

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

April 6, 2026

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HELD APRIL 6, 2026, IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM OF THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, 200 NE 21ST STREET, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73105.

Notice of the schedule of regular meetings of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for the calendar year 2026 having been given in writing to the Oklahoma Secretary of State, and public notice and agenda having been posted in a prominent public view on the website of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, www.ok.gov/odot, and on the glass doors on the north side of the ODOT Building twenty-four (24) hours prior to this meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S. Section 311.

ITEMS PRESENTED BY COMMISSION VICE-CHAIRMAN

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Peterson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

The following items were presented and approved as written at the Transportation Commission meeting April 6, 2026.

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	Present:	Bob Peterson	Chairman
		David Dyson	Vice-Chairman
		Michael Junk	Secretary
		Lisa Billy	Member
		Eric Stuteville	Member
		Paul Scott	Member
		Bobby Alexander	Member
		Don Freymiller	Member

Absent:	Ronnie Boswell	Member
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Presiding:	Bob Peterson
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Chairman Peterson thanked everyone for coming and recognized Senator Darcy Jech, Paul Zachary with the City of Tulsa, Richard Brierre with INCOG, County Commissioner Randy Robinson, and Bobby Stem, Executive Director of AOGC, for their attendance.

ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

Call to Order

Roll Call – Commission Executive Assistant

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Keep America Beautiful's Government Partner Award – Evelyn Schaefer, Keep Oklahoma Beautiful Director

Work Zone Safe Champion Award – Tom Robins, Work Zone Safe Founder

Presentation of the Governor's Proclamation declaring April 20-24, 2026 as Work Zone Awareness Week in Oklahoma – Tim Gatz

ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSION

38. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of March 2, 2026

ACTION: Dyson moved and Billy seconded that the Minutes be approved.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Stuteville, Billy, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Scott, Peterson
ABSTAIN: Junk
ABSENT: Boswell

CONSENT DOCKET TO BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

39. **Change in Traffic Control – Ms. Theisen**
District IV, Payne County – City of Stillwater, Intersection of US-177 & Airport Road
40. **Speed Zone Revisions – Ms. Theisen**
District II, Atoka County – Along US-69 including the Town of Stringtown for 7.56 miles
41. **Certification of County Road Mileage – Mr. Couch**
Statewide – Title 69 O.S. Section 316 requires the Transportation Commission to annually certify to the Tax Commission the county road mileage of each county in Oklahoma as it existed on the first day of January each year.
42. **Land Sale – Mr. Phillips**
a) District I, Adair County - \$4,573.00

ACTION: Scott moved and Alexander seconded that the Consent Docket be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Stuteville, Billy, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Scott, Peterson
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Boswell

END OF CONSENT DOCKET

ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF DESIGN – Mr. Hernandez

43. Modified Progressive Design Build Contract

District II, Bryan & Marshall Counties – Modified Progressive Design Build Contract - \$405,445,181.00
CI-2555C – Zachry Construction Corporation/Traylor Bros., Inc. (JV)

ACTION: Stuteville moved and Dyson seconded that the Consent Docket be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Stuteville, Billy, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Scott, Peterson
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Boswell

44. Engineering Contracts

a) Statewide – On-Demand Ancillary Structure Safety Inspections - \$1,500,000.00

CI-2559A – Burgess and Niple, Inc.
CI-2559B – Consor North America, Inc.

b) Statewide – On-Demand International Roughness Index (IRI) Verification Testing - \$500,000.00

CI-2561A – CEC Corporation
CI-2561B – WSB, LLC

c) Statewide — On-Demand Bridge Assessment and Bridge Rehabilitation Plans — \$8,000,000.00

CI-2562A — Aguirre & Fields, LP
CI-2562B — Benham Design, LLC
CI-2562C — Burgess and Niple, Inc.
CI-2562D — Collins and Steel Engineering, PLLC
CI-2562E — Consor North America, Inc.
CI-2562F — Garver LLC
CI-2562G — H.W. Lochner, Inc.
CI-2562H — HNTB Corporation
CI-2562J — Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
CI-2562K — MKEC Engineering
CI-2562L — NEO Design, LLC
CI-2562M — Poe & Associates, Inc.
CI-2562N — STV Incorporated
CI-2562P — Tetra Tech, Inc.
CI-2562Q — Walter P. Moore & Associates, Inc.
CI-2562R — WSB, LLC

