



OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Media Advisory
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April Transportation Commission Meeting

The Oklahoma Transportation Commission will hold its monthly meeting at 11 a.m. Monday, April 1 in the R.A. Ward Transportation Building, 200 N.E. 21st St. in Oklahoma City. Items to be addressed at the meeting:

- Transportation Secretary Gary Ridley will present a proclamation by Governor Mary Fallin declaring April 15-19 “Work Zone Awareness Week” in Oklahoma.
- Even on April Fool’s Day, work zone safety is no joke for Oklahoma Department of Transportation workers. Safety Branch Manager Mike Bracken will present the 2012 Safety Awards, recognizing the ODOT work crews with the best safety records last year.
- The agency will recognize *The Oklahoman* newspaper reporter Bryan Painter, who received the first ever National Media Award from the American Traffic Safety Services Association for his coverage of work zone safety and transportation issues.
- Mike Patterson, on his first official day as director, will update commissioners on federal legislation recently signed into law that extends federal highway funding for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- Commissioners are expected to consider awarding a \$13.6 million contract to resurface more than five miles of I-40 near Sayre in Beckham County.
- They will also consider awarding a more than \$11 million contract that includes financial incentives to replace the SH-3W bridge over the Canadian River near Asher in Pottawatomie 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 May 6 at 11 a.m.

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