

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

June 1, 2026

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HELD JUNE 1, 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 June 1, 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
		Ronnie Boswell	Member

Absent:

Presiding: Bob Peterson

Chairman Peterson thanked everyone for coming and recognized Representative Denise Crosswhite Hader, Trait Thompson, Executive Director of Oklahoma Historical Society, 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

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Awards – Taylor Henderson

Safety Awards – Taylor Henderson

ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSION

67. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of May 4, 2026, and continued meeting of May 6, 2026.

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

CONSENT DOCKET TO BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

68. **Speed Zone Revisions – Ms. Theisen**

- a) District IV, Logan County – Along US-77 including the Town of Mulhall for 13.30 miles
- b) District VIII, Creek County – Along SH-16 including the City of Drumright for 5.95 miles
- c) District VIII, Creek County – Along SH-33 including the City of Drumright for 24.72 miles
- d) District VIII, Creek County – Along SH-99 including the City of Drumright for 4.64 miles
- e) District VIII, Creek County – Along SH-99 including the City of Drumright for 2.28 miles
- f) District VIII, Creek County – Along SH-99B including the City of Drumright for 1.09 miles

69. **Land Sales – Mr. Phillips**

- a) District III, McClain County - \$3,734.25
- b) District IV, Oklahoma County - \$15,500.00

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

END OF CONSENT DOCKET

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

70. Engineering Contracts

- a) Statewide — On-Demand Railroad Studies — \$250,000.00
CI-2563 — JWebb & Associates, LLC

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

71. Engineering Contract Supplements

- a) All Districts — Statewide — On-Demand Land Survey — Supplement 1 — \$2,000,000.00
CI-2529A — Bancroft Design, Inc.
CI-2529B — Carroll Surveying and Mapping LLC
CI-2529C — CEC Corporation
CI-2529D — Frontier Land Surveying, LLC
CI-2529E — Heartland Surveying & Mapping, PLLC
CI-2529F — Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc.
CI-2529G — Sky Survey, LLC
CI-2529H — Smith Roberts Baldischwiler LLC
CI-2529J — Universal Surveying and Mapping LLC
CI-2529K — White Hawk Engineering and Design LLC
- b) District IV, Oklahoma County - Preparation of Construction Plans - \$2,440,903.00
CI-2389 - Supplement 1 – Poe & Associates, Inc.
- c) District VI, Beaver County - Preparation of Construction Plans - \$35,703.00
CI-2404C - Supplement 1 – Walter P. Moore and Associates Inc.
- d) District VIII, Mayes County - Preparation of Construction Plans - \$128,600.00
CI-2424B - Supplement 2 – Olsson, Inc.
- e) District VIII, Osage County - Preparation of Construction Plans - \$2,000,000.00
CI-2452I - Supplement 1 – Garver, LLC

