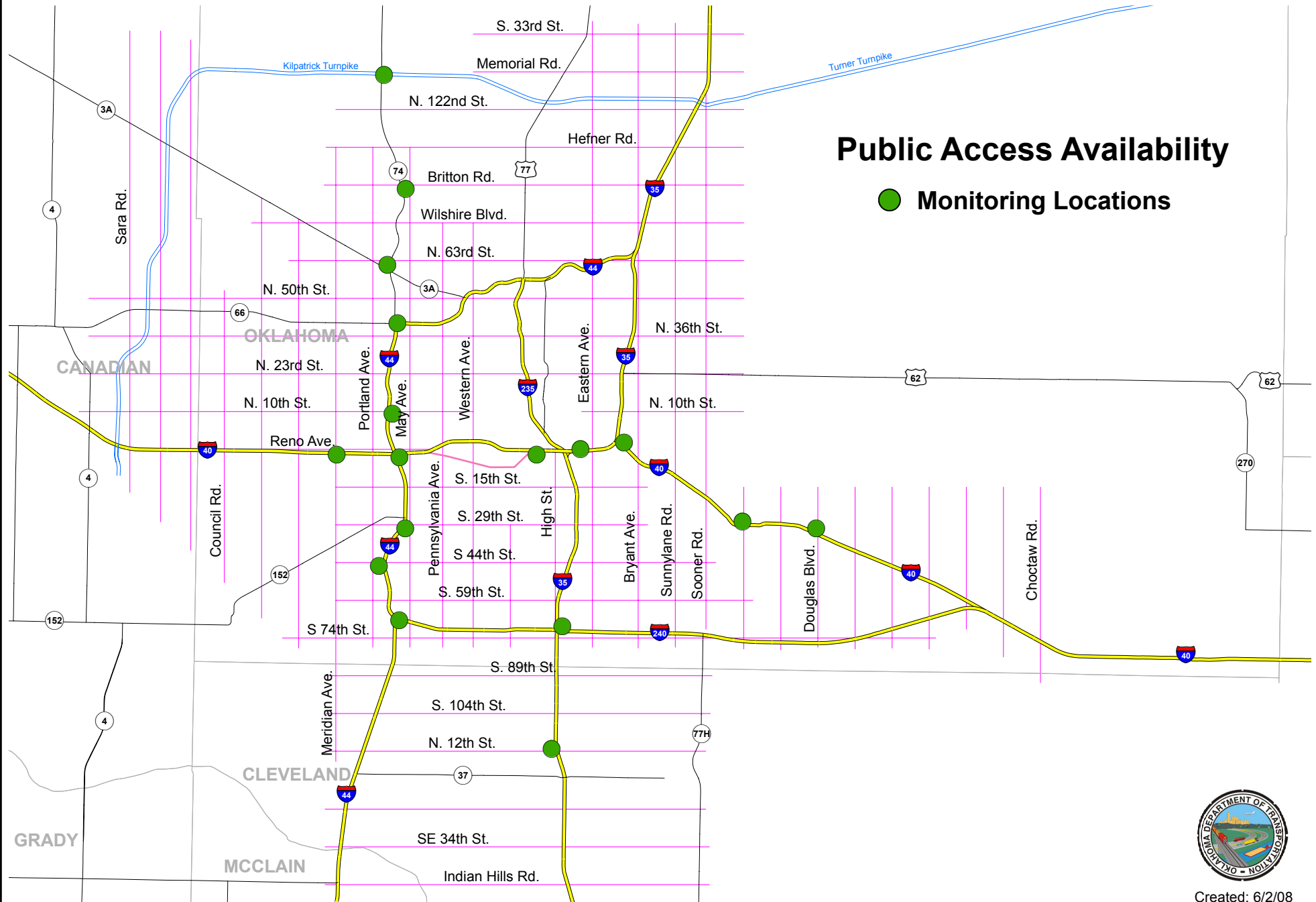
OKC - 11

- I-44 NB & SW 25th St
- I-44 SB & NW 6th St
- I-40 EB & Meridian Ave
- I-40 WB & Choctaw Rd
- I-35 NB & S 19th St (Moore)
- I-35 SB & Wilshire Blvd
- I-40 WB & Sooner Rd
- I-35 NB & S 89th St
- I-40 WB & I-235
- I-40 EB & Sooner Rd
- I-40 WB & Post Rd

Tulsa - 7

- US-169 SB & N 56th St
- I-44 WB & E 145th Ave
- SH-51 WB & E 129th Ave
- US-169 NB & S 71st St
- I-44 NB & S 56th St
- I-244 NB & SW Blvd
- US-412 EB & W 41st Ave

OKC Traffic Monitoring Locations



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