MINUTES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

TO BE HELD IN THE ODOT BUILDING COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Monday the 2nd day of April, 2018, 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 2018 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, March 29, 2018, 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 11:01 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 April 2, 2018. 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 recognized Secretary Patterson for an announcement.

Secretary Patterson introduced very Special Guest, Governor Fallin. He thanked her for being here today, and said, I know this is kind of a busy day for you; but welcome to the friendly confines of ODOT. This is a big day for us each year. We kick off our annual Work Zone Safety Awareness Campaign; one in which about 3 years ago we started to go 24/7, 365 days a year because of the importance of work zone safety. We are working in conjunction with the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority; Director Gatz is here; and the Department of Public Safety Highway Safety Office is a huge contributor and sponsor of this campaign. Governor, if you would, I know that you have a Proclamation and I know that the Commission would love to hear your Proclamation, if you could read that for us.
Absolutely, well, thank you, Secretary Patterson; it's a great honor to be here in front of your Commission again. First of all, I want to say thank you to all the Commissioners that serve on the Transportation Committee. We appreciate all your work that you do to help us build better bridges and roads, and keep them safer and ease congestion, which we are experiencing a little bit at the Capitol today, you might have noticed. But we are glad to have all of you here, and thank you to all the Department of Transportation workers and employees that are here; we appreciate your great service to our State. And that's why we are here, is to talk about what you do, day in and day out, on our highways, on our roads, on our bridges. And we want to make sure that you are safe, too, as Department of Transportation Employees. One of my favorite signs and campaign slogans you had years ago was “Please Slow Down, My Dad or Mom Works Here” I can't remember exactly how it read, but every time I saw that campaign slogan it reminded me that it is someone's mom, dad, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandfather, grandmother that's working on our highways, on our bridges; and they also have families to go home to every day. So we want to make sure that our Department of Transportation people are safe on our roads and our bridges, but also the traveling public is also safe. That's equally as important and especially with all the construction that we've had across the State of Oklahoma, which has been a good thing that this Commission has done for our State. We want to make sure that we are paying attention and that we are encouraging people to pay attention also as they drive.

So your new campaign, “Your Life Matters, Drive Like It”; your life does matter! We all need to drive like it, whether you work for the State, whether you're a tourist, a traveling public, a business person traveling throughout. And what you do behind that wheel will have an impact upon our state and certainly upon your individual families.

I appreciate the fact that you have several activities planned to highlight this campaign to get people to drive safely. I know you're going to talk about that in a few moments, Secretary and we appreciate that. But I have a Proclamation designating April 2 - May 2 as Work Zone Awareness Month; and we want to highlight to the public how important it is!

Governor Fallin read the Governor’s Proclamation declaring April 2 – May 2, 2018, as Work Zone Awareness Month in Oklahoma; and then presented it to Director Patterson.

Secretary Patterson said, Governor, thank you so much, again, for being here; and because of your support, we are able to really push this campaign as hard as we do. I've told the Commission on numerous occasions, without their support we couldn't do this. You are exactly right when you talk about the statistics they are absolutely alarming! In the last 5 years, 75 people have died in work zones in Oklahoma. You see that ribbon display we have out by our flag; there are 75 of them and 4 of those were ODOT workers.

As you mentioned, we have had 60 ODOT workers, that's more than any other state agencies, with the exception of the military. So it is that awareness that we're constantly working with our employees to make sure that they are paying attention. It is the distracted driving that has become a concern to us. The last 2 out of the last 3 fatalities that we've had with our crews have been because of distracted driving. We weren't even working on the roadway; we were working up next to the fence when they were hit.

You mentioned all the construction that is going on ODOT's highways. You included the Turnpike Authority, which is very appropriate, because they have a huge campaign going on right now with their “Driving Forward Initiative” that you got started. So there are a lot of things going on in this State to investment in infrastructure.

In the coming weeks, as you said, the campaign runs April 2 – May 2. We are going to have video and audio Public Service Announcements, which we are going to hear in just a moment. We're going to continue our Work Zone Wednesday overhead sign; that has really captured the imagination of the public. There is hardly a week that goes by, that I don't get a comment about what comes off those signs. The MPR folks over here are the ones that come up with those messages.
Our social media outreach will continue on Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube. We're going to have billboards across the state. Our famous Skydance Bridge on April 9 will be illuminated in orange in honor of the 60 fallen ODOT workers. Then the national Work Zone Safety Awareness Week is April 9-13, which is next week.

