BE IT REMEMBERED that on Monday the 5th day of September, 2017, 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 2017 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, August 31, 2017, 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. David Burrage called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Present:

John Fidler Member
David Burrage Chairman
Dan Overland Member
Greg Love Member
Todd Huckabay Secretary
Bobby Alexander Member
Brad Burgess Vice-Chairman
Pete Regan Member

Absent: None

Presiding: David Burrage

The following items were presented and approved as written at the Transportation Commission meeting of September 5, 2017. For those items amended, deferred, or rejected, those notations were also made. Action taken by the Commission is noted here on these sheets.

Commissioner Burrage called the meeting to order and introduced Special Guests from the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority: Tim Gatz, Director; Alan Freeman, Executive Director of Finance and Administration; Jack Damrill, Public Information Officer and Paul Harris, Director of the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office.

Commissioner Burrage recognized Secretary Patterson for Announcements and Presentations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Today we're going to acknowledge the efforts of many people of this Agency on a matter that is very important to the Citizens of Oklahoma, and quite frankly the Citizens of this country. As you know our Safety Awareness Campaign over the years has usually been a week or 2 week long campaign. But 2 years ago we decided to change that, because we saw a disturbing rise in work zone fatalities.
If you recall the last report that we had, 88 people had died in work zones in Oklahoma alone. Of those 88, 84 of them were people who were passing through the work zones. So we felt like there was a need to elevate the public awareness of what's going on inside a work zone. So last spring, we had the campaign “Your Life Matters, Drive Like It”. We put together social media, TV, radio, newspaper, word of mouth; and when I say social media, that's Twitter and Facebook. I'm going to ask Terri to come up here in just a moment to talk about some of the statistics that we found. But recently at the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials Meeting in Colorado involving media groups, they received 2 awards. One is called the Excel Award, which is the highest award that you can receive from ASHTO involving media; and the other one was the Department's radio service announcement “Love Letter to Drivers” used during the work zone campaign won first place in the Radio Advertisement category. You will recall our radio campaign was where we used our own employees as the voice overs on the radio campaign, “Thank you for driving safe”; they introduced themselves; we were introducing people to the public to show that there were really humans involved in work zones. It's just not a bunch of concrete and a bunch of trucks; there are actual people there, that have put their lives out there and we need drivers to slow down!

But again, it should be noted, that 84 of the 88, were people who were not working on the road, they were people who were simply passing through the work zone! So we get into the whole discussion about distracted driving. We had some great partners on this campaign and they're here to celebrate the award; Tim Gatz, from the Turnpike Authority, huge participant in this program, as was the Department of Public Safety, Highway Safety Office and Paul Harris is here to represent the Department; regrettably, Mike Thompson, the Commissioner could not be here today.

Secretary Patterson stated that he was very proud of the media group and the video guys for putting all this together. We put all this together in-house, got this campaign out and we think we've made a difference. We're going to continue this campaign 365 days a year. He recognized Terri Angier from Media and Public Relations to come and give some more information about the awards.

Ms. Angier said I think the Secretary covered most of it; but as far as numbers go, it's staggering. We're so glad to have this award. This is an award that we really compete for on a national level with my peers; and for us to get this after 25 or so years of trying, and for it to be on this issue, it's very near and dear to our hearts, as it is to yours.

We want to thank you for making the April Commission meeting, giving your time, the Governor being there supporting this, the Senior Staff, with the leadership of this Secretary, the Deputy Director, and Casey, they've been amazing on this. But most importantly, this is easy for us, because it's what the guys are doing in the field. It just meant so much to us in terms of getting this award, and I can't thank my staff enough, because this issue has always been very big to me. But we finally were able to pull it off in the sense of making it so effective, and it's all in-house, as Mr. Patterson mentioned. The agencies who get this on a national level, the states that get it, work with an agency; and we did this in-house. Even though we entered with consultant, because it's a tougher category, because we wanted to be fair about some of the funds we spend on the public service announcements. It's so huge; and not only did we get the Excel Award, we also got 1st Place in the radio spot, “The Love Letter”, we call it from our crews in the field. (She had the video guys play the winning 30 second Radio Public Service Announcement for the Commission)

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

115. **Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of August 7, 2017**

ACTION: Burgess moved and Huckabay seconded that the Minutes be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Love, Overland, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
CONSENT DOCKET PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