ACTION: Freymiller moved and Scott seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Stuteville, Billy, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Scott, Peterson
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Boswell

45. Engineering Contract Supplements

a) District II, Bryan & Marshall Counties – Owners Representative - \$4,000,000.00

CI-2526 - Supplement 2 – HNTB Corporation

b) District II, Pittsburg County – Preparation of Construction Plans - \$153,100.00

CI-2068 – Supplement 3 – Benham Design, LLC

- c) District IV, Oklahoma County - Preparation of Construction Plans - \$936,630.00
CI-1457A - Supplement 6 – Garver LLC
- d) District IV, Oklahoma County - Preparation of Construction Plans - \$7,017,455.00
CI-1457B - Supplement 5 – Poe & Associates, Inc.
- e) District VII, Comanche County - Preparation of Construction Plans - \$163,920.00
CI-1620 - Supplement 2 – Olsson, Inc.

Public Access to total contracts by Consultant, type: Oklahoma.gov/odot, under Business Center or click: [8-Year CWP Contract Totals by Consultant SFY 2017-Present](#)

ACTION:	Stuteville moved and Alexander seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
MOTION:	Carried by the following vote:
AYES:	Stuteville, Billy, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Scott, Peterson
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Boswell

ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED BY CONSTRUCTION DIVISION ENGINEER - Mr. Leonard

46. Change Orders with Cumulative Total of \$150,000.00 or Less - Information Only

- a) District I, Adair County - County Road
Contract ID: 240286 - #2 - (\$3.39) - (0.00%) Underrun
- b) District VI, Alfalfa County - County Road
Contract ID: 250051 - #3 - \$27,523.31 - 4.09%
- c) District VI, Alfalfa County - County Roads
Contract ID: 250247 - #2 - \$1,023.46 - 0.87%
- d) District II, Bryan County - County Road
Contract ID: 240216 - #4 - \$2,860.00 - 0.19%
- e) District VII, Caddo County - Multiple Locations
Contract ID: 250151 - #1 - \$4,750.00 - 0.25%
- f) District VII, Caddo County - SH-152
Contract ID: 230166 - #2 - \$28,645.17 - 8.27%
- g) District IV, Canadian County - US-281
Contract ID: 250353 - #1 - \$0.00 - 0.00%
- h) District IV, Canadian County - I-40B
Contract ID: 250065 - #1 - \$5,365.18 - 0.44%
- i) District IV, Canadian County - SH-66
Contract ID: 250226 - #2 - \$6,541.00 - 0.58%
- j) District III, Coal County - SH-31
Contract ID: 250324 - #1 - \$20,354.68 - 9.28%
- k) District VIII, Craig County - US-69
Contract ID: 230263 - #4 - \$22,655.76 - 0.62%
- l) District VIII, Craig County - SH-2
Contract ID: 250054 - #2 - \$16,766.61 - 1.09%

- m) District V, Custer County - Multiple Locations
Contract ID: 250125 - #2 - \$0.45 - 0.00%
- n) District VI, Harper County - Multiple Locations
Contract ID: 250195 - #1 - \$25,644.98 - 5.25%
- o) District VI, Harper County - County Roads
Contract ID: 250069 - #1 - \$15,989.02 - 0.29%
- p) District III, Lincoln County - US-177
Contract ID: 250173 - #2 - \$56,318.00 - 0.27%
- q) District III, Lincoln County - Multiple Locations
Contract ID: 250257 - #1 - \$78,600.36 - 14.91%
- r) District II, McCurtain County - SH-37
Contract ID: 250199 - #1 - \$1,936.00 - 0.01%
- s) District II, McCurtain County - US-259
Contract ID: 240132 - #3 - \$2,843.20 - 0.01%
- t) District I, McIntosh County - County Road
Contract ID: 250303 - #1 - \$1,522.60 - 0.69%
- u) District IV, Noble County - I-35
Contract ID: 250233 - #1 - \$30,300.00 - 1.07%
- v) District VIII, Nowata County - SH-28
Contract ID: 250033 - #4 - \$3,181.77 - 0.31%
- w) District IV, Oklahoma County - County Road
Contract ID: 240178 - #2 - \$58,217.52 - 4.55%
- x) District IV, Oklahoma County - City Street
Contract ID: 250305 - #1 - (\$5,000.00) - (0.05%) Underrun
- y) District IV, Oklahoma County - City Street
Contract ID: 250305 - #3 - \$11,861.52 - 0.12%
- z) District IV, Oklahoma County - City Streets
Contract ID: 240247 - #2 - \$19,892.16 - 0.16%
- aa) District IV, Oklahoma County - Multiple Locations
Contract ID: 250234 - #1 - \$7,260.00 - 0.82%
- bb) District II, Pittsburg County - US-69
Contract ID: 250266 - #1 - \$17,251.20 - 1.61%
- cc) District III, Pontotoc County - Multiple Locations
Contract ID: 250142 - #1 - \$246.69 - 0.20%
- dd) District III, Pottawatomie County - County Road
Contract ID: 250156 - #1 - \$15,293.15 - 2.55%
- ee) District II, Pushmataha County - County Roads
Contract ID: 240259 - #3 - \$41,896.20 - 16.98%
- ff) District VIII, Rogers County - SH-66
Contract ID: 240159 - #2 - \$43,572.06 - 0.60%
- gg) District VIII, Rogers County - SH-66
Contract ID: 240159 - #3 - \$29,400.48 - 0.40%
- hh) District III, Seminole County - SH-99
Contract ID: 250116 - #2 - \$42,849.18 - 1.36%

