

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

May 1, 2023

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HELD MAY 1, 2023 IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM OF THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, 200 NE 21ST STREET, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73105

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ITEMS PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Peterson called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Bob Peterson	Chairman
	Bob Coburn	Secretary
	James Grimsley	Member
	TW Shannon	Member
	David Dyson	Vice-Chairman
	Bobby Alexander	Member
	Steve LaForge	Member
	Michael Junk	Member
	Don Freymiller	Member
Absent:	None	
Presiding:	Bob Peterson	

The following items were presented and approved as written at the Transportation Commission meeting May 1, 2023. For those items amended, deferred, or rejected, those notations were also made. Action taken by the Commission is noted here on these sheets.

Commissioner Peterson thanked everyone for coming and introduced Special Guests: Bobby Stem, Executive Director of the Association of Oklahoma General Contractors and Mike Patterson, former Secretary of Transportation.

Commissioner Peterson recognized Secretary Gatz for an announcement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

ODOT Receives National Recognition for Keep America Beautiful Partnership – Mr. Gatz

Secretary Gatz recognized Keep America Beautiful and the partnership we have with Keep Oklahoma Beautiful that translates into receiving this award for the eighth consecutive year ODOT received the State Agency Partnership Award at the National Keep America Beautiful award ceremony in Washington, D.C.

The award is presented to state agencies that join with their Keep America Beautiful state affiliates to combat litter, and that's a relationship that is very, very much valued with Keep Oklahoma Beautiful. ODOT supports Keep Oklahoma Beautiful programs, including their anti-litter education, the Great American Cleanup, and the Environmental Excellence Award celebration. The Keep Oklahoma Beautiful and the Department of

Transportation have been partners for decades. Secretary Gatz calls on Jeanette Nance, the Director of Keep America Beautiful and the Keep Oklahoma Beautiful affiliate, to present the award.

Jeanette Nance thanked the Chairman and Commission for the opportunity to once again share how exciting it is that each year Keep America Beautiful is able to recognize the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for accomplishing 100% county participation in the Great American Cleanup. That means at least one community in all 77 counties participates in the cleanup, and that accomplishes miles and miles of roads. In 2022, volunteers with free supplies cleared as many miles of road as it is from Oklahoma City to Delaware.

She states they are successful because of volunteers with free supplies and it is saving government worker dollars. We could not achieve 77 counties without the participation of the Department of Transportation and all of its county offices Keep Oklahoma Beautiful accomplished for 2023 77 counties, due to a volunteer group out of the ODOT Beaver County Office, which was the last group to register.

ODOT Receives National Recognition for Monarch conservation efforts – Mr. Davis

Environmental conservation and the building of infrastructure may seem like mutually exclusive initiatives, however, ODOT has successfully demonstrated it is not and was recognized for our efforts to assist the monarch butterfly at the recent National Monarch Meeting. The largest national group of organizations working together to protect the monarch butterfly gathered the first week in March in Phoenix, Arizona.

The meeting was attended by local and national non-profit organizations, state, and federal government agencies, and energy and transportation companies and was hosted jointly by the Monarch Joint Venture and the Rights of Way as Habitat working group. During the ceremony, ODOT received recognition from the US Fish and Wildlife Service for the department's early adoption of the Monarch Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances, or CCAA.

Additionally, ODOT was one of only two DOTs in the nation to receive an Outside the Box award. This award recognizes the department's innovation and implementation of the Monarch CCAA program. Outside the Box could not be a more fitting award given to the Oklahoma standard that ODOT personnel display every day when performing their duties with resourcefulness and commitment. While the environmental team led the way in terms of what the monarch needs are within our right of way, it was our maintenance personnel and our district engineers who implemented the practices necessary for the program to be a success.

