# MINUTES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING 

## HELD IN THE ODOT BUILDING COMMISSION MEETING ROOM OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA


#### Abstract

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Monday the 2nd day of December, 2019, 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 2019 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, November 28, 2019 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. Gene McKown called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
ROLL CALL:

| Present: | Gene McKown <br> James Grimsley | Chairman <br> Member |
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|  | T.W. Shannon | Secretary |
|  | Don Freymiller | Member |
|  | David Dyson | Member |
|  | Bobby Alexander | Member |
|  | Steve LaForge | Member |
|  | Bob Peterson | Vice-Chairman |
|  | Bob Coburn | Member |
| Absent: | None |  |
| Presiding: | Gene McKown |  |

The following items were presented and approved as written at the Transportation Commission meeting of December 2, 2019. For those items amended, deferred, or rejected, those notations were also made. Action taken by the Commission is noted here on these sheets.

Commissioner McKown thanked everyone for coming and introduced Special Guests: Representative Ronny Johns, Baylee Williams from Governor Stitt's Office, Bobby Stem from AOGC, John Cox from TRUST, Jim Sullins, ACEC, Mike Patterson, former Secretary of Transportation. We really do appreciate everybody coming and participating in our Commission Meeting.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

## Division 7 receives 2019 Pharaoh Award for SH-79 Bridge Project in Jefferson County - Mr. Gatz

Secretary Gatz said the Pharaoh Award is presented annually by the Association of General Contractors and recognizes the bridge contracting firm and resident engineer completing construction on the highest quality bridge structure in the State of Oklahoma. The Pharaoh award is named after the Pharaoh Family from Henrietta, Oklahoma they are considered to be pioneers in the bridge construction industry. OJ Pharaoh was a highway contractor many years ago; and was the first President of what we now know as the, Association of General Contractors. His son, Kent Pharaoh, was also President of the Association of General Contractors and actually represented District 1 for a few years in the 90's as a Transportation Commissioner. This year Division 7's Duncan Residency and Contractor, Frontier Bridge, received the award for construction of the new Bridge

Project on SH-79 over the Red River in Jefferson County. This new bridge replaces the original structure between Oklahoma and Texas which was built in 1939. Accepting the award for ODOT were Jay Earp, Division 7 Engineer, Cole Vonfeldt, Division 7 Construction Engineer, Chris Keck, Duncan Residency Bridge Inspector, Colton Roberts, Duncan Resident Engineer, Commission Chairman, Gene McKown, District 7 Commissioner, Steve LaForge.

Secretary Gatz said we recently received the Energized for Safety Award for a 25 mile long SH-33 safety corridor between Watonga and Kingfisher. And that project is a cooperative effort of the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, ODOT, local governments, and the energy sector through the Energized for Safety Coalition. A highway safety corridor is a segment identified for increased high visibility enforcement of traffic laws and driver education efforts to try to reduce collisions, severity of collisions, and to save lives. It Includes efforts by law enforcement using a zero tolerance policy on traffic violations and additional efforts for education and outreach. ODOT's role is to provide traffic data, increase safety signage, and future projects are coming to widen and resurface $\mathrm{SH}-33$ near Watonga. So the $\mathrm{SH}-33$ corridor between Watonga and Kingfisher we saw an escalation in some severe accidents in that corridor, and brought this effort forward as an initiative to try to help with that problem. This is 1 of our rural 2-lane highways that doesn't have shoulders on it currently. So it is a focal point of the Department's efforts to try to increase safety on our rural roads; and shouldering projects are in progress and scheduled in that corridor to complete the shouldering operations.

Secretary Gatz recognized Tom Robbins, Energize for Safety Coalition President to present this award. Accepting the award for ODOT were Commission Chairman, Gene McKown, District 4 Commissioner Don Freymiller, Chief Traffic Engineer, Chad Pendley, Secretary Gatz, Division 4 Engineer, Trenton January, Chief Engineer, Brian Taylor, Division 5 Engineer, Brent Almquist and District 5 Commissioner, David Dyson.