116. Programming of Federal Railroad Crossing Safety Funds—Section 130 Title 23 Funds – Mr. Moody

a) Custer County – District V - In Clinton, Construction funding for a Signal project which includes the installation of two sets of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms, a 112’ timber crossing surface and a 40’ timber crossing surface at Custer Avenue with the Farmrail Corporation mainline. Total cost is $474,563.

b) Custer County – District V - In Weatherford, Construction funding for a Signal project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms and a 48’ concrete crossing surface at SH-54 with the Farmrail Corporation mainline. Total cost is $277,038.

c) Mayes County – District VIII - In Pryor, Construction funding for a traffic signal interconnection project which includes additional costs associated with the reconfiguration of the signal circuit design previously approved in a March 2017 commissioned project ($52,757) for improvements at 1st Street with the Union Pacific mainline, utilizing $18,154 Federal-aid grade crossing funds, $308,606 State funds and $36,307 Railroad Company funds. The associated circuit design changes resulted in a reduction of cost of $345,300 at an adjacent crossing location on SH-20 in Pryor, also commissioned in March 2017. The total additional project cost to be commissioned is $363,067 which results in a total overall funding increase of $17,767 for the necessary circuit revisions at both locations.

d) Creek County – District VIII - In Sapulpa, Construction funding for a Signal project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms at West 91st Street South Avenue with the BNSF Railway Company mainline. Total cost is $236,603.

e) Tulsa County – District VIII - In Sand Springs, Construction funding for the addition of a traffic signal project determined to be necessary to facilitate highway/rail preemption operations in conjunction with the railroad signal improvements previously approved in a March 2017 commissioned project ($454,882) for improvements at West 81st Street South and Charles Page Boulevard with the Sand Springs Railroad mainline, utilizing $9,549 Federal-aid grade crossing funds, $162,318 State funds and $19,097 County funds. The total additional project cost to be commissioned is $190,964 resulting in a total of $645,842 for improvements at this intersection.

117. Transportation Control Improvement Projects – Mr. Pendley

a. Muskogee County, Town of Warner – District I

We have received a request from the Division I Engineer and the Town of Warner for the installation of School Zone Advance Warning Signs with Flashing Beacons on US-64. The project is estimated to cost $25,000


We have received a request from the Division VII Engineer for the installation of pavement markings at the following locations:

1) US-81: Beginning at the Junction of US-62 and US-81, in the City of Chickasha, extending north 2.6 miles, and then beginning again 9.2 miles north of the Junction of US-62 and US-81, in the Town of Pocasset, extending north approximately 12.5 miles to the north end of the Canadian River bridge, in Grady County;
2) SH-19: Beginning approximately 9.5 miles east of the Junction of US-81 and SH-19, in the City of Chickasha extending east approximately 9.7 miles to the Garvin County line, in Grady County;

3) SH-19C: Beginning at the Junction of SH-19 and SH-19C and extending north approximately 0.5 miles to the Town of Alex, in Grady County;

4) I-44 and US-281B Interchange: Beginning on Cache Road and NW 6th St. extending east to I-44 and US-281B, in the City of Lawton, in Comanche County;

5) SH-89: Beginning approximately 0.14 mile north of the Junction of US-70 and SH-89, in the Town of Ringling, extending north approximately 8.1 miles to the Stephens County line, in Jefferson County;

6) SH-89: Beginning at the Jefferson County line extending north approximately 1.5 miles to the Junction of SH-53 and SH-89, in Stephens County;

7) I-35: Various locations including mainline, ramps, weigh stations, rest areas and underpass section lines along I-35 from the Red River north to Garvin County line.

The project is estimated to cost $985,000

118. Land Sale – Mr. Phillips

Creek County – District VIII – Land Sale – located on the north side of SH-66, approximately 2.31 miles east of the intersection of SH-66 and SH-117 in Sapulpa - $1,500.00

ACTION: Overland moved and Fidler seconded that the Consent Docket be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Overland, Love, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

END OF CONSENT DOCKET

ITEMS PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING – Mr. Tegeler

119. Programming Item

Mayes County – District VIII – a project to repair vehicle impact damage to US-412 WB over US-69 located 5.5 miles east of the Rogers County Line - $35,000 of State-Aid Funds – Party responsible for damage is known