- ii) District I, Sequoyah County - I-40
Contract ID: 250204 - #2 - \$14,948.52 - 1.11%
- jj) District VII, Stephens County - US-81
Contract ID: 250022 - #2 - (\$83,025.00) - (3.66%) Underrun
- kk) District VI, Woods County - US-281
Contract ID: 240193 - #2 - \$40,454.50 - 0.43%

Total of Less Than Change Orders: \$607,936.34

47. Change Orders with Cumulative Total Greater than \$150,000.00 - Mr. Leonard

- a) District V, Beckham County - SH-6
Contract ID: 240115 - #6 - \$42,178.84 - 0.36%
- b) District V, Beckham County - SH-6
Contract ID: 240115 - #7 - \$27,915.47 - 0.24%
- c) District V, Beckham County - SH-6
Contract ID: 240115 - #8 - \$36,395.18 - 0.31%
- d) District VII, Caddo County - US-281
Contract ID: 240142 - #3 - \$49,370.39 - 1.46%
- e) District V, Caddo County - I-40
Contract ID: 240003 - #2 - \$116,871.45 - 5.97%
- f) District III, Cleveland County - SH-37
Contract ID: 230294 - #4 - \$125,028.56 - 0.42%
- g) District II, Leflore County - SH-112
Contract ID: 250071 - #2 - \$75,087.62 - 0.42%
- h) District II, Leflore County - SH-112
Contract ID: 250071 - #3 - \$21,543.00 - 0.12%
- i) District VI, Major County - US-281
Contract ID: 240158 - #5 - \$256,595.63 - 1.58%
- j) District IV, Oklahoma County - I-35
Contract ID: 220228 - #30 - \$176,536.91 - 0.29%
- k) District IV, Oklahoma County - I-35
Contract ID: 220228 - #31 - \$65,323.14 - 0.11%
- l) District IV, Oklahoma County - I-35
Contract ID: 220228 - #32 - \$51,405.73 - 0.09%
- m) District IV, Oklahoma County - City Street
Contract ID: 250305 - #2 - \$478,704.00 - 5.04%
- n) District II, Pittsburg County - Waterway Trail
Contract ID: 230335 - #6 - \$31,789.20 - 3.06%
- o) District III, Pontotoc County - SH-3
Contract ID: 240087 - #6 - \$26,725.71 - 0.81%
- p) District III, Pontotoc County - SH-3
Contract ID: 240087 - #7 - \$22,513.31 - 0.68%
- q) District III, Pottawatomie County - US-270
Contract ID: 240237 - #11 - \$155,587.22 - 0.59%
- r) District III, Pottawatomie County - US-270B / City Street

Contract ID: 210239 - #1 - \$163,180.46 - 0.72%

- s) District VIII, Rogers County - SH-66
Contract ID: 240159 - #4 - \$150,000.00 - 2.06%
- t) District VIII, Rogers County - County Road
Contract ID: 230119 - #4 - \$3,592.60 - 0.02%
- u) District III, Seminole County - US-270
Contract ID: 220268 - #10 - \$4,510.00 - 0.01%
- v) District III, Seminole County - US-270
Contract ID: 220268 - #11 - \$5,135.52 - 0.01%