Governor, I would like to introduce some of the workers, ODOT and OTA employees who are here today representing their crews. Some of these people you are going to hear and see in the videos in just a moment. If I could have you stand when I call your name, Ralph Winstead, Denotria Davis, LaDan Nelson, Noah Gonzales, Chris Kukuk, Paul Blocker, Jerry Hayes; all of these are from ODOT. From OTA are Lowell Burrell, Steve Anschutz and Jeff Danker. Thank you all for being here today.

(Secretary Patterson then showed the video and audio Public Service Announcements that were recorded for this Work Zone Safety Awareness Campaign)

Governor Fallin commented these PSA’s were very good.

Commissioner Burrage said, Governor we are honored that you came today to recognize our Work Zone Awareness initiative. Our ODOT Staff, Senior Staff and everyone shows that our appreciation for what you've done for the Department of Transportation extends beyond Work Zone Awareness. It is one of our most important tenants that we are working with. But what you've done for us in providing funding, providing support and encouragement has moved us so far ahead of where we were. You and your Administration have done great things, and I'm going to stand up and give you a hand.

Commissioner Burrage said, Governor we also will yield the floor to you for some closing comments because I know you're busy. There are a few things happening over at the Capitol. We've got this shop because you let us have it; and it's in order.

The Governor said, absolutely, well, once again, thank you to the Department of Transportation and your wonderful employees. I know it's not an easy job working on our roads and bridges. I've seen you out there on the sidelines in the middle of the roads, trying to work around all the motorists that want to get somewhere in a hurry and sometimes not paying attention, or maybe honking or impatient. But you guys do a super job and I'm very proud of the work that you do. But the most important thing is that we keep you safe. Not only do we keep you safe, but we want to keep our public safe, those who are going up and down those roads and bridges, and make sure everybody goes home to their family; because your life does matter; and their lives matter also.

Next I want to say that the Commission has done a tremendous amount of work with your 8 Year Plan. And we are very fortunate that over my last 7 ½ years, and I think I got about 8 months left. But over my terms in office I'm very proud of what this Commission has done. I'm proud of the Legislature for helping to fund our infrastructure. For many decades it had gone unfunded and not funded to the extent that it should have been, and not had the attention it should have had.

But public safety is also keeping our roads and bridges in order. Secretary Patterson, I am so proud of the work that this Commission has done on our infrastructure, especially on our bridges. And if I can remember the numbers off the top of my head, I'm going to make a statement on this. But I think when I came into office we had about 706 structurally deficient bridges; and last week you told me we were at 184 that need to be completed. So that's a tremendous amount of progress that we have made on our bridges to make sure they are safe. And that really hits home when you look at things like what happened recently in Florida, when they had a bridge collapse; infrastructure is very important. And of course, all the great work that we've done on our highways to make them wider, to extend them, to make them safer, to ease the congestion. And those of us that live around Oklahoma City or travel to Oklahoma City or Tulsa, we see a lot of that congestion in various areas, because our State is growing and we have a lot of new business and business development that is coming in. It's important that we also invest in our infrastructure.
So we are very grateful for a tremendous amount of work that you've done on the Commission to make sure that we prioritize what needs to be done, the most important thing, first of all. And your advocacy at the Capitol is also important; that's why you've made such great progress in helping us build our infrastructure. So I feel good about what we have done. Oh and Railroad Crossings, I don't want to forget those! You've done a great job on those, too, and other type of infrastructure projects in our State. Our airports, certainly we don't want to forget those.

But thank you to the Commissioners for your time away from your businesses, your work schedules and your families for coming to Oklahoma City to have these meetings. Thank you for making transportation a priority in our state; we appreciate you!

Commissioner Burrage said, thank you Governor for being our “Road Building and Bridge Governor”. We have been fortunate to have a Governor that recognized the importance of infrastructure to the extent that Governor Fallin has. Whether you realize it or not, the prosperity of this Department has depended upon her interests; and we are going to miss her when she leaves in 8 months. And we hope that whoever comes behind her is as concerned with bridges and roads as she has been, because we are not done with them!

