



OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Media Advisory
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December Transportation Commission Meeting

The Oklahoma Transportation Commission will hold its regular meeting at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 9 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 briefing on the agency's Waterways Branch and highlight the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System in eastern Oklahoma, which is an important freight network and vital to state and national commerce. He will also update commissioners on ongoing federal transportation funding issues, including the continuing resolution that funds federal operations and authorizations through mid-January and the status of the Highway Trust Fund.
- The commission is expected to consider awarding a contract for a more than \$37 million project to reconstruct nearly six miles of US-60 near Pawhuska in Osage County. This project includes realignment of portions of the highway and replacement of three bridges as part of an ongoing effort to improve the US-60 corridor between Pawhuska and Vinita.
- Construction of Oklahoma's next state-of-the-art Port of Entry weigh and inspection station is planned to begin near the Arkansas border next year. Commissioners will be asked to consider awarding \$6.5 million and \$2.8 million contracts for construction of the new Port of Entry facility on I-40 in Sequoyah County.
- They are also expected to vote on awarding a nearly \$5.5 million contract to replace one bridge and rehabilitate three bridges at the tri-level I-44 interchange at Cache Rd. in Lawton.

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 Jan. 6 at 11 a.m.

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