

**OKLAHOMA ADVANCED MOBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL INITIAL MEETING
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2021**

Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:30 am on Friday, November 19th, 2021 by Chairman Tim Gatz. Roll call and introductions were made.

Council Members Present:

Tim Gatz	Gary Ambrose (Zoom)
James Grimsley	Jim Roth (Zoom)
Grayson Ardies (Zoom)	Steve Findley
Jamey Jacob (Zoom)	Tyler Moore
Amy Walton	Geoffrey Camp

Terri Angier – Office of Secretary Gatz

Objectives and Guiding Principles

Secretary Gatz started the meeting off with discussing five guiding principles for consideration and asked everyone to add to the list if there are any principles that need added.

Guiding Principles for Consideration:

- 1. Balanced and thoughtful policies for emerging transportation technologies should work to the benefit and advantage of the people of the State of OK and to the traveling public. – He believes these fit very well in the context of why the legislature created the Advisory Council and that it is a fundamental principle.*
- 2. Transparency is a critical part of societal acceptance and successful adoption of policies for emerging technologies and diversity of opinion and perspective is important and critical. – Secretary Gatz stated that this speaks to all things government in the world we live in today so again we're going to be open and transparent with our process, we certainly want everyone that's on this advisory council and everyone that we interact with to have the opportunity to interact with us in advance ideas through this Council.*
- 3. Emerging technologies often introduce complex challenges in balancing safety needs/expectations, economic opportunity and constitutional freedoms/protections and these challenges are not always solved quickly or easily. Secretary Gatz stated that speaks to the charge of the Advisory Council, and how we might be able to assist with some long term process and support or advancing needs across what will turn into multiple years.*
- 4. Society can often benefit if there are opportunities to safety test, demonstrate and evaluate emerging technologies in controlled environments prior to wider adoption. Secretary Gatz said he thinks that it even hits the mark that some of the things that we're talking about especially right now, where our current law rule regulation and*

sometimes policy doesn't support all the way, yet the advancement of even pilot type project, so I think that's a very important concept, where we can develop some recommendations to begin to support activities and get our society more comfortable with the advancement of some of this technology.

5. *Federalism plays an important part in transportation policy and will continue to do so with the evolution of emerging transportation technologies. Secretary Gatz stated he thinks this is very timely to add a guiding principle like number five with the passage of the Infrastructure investment jobs act. He thinks it begins to facilitate many new opportunities that potentially come with a least revenue stream of some type that the Council will spend some time really deliberating over so we're in the timing of this first meeting in the way that it corresponds in the same week with the President signing of the infrastructure investment act.*

Secretary Gatz stated that these are exciting times and a good time for us to be having a kickoff meeting. He asked for any comments to add to the discussion and asked the group to take a good hard look at them and how to improve of these and refine at the next meeting.

Secretary Gatz opens the floor to Matt Ball.

Guest Speaker - Matt Ball with CMA Strategies

Mr. Ball works for a consulting firm in OKC and does work for various companies such as Walmart; Koch and Tesla.

Open Discussion

Suggestions & Recommendations:

Secretary Gatz stated that we will adhere to the open meetings act and those requirements, so we want this to be an open and participating process. Looking ahead, he thinks this advisory council really breaks down into two areas, one will be rubber tire surface based and the other is going to be aerial. A lot of commonality in some of the technologies that are in development, certainly Steve represents a good example of that, where there's a lot of development going on around the technologies of aerial systems and ground transportation.

Discussion of Possible Sub-Committees and Structure:

We are probably going to stand up a couple of subcommittees to support the advisory council. One on manned and one on autonomous vehicles. We've got an autonomous vehicle working group that has been interacting a lot of you participate in some of those meetings over the course of the last several years. That is still active and we are going to reinvigorate that group a little bit and maybe add a little bit more to the surface side. If any of you have recommendations you may want to be engaged in, we will send out a description of those who already in on them. Will do some more work on setting up a frame work to support that between now and next meeting. Use the next meeting possibly to kick off some of those subcommittee activities.

Review of near-term activities/events/schedules that are relevant to the industry and the Council Protocols for Advancing Agenda Items:

We are also going to have things that need to be done this legislative session, both on the aerial front and on the surface front. We want as an advisory council, to recognize we are not going to be able to catch up all the way to some of that, but we want to try to put ourselves in a position to be supportive of that development and to provide a little guidance.

We'll work on what legislation may be advanced and how we might want to track that right away.

If you have idea concepts or discussion topics for our next meeting agenda, you can forward those to our council email advancedmobility@oktransportation.org.

Discussion of Future Meetings:

We will send out some recommended dates for our next meeting, but expect it to be after holidays, sometime mid-January. This next meeting will be in advance of the legislative session, which will give us an opportunity to discuss anything that may show up on the radar.

Open Discussion:

The legislature has recognized some of the things we've talked about, that it is important Or they wouldn't put it in statute and given us a charge. We've got to do our best to be supportive of what they've asked us to do.

James Grimsley asked that we "Save the Date" for the *Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Regional Emerging Aviation Technology Conference* to be held in Durant on February 8, 2022. Choctaw Nation will be partnering with North Texas and other groups to host an all-day conference on emerging aviation technologies. Several federal agencies will be represented and expect the overall panels/speakers to be timely and beneficial to the community. More information will be available after Thanksgiving.

Mr. Grimsley suggested that perhaps ODOT could create a shared OneDrive folder to host/share relevant documents and data. Alternatively, another organization could host. He also stated there are some federal committees/councils in the works and that we should strive to be part of those, saying that they are a very good investment of time.

Closing Remarks:

Secretary Gatz thanked everyone for their time and expressed his appreciation for their participation in this important council. The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 am.