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

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

- a) District II, Choctaw County - County Road
Contract ID: 250080 - #2 - \$111,846.97 - 8.04%
- b) District III, Cleveland County - US-77
Contract ID: 220192 - #8 - (\$561.28) - (0.00%) Underrun
- c) District III, Cleveland County - City Streets
Contract ID: 250227 - #1 - \$39,618.49 - 14.75%
- d) District VII, Comanche County - I-44
Contract ID: 240138 - #3 - (\$107,562.11) - (6.38%) Underrun
- e) District VII, Comanche County - US-62
Contract ID: 240027 - #3 - (\$139,698.22) - (3.98%) Underrun
- f) District VIII, Creek County - County Road
Contract ID: 250005 - #2 - \$40,649.34 - 3.29%
- g) District VIII, Creek County - SH-66
Contract ID: 250081 - #1 - \$3,640.80 - 0.04%
- h) District V, Harmon County - County Road
Contract ID: 250270 - #1 - \$19,000.00 - 0.21%
- i) District I, Haskell County - County Road
Contract ID: 250271 - #1 - \$1,914.40 - 0.16%
- j) District III, Johnston County - SH-48
Contract ID: 210315 - #5 - \$1,756.98 - 0.04%
- k) District III, Johnston County - Multiple Locations
Contract ID: 250211 - #1 - \$12,598.00 - 9.71%
- l) District II, Latimer County - County Road
Contract ID: 250183 - #2 - \$40,728.74 - 7.34%
- m) District VII, Love County - County Road
Contract ID: 250185 - #2 - \$9,452.85 - 0.09%
- n) District VII, Love County - I-35
Contract ID: 250176 - #4 - \$4,285.83 - 0.03%
- o) District III, McClain County - SH-59
Contract ID: 250028 - #4 - \$5,015.77 - 0.19%
- p) District I, McIntosh County - US-69B
Contract ID: 250178 - #1 - \$4,367.00 - 0.19%
- q) District I, McIntosh County - County Road
Contract ID: 250303 - #2 - \$1,116.50 - 0.51%
- r) District IV, Oklahoma County - City Streets
Contract ID: 230350 - #3 - (\$7,342.50) - (0.07%) Underrun
- s) District III, Pontotoc County - SH-1
Contract ID: 250060 - #5 - (\$72,784.71) - (2.07%) Underrun
- t) District III, Seminole County - Multiple Locations
Contract ID: 250218 - #1 - \$19,000.00 - 3.37%
- u) District I, Sequoyah County - US-59
Contract ID: 240260 - #2 - (\$0.03) - (0.00%) Underrun

- v) District I, Sequoyah County - I-40
Contract ID: 250204 - #3 - \$16,213.95 - 1.21%
- w) District VIII, Tulsa County - Multiple Locations
Contract ID: 250077 - #1 - (\$855.00) - (0.10%) Underrun
- x) District VIII, Tulsa County - US-75
Contract ID: 250143 - #3 - \$1,925.00 - 0.05%
- y) District VIII, Tulsa County - Multiple Locations
Contract ID: 250244 - #1 - \$67,507.28 - 50.64%
- z) District VIII, Tulsa County - City Street
Contract ID: 250118 - #2 - \$22.00 - 0.04%

Total of Less Than Change Orders: \$71,856.05

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

- a) District VII, Comanche County - US-277
Contract ID: 250053 - #1 - \$450,000.00 - 3.33%
- b) District VII, Cotton County - US-70
Contract ID: 250042 - #3 - \$44,886.21 - 1.38%
- c) District III, Garvin County - I-35
Contract ID: 220316 - #11 - \$678,102.93 - 2.22%
- d) District III, Garvin County - I-35
Contract ID: 220316 - #12 - \$121,458.38 - 0.40%
- e) District III, Hughes County - Multiple Locations
Contract ID: 250196 - #1 - \$210,106.80 - 56.27%
- f) District II, McCurtain County - SH-3
Contract ID: 230256 - #12 - \$71,460.00 - 0.41%
- g) District IV, Oklahoma County - I-35
Contract ID: 220228 - #33 - \$80,605.86 - 0.13%
- h) District IV, Oklahoma County - Multiple Locations
Contract ID: 240220 - #3 - \$371,362.05 - 18.82%
- i) District IV, Oklahoma County - City Street
Contract ID: 250305 - #5 - \$73,386.88 - 0.77%
- j) District IV, Oklahoma County - City Street
Contract ID: 240188 - #1 - \$223,524.97 - 7.17%
- k) District VIII, Pawnee County - US-64
Contract ID: 190130 - #7 - \$92,941.33 - 0.86%
- l) District III, Pottawatomie County - US-270B
Contract ID: 210239 - #3 - \$36,046.61 - 0.16%
- m) District VIII, Rogers County - SH-66 / SH-20 / SH-88
Contract ID: 250091 - #3 - \$7,369.00 - 0.14%
- n) District III, Seminole County - US-270
Contract ID: 220268 - #12 - \$660.00 - 0.00%
- o) District III, Seminole County - SH-3E
Contract ID: 250115 - #2 - \$179,010.00 - 8.16%