District Six personnel in particular exceeded expectations. Their contributions accounted for almost half of the total state adopted acres contributed during the second year of the monarch CCAA implementation. We are proud that this example of collaboration within our agency has been recognized on a national level, and I'm confident that we will have future successes to report to this commission. At this time, we'd like to recognize two of ODOT's biologists, Vonceil Harmon and Kait Taylor, along with District Six personnel and present the honors on behalf of ODOT. Mr. Davis called on Joe Brutsche and Amber McIntyre for recognition.

Mr. Rick Johnson introduced Jeff King as the new Chief of Survey

Ms. Chelley Hilmes introduced Brad Smith as the new Procurement Division Manager

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION

64. Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting of April 3, 2023

ACTION: Grimsley moved and Dyson seconded that the Minutes be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge, Junk and Peterson
ABSTAIN: Freymiller
ABSENT: None

CONSENT DOCKET PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

65. Safety Improvement Projects - Ms. January

a) Delineation and Wrong Way Counter Measures – Commission Districts III & VII

Delineation and wrong way counter measures along IH 35 from the Texas State Line extending northerly to the Oklahoma and Cleveland County Line.

The project is estimated to cost \$4,500,000.00

b) Installation of Pavement Markings – Commission District I

1. Okmulgee County – Pavement markings along IH 40, beginning at the Okmulgee & Okfuskee County Line, extending easterly approximately 6.00 miles to near Lake Road in Henryetta.
2. McIntosh County - Pavement markings along IH 40, beginning at the McIntosh & Okmulgee County Line, extending easterly approximately 19.00 miles to near the IH 40 & US 69 junctions.
3. Wagoner County - Pavement markings along US-69, beginning near CR E0710 Road, extending northerly approximately 6.00 miles to the Wagoner & Mayes County Line.
4. Sequoyah County – Centerline rumble strip and pavement markings along SH-100, beginning near the Arkansas River Bridge, extending easterly approximately 13.00 mile to the east end of Tenkiller Dam.

District I projects are estimated to cost \$892,407.00

c) Installation of Pavement Markings – Commission District II

1. Pittsburg County – Pavement markings along US-69, beginning near Wade Watts Avenue in McAlester, extending northerly approximately 21.00 miles to near Mile Marker 112.
2. LeFlore and Latimer Counties - Pavement markings along SH-82, beginning at the SH 82 & SH 1 junction near Talihina, extending northerly approximately 17.5 miles to the US 270 & SH 82 south junction in Red Oak.
3. Latimer County – Centerline rumble strip and pavement markings along SH-82, beginning at the US 270 & SH 82 north junction near Red Oak, extending northerly approximately 8.5 miles to the Haskell County Line.
4. Pushmataha County – Centerline rumble strip and pavement markings along US-271, beginning near the Kiamichi River Bridge, extending northerly approximately 16.5 miles to near CR N4280 Road near Snow.

5. McCurtain County – Pavement markings along US-70, beginning near Hawkins Street near Garvin, extending easterly approximately 6.5 miles to the US 70 & US 70 Bypass near Idabel.

District II projects are estimated to cost \$1,553,793.00

d) Installation of Pavement Markings – Commission District III

1. Lincoln County – Centerline rumble strip and pavement markings along US-62, beginning at the Oklahoma & Lincoln County Line, extending easterly approximately 15.5 miles to near CR S3440 Road near Meeker.
2. Pottawatomie County - Centerline rumble strip and pavement markings along SH-102, beginning at the IH 40 & SH 102 north junction, extending northerly approximately 4.00 miles to the SH 102 & SH 270 junction.
3. Pottawatomie County - Centerline rumble strip and pavement markings along SH-102, beginning near CR EW 118 (Hardesty Road), extending northerly approximately 5.50 miles to the IH 40 & SH 102 south junction.
4. Pontotoc and Pottawatomie Counties – Centerline rumble strip and pavement markings along US-177, beginning near the US 177 & SH 3W junction south of Asher, extending northerly approximately 21.00 miles to the near US 270 & SH 9 junction near Tecumseh.