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION

41. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of March 5, 2018

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

CONSENT DOCKET PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

42. Speed Zone Revisions – Mr. Pendley

Bryan County – District II – at various locations along US-70 West of the City of Durant

43. Land Sales – Mr. Phillips

Logan County – District IV – Land Sale – located approximately 2.50 miles West of Langston, OK on SH-33 - $56,477.00

44. Certification of County Road Mileages – Mr. Swift

Statewide – All Districts – Title 69, O.S. Section 316, requires that the Transportation Commission annually certify to the Tax Commission the county road mileage of each county in Oklahoma as it existed on the first day of January each year.

ACTION: Regan moved and Huckabay 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
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

END OF CONSENT DOCKET
Commissioner Burrage recognized Tim Tegeler for his items.

Mr. Tegeler said before he presented his items he needed to make an announcement. He introduced Kyle King our new Chief of Survey. He's been with the Department 36 years; he has been a Professional Land Surveyor for 25 of those years. He was raised in Snyder, Oklahoma, but now lives in Clinton, Oklahoma. He has been married to Jill for 36 years; she is currently the Administrative Assistant for the ODOT Arapaho Maintenance Yard. They have 2 grown children, 3 grandsons, and a 4th one on the way in August. He has also been a member of the Oklahoma Society of Land Surveyors, serves on 2 Committees currently; the OSU-OKC Survey Tech Advisory Committee and the National Transportation Research Board Committee for the Geospatial Data Acquisition. So his personal interests are spending time with his grandchildren, enjoys a good game of golf, and he's a bit of a movie buff. So if you would, please help me congratulate Kyle on his new position.

**ITEMS PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING – Mr. Tegeler**

45. **Engineering Contracts**

   a) Statewide – All Districts – to provide On-System Bridge Standards

   EC-1513A CP&Y, Inc.

   The total not to exceed amount for this contract is $219,200.00

   b) Statewide – All Districts – to provide On-Demand State Bridge Rehabilitation

   EC-1991A Freese and Nichols, Inc.
   EC-1991B Garver, LLC
   EC-1991C HNTB Corporation
   EC-1991D Infrastructure Engineers, Inc.

   The total aggregate not to exceed amount for these 6 contracts are $1,500,000.00

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

46. **Engineering Contract Supplements**

   a) Statewide – All Districts – Off-System Bridge Inspections

   EC-2002B Supplement 1 CED 4 $43,000.00

   b) Sequoyah County – District 1 – to perform additional engineering to develop final construction plans for I-40 Interchange at US-64 in Sallisaw

   EC-1325 Supplement 1 Tetra Tech, Inc. $65,167.00

   c) Lincoln County – District III – for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for SH-66B over Captain Creek, 1.5 miles northeast of SH-66
d) Harmon County – District V - for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for SH-30: Replace 13 wooden roadway size boxes, various locations between US-62 and SH-9

EC-1499A    Supplement 2    Atkins North America, Inc.    $8,170.70

EC-1845    Supplement 1    MKEC Engineering, Inc.    $24,806.00

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

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE COMPTROLLER DIVISION MANAGER – Ms. Hilmes

47.  Lettings

a) Final June 2018 Bid Opening
b) Tentative July 2018 Bid Opening
c) Tentative August 2018 Bid Opening

NOTE:  Commissioner Regan asked why August was so low; only $23 Million; because if you look at the past years, 2016 and 2017, they kind of line up a little bit, give or take. Is this a number that might change?

Ms. Hilmes said, so you are asking me why the bid letting has a disproportionate distribution of projects in comparison to the prior year. I am not real sure; it is just when they fall into the program.

Commissioner Regan said, okay, it seems that 23 is a little low, and I didn’t know if that would change.

Ms. Hilmes said, but keep in mind it is tentative, so you could have things slide in between July and August; because as you can see that July is fairly heavy.

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

48.  FY2018 Budget Revisions

Request to the increase the County Equipment Revolving Fund by $800,000 to be funded with unbudgeted county lease revenue.