- p) District VIII, Tulsa County - SH-97
Contract ID: 230141 - #16 - \$200,320.00 - 0.75%
- q) District I, Wagoner County - County Road
Contract ID: 230200 - #5 - \$91,819.57 - 1.28%
- r) District VIII, Washington County - SH-123
Contract ID: 210342 - #5 - \$3,009.28 - 0.02%

Total of Greater Than Change Orders: \$2,936,069.87

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

ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE – Mr. Carter

74. Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Work Program

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

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

75. Proposed Bid Openings

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

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

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

76. Awards

- a) May 7, 2026 – Regular Bid Opening
- b) May 14, 2026 – Regular Bid Opening

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

ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR – Mr. Gatz

77. Director's Report – Information Only

Secretary Gatz began his report by informing the Commission that he had attended Infrastructure Week in Washington, D.C., where discussions focused heavily on transportation infrastructure and the upcoming federal highway reauthorization process. He reminded the Commission the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), enacted in 2021, was entering its final year and would expire at the end of September 2026. Congress traditionally authorized highway legislation every five years, making the development of a successor bill a critical priority. During the Washington meetings, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee released its proposed Build America 250 Act, shifting discussions from general reauthorization priorities to specific legislative proposals. Gatz described the introduction of the bill by Committee Chairman Representative Sam Graves as significant progress because it creates the possibility of passing replacement legislation before the current authorization expired. The bill continues efforts to streamline environmental and regulatory requirements, which could help transportation agencies deliver projects more efficiently and maximize the impact of available funding. Gatz highlighted several notable provisions within the proposed legislation. Most significantly, the bill includes a federal registration fee for electric vehicles, marking the first federal transportation revenue-raising measure since 1993. He emphasized the importance of addressing the ongoing insolvency of the Highway Trust Fund, which had operated at a deficit since approximately 2008–2009. Although the proposed funding levels represented a modest increase over IIJA, estimated at approximately 2 percent, Gatz noted the increase would not fully offset the substantial inflationary impacts transportation agencies had experienced since 2021 and Congress would still need to identify nearly \$100 billion in additional funding to support projected transportation expenditures. He also reported that Senator Shelley Moore Capito, Chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, indicated the Senate was developing its own transportation bill and acknowledged the challenges involved in reconciling House and Senate proposals before the September 2026 deadline. Gatz committed to keeping the Commission informed as federal legislation progressed.

Gatz provided an update on autonomous trucking technology and reported that representatives from Aurora, working in partnership with Volvo, had recently met with the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety and Troop S of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol to discuss autonomous truck operations. Aurora was already operating fully autonomous freight routes between Houston and Dallas and is developing a route between the Dallas-Fort Worth area and Oklahoma City. Initial operations in Oklahoma would include a safety driver, but the company's long-term objective was to operate the route without a human driver. Gatz explained that Oklahoma's autonomous vehicle legislation, enacted in 2019, provided a framework for such operations. While he stressed that safety remained the highest priority and that companies would need to satisfy stringent Highway Patrol requirements, he stated that autonomous trucking appeared inevitable and likely would become more common over the next decade. He also referenced the progress of autonomous passenger vehicle services such as Waymo, noting their generally strong safety performance despite occasional challenges involving construction zones and flooding conditions.

The Commission was also briefed on transportation planning related to the FIFA World Cup. Gatz reported that matches were scheduled for June 14th in Dallas and Houston and June 16th in Kansas City, with additional matches expected through July. ODOT anticipates increased traffic volumes along I-35 as fans travel between host cities. The Department has coordinated with FIFA host states and planned extensive public communication efforts, including social media outreach and the use of message boards to provide real-time traffic information. Construction activities involving lane closures have been minimized during the event period wherever possible to facilitate travel and reduce congestion.