ACTION: Regan moved and Fidler seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Love, Overland, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
120. Engineering Contract Supplements

   a) Statewide – All Districts – to provide On-Demand Airborne LiDAR Mapping
      EC-1764A   Supplement 1   Bearing Tree Land Surveying   $250,000.00

   b) Seminole County – District III – for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for US-270 over Carter and 8 unnamed creeks, from SH-270A in Seminole east to Y at US-270B, West of Wewoka
      EC-1468B   Supplement 4   Tetra Tech, Inc.   $74,570.00

   c) Tulsa County – District VIII – for additional engineering to develop prepare final construction plans for I-444 from Arkansas River extends east approximately 1.68 miles, and I-444 over 11th and 6th Street, 0.3 mile north of SH-51
      EC-1243C   Supplement 4   CEC Corporation   $109,087.00

ACTION: Fidler moved and Alexander seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Love, Overland, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE PROGRAMS DIVISION MANAGER – Mr. Adkins

121. Lettings

   a) Final November 2017 Bid Opening
   b) Tentative January 2018 Bid Opening

ACTION: Burgess moved and Regan seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Love, Overland, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

ITEMS PRESENTED BY CONSTRUCTION DIVISION ENGINEER – Mr. Leonard

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

   a) Alfalfa County - SH-38 - SSR-102C(031)SR / SSR-202C(030)SR / 28146(04), $74,184.06
   b) Alfalfa County - SH-8 - SBR-202C(027)SB / 29465(04), $18,225.00
   c) Caddo County - US-62 - SSR-208B(054)SR / 32836(04), $47,325.17
   d) Choctaw County - US-70 - NHPPY-212N(011)3P / 29717(04), $16,336.85
   e) Cleveland County - Ct. St. - STPG-214B(075)AG / 31566(04), $7,044.45
   f) Creek County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-119C(192)RB / 22350(08), $3,570.00
   g) Creek County - SH-51 - ACSTP-219B(047)SS / 27071(04), $14,396.33
   h) Creek County - US-75 ALT - STP-219B(042)IG / 29327(04), $22,836.00
   i) Creek County - SH-48 - SSR-219B(053)SR / 30518(04), $21,712.63
   j) Ellis County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-123C(086)RB / 28456(08), $7,843.90
k) Garfield County - Ct. St. - STP-124B(080)UR / STP-124E(146)EH / 23087(04), $7,500.00
l) Hughes County - Co. Rd. - STP-232C(041)CI / 28575(04)#1, $30,898.56
m) Hughes County - Co. Rd. - STP-232C(041)CI / 28575(04)#2, $6,880.00
n) Hughes County - Sh-9 - ACSTP-232C(050)SS / 28921(04), $12,800.00
o) Jackson County - Co. Rd. - STP-233D(028)CI / 30061(04), $6,765.30
p) Jefferson County - US-81 - SSR-234N(040)SR / 30539(04), $4,173.85
q) Kay County - Co. Rd. - STP-236C(042)CI / 30442(04), $35,010.00
r) Kay County - SH-9 - SSR-238C(050)SS / 28921(04), $12,800.00
s) Kiowa County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-251D(053)RB / 27425(04), $301.66
T) Kiowa County - SH-9 - SSR-238C(019)SR / SSR-238B(030)SR / 29629(04), $2,314.00
u) Mayes County - SH-82 - STPY-149C(082)SS / 21911(04), $17,559.19
v) Muskogee County - SH-2 - NHPP-101N(050)SS / STP-NHPP(059)SS / 26977(04), $1,538.60
w) Muskogee County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-251D(053)RB / 27425(04), $301.66
x) Muskogee County - US-62 - ACSTP-251B(058)SS / 27956(04), $1,210.00
y) Noble County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-152C(163)RB / 25422(05), $63,951.80
z) Okfuskee County - SH-48 - NHPP-4000-(032)SS / 27055(04)#2, $10,349.67
aa) Okfuskee County - SH-48 - NHPP-4000-(032)SS / 27055(04)#3, $25,965.00
bb) Oklahoma County - Co. Rd. - STP-255C(403)AG / 29335(04), $9,165.48
cc) Osage County - US-60 - HSIPG-258F(029)TR / 32801(04), $6,223.00
dd) Ottawa County - SH-10 - SSR-258C(025)SR / 32544(04), $20,028.07
e) Pittsburg County - SH-71 - ACSTP-161C(226)SS / 26348(04), $51,094.86
ff) Pittsburg County - US-270 - HSIP-261N(064)(065)TR / 32563(05), $13,005.00
gg) Rogers County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-166C(212)RB / 25480(04), $15,563.57
hh) Seminole County - SH-99A - SSP-267C(050)SS / 28926(04), $55,20
ii) Sequoyah County - US-64 - STPY-068C(231)SS / 09242(06), $6,800.00
jj) Sequoyah County - US-64 - STP-268C(031)SS / STP-268B(032)SS / 27954(05), $33,523.74
kk) Tulsa County - I-44 - ACNHPP-4400-(438)SS / 21899(04), $13,229.70
ll) Tulsa County - Ct. St. - ACNHPP-030N(076)SS / 28873(04), $3,416.65
mm) Tulsa County - Ct. St. - STP-272B(175)IG / 29323(04), $22,139.37
nn) Wagoner County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-173C(145)RB / CIRB-273C(030)RB / 25488(04), $11,340.00
oo) Wagoner County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-173C(146)RB / 25489(04), $500.00
pp) Wagoner County - US-64 - SBR-273C(037)SB / 29513(04), $53,800.00
qq) Woodward County - SH-15 - SSR-277N(016)SR / 30957(04), $59,088.27

