

Media Advisory October 4, 2013

## **October Transportation Commission Meeting**

The Oklahoma Transportation Commission will hold its regular meeting at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 7 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:

- More than a decade after the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's first comprehensive eight-year plan, great strides have been made in improving the state's highways and bridges, with even more planned for the future. Commissioners will be asked to vote on approval of ODOT's Federal Fiscal Year 2014-2021 Eight-year Construction Work Plan, which includes \$6 billion in highway and bridge improvements to carry Oklahoma into the next decade.
- The department will unveil its State Fiscal Year 2014-2017 Asset Preservation Plan, which lays out planned investments in highway and bridge maintenance needs to extend the life of the state's transportation system.
- Commissioners will also be asked to vote on the department's State Fiscal Year 2014-2018 Five-year County Improvements for Roads and Bridges Construction Work Plan, which directs \$900 million in dedicated funds to Oklahoma's expansive county transportation system.
- ODOT Executive Director Mike Patterson will introduce two additions to his senior staff team. John Bowman is the new Director of Capital Programs and Tim Tegeler is Director of Engineering.
- Another milestone I-40 Crosstown project is planned to begin early next year. The commission is expected to vote on awarding a more than \$26 million contract that includes time-based financial incentives to construct the reconnection of the east end of the new Crosstown to downtown Oklahoma City.
- Commissioners will be asked to vote on awarding a contract for a \$16 million widening and resurfacing project on more than seven miles of US-177 between Warwick and Carney in Lincoln County.
- They will also be asked to vote on whether to award a contract for a \$9 million project to reconstruct the SH-266 bridge over US-169 in Tulsa.

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 Nov. 4 at 11 a.m.