



OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Media Advisory

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June Transportation Commission Meeting

The Oklahoma Transportation Commission will hold its monthly meeting at 11 a.m. Monday, June 3 in the R.A. Ward Transportation Building, 200 N.E. 21st St. in Oklahoma City. Items to be addressed at the meeting:

- Following last week's destructive tornados in the Moore, Shawnee and Carney areas, Oklahoma Department of Transportation Director of Operations Casey Shell will give a report on the deployment of ODOT crew members and heavy equipment to help clear storm debris from highways and streets. He will also report on last week's highway closures in Atoka and Pittsburg counties caused by heavy rains in southeastern Oklahoma.
- Director Mike Patterson will highlight major interstate projects beginning in June, including the final phase of I-40 reconstruction in Canadian County and construction of the new eastbound I-244 bridge over the Arkansas River in Tulsa.
- Patterson will also introduce ODOT's new deputy director, Tim Gatz, who recently served as Director of Capital Programs.
- The commission is expected to vote on awarding a nearly \$7.5 million contract to construct the north half of the new interchange at I-35 and Winstar Blvd. near Thackerville in Love County. This project is being funded by the Chickasaw Nation.
- Commissioners will be asked to consider awarding a \$7.4 million contract to replace the US-281 bridge over the Cimarron River near Little Sahara State Park in Woods 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 July 1 at 11 a.m.

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