ACTION:    Overland moved and Huckabay seconded that the Items be approved as presented.
MOTION:    Carried by the following vote:
AYES:    Fidler, Burrage, Overland, Love, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Regan
NAYES:    None
ABSENT:    None
ITEMS PRESENTED BY CONSTRUCTION DIVISION ENGINEER – Mr. Leonard

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

   a) Alfalfa County - SH-8 - SBR-202C(027)SB / 29465(04), $1,235.28
   b) Atoka County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-203C(033)RB / 29925(04), $6,064.45
   c) Canadian County - Co. Rd. - ACSTP-209C(038)CI / 30439(04), $1,658.90
   d) Choctaw County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-212D(036)RB / 29967(04), $925.36
   e) Cleveland County - Ct. St. - MC-3500(057) / 30184(04), $7,152.19
   f) Comanche County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-216C(074)RB / 30440(04), $750.00 Underrun
   g) Creek County - Ct. St. - STP-219C(043)IG / 30747(04), $4,000.00
   h) Creek County - US-75 - STP-219B(042)IG / 29327(04), $469.20
   i) Delaware County - SH-116 - SBR-221C(027)SB / 29827(04), $5,307.86
   j) Haskell County - US-69 - SSP-231C(002)SS / 28435(04), $23,591.31
   k) Kingfisher County - Co. Rd. - ACSTP-237C(004)CI / 28435(04), $23,591.31
   l) Logan County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-242B(054) / 32640(04), $6,589.00
   m) Mayes County - SH-20 - STP-249B(035)SS / 28851(04), $62,700.00
   n) Mayes County - US-69 - SSR-249N(026)SR / 30516(04), $16,187.11
   o) Muskogee County - SH-10 - SBR-251C(068)SB / 31339(04), $6,894.00
   p) Okfuskee County - I-40 - MC-4000(054) / 33100(04), $7,727.18
   q) Oklahoma County - I-240 - NHPPI-2400-(002)SS / 27971(04), $2,775.01
   r) Oklahoma County - SH-152 - SBR-255N(416)SB / 30635(04), $18,738.48
   s) Osage County - SH-20 - HSIP-257C(057)TR / 33151(04), $25,453.66
   t) Ottawa County - SH-10 - SSP-158C(116)SS / 24272(04), $37,117.00
   u) Ottawa County - Co. Rd. - STP-258D(028)CI / 28597(04), $472.38
   v) Pawnee County - Co. Rd. - STP-259D(033)CI / 29924(04), $2,333.33
   w) Pontotoc County - Co. Rd. - MC-262N(015) / 30187(04), $4,632.89
   x) Tillman County - SH-10 - STPY-271C(060)3B / 33184(04), $23,445.04
   y) Wagoner County - SH-51B - STPY-273C(015)3P / 29754(05), $0.84 Underrun
   z) Washington County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-274D(017)RB / 30615(04), $38,762.14
   aa) Washington County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-274D(017)RB / 30615(04), $38,762.14
   bb) Woodward County - SH-50 - SBR-277C(004)(024)SB / 29119(04), $7,049.54

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

   a) Caddo County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-108C(182)RB / 24802(04), $120,410.16
   b) Caddo County - SH-58 - ACSTP-208C(048)(053)SS / STP-208C(049)SS / 27039(04), $96,131.00
   c) Canadian County - I-40 - NHPP1Y-0040-4(441) / 29257(04), $18,500.00
   d) Cleveland County - Co. St. - STP-214B(042)(063)AG / 29293(04) #12, $48,592.79
   e) Cleveland County - Co. St. - STP-214B(042)(063)AG / 29293(04) #14, $11,789.25
   f) Cotton County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-117C(064)RB / 24859(04), $81,375.50
   g) Custer County - Co. St. - ACSTP-220B(040) / 27911(06) #5, $1,436.80
   h) Custer County - Co. St. - ACSTP-220B(040) / 27911(06) #7, $9,956.20
   i) Dewey County - US-270 - NHPP-222N(027) / 17671(34), $247,487.26
   j) Grant County - SH-11 - STP-127B(107)(108)(109)(110)SS / 24163(04), $2,795.00
   k) Jackson County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-233C(008)RB / 28723(04), $830.00
   l) Johnston County - Co. Rd. - STP-135C(129)CI / 27846(04), $4,610.24 Underrun
   m) Kiowa County - SH-44 - STP-275C(035)SS / ACSTP-238C(037)SS / 28999(04), $141,504.41
   n) Major County - US-60 - ACNHPP-247N(018)SS / 27009(04), $530,583.77
   o) McIntosh County - SH-9 - STPY-146C(062) / 21730(04), $45,920.00
   p) Nowata County - US-169 - ACNHPP-253N(036)(037)SS / 24750(04), $68,414.19
   q) Ottawa County - US-60 - BRFY-158B(104) / 23157(04), $208,271.68
NOTE: Commissioner Love asked if on the change order items in the future, can we in addition to what you have provided here, could we have the percentage of the overall project on here as well. For example $230,000 on number w), if it is 3% of a big project that's one thing; if it is 30%, you know, it's kind of another thing. So in terms of trying to manage the change orders, I would think that might be a helpful metric to have.