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

a) Adair County - US-59 - NHPP-101N(050)SS / 16928(16), $163,860.42
b) Alfalfa County - US-64 - ACSTP-202C(003)SS / 27006(04), $4,810.00
c) Cleveland County - Sh-9 - SSP-114N(099)SS / 20266(04), $4,400.00
d) Cleveland County - Co. St. - STP-114B(222)AG / 25468(04), $50,000.00
e) Coal County - US-75 - SSR-115B(105)SR / 28201(04)#1, $188,639.80
f) Coal County - US-75 - SSR-115B(105)SR / 28201(04)#2, $88,530.00
g) Comanche County - SH-17 - STPY-116C(134) / 23297(04), $12,643.76
h) Craig County - SH-66 - STPY-118C(096)SS / 24183(04), $63,529.23
i) Garvin County - I-35 - NHPP-3500(020)SS / 28940(04), $42,192.87
j) Grant County - SH-11 - STPY-127B(135)(136) / 24429(04), $85,514.90
k) Lefflore County - US-59 - STP-240C(031)(029)SS / SBR-245C(004)SB / SBR-240N(022)SB / NHPP-240N(032)SS / 27029(04), $70,000.00
l) Lincoln County - SH-105 - ACSTP-241C(044)SS / 27060(04), $20,572.15
m) Mayes County - SH-28 - STPY-149C(076) / 21909(04), $55,041.00
n) Oklahoma County - I-240 - ACNHPP-2400-(004)SS / 09032(20), $300,000.00
o) Okmulgee County - US-75 - NHPP-256N(024)SS / 21740(04), $3.50 Underrun
p) Ottawa County - SH-10 - ACSTP-258C(023)SS / 27074(04), $18,001.79
q) Payne County - SH-51 - SSP-160B(190)SS / 26369(04), $100,000.00
r) Roger Mills County - Co. Rd. - STP-265C(016)CI / 30691(04), $57,174.01
s) Rogers County - Ct. St. - STP-166C(244)CI / 26988(04), $748,524.00
t) Texas County - US-54 - ACNHPP-008N(087)SS / 29447(04)#3, $89,881.80
u) Texas County - US-54 - ACNHPP-008N(087)SS / 29447(04)#4, $15,170.23
v) Tulsa County - US-64 - SSP-272N(137)SS / 31939(04), $21,182.26
w) Wagoner County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-173C(146)RB / 25489(04), $81,968.74
x) Wagoner County - Ct. St. - STPY-173C(177)MS / 28905(04), $79,750.85
y) Washington County - US-75 - NHPP-274N(016)SS / 27077(04), $120,000.00
z) Woods County - US-64 - SSP-176B(195)SS / 27010(04), $27,792.75

ACTION: Huckabay moved and Fidler seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Love, Overland, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE ENGINEER – Mr. Delce

124. Awards

August 17, 2017 – Regular Letting

ACTION: Overland moved and Fidler seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Love, Overland, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR – Mr. Patterson

125. Director's Report

Director Patterson said I have 3 items that I wanted to bring to your attention. The Department's been working on updating our 8-Year Plan, bringing it to the Commission for the October meeting. We're in the process now of visiting with each one of you, with our recommendations to you individually before we bring the plan to the entire body.