Total of Greater Than Change Orders: \$2,085,989.94

ACTION: Junk moved and Billy seconded that the Item be approved.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Stuteville, Billy, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Scott, Junk, Peterson
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Boswell

ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS – Mr. Davis

48. Claim for Additional Payment

District I, Muskogee County – Lopp Construction LLC. - \$270,508.85

ACTION: Dyson moved and Freymiller seconded that the Item be approved.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Stuteville, Billy, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Scott, Junk, Peterson
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Boswell

ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT – Mr. Gauthé

49. Preserving and Advancing County Transportation Fund – FY26

- a) District I, Adair County - \$120,000.00
- b) District I, McIntosh County - \$500,000.00
- c) District II, Bryan County - \$3,000,000.00
- d) District III, Garvin County - \$500,000.00
- e) District III, Garvin County - \$400,000.00
- f) District IV, Logan County - \$400,000.00
- g) District IV, Logan County - \$450,000.00
- h) District V, Washita County - \$310,000.00
- i) District V, Washita County - \$451,000.00
- j) District VI, Major County - \$340,000.00
- k) District VII, Commanche County - \$248,729.00
- l) District VIII, Delaware County - \$204,000.00
- m) District VIII, Delaware County - \$951,000.00
- n) District VIII, Delaware County - \$756,000.00
- o) District VIII, Tulsa County - \$1,422,387.00
- p) District VIII, Tulsa County - \$718,284.00

ACTION: Billy moved and Freymiller seconded that the Item be approved.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Stuteville, Billy, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Scott, Junk, Peterson
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Boswell

ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY FINANCIAL SERVICES & OPERATIONS – Ms. Bryant

50. Proposed Bid Openings

- a) Final May 2026 Proposed Bid Opening
- b) Tentative June 2026 Proposed Bid Opening
- c) Tentative July 2026 Proposed Bid Opening

ACTION: Dyson moved and Scott seconded that the Item be approved.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Stuteville, Billy, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Scott, Junk, Peterson
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Boswell

ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE ENGINEER – Mr. Ngoka

51. Awards

- a) March 12, 2026 – Regular Bid Opening
- b) March 19, 2026 – Regular Bid Opening

ACTION: Junk moved and Scott seconded that the Item be approved.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Stuteville, Billy, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Scott, Junk, Peterson
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Boswell

ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR – Mr. Gatz

52. Director's Report – Information Only

Secretary Tim Gatz began his report by providing detailed updates on Departmental policies, infrastructure projects, and upcoming statewide events. He explained that two long-established price adjustment indexes—fuel and asphalt binder—remained embedded in the competitive bidding process. These indexes, both influenced by fluctuations in the price of oil, had been used for decades to stabilize project delivery. He noted they enabled Contractor partners to submit more competitive bids by mitigating risk associated with market volatility. The arrangement functioned as a two-way mechanism, allowing the Department to compensate contractors during price increases while also recovering funds if prices declined. Gatz emphasized this approach had proven highly effective in balancing financial risk across highway construction projects, particularly given recent and anticipated volatility in fuel and asphalt markets.

Gatz reported increasing momentum surrounding Route 66 initiatives across Oklahoma, along with the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in Wellston and new historic pavement markings were being installed in Route 66 communities statewide, with work beginning the previous week in Bristow and continuing across Oklahoma. This effort was conducted in partnership with the Oklahoma Centennial Commission, which

helped offset project costs. He added that installation was intentionally scheduled after the winter snowplow season to preserve the markings' condition ahead of the Route 66 Centennial celebration. The Route 66 bridge on the Turner Turnpike in Wellston included substantial improvements through the community and featured an iconic art installation at a nearby travel plaza marking the geographic midpoint of Route 66 in Oklahoma. The two-day Mother Road Summit featured Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell and keynote remarks from Sean McMaster (FHWA), who was expected to attend both the ribbon cutting and summit activities. Gatz highlighted that numerous related events would take place throughout the summer leading up to the officially recognized Route 66 Centennial on November 11, 2026, with additional information available through the state tourism platform.

