

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

July 6, 2026

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HELD JULY 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. Dyson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

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

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	Present:	David Dyson	Vice-Chairman
		Michael Junk	Secretary
		Lisa Billy	Member (attended virtually)
		Eric Stuteville	Member
		Paul Scott	Member
		Bobby Alexander	Member
		Don Freymiller	Member
Absent:		Bob Peterson	Chairman
		Ronnie Boswell	Member
Presiding:		David Dyson	

Vice Chairman Dyson thanked everyone for coming and recognized Representative Nicole Miller along with a civil engineering student at Oklahoma State University and intern, Bennett Vogel. Former Transportation Secretary, Mike Patterson and Bobby Stem with Association of General Contractors (AOGC) were also in attendance.

ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

Call to Order

Roll Call – Commission Executive Assistant

Secretary Tim Gatz opened the Commission meeting with the loss of ODOT employee Ernesto Vasquez, who was killed in a work zone accident in Jackson County on June 30, 2026. Mr. Vasquez served with District V for approximately four months as a Heavy Equipment Operator and is survived by his daughter, mother, and father. Secretary Gatz, the Commission, and all attendees observed a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Vasquez and extended their condolences to his family. He emphasized the critical importance of work zone safety and urged the traveling public to comply with all posted laws—particularly slowing down and moving over—to safeguard highway workers and help ensure they return home safely each day.

Gatz also recognized the recent observance of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. He reported that ODOT partnered with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to install approximately 30 commemorative signs along Oklahoma's interstate highways, Route 66, and a 20-mile segment of U.S. Highway 287 in the Oklahoma Panhandle. The signs, approved by FHWA, will remain in place through 2027 as part of the America 250 commemoration while also recognizing the 70th anniversary of the Interstate Highway System and the Centennial of Route 66. Gatz expressed appreciation for the partnership with FHWA and the U.S. Department of Transportation and noted the continued importance of these transportation corridors in supporting the movement of people, goods, and services throughout the nation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Retirement Announcement, David Winfree – Mr. Phillips

ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSION

79. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of June 1, 2026

ACTION:	Stuteville moved and Alexander seconded that the Minutes be approved.
MOTION:	Carried by the following vote:
AYES:	Stuteville, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Scott, Junk
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Boswell, Peterson
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CONSENT DOCKET TO BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

80. Speed Zone Revisions – Ms. Theisen

- a) District IV, Kingfisher County – Along US-81 including the City of Kingfisher for 8.70 miles
- b) District IV, Kingfisher County – Along US-81 including the City of Kingfisher for 8.37 miles
- c) District VIII, Mayes County – Along SH-28 including the Town of Adair for 9.14 miles
- d) District VIII, Mayes County – Along SH-28 including the Town of Adair for 8.04 miles
- e) District VIII, Rogers County – Along SH-20 including the City of Claremore for 11.97 miles

81. Programming of Federal Highway Safety Act 23 USC § 130 – Mr. Schwennesen

- a) District VIII, Rogers County – Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway - \$1,001,455.00
- b) District VIII, Rogers County – Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway - \$824,907.00
- c) District VIII, Rogers County – Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway - \$1,583,159.00
- d) District VIII, Rogers County – Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway - \$1,091,011.00
- e) District VIII, Rogers County – Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway - \$465,027.00

82. Land Sales – Mr. Phillips

- a) District II, Choctaw County - \$60,390.00
- b) District IV, Oklahoma County - \$15,099.70
- c) District IV, Oklahoma County - \$40,745.66

83. State Highway System Revision – Mr. Couch

District VIII, Rogers County, SH-20

84. Damage to State Property Settlement – Ms. Penn

District VIII, Tulsa County - \$25,000.00

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

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

85. Engineering Contract Supplements

- a) District I, Cherokee County - Preparation of Construction Plans - \$223,785.00
CI-2370A - Supplement 2 – Grossman and Keith Engineering Company
- b) District II, Bryan and Marshall Counties – Owner's Representative - \$23,958,007.00
CI-2526 - Supplement 3 – HNTB Corporation
- c) District II, Marshall County - Preparation of Construction Plans - \$654,100.00
CI-1371A - Supplement 5 – EST, 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: Junk moved and Stuteville seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Stuteville, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Scott, Junk
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Boswell, Peterson
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ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED BY CONSTRUCTION DIVISION ENGINEER - Mr. Leonard