District III projects are estimated to cost \$523,452.00

e) Installation of Pavement Markings – Commission District IV

1. Noble County – Pavement markings along IH 35, beginning near Mile Post 179, extending northerly approximately 6.5 miles to near the IH 35 & US 77 junctions near Perry.
2. Canadian County - Pavement markings along IH 40, beginning near Radio Road near El Reno, extending easterly approximately 10.5 miles to near Mustang Road.
3. Garfield County – Pavement markings along SH-82, beginning at Garland Road in Enid, extending easterly approximately 6.00 miles to near the US 412 & US 64 north (30th Street) junction.
4. Kay County – Pavement markings along US-271, beginning near the US 60 & SH 156 junction; extending easterly approximately 2.5 miles to near CR N3310 Road (Waverly Street).
5. Kay County – Pavement markings along US-60 Business, beginning at the US 60 & US 60 Business junction near Ponca City, extending easterly & northerly approximately 4.00 miles to the US 77 & US 60 Business (Grand Avenue) junction in Ponca City.

District IV projects are estimated to cost \$735,585.00

f) Installation of Pavement Markings – Commission District V

1. Beckham County – Pavement markings along IH 40, beginning near Mile Marker 25, extending easterly approximately 8.00 miles to near Mile Marker 33.
2. Beckham County – Pavement markings along IH 40 Business, beginning at Pioneer Road near Elk City, extending easterly approximately 2.00 miles to the IH 40 Business & SH 6 south (Main Street) junction in Elk City.
3. Blaine County – Pavement markings along US-270, beginning at the Blaine & Dewey County Line, extending easterly approximately 4.00 miles to near CR N2480 Road.

4. Dewey County – Pavement markings along US-270, beginning at the Dewey & Major County Line, extending easterly approximately 10.00 miles to the US 270 & SH 51 junction.
5. Jackson County – Pavement markings along US-62, beginning near Stinking Creek, extending easterly approximately 8 miles to the North Fork Red River.

District V projects are estimated to cost \$621,238.00

g) Installation of Pavement Markings – Commission District VI

1. Woodward County – Pavement markings along US-412, beginning near CR E0390 Road (Western Avenue) north of Woodward, extending easterly approximately 1.5 miles to near 34th Street in Woodward.
2. Woodward County – Pavement markings along US-412, beginning near 28th Street in Woodward; extending easterly approximately 2.50 miles to near Lakeview Drive east of Woodward.
3. Woodward County – Pavement markings along SH-15, beginning at CR N1980 Road west of Woodward, extending easterly approximately 3.00 miles to the US 412 & SH 15 junction.
4. Woods County – Pavement markings along US-64, beginning at Skyline Drive west of Alva, extending easterly approximately 2.00 miles to near the US 64 & US 281 north junctions.
5. Woods County – Centerline rumble and pavement markings along US-281, beginning near the US 281 & SH 45 junction, extending northerly approximately 14.00 miles to the US 64 & US 281 south junctions in Alva.
6. Major County – Pavement markings along US-60, beginning near 1st Street south of Fairview, extending easterly then northerly approximately 3.00 miles to near CR E0490 Road north of Fairview.
7. Cimarron County – Centerline rumble and pavement markings along US-287, beginning near CR N0300 Road, extending northerly approximately 12.5 miles to near CR E0094 Road.
8. Cimarron County – Pavement markings along US-56, beginning at the US 56 & US 385/412 & SH 325 junction (east side of Boise City Square), extending easterly approximately 2.00 miles to the US 56/412 & US 287 junctions.
9. Texas County – Pavement markings along US-54, beginning CR 26 (Hurliman Road) northeast of Guymon, extending northeasterly approximately 8.00 miles to near CR N0930 Road near Optima.