Mr. Leonard said, sure I don't see a problem with trying to get that on the sheet.

Commissioner Love said, “Thank you”.

Commissioner Burrage said you can just put it on the line item. We already got it on the detail sheet; but just add that number to the line item so that way we can look at it more quickly.

Mr. Leonard said, “Okay”.

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

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE ENGINEER – Mr. Delce

51. Awards
March 15, 2018 – Regular Letting

NOTE: Commissioner Burrage said thanks for that excellent job, Mr. Delce. For you guys that haven't been in our sub-committee meetings, the job that he does in there in explaining this to us is excellent! I mean we very seldom have questions, and your energy and explanations are really appreciated.

Mr. Delce said, “Thanks”.

ACTION: Huckabay moved and Overland seconded that the Items be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Fidler, Burrage, Overland, Love, Huckabay, Alexander, Burgess and Regan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ITEM PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR – Mr. Patterson

52. Director’s Report

Secretary Patterson said since the Governor was talking about infrastructure; let’s talk about infrastructure for just a minute. I-235, we keep closing that highway, and the Public is patient with us. We are going to close it again this Friday at 7 o’clock p.m. We are going to take out that old railroad bridge; and then when that comes out, things are going to get nice and wide like it is supposed to look like. So just a heads up to the Commission; Commissioner Love, we are going to change your neighborhood again. But as I mentioned, every time we get into one of these things, we’re going to change the traffic pattern just a little bit; and it’s going to change more rapidly now.

Commissioner Love asked how long we are projecting that this will be shut down.

Secretary Patterson said I think we scheduled it for 2 days, anticipating it takes less. It will take all weekend and hopefully we will get it open prior to Monday morning; but we have allotted ourselves plenty of time. So everybody be ready for that.

Recently, Oklahoma along with some other states was awarded a Tiger Grant. Farmrail, who’s one of our short line operators here in Oklahoma, they operate not only on our rail in Western Oklahoma, but they also operate with rail that they own themselves. He introduced Judy Petry, the CEO of Farmrail, she is one of the leaders in the rail industry across the country, and she’s based in Clinton, Oklahoma; we are lucky to have her. This Tiger Grant is going to allow them to increase their freight capacity to 286,000 pounds and increase the speed on the rail. There's a lot of things going on out in Western Oklahoma, be it agriculture or energy. But Farmrail is making that progressive investment; the Grant is $9.9 million; and the total project is about $16.5 million; so Farmrail is heavily investing in this themselves. Congratulations Judy on your Tiger Grant.

Ms. Petry said, “Thank you”.

Secretary Patterson said one of the things going on across the street has to do with funding. I guess that's why all the school buses are here today. But from the ODOT perspective, we heard Governor Fallin say at her “State of the State Address” in 2017 and again in 2018, she had a notion of increasing fuel tax that would come straight to the Department of Transportation; and at the same time move some of the allocation of income tax from us to possibly General Revenue. Well, that's what has passed; the Legislature last week passed a gasoline tax increase of $0.03 a gallon and diesel fuel at $0.06 a gallon. So that will put us at $0.20 and $0.20 for each one. When you think about the idea that gasoline tax creates about $19 billion per penny, and $9 million per penny of diesel. So we are looking at about $114-$115 million coming out of fuel tax, and so that's in House Bill 1010.

