Media Advisory Feb. 1, 2013

\*\*\*Editors and News Directors: Monday's Oklahoma Transportation Commission meeting will be at 10 a.m., an hour earlier than usual, because of the governor's State of the State address.\*\*\*

## **February Transportation Commission Meeting**

The Oklahoma Transportation Commission will hold its monthly meeting at **10 a.m. Monday**, **Feb. 4** in the R.A. Ward Transportation Building, 200 N.E. 21<sup>st</sup> St. in Oklahoma City. Items to be addressed at the meeting include:

- In a report to the commission, Oklahoma Department of Transportation Deputy
  Director/Chief Engineer Gary Evans will provide details on major upcoming interstate
  improvements in the Oklahoma City and Tulsa metro areas, as well as much-needed highway
  reconstruction projects in southern and southeastern Oklahoma.
- The U.S. Department of Transportation and Keep America Beautiful will recognize ODOT's
  partnership with Keep Oklahoma Beautiful with presentation of the National Partner Award
  to ODOT for its exemplary contributions and support of litter removal efforts during the 2012
  Great American Cleanup.
- Commissioners will be asked to consider ODOT's Eight-year State-owned Rail Construction and Maintenance Work Plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2013-2020, which includes various railroad track and bridge improvements.
- They are expected to vote on a \$48 million contract to widen nearly five miles of I-40 in Yukon and Oklahoma City and replace the SH-4 (Mustang Rd.) bridge over I-40. This project will complete the widening of I-40 between El Reno and Oklahoma City in Canadian County.
- The commission will also be asked to vote on a \$7.5 million contract for the next phase of the highly-anticipated reconstruction of the I-235/I-44 interchange in Oklahoma City.
- Commissioners are also expected to vote on awarding a \$15 million contract to replace the I-44 bridge over N. 177<sup>th</sup> E. Ave. (Lynn Lane) in Catoosa.

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 March 4 at 11 a.m.