District VI projects are estimated to cost \$897,312.00

h) Installation of Pavement Markings – Commission District VII

1. Carter and Murray Counties – Pavement markings along US-177, beginning near Landmark/Greenway Road near Baum, extending northerly approximately 17.5 miles to the US 177 & SH 7 west junction in Sulphur.
2. Murray County – Pavement markings along SH-18A, beginning at the US 177 & SH 18A junction extending easterly & northerly approximately 0.50 mile to the end of SH 18A in front of Sulphur Veterans Center.
3. Grady County – Pavement markings along US-81, beginning at the Grady & Stephens County line, extending northerly approximately 7.00 to the US 81 & SH 17 junction.

4. Grady County – Pavement markings along US-81, beginning near CR E1440 Road (Valley View Road), extending northerly approximately 7.00 to the IH 44 & US 81 junctions.
5. Grady County – Pavement markings along US-62, beginning at the west end of the Union Pacific Railroad overpass or near 2nd Street in Chickasha, extending easterly approximately 1.5 miles to the IH 44 & US 62 junctions.
6. Jefferson County – Pavement markings along US-70, beginning at the Oklahoma & Texas State Line, extending northerly approximately 3.5 miles to the US 70 & SH 79 junction.
7. Jefferson County – beginning at the US 70 & SH 79 junction, extending easterly approximately 3.5 miles to the US 70 & US 81 junctions.
8. Murray County – Pavement markings along SH-1, beginning at the Murray & Johnston County line, extending northerly approximately 6.00 miles to the Murray & Pontotoc County Line.

District VII projects are estimated to cost \$694,986.00

i) Installation of Pavement Markings – Commission District VIII

1. Tulsa County – Pavement markings along US-75, beginning near the US 75 & SH 117 junction, extending northerly approximately 2.5 miles to near the US 75 & West 96th Street junction.
2. Creek and Tulsa Counties – Pavement markings along SH-117, beginning at the SH 117 & SH 33 junction, extending easterly approximately 8.00 miles to the US 75 & SH 117 junction.
3. Mayes County – Pavement markings along US-69, beginning near Harrison Avenue in Chouteau, extending northerly approximately 9.00 miles to near CR E0485 Road (Northeast 5th Street) in Pryor.
4. Pawnee and Osage Counties – Pavement markings along US-64, beginning at the end of the Cimarron Turnpike (US 64/412 & US 64 north/SH 48 junction), extending easterly approximately 10.00 miles to near the Tulsa & Osage County line.

District VIII projects are estimated to cost \$777,271.00

66. Land Sales – Mr. Phillips

- a) Payne County – District IV – located along the south side of SH-33, between N. Depot Avenue & N. Seay Avenue in Cushing, OK - \$1,415.00
- b) Tulsa County – District VIII – located along the west side of US-75 and north of SH-117 in Jenks, OK - \$1,184,400.00
- c) Tulsa County – District VIII – located along the south side of I-44, lying between South Detroit Avenue and South Madison Avenue in Tulsa, OK - \$25,000.00

67. Certification of County Road Mileages – Mr. Planteen

Statewide – All Districts – Title 69, O.S. Section 316, requires that the Transportation Commission 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.

ACTION: Shannon moved and Grimsley seconded that the Consent Docket be approved as presented;
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge, Junk and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

END OF CONSENT DOCKET

ITEMS PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING – Mr. Tegeler

68. Engineering Contracts

a) Statewide – All Districts - On-Demand ITS and Fiber Optic Design & Installation

CI-2428A	Half Associates, Inc.
CI-2428B	HNTB Corporation
CI-2428C	Lee Engineering, L.L.C.
CI-2428D	Traffic Engineering Consultants, Inc.