There's another House Bill 1014 that will provide us a portion and increase our allocation of Motor Vehicle Fees. Historically, we have received 3/10 of 1%; not 3%, but 3/10 of 1%! It's going to increase that allocation; so that should throw off another $194-$195 million. This has not been finalized yet; it passed the House, passed the Senate, but it was amended in the Senate and so now it has to go back to the House. It is doubtful that it would fail in the House since it had already been there once before. So we could see about $319 million of Motor Vehicle Fees and Motor Fuel Tax come into the Department and squeezing out a like amount of income tax. The Legislature's intent is to make sure that the Roads Fund maintains its cap at $575 million dollars. There has never been any serious discussion of lowering that cap. So we will begin to switch our primary revenue back to what people logically think to be “Transportation Related Revenues”. So this begins to make sense for people; Us receiving a large allocation of income tax never really made sense to people, and so that's why you get into this discussion with other parts of Government saying, “Why is ODOT getting our money”. Well, we are trying to relinquish that thought. So we are looking about $319 million will come to us from Motor Fuel, Motor Vehicle Fees; and we'll give up that same portion.
Now, all of that won't begin till 2020. In FY '19 that money is going to go to GR, but in 2020 is when it effectively hits us. So that's a good thing because, as we've talked about, any increase in revenue for any part of State Government is good for ODOT. Because what we've seen since 2010 is about $840 million been taken away from us to fund other parts of government; so perhaps that won't have to happen. $840 million since 2010, $500 million the last 2 years; and we've been trying to turn that tide so that other parts of Government gets the funding that the decision-makers think they need; and they allow us to retain what's statutorily ours. So that's all good news.

And finally, I mentioned to you 2 months ago, that we were looking at salaries and benefits and the effect on our employees; we are continuing to look at that. The Legislature has passed not only a teacher pay raise, but a state employee pay raise. The state employee pay raise doesn't take care of just what the increased insurance cost has been to our employees. And I want to remind you, the increased insurance cost has not been borne by the State, but it's been borne by the people sitting behind me, the people that work for the Department of Transportation, to the tune of about $4,000 since 2012. So the guy making the same thing, his net income's gone down $4,000; and that's something that we just can't deal with! We are going to have to make some changes to affect that, at the very least. And then we have to keep up in some semblance, with the market. The market is changing on us, depending on what job class you're in. So we are going to have to make some changes there as well. So we'll see how the across-the-board pay raise looks like and how it affects our employees, and then we'll make the requisite changes after that.

Mr. Chairman, I'll be happy to answer any questions.

*Commissioner Burrage said, so what you're saying is that we clearly are not getting any more money.*

Secretary Patterson said, correct we are not getting any more money!

*Commissioner Burrage said it is just going come down a different street to our doors.*

Secretary Patterson said its coming; it is just a different color of money.

*Commissioner Burrage said we just want to make it clear, that everybody understands we are operating with the same amount of money that we had before all this started; except we have had $840 Million taken out since 2010.*

Director Patterson said that is correct and I imagine every day what we could have done with $840 Million. The Governor was kind to point out all the improvements that these guys have made since 2010; and they have made some amazing investments in Oklahoma. I think about side rumble strips, center line rumble strips, cable barrier expansions for capacity; and look at our structurally deficient bridges; some people looked at that goal and said it could never happen. It is going to happen; it is absolutely going to happen!

*Commissioner Burrage said, yeah, that's a good deal. I would also encourage you and I know you guys are being diligent about it. Don't let our employees suffer that decrease in their take-home pay. I mean, wherever we need to tighten our belt, let's tighten it. But we have got to make those adjustments so health care doesn't rob our people of their rightful pay; and we need to get that done post haste!*

Secretary Patterson said, “Thank you sir, I appreciate that.

*Commissioner Burrage said we need to go out there and make our workplace safer every day. We thank you guys for volunteering, you did a great job! And it's so important that we continue to remind ourselves, get off the phone; look up; there are people standing out there that you can run over; especially when it starts getting dusk or it's early in the morning, so be safe!*

**Information Only:** No Commission action required.
ITEM PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

53. Adjournment Motion

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.
Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting April 2, 2018.

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David Burrage - Chairman

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Brad Burgess – Vice Chairman