Secretary Gatz introduced Ms. Sarah Penn our new General Counsel. She most recently served as a General Counsel for the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality. We are so proud to have Sarah join us on the ODOT team, help me welcome her this morning to the Department.

I also would like to introduce Ms. Holly Lowe as Director of Audits for our Operations Review and Evaluation Division. She most recently worked as the CEO in the mortgage industry and has done audits in the private sector. She has more than 20 years of internal audit and oversight experience; she also has worked for the Department and for the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority. So we want to welcome Holly to the team, and we are so proud to have her.

## ITEM PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION

164. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of November 4, 2019

ACTION: Peterson moved and Coburn seconded that the Minutes be approved as presented.
MOTION: $\quad$ Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, McKown, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

## CONSENT DOCKET PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

165. Programming of Federal Railroad Crossing Safety Funds - Section 130 Title 23 Funds - Mr. Schwennesen
a) Choctaw County - Commission District II

Near Ft. Towson, Construction funding for a Signal project which includes the installation of pedestal-mounted flashing light signals with gate arms at SH-209, with the Kiamichi Railroad mainline. Total cost is $\$ 268,596.31$

## b) McCurtain County - Commission District II

Near Millerton, Construction funding for a Signal project which includes the installation of pedestalmounted flashing light signals with gate arms and a 40 foot concrete crossing surface at SH-98, with the Kiamichi Railroad mainline. Total cost is $\$ 413,255.97$

## c) McCurtain County - Commission District II

In Hayworth, Construction funding for a Signal project which includes the installation of pedestalmounted flashing light signals with gate arms and a 32 foot concrete crossing surface at SH-3/Elm Street, with the Kiamichi Railroad mainline. Total cost is $\$ 362,083.92$

## d) Custer County - Commission District V

Near Clinton, Construction funding for a Signal project which includes the installation of pedestalmounted flashing light signals with gate arms at $\mathrm{SH}-73$, with the Farmrail Corporation mainline. Total cost is $\$ 243,523.00$
e) Washita County - Commission District V

Near Sentinel, Construction funding for a Signal project which includes the installation of pedestalmounted flashing light signals with gate arms and a 48 foot concrete crossing surface at SH-44 north of Sentinel, with the Farmrail Corporation mainline. Total cost is $\$ 320,359.00$

## f) Kiowa County - Commission District V

In Lone Wolf, Construction funding for a Signal project which includes the installation of pedestalmounted flashing light signals with gate arms and three 48 foot concrete crossing surfaces at SH 9 , with the Farmrail Corporation mainline. Total cost is $\$ 439,471.00$

## g) Kiowa County - Commission District V

In Snyder, Construction funding for a Signal project which includes the installation of pedestalmounted flashing light signals with gate arms and the rehabilitation of a 32 foot concrete crossing surface at US-62B/13 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Street, with the Grainbelt Corporation mainline. Total cost is $\$ 256,895.00$
h) Multiple Counties - Commission District VIII

South Kansas \& Oklahoma rail lines: Construction funding for the installation of new Crossbuck Sign assemblies with Yield signs and break-away posts at 46 locations in Tulsa and Washington Counties, ODOT Division VIII. Total cost is $\$ 89,549.00$

## 166. Safety Improvement Projects - Mr. Pendley

a) Caddo County - District VII - for the purchase of solar powered equipment for the installation of a new school zone at 1 location along SH-19 in the town of Cyril - $\$ 8,000.00$
b) Bryan, LeFlore, McCurtain \& Pittsburg Counties - District II - for the purchase of solar powered equipment for installation of new school zone at various locations - \$48,000.00

## 167. Speed Zone Revisions - Mr. Pendley

a) McClain County - District III - various locations along SH-39 in the Town of Dibble
b) Garvin County - District III - various locations along US-77 \& SH-29 in the City of Wynnewood