As I mentioned last Commission Meeting, this has been a very frustrating 8 Year Plan development, primarily because of funding. One of the things that we've seen is the fact that we have to slide a great number of projects. I don't know off the top of my head what percentage of projects we are sliding, but I can tell you that we have one Division that's over 60%, and we have another that I think it's the lowest division, is 32%. So there are projects that are being delayed and that's going to cause us to increase our Spending and Asset Preservation so that we can keep those roads going until we can replace them; and those bridges in the air, until we can replace them. So it's going to cost us more; it is the old, “Pay me now, pay me later”, kind of deal.
But one of the concerns that I have is we know that once we get to 2020, we will be at less than 1% of our bridges will be structurally deficient, a goal that this Agency, this State, and primarily this Commission, put on a path to being the “Top 5” in the country. But as we look at this, we know that it's not sustainable, because we know that we have to replace 90 bridges a year after 2020 to sustain staying in the Top 5. Because we have so many bridges on our system, 6,800, we have to replace 90 a year. I will tell you that I believe we're going to add 5 this year and we may have added 5 last year. So the sustainability of our good bridge system is in jeopardy; it is something that we need to address. We could put together a plan that would sustain our bridge system, but it would be at jeopardy of everything else that we should be doing as an Agency. So we will have more discussion about that when we meet with you individually, get your thoughts on what path, and make sure we are going in the right direction. I look forward to those conversations.

The other thing is we got the little contract authority from the Federal Government. Each year about this time, we get a fourth quarter redistribution, allows us to spend money that we have; and so this eases the restriction a little bit. I don't know how to quite explain that because it's a bit complex; but $52.9 million dollars of fourth quarter redistribution will allow us to accelerate a few projects and get them under way earlier than we thought.

Lastly, I want to thank you for awarding the contract to the Lexington and Purcell Bridge. In 2014, Casey Shell and I adopted a phrase, “You know it takes longer to get there than you think it does”, because of all the many trips we took down to Lexington and Purcell. Because that bridge was closed for 4 months; we went down the day it closed, and we went down several times afterwards, to the day we were able to reopen it, after we spent $22 million dollars getting it reopened. That bridge was nowhere in the 8 Year Plan three years ago, and you just awarded the contract to replace it. That's kudos to this entire agency! We were able to do a design at risk; we have talked about that before, where we did our design and our environmental process concurrently rather than consecutively. It's more expensive, it's risky, but we were successful; and that's because of partnerships with the Federal Highway Administration, State Historical Preservation Office, and others, to work with us, because they understood the urgency.

This was that bridge that became an emergency project that we could not declare an emergency for; because we had no design; it was nowhere to be found! We did everything we could to the best of our ability. We can't do another one like this, because people will expect their bridges to be replaced this quickly. This was an all-in effort and I want to congratulate this Agency for getting it done, and thank you for allowing us to get it done. We are about to begin construction in that area; and if you remember, Lexington, Purcell is 2 towns, 1 community; kids from 1 town go to the other school; and 10,000 cars a day. With the closure of that bridge, we created a 45 minute detour on what is typically a two-minute drive. So we're excited about getting this bridge replaced. We won't be closing it while we replace it; we are going to build it alongside. But we are really excited, and I know the citizens of those 2 communities, and Commissioner Overland is extremely excited about it!

Information Only: No Commission action required.

Commissioner Overland commented, certainly, there’s quite a bit of excitement within the Department to get this project to bid. I know back when the bridge was closed, the demand from the communities, cities, towns, and the rural communities that surround and utilize that bridge on a daily basis was extremely important; and they had no way to do it by themselves. We had to organize buses, if you recall, to get them in and around that issue. But the bigger thing is; to bring a project that wasn't even on the radar to fruition in such a short period of time. I want to give it up to the Department, the Senior Staff, Division 3, it's a big deal! It's almost a task that I would have never dreamed that could get done; and quite frankly, I thought it would be way over budget, or over estimate, and it is not! So I'm enthusiastic about it, and I think that, not only is the Department excited, but Lexington and Purcell, and the surrounding community, should be ecstatic today. This is a big deal for them! Thanks so much.
ITEM PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

126. Adjournment Motion

ACTION: Burgess moved and Regan seconded that the Meeting be adjourned.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Overland, Love, Burrage, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.
Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting September 5, 2017.

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David Burrage - Chairman

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Brad Burgess – Vice Chairman