Gatz announced the opening of ODOT's new Transportation Infrastructure Museum and History Center on the second floor of the Department headquarters. The museum heavily focuses on Route 66 while also celebrating the accomplishments of ODOT employees and documenting the agency's history dating back to its establishment in 1911 as the Department of Highways. He recognized Sarah Penn and her team for their efforts in developing the museum. The museum's mascot, "Flat Tim," honored Walter Gilbert, an influential early transportation leader who served as Secretary of the Oklahoma Highway Commission around 1910 and helped lay the foundation for the state's transportation system alongside the first Highway Commissioner, Sidney Suggs.

Gatz then reviewed several major transportation projects. Construction officially began on June 1st for the replacement of the US-75 bridges over 81st Street in Tulsa. The project involves replacing both northbound and southbound bridge structures with wider modern facilities and converting the interchange into a diverging diamond configuration to improve traffic flow and safety. He noted the corridor experienced significant business, retail, and residential growth and that motorists will encounter substantial disruptions during construction, which was expected to continue through late 2027.

He also discussed a collaborative project involving ODOT, the City of Oklahoma City, and the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) at Northwest Expressway and May Avenue. Although the location was no longer under ODOT jurisdiction, the Department was contributing to a roughly \$15 million project that would convert the interchange into a diverging diamond configuration over a two-year construction period.

Another major project update involved SH- 1 at Arlington Street and Mississippi Avenue in Ada, commonly known as "Crazy Corner." Construction is scheduled to begin in September and is expected to take approximately one year to complete. The approximately \$6 million project involves partnerships among ODOT, the City of Ada, the Chickasaw Nation, and Burlington Northern Railroad. The project would improve safety by eliminating two at-grade railroad crossings, installing new traffic signals, and incorporating railroad preemption systems and crossing gates.

Gatz also discussed upcoming bridge replacement work on US-69 in Durant. The project will replace four bridges carrying northbound and southbound traffic over Main Street, Arkansas Street, and the Kiamichi Railroad. One bridge has already been classified as structurally deficient, while the remaining three are considered at risk. Construction is expected to begin in late summer or early fall and continue for approximately 450 days. Traffic would be maintained through lane reductions, temporary crossovers, and limited ramp closures. The approximately \$19 million project utilized A+B contracting methods with financial incentives and disincentives of \$20,000 per day to encourage timely completion.

The meeting concluded with safety-related remarks and Gatz recognizing ODOT employees for their commitment to workplace safety and acknowledged the recipients of the agency's annual safety awards. He emphasized the importance of daily safety practices, beginning with tailgate safety meetings and ending with employees returning home safely to their families. He also highlighted June as Secure Your Load Month, a national campaign encouraging motorists to properly secure cargo. Gatz reminded drivers that unsecured loads poses serious risks to motorists, pedestrians, law enforcement personnel, and transportation workers responsible for clearing roadway debris. He encouraged the public to secure all cargo, maintain their vehicles, obey traffic laws, drive defensively, and consistently wear seat belts. He closed by thanking the Commission and Department personnel for their dedication to transportation safety and service across Oklahoma.

No Commission action required.

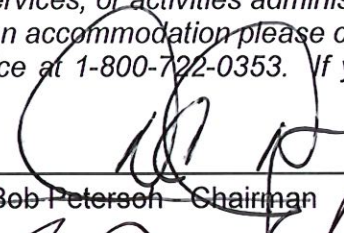
ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

78. Adjournment Motion

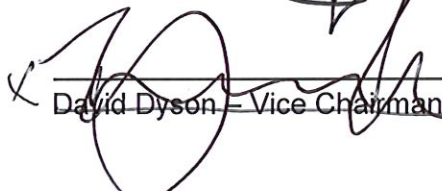
ACTION:	Dyson moved and Scott seconded that the Item be approved.
MOTION:	Carried by the following vote:
AYES:	Boswell, Stuteville, Billy, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Scott, Junk, Peterson
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	

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Bob Peterson - Chairman

David Dyson, Vice Chair

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Michael Junk,
Secretary