## 168. Land Sales - Mr. Phillips

a) McClain County - District III - located on the south side of US HWY-62 between Jefferson Avenue and Madison Avenue in Blanchard - $\$ 4,000.00$
b) Pontotoc County - District III - located along the north side SH-19 on Main Street at Latta/Asa Road on the westerly side of Ada - $\$ 14,000.00$
c) Oklahoma County - District IV - located along the north side of SH-3 (NW Expressway) and west of McArthur Blvd in Warr Acres (Parcel 10) - \$62,245.00
d) Oklahoma County - District IV - located along the north side of SH-3 (NW Expressway) and west of McArthur Blvd in Warr Acres (Parcel 11) - \$248,255.00
e) Logan County - District IV - located at the NE corner of US HWY-77 and E. Triplett Road in Guthrie - \$5,050.00
f) Kiowa County - District V - located along the north side SH-9 westerly of Mountain View - $\$ 800.00$
g) Carter County - District VII - located at the SW corner of SH-199 and Provence Road - \$4,260.00

ACTION: Dyson moved and Alexander seconded that the Consent Docket be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, McKown, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

## END OF CONSENT DOCKET

## ITEMS PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING - Mr. Tegeler

## 169. Programming Item

a) Canadian County - District IV - a project to repair vehicle impact damage to Alfadale Road over I40, located 22.6 miles east of the Caddo County Line - $\$ 25,000$ - Party responsible for the damage is known.
b) Garfield County - District IV - a project to repair vehicle impact damage to US-60 \& US-81 over US-64 SB, located 3.8 miles north Junction US-81-\$30,000 - Party responsible for the damage is known.

ACTION: Freymiller moved and Dyson seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, McKown, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge, and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

## 170. Engineering Contracts

a) Statewide - All Districts - to provide On-Demand Geotechnical Roadway Services

| $\mathrm{CI}-2103 \mathrm{~A}$ | Burgess Engineering and Testing, Inc. |
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| $\mathrm{Cl}-2103 \mathrm{~B}$ | Kleinfelder, Inc. |
| $\mathrm{Cl}-2103 \mathrm{C}$ | Standard Testing \& Engineering Company |
| $\mathrm{CI}-2103 \mathrm{D}$ | Terracon Consultants |

The total not to exceed amount for these four (4) contracts is $\$ 600,000.00$
b) Statewide - All Districts to provide On-Demand Geotechnical Bridge Services

CI-2104A
CI-2104B
CI-2104C
CI-2104D
CI-2104E
Cl-2104F

EST, Inc.
Kleinfelder, Inc.
Professional Service Industries, Inc.
Red Rock Consulting
Standard Testing \& Engineering Company Terracon Consultants, Inc.

The total not to exceed amount for these six (6) contracts is $\$ 1,200,000.00$
c) Statewide - All Districts - to provide Ancillary Structure Safety Inspections

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\mathrm{CI}-2138 \mathrm{~A} & \text { Burgess and Niple, Inc. } \\
\mathrm{CI}-2138 \mathrm{~B} & \text { CONSOR Engineers, LLC }
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The total not to exceed amount for these two (2) contracts is $\$ 2,000,000.00$
d) Statewide - All Districts - to provide Underwater Bridge Inspections
CI-2139A
Collins Engineers, Inc.
Cl-2139B CONSOR Engineers, LLC

The total not to exceed amount for these two (2) contracts is $\$ 650,000.00$
ACTION: Alexander moved and Shannon seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, McKown, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge, and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

## 171. Engineering Contract Supplements

a) Statewide - All Districts - this supplement is to increase funding for On-Demand Engineering Services

CI-2058C Supplement 2 Garver, LLC $\$ 250,000.00$
b) Sequoyah County - District I - this supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for SH-10A from 2 miles east of SH-10 junction east to $\mathrm{SH}-100$ junction
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ACTION: Coburn moved and Shannon seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES:
NAYES:
ABSENT: None

