OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Media Advisory
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March Transportation Commission Meeting

The Oklahoma Transportation Commission will hold its monthly meeting at 11 a.m. Monday, March 4 in the R.A. Ward Transportation Building, 200 N.E. 21st St. in Oklahoma City. Items to be addressed at the meeting:

- Director of Operations Casey Shell will provide a report on snow and ice removal operations following the major winter storm that closed several highways in western and northwestern Oklahoma this week. He will also recognize some of the maintenance workers who worked around the clock, clearing snow from highways and rescuing stranded motorists.

- Commissioners are expected to hold an executive session to discuss the appointment of a new Oklahoma Department of Transportation director to succeed Transportation Secretary Gary Ridley, who will retire as director at the end of March.

- In his final report as ODOT Director, Ridley will update commissioners on a major milestone in the reconstruction of interstates in Tulsa – upcoming construction of the new eastbound I-244 bridge across the Arkansas River.

- Commissioners are expected to vote on awarding a more than $38 million contract to construct the new eastbound I-244 bridge over the Arkansas River in Tulsa. Originally built in 1967, the existing eastbound bridge is both structurally deficient and functionally obsolete.

- They will also be asked to vote on a $4.4 million contract to resurface 15 miles of US-270 in Beaver County.

The meeting agenda can be viewed at www.okladot.state.ok.us by clicking the Public Meeting link. The commission, an eight-member panel appointed by the governor to oversee the state's transportation development, awards project contracts for road and bridge construction on a monthly basis. The meeting is open to the public. If you have any questions about Monday's meeting, call the ODOT Media and Public Relations office at 405-521-6000. Next month's Oklahoma Transportation Commission meeting is currently scheduled for April 1 at 11 a.m.