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

- a) District I, Adair County - County Road
Contract ID: 240286 - #3 - (\$57.86) - (0.00%) Underrun
- b) District VI, Beaver County - SH-23
Contract ID: 250339 - #2 - \$21,000.00 - 4.44%
- c) District IV, Canadian County - SH-4
Contract ID: 240183 - #8 - \$57,231.00 - 0.29%
- d) District IV, Canadian County - SH-4
Contract ID: 240183 - #9 - \$14,401.33 - 0.07%
- e) District IV, Canadian County - Multimodal Trail
Contract ID: 250152 - #1 - (\$14,354.35) - (2.04%) Underrun
- f) District VI, Cimarron County - County Road
Contract ID: 260041 - #1 - (\$7,602.20) - (0.23%) Underrun
- g) District III, Cleveland County - SH-9
Contract ID: 240137 - #4 - \$3,114.84 - 0.03%
- h) District III, Cleveland County - SH-77
Contract ID: 250140 - #1 - \$4,999.97 - 0.49%
- i) District III, Coal County - SH-31
Contract ID: 250324 - #2 - (\$8,658.17) - (3.95%) Underrun
- j) District III, Coal County - US-75
Contract ID: 250141 - #2 - \$107,700.29 - 6.56%
- k) District V, Custer County - I-40
Contract ID: 250182 - #1 - \$12,496.10 - 0.02%
- l) District V, Custer County - I-40
Contract ID: 250182 - #4 - \$12,005.00 - 0.02%
- m) District V, Custer County - I-40
Contract ID: 250298 - #1 - \$54,901.71 - 1.43%
- n) District III, Garvin County - Multiple Locations
Contract ID: 250252 - #2 - \$25,480.84 - 10.23%
- o) District VII, Grady County - US-81
Contract ID: 250351 - #1 - \$21,968.75 - 0.03%
- p) District VII, Grady County - US-81
Contract ID: 250351 - #2 - \$33,800.00 - 0.04%
- q) District VI, Harper County - County Roads
Contract ID: 250069 - #2 - (\$119,505.75) - (2.20%) Underrun
- r) District IV, Kay County - County Road
Contract ID: 250129 - #1 - \$11,180.00 - 0.20%
- s) District III, Lincoln County - US-177
Contract ID: 250173 - #3 - \$36,378.00 - 0.17%
- t) District IV, Logan County - SH-33
Contract ID: 250084 - #1 - \$15,812.28 - 0.39%

- u) District IV, Logan County - SH-51
Contract ID: 230059 - #2 - \$102,122.58 - 0.56%
- v) District VII, Love County - I-35
Contract ID: 250176 - #3 - \$31,730.60 - 0.20%
- w) District VIII, Mayes County - US-69 / US-412
Contract ID: 250198 - #2 - \$101,237.67 - 0.37%
- x) District VII, Murray County - County Road
Contract ID: 250108 - #1 - \$27,435.15 - 2.08%
- y) District VII, Murray County - SH-7
Contract ID: 250014 - #2 - \$8,956.56 - 0.51%
- z) District III, Okfuskee County - I-40
Contract ID: 250325 - #3 - (\$7,334.80) - (0.99%) Underrun
- aa) District IV, Oklahoma County - Multiple Locations
Contract ID: 250262 - #1 - (\$32,242.08) - (10.38%) Underrun
- bb) District I, Okmulgee County - US-75
Contract ID: 260010 - #1 - \$693.00 - 0.05%
- cc) District VIII, Ottawa County - County Road
Contract ID: 250179 - #1 - \$41,686.19 - 2.45%
- dd) District IV, Payne County - SH-18
Contract ID: 230016 - #3 - (\$197,507.97) - (2.05%) Underrun
- ee) District III, Pontotoc County - County Road
Contract ID: 260012 - #1 - (\$208,285.00) - (9.92%) Underrun
- ff) District III, Pontotoc County - SH-1
Contract ID: 250060 - #6 - \$2,177.01 - 0.06%
- gg) District III, Pottawatomie County - I-40
Contract ID: 240277 - #1 - \$5,278.50 - 0.44%
- hh) District III, Pottawatomie County - I-40
Contract ID: 260013 - #1 - \$4,745.60 - 0.22%
- ii) District II, Pushmataha County - County Road
Contract ID: 240189 - #4 - \$131,210.80 - 6.69%
- jj) District III, Seminole County - Multiple Locations
Contract ID: 250218 - #2 - \$52,309.97 - 9.27%
- kk) District III, Seminole County - SH-9
Contract ID: 250046 - #2 - \$23,639.57 - 1.83%
- ll) District V, Tillman County - SH-5
Contract ID: 240111 - #2 - \$5,609.87 - 0.18%
- mm) District VIII, Tulsa County - City Streets
Contract ID: 250289 - #1 - \$29,362.24 - 1.56%
- nn) District VIII, Tulsa County - US-169
Contract ID: 250078 - #3 - \$78,198.88 - 0.75%

