

Media Advisory November 1, 2013

November Transportation Commission Meeting

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

- Oklahoma Department of Transportation Executive Director Mike Patterson will provide a report on the continuing resolution approved by Congress and the president in late October that funds federal government operations through mid-January.
- Commissioners will be asked to vote on approval of several proposed memorial highway and bridge designations, including the Petty Officer Tony Randolph Memorial Highway in Okmulgee County, the Specialist Howard Lee Jones Memorial Bridge in Coal County and the Wayman Tisdale Memorial Highway in Tulsa County.
- The ODOT Video Production Branch will be recognized for its award-winning video of the demolition of the old SH-28 bridge over Big Cabin Creek in Mayes County. The video, which has been viewed than 41,000 times on Youtube.com, recently earned the Public Relations Society of America-Oklahoma City Chapter's Upper Case award for the best video entry for an external audience.
- The commission is expected to vote on awarding a more than \$13 million contract to replace the SH-18 bridge over the Arkansas River near Ralston in Osage and Pawnee counties.
- Commissioners will be asked to consider awarding a \$9.5 million contract to reconstruct nearly five miles of I-44 near the Oklahoma/Texas state line in Cotton County.
- They will also be asked to vote on awarding a more than \$8 million contract for the first of three phases of a project to widen US-59 from north of Westville to the Illinois River in Adair 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 Dec. 9 at 11 a.m.