Gatz gave an update on the Roosevelt Bridge replacement near Lake Texoma and reiterated the bridge had been a known deficiency for decades, serving as a major bottleneck on Highway 70 due to reduced lane capacity and structural concerns. He referenced recent severe weather events, noting that high winds had again threatened the integrity of the causeway, reinforcing the urgency of replacement. The bridge had previously sustained damage, including loss of portions of the structure, and continued to pose safety risks to the traveling public. Gatz described the project as both critical and generational, emphasizing its importance for regional mobility, economic development, and long-term safety. He acknowledged the contributions of key personnel, including Justin Hernandez (Director of Engineering), Anthony Echelle (District II Engineer), Lauren January (State Roadway Engineer), and Jason Geibler (State Bridge Engineer), who supported project evaluation and planning.

Gatz provided an update on the I-40 and Douglas Boulevard interchange project, noting that a ribbon cutting had occurred on March 11, 2026. The interchange, named in honor of James Inhofe, was completed with support from a \$51 million federal INFRA grant, which Gatz stated Senator Inhofe had been instrumental in securing. Attendees included members of the Senator's family, Representatives from James Lankford's office, Local Government officials, the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, and Military leadership. The interchange, designed as a single-point urban interchange, significantly improved traffic efficiency and was expected to enhance access to Tinker Air Force Base, strengthening partnerships with military installations in the state.

The upcoming I-40 widening project between the Kickapoo Turnpike and McLoud, spanning approximately five miles, will expand the corridor to six lanes. This joint effort between multiple districts is scheduled to begin in the fall, with an estimated three-year completion timeline. Gatz emphasized the importance of proactively increasing roadway capacity to accommodate continued population growth in both the Oklahoma City and Tulsa metropolitan areas.

Additionally, an I-35 resurfacing project in Norman, will extend nine miles north from SH-9, is expected to begin in June and last approximately 90 days. Gatz indicated that most work would occur at night to reduce traffic disruption, although delays were still anticipated due to the high volume of travel along the corridor. The project is characterized as a heavy maintenance effort aimed at extending pavement life and improving safety.

Bridge rehabilitation projects on US-64 and US-412 in Pawnee and Tulsa Counties were also outlined. These include three separate bridge improvements over the Arkansas River, Keystone Lake, and Shell Creek, located between the Cimarron Turnpike and Sand Springs. Construction is expected to begin after Labor Day and continue for approximately nine to twelve months. Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction through work zones. Gatz noted the \$13 million investment would help maintain structural integrity and prevent the bridges from being classified as at-risk or structurally deficient.

Safety initiatives were emphasized in conjunction with National Work Zone Awareness Week, observed April 20th through April 24th. Gatz highlighted April 22 as Go Orange Day and announced a planned moment of silence on April 30th to honor fallen transportation workers. He reinforced the importance of public awareness, urging drivers to reduce speed in work zones, eliminate distractions, and consistently wear seat belts to reduce fatalities and serious injuries.

The fourth annual Safe Oklahoma Summit was described as a collaborative effort bringing together professionals from law enforcement, engineering, education, and public health sectors to advance roadway safety. Gatz outlined key focus areas, including safer road users, infrastructure, vehicles, speeds, and post-crash care, with the overarching goal of ensuring all travelers return home safely.

Commission members, including David Dyson and Bob Peterson, expressed appreciation for the updates and initiatives presented. Commissioner Alexander specifically remarked that the approval of the Roosevelt Bridge replacement represented a historic and meaningful decision for the commission. In response, Gatz reflected on his 36-year tenure, noting that concerns about the bridge had persisted throughout his career. He concluded that the approved replacement project represented a critical milestone and a long-term investment, estimated to provide approximately 75 years of service for Oklahoma's transportation system.

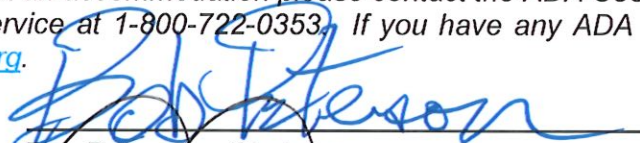
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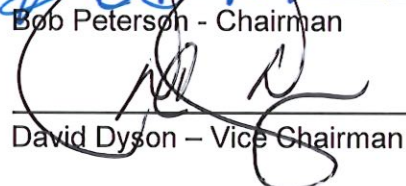
ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

53. Adjournment Motion

ACTION:	Scott moved and Dyson seconded that the Item be approved.
MOTION:	Carried by the following vote:
AYES:	Stuteville, Billy, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Scott, Peterson
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Boswell

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Bob Peterson - Chairman

David Dyson – Vice Chairman