## ITEMS PRESENTED BY CONSTRUCTION DIVISION ENGINEER - Mr. Leonard

## 172. Change Orders with Cumulative Total of $\$ 75,000.00$ or Less - Information Only

a) Adair County - US-59 - NHPP-101A(052) / 16928(17), \$8,610.76, 0.03\%
b) Canadian County - SH-3 - SBR-209N(060)SB / 31031(04), \$11,970.00, 0.46\%
c) Cotton County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-217C(042)RB / 29800(04), \$72,629.13, 1.38\%
d) Garvin County - I-35 - SSP-3500(071)PM / 29111(04), \$74,477.42, 3.27\%
e) Garvin County - SH-19 - SSR-225C(077)SR / 33325(04), \$20,150.36, 1.79\%
f) Grady County - Co. Rd. - ERSTP-226C(029)ER / 31876(08), \$8,513.66, 1.35\%
g) Grant County - Co. Rd. - STP-227C(023)CI / 31844(04), \$46,368.16, -2.05\% Underrun
h) Lincoln County - SH-18 - STP-241C(058)PM / 27143(04), \$24,337.04, 0.76\%
i) Logan County - SH-74D - STP-242C(059)SS / 28312(04), \$1,027.45, 0.04\%
j) Logan County - Co. Rd. - STP-242C(070)AG / 32641(04), \$42,723.00, 1.35\%
k) Marshall County - SH-99 - SSR-248C(046)SR / 30418(04), \$4,000.00, 0.13\%
I) McCurtain County - SH-3 - NHPP-245N(053)PM / 24219(08) \#1, \$12,000.00, 0.24\%
m) McCurtain County - SH-3 - NHPP-245N(053)PM / 24219(08) \#2, \$61,856.00, 1.24\%
n) Murray County - Co. Rd. - STP-250D(019)CI / 28440(04), \$522.25, 0.05\%
o) Muskogee County - US-62 - STP-251B(087)PM / 29714(04), \$68,900.00, 3.37\%
p) Okfuskee County - SH-62 - ACHSIPG-254C(039)AD / TAP-254D(038)TP / 32966(04), \$4,215.87, 0.44\%
q) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - STP-155E(919)EH / 28817(04), \$6,589.10, 0.98\%
r) Oklahoma County - SH-3 - NHPP-017N(252)3P / 32091(04), \$15,750.00, 0.26\%
s) Okmulgee County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-156D(177)RB / 27879(04), \$125.00, 0.02\%
t) Okmulgee County - US-75 - NHPP-256N(045)PM / 29673(04), \$6,974.40, 0.18\%
u) Okmulgee County - Co. Rd. - STP-256C(044)CI / 31193(04), \$2,541.00, 0.16\%
v) Osage County - SH-20 - STP-257C(070)3P / 31940(04), \$17,582.38, 1.03\%
w) Pawnee County - US-64 - STP-259C(050)PM / 24323(07), \$21,144.00, 0.15\%
x) Payne County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-260D(032)RB / 28582(04), \$16,583.74, 2.16\%
y) Pittsburg County - SH-113 - SBR-261N(082)(081)SB / 31143(04), \$23,942.60, 3.01\%
z) Pittsburg County - US-69 - STP-207F(082)3B / 33717(04), \$1,742.00, 0.28\%
aa) Pontotoc County - SH-48 - STP-262C(055)3P / 33756(04), \$50,931.09, 7.44\%
bb) Rogers County - I-44-NHPPI-0044-2(422)238 / 20315(04), \$134,749.94, -0.67\% Underrun
cc) Rogers County - US-412 - NHPP-019N(135)PM / 29601(04), \$4,627.45, 0.07\%
dd) Rogers County - SH-66 - SSR-266C(066)SR / 31350(04), \$61,824.21, 3.95\%
ee) Seminole County - SH-99A - STP-267C(063)SS / 29539(04), \$7,894.54, 1.34\%
ff) Tulsa County - SH-11 - STP-172C(365)SS / 24365(04), \$11,028.59, 0.39\%
gg) Washita County - Ct. St. - TAP-275E(047)TP / 33014(04), \$23,586.63, 8.50\%
hh) Woodward County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-177C(112)RB / 27406(04), \$9,380.00, 0.17\%
ii) Woodward County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-177C(113)RB / 27407(04), \$24,917.06, 0.39\%