Total of Less Than Change Orders: \$483,316.12

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

- a) District VI, Cimarron County - US-56
Contract ID: 260134 - #1 - \$765,316.13 - 18.83%
- b) District VI, Cimarron County - US-56
Contract ID: 260134 - #2 - \$4,509.60 - 0.11%
- c) District III, Cleveland County - SH-39
Contract ID: 220365 - #6 - \$1,250,557.11 - 7.99%
- d) District III, Cleveland County - City Street
Contract ID: 240198 - #4 - \$9,694.33 - 0.06%
- e) District VII, Comanche County - City Street
Contract ID: 240026 - #9 - \$32,658.29 - 0.24%
- f) District IV, Garfield County - City Street
Contract ID: 240153 - #3 - \$260,846.31 - 3.80%
- g) District V, Jackson County - US-283
Contract ID: 220317 - #10 - \$105,909.10 - 1.04%
- h) District IV, Oklahoma County - I-40
Contract ID: 220297 - #14 - \$101,827.75 - 0.06%
- i) District IV, Oklahoma County - I-35
Contract ID: 220228 - #35 - \$44,199.28 - 0.07%
- j) District IV, Oklahoma County - I-35
Contract ID: 240177 - #4 - \$35,742.93 - 0.20%
- k) District IV, Oklahoma County - Multiple Locations
Contract ID: 250261 - #2 - \$163,342.36 - 40.14%
- l) District IV, Oklahoma County - City Street
Contract ID: 250305 - #6 - \$79,834.30 - 0.84%
- m) District IV, Payne County - County Road
Contract ID: 220350 - #9 - \$138,408.33 - 2.97%
- n) District IV, Payne County - Multiple Locations
Contract ID: 240222 - #8 - \$32,241.30 - 3.64%
- o) District III, Pottawatomie County - US-270
Contract ID: 240237 - #12 - \$5,701.50 - 0.02%
- p) District III, Pottawatomie County - US-270B
Contract ID: 210239 - #4 - \$101,946.50 - 0.45%
- q) District VIII, Rogers County - SH-66
Contract ID: 230286 - #6 - \$2,090,000.00 - 15.08%
- r) District III, Seminole County - US-270
Contract ID: 220268 - #13 - \$112,880.45 - 0.20%
- s) District III, Seminole County - US-270
Contract ID: 220268 - #14 - \$23,284.13 - 0.04%
- t) District III, Seminole County - SH-3E
Contract ID: 250115 - #3 - \$875.50 - 0.04%
- u) District VIII, Tulsa County - US-75
Contract ID: 250143 - #4 - \$300,000.00 - 7.15%

- v) District VIII, Tulsa County - US-75
Contract ID: 240225 - #14 - \$50,820.17 - 0.02%
- w) District VIII, Tulsa County - US-75
Contract ID: 240225 - #15 - \$12,778.31 - 0.01%

Total of Greater Than Change Orders: \$5,723,373.68

ACTION: Scott moved and Alexander seconded that the Item be approved.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Stuteville, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Scott, Junk
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Boswell, Peterson
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ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS – Mr. Davis

88. Change Order Exceeding Statutory Limits

- a) District V, Beckham County – Midstate Traffic Control, Inc. - \$184,091.80
- b) District VIII, Rogers County – Sherwood Construction Co., Inc., - \$384,171.69
- c) District VIII, Tulsa County – Becco Contractors, Inc. - \$2,500,000.00

ACTION: Stuteville moved and Junk seconded that the Item be approved.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Stuteville, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Scott, Junk
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Boswell, Peterson
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ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT – Mr. Gauthé

89. Proposed County Improvements of Roads & Bridges (CIRB), 5-Year County Work Plan 2027-3031

ACTION: Junk moved and Stuteville seconded that the Item be approved.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Stuteville, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Scott, Junk
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Boswell, Peterson
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ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY FINANCIAL SERVICES & OPERATIONS – Ms. Bryant

90. Proposed Bid Openings

- a) Final August 2026 Proposed Bid Opening
- b) Tentative September 2026 Proposed Bid Opening
- c) Tentative October 2026 Proposed Bid Opening

ACTION: Scott moved and Junk seconded that the Item be approved.

MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Stuteville, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Scott, Junk

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Boswell, Peterson

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

91. Awards

- a) June 11, 2026 – Regular Bid Opening
- b) June 18, 2026 – Regular Bid Opening

ACTION: Junk moved and Stuteville seconded that the Item be approved.

MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Stuteville, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, Scott, Junk

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Boswell, Peterson

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ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR – Mr. Gatz

92. Director's Report – Information Only

Secretary Tim Gatz thanked the Commission for approving the updated five-year County Improvements for Roads and Bridges (CIRB) Plan and recognized the Local Government Division, County Commissioners, and Tribal governments for their partnership in delivering the program. He reported the updated plan included approximately \$950 million in county road and bridge improvements statewide, including 238 bridge replacements. He highlighted the \$20.2 million Belford Bridge reconstruction project and noted the CIRB program continued to leverage state, federal, county, and tribal funding to address critical infrastructure needs. He stated that while significant progress had been made since the program's inception in 2008-2009, additional work remained to replace structurally deficient county bridges.

Mr. Gatz also discussed the supplemental agreement approved for the Roosevelt project, explaining that the alternative delivery method required additional construction management services. He stated that the approximately \$23 million change order represented a not-to-exceed amount that would be utilized through task orders as construction progressed. He advised that ODOT staff would oversee the project alongside the consultant and anticipated a groundbreaking ceremony in August or early September.

The Route 66 Centennial Caravan, an officially recognized centennial event held June 6-25, which traveled the full length of Route 66 from Santa Monica, California, to Chicago, Illinois. The caravan traveled through Oklahoma June 17-19, with stops including the Bridgeport Pony Bridge, the State Capitol, and the Blue Whale in Catoosa. The event successfully showcased Oklahoma's Route 66 heritage and that communities across the State had warmly welcomed participants.

Gatz expressed appreciation to House Transportation Appropriations Chair Representative Nicole Miller for her support during development of the Fiscal Year 2027 Transportation budget. He also recognized Demetrice Carter, Director of Finance and his team for their work in preparing the Department's fiscally constrained budget and noted that development of the eight-year Construction Work Plan (CWP) was underway, with presentation to the Commission anticipated in September or October.

In providing the major project updates, Mr. Gatz reported that rehabilitation of the eastbound I-44 bridges at Classen Circle and Western Avenue in Oklahoma City was underway and remained on schedule for completion in spring 2027, weather permitting. He advised that lane and ramp closures would continue throughout construction and encouraged motorists to use alternate routes when possible.

Also, a widening and reconstruction of approximately five miles of SH-9 in eastern Norman, between 108th Avenue SE and 156th Avenue SE, is expected to begin in early 2027 and require approximately 18 months to complete. He further reported that reconstruction of approximately 2.5 miles of US-69 through Muskogee, a project valued at more than \$44 million, was expected to begin in October and will require approximately two years. The project includes utility relocations, roadway reconstruction, and increased clearance beneath a pedestrian bridge to improve freight movement.

Mr. Gatz concluded with a work zone safety message, urging motorists to obey posted speed limits, move over or slow down for highway and maintenance crews, and utilize the Drive Oklahoma app to plan routes around construction zones. He reiterated that recent work zone fatalities underscore the importance of public attention and compliance with traffic laws to protect transportation workers.

Commissioner Bobby Alexander recognized the significant contributions of Oklahoma's Tribal Governments to transportation improvements throughout the state.

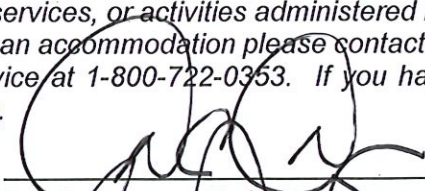
No Commission action required.

ITEM TO BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

93. Adjournment Motion

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

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David Dyson - Vice Chairman


Michael Junk