

Media Advisory September 4, 2014

September Transportation Commission Meeting

The Oklahoma Transportation Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting at **11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 8** in the R.A. Ward Transportation Building, 200 N.E. 21st St. in Oklahoma City. Items to be addressed at the meeting include:

- As the Oklahoma Department of Transportation continues toward its goal of addressing all remaining structurally deficient highway bridges, transportation commissioners will be asked to vote on approval of ODOT's new Federal Fiscal Year 2015-2022 Eight-year Construction Work Plan, which includes expedited replacement of the Purcell/Lexington bridge that was closed earlier this year for emergency repairs.
- Along with the Eight-year Plan, ODOT will also present an updated Four-year Asset Preservation Plan, which contains projects to extend the life of bridges and pavement.
- In a report to commissioners, Executive Director Mike Patterson will highlight the recent announcement by Gov. Mary Fallin and ODOT of a \$100 million initiative to improve warning signs at rail crossings statewide.
- The commission is also expected consider whether to award a more than \$6.5 million contract for replacement of the US-177 bridge over the Washita River near Dickson in Carter County and more than \$1.5 million rehabilitation of the I-35 over Red Branch Creek near Pauls Valley in Garvin 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 Oct. 6 at 11 a.m.

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