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

a) Beckham County - SH-6 - STP-205B(076)PM / ACNHPPI-4000(061)PM / 30998(04), \$100,553.92, 0.35\%
b) Carter County - SH-53 - ACSTP-110C(189)(192)SS / 24104(04), \$86,271.59, 1.11\%
c) Cleveland County - SH-9-SSP-114N(099)SS / 20266(04), \$9,000.00, 0.09\%
d) Cleveland County - SH-9 - ACSTP-114B(206)PM / 24760(04) \#3, \$85,780.23, 1.61\%
e) Cleveland County - SH-9 - ACSTP-114B(206)PM / 24760(04) \#4, \$99,603.74, 1.87\%
f) Cleveland County - SH-37-SBR-214C(086)SB / 33414(04), \$66,067.85, 3.50\%
g) Delaware County - SH-85-STP-121C(097)SS / 24147(04), \$114,923.00, 2.01\%
h) Garvin County - US-77-STP-225C(072)PM / 27999(04), \$27,498.58, 0.33\%
i) Latimer County - SH-1 - STP-239C(029) / 27138(04), \$94,425.46, 1.51\%
j) Logan County - SH-33 - ACSTP-242C(046)SS / 21860(04) \#14, \$73,211.28, 0.42\%
k) Logan County - SH-33 - ACSTP-242C(046)SS / 21860(04) \#15, \$172,385.37, 1.00\%
I) Logan County - SH-33 - ACSTP-242C(046)SS / 21860(04) \#16, \$74,722.06, 0.43\%
m) McClain County - SH-37 - SSR-244C(063)SR / 32763(04), \$21,440.74, 1.77\%
n) Murray County - SH-7 - NHPP-250N(020)3B / 33614(04), \$73,776.00, 8.85\%
o) Okfuskee County - SH-84 - STP-254C(041)PM / 28927(04), \$7,454.16, 0.22\%
p) Oklahoma County - I-40 - ACNHPPI-0040-5(382) / ACNHPPI-4000-(047) / 20324(04), \$1,704.00, 0.00\%
q) Oklahoma County - I-35 - NHPPI-3500-(066)FP / 27897(04), \$8,075.77, -0.03\% Underrun
r) Oklahoma County - Ct. St. - STP-255B(455)AG / 31521(04), \$109,120.55, 5.03\%
s) Oklahoma County - I-35 - HSIPIG-3500(044)TR / 32625(04), \$61,323.00, 1.98\%
t) Pawnee County - US-64 - STP-159C(077)SS / 24323(04), \$6,273.74, 0.07\%
u) Pottawatomie County - US-270 - SSP-263B(062)PM / 29569(04), \$83,435.60, 4.48\%
v) Seminole County - SH-99A - STP-167C(150)PM / STP-267C(071)SS / 29460(04), \$5,527.66, 0.12\%
w) Seminole County - Co. Rd. - STP-267C(044)CI / 30039(04), \$12,127.93, 1.04\%
x) Stephens County - US-81 - ACNHPP-011N(100)SS / 20316(04), \$99,536.22, 0.69\%
y) Stephens County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-269C(002)RB / 27847(04) \#4, \$278,039.28, 5.81\%
z) Stephens County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-269C(002)RB / 27847(04) \#6, \$90,603.00, 1.89\%
aa) Stephens County - SH-53 - STP-269C(049)SS / 27966(04), \$135,000.00, 8.38\%
bb) Tulsa County - Ct. St. - NHPPIY-2440-(013)(014) / 29071(04), \$39.60, 0.00\%
cc) Tulsa County - US-169 - NHPP-272A(126)3B / SSP-272N(203)SS / STP-272A(174)3B / 31672(04), \$8,437.12, 0.14\%
dd) Wagoner County - SH-16 - ACSTP-273C(025)SS / 24366(04), \$89,734.59, 0.63\%
ee) Wagoner County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-173C(146)RB / 25489(04), \$94,967.48, -3.29\% Underrun
ff) Washita County - I-40-ACNHPPI-4000-(057)PM / 27935(04), \$2,310.00, 0.03\%
gg) Woodward County - Co. Rd. - CIRB-177C(113)RB / 27407(04), \$96,702.20, 1.52\%
ACTION: Coburn moved and LaForge seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, McKown, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge, and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

## ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE \& ADMINISTRATION

174. Lettings - Mr. Hackney
a) Final February, 2020 Proposed Bid Opening
b) Tentative March, 2020 Proposed Bid Opening
c) Tentative April, 2020 Proposed Bid Opening

ACTION: Dyson moved and Alexander seconded that the ltem be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES:
NAYES:
ABSENT: None

## 175. Settlement for Damages to State Property - Ms. Williams

Bobbie Koen - Blaine County - $\$ 146.82$
ACTION: Grimsley moved and Freymiller seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, McKown, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge, and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

## ITEM PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE ENGINEER - Mr. Delce

## 176. Awards

November 14, 2019 - Regular Letting

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\text { ACTION: } & \text { LaForge moved and Peterson seconded that the Item be approved as presented. } \\
\text { MOTION: } & \text { Carried by the following vote: } \\
\text { AYES: } & \text { Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, McKown, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge, and Peterson } \\
\text { NAYES: } & \text { None } \\
\text { ABSENT: } & \text { None }
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## ITEM PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR - Mr. Gatz

## 177. Director's Report

Secretary Gatz said I have a couple updates I wanted to provide this morning. The Congress has passed a Continuing Resolution that will continue to fund the transportation related operations through December 20th. So that was good news. While the short-term measure will allow ODOT to continue to solicit bids and award contracts for projects with federal funds through February 2020, a long-term budget is still needed to provide states with certainty that funding will be in place for transportation plans and programs.

Also want to report the good news that the Federal Transit Administration is moving forward to authorize the new ODOT Office of Mobility and Public Transit to administer federal funds for a transit program serving the elderly and disabled that was moved from the Oklahoma Department of Human Services to ODOT by the Legislature earlier this year. The federal dollars that were in play as part of that amounted to about $\$ 8.5$ million. Those funds are available now for the Department to apply for, so that was really good news for us, and we appreciate the assistance of our congressional delegation in making that happen. And that's part of our ongoing and continuing effort to go ahead and get that office set up, and we have got our public transit plan in progress right now, our long range plan; and that effort is well underway and we are making good progress.

Also, as part of the awards this month, a project of about $\$ 21$ million on US-270 in Division 6 was awarded. That project continues our progress in the corridor between Oklahoma City and Woodward to, again, make improvements in that corridor. It is the final segment of that widening project to Woodward in Division 6; and we have about 5 remaining segments in Division 5 to be completed. All of that work is now in the 8 Year Work Plan and that will complete the widening in that project from I-40 in the 281 spur to Woodward. So we are very excited about that, Commissioner Alexander, and look forward to our continued progress and work in that corridor.

This time of year, coming out of the Thanksgiving holiday, we witnessed some pretty severe travel conditions across the country. The Department and the State of Oklahoma was very fortunate we had pretty decent weather conditions here for the most part. I know in Division 6, Division Engineer, Ron McDaniel had crews out working in Texas and Cimarron County over the Thanksgiving holiday. So we did have a little bit of winter weather out in the panhandle, but for the most part conditions were favorable here in Oklahoma.

I always want to take the opportunity to remind everybody that we are in the winter season and we are certainly capable in Oklahoma of experiencing some pretty extreme weather conditions. The Department is ready; our crews are more than ready to go to work; our salt sheds are full, so we are ready for whatever Mother Nature might throw at us during the winter season.

I do want to remind the traveling public to take their wintertime precautions. Put extra provisions into your vehicles, follow the department on our social media feeds, and also we have an interactive road conditions map on our website at www.okroads.org; and that new map and that new interactive website actually features some of our snowplow cameras. That will give you a picture of what the conditions are being experienced on the front of some of our snowplows. So this is really a valuable travel tool in times when we are having weather conditions and we are out plowing snow. So certainly encourage the public to take advantage of those options and informational opportunities in planning their travels. Mr. Chairman, with that, I would be happy to answer any questions that the commission might have of me.

Information Only: No Commission action required.

## ITEM PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

## 178. Adjournment Motion

ACTION: Dyson moved and Shannon seconded that the Meeting be adjourned.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, McKown, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

## Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting December 2, 2019.

Gene McKown - Chairman

Bob Peterson - Vice Chairman