Total Aggregate Not to Exceed Amount for these four (4) contracts is \$1,000,000.00

b) Statewide – All Districts – Bridge Overload Permit Studies

CI-2432	Grossman & Keith Engineering Co.	\$500,000.00
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c) Muskogee County – District I - to prepare construction plans for SH-72: from W. 7th Street in Council Hill, extending north 3.6 miles to US-62. Proposed project improvements: new surface and adding/widening shoulders on a 2-lane road

CI-2420A	Aguirre & Fields, L.P.	\$992,300.00
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d) Sequoyah County – District I – to prepare construction plans for I-40: from approximately 1.4 miles west of US-64B, extending east to mile marker 325. Proposed project improvements: reconstruct / rehabilitate existing facility

CI-2419B	BKL, Inc.	\$290,800.00
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e) Sequoyah County – District I – to prepare construction plans for SH-100: from approximately 3.6 miles west of SH-82, extending east to SH-82 junction. Proposed project improvements: add shoulders to a 2-lane road

CI-2420B	C.H. Guernsey & Company	\$1,302,800.00
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- f) Logan County – District IV – to prepare construction plans for SH-33: from 0.5 miles west of Broadway, extending east approximately 1 mile. Proposed project improvements: geometric improvements

CI-2399B CP&Y, Inc. \$419,877.00

- g) Beaver County – District VI- to prepare construction plans for US-83: at junction SH-3. Proposed project improvements: reconstruct/rehabilitate existing facility

CI-2432B CEC Corporation \$400,750.00

- h) Texas County – District VI – to prepare construction plans for SH-136: beginning 10.9 miles north of junction US-64, extending north 6.15 miles to the Kansas State line. Proposed project improvements: add shoulders to a 2-lane road

CI-2420C Freese & Nichols, Inc. \$1,285,100.00

ACTION: LaForge moved and Alexander seconded that the Item be approved as presented.

MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge, Junk and Peterson

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

69. Engineering Contract Supplements

- a) Statewide – All Districts - On-Demand Preliminary Engineering, Site Plans & Inspection for Railroad Crossings

CI-2331 Supplement 2 JW Webb & Associates, LLC \$350,000.00

- b) Statewide – All Districts – On-Demand Multidimensional Design Support Services

CI-2407A Supplement 1 Freese and Nichols, Inc.

CI-2407B Supplement 1 Garver, LLC

CI-2407C Supplement 1 Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.

The total aggregate increase for these contract supplements is \$2,000,000.00

- c) Lincoln County – District III – this supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for SH-66: from SH-102, east to US-177. Proposed project improvements: add shoulders to a 2-lane road, reconstruct/rehabilitate existing facility, geometric improvements and replace bridge on existing alignment

CI-2341A Supplement 2 CEC Corporation \$30,000.00

- d) Garfield County – District IV – this supplement is for additional engineering to develop final construction plans for SH-74: from US-412, north 3.5 miles through Garber. Proposed project improvements: add sidewalks, intersection modification, safety improvements and reconstruct/rehabilitate existing facility

CI-2263E Supplement 2 TEIM Design, PLLC \$30,300.00

ACTION: LaForge moved and Freymiller seconded that the Item be approved as presented.

MOTION: Carried by the following vote:

AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller Dyson, Alexander, LaForge, Junk and Peterson

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ITEMS PRESENTED BY CONSTRUCTION DIVISION ENGINEER – Mr. Leonard

70. Change Orders with Cumulative Total of \$75,000.00 or Less – Information Only

- a) Blaine County - SH-51 - SBR-206C(069)SB / 33855(04), \$6,577.94, 0.69%
- b) Blaine County - SH-58 - MC-206C(073)PM / 36197(04), \$8,811.00, 1.64%
- c) Caddo County - City Street - TAP-208F(105)TP / STP-208B(079)AD / 33892(04), \$318.62, - 0.04%
Underrun
- d) Cleveland County - US-77 - STP-114C(207)SS / 20997(10), \$19,057.50, 0.08%
- e) Cleveland County - SH-37 - SSR-214C(124)SR / 34290(04), \$24,939.10, 1.37%
- f) Comanche County - US-62 - STP-216F(107)3B / 36013(04), \$28,956.20, 3.30%
- g) Custer County - SH-33 - STP-220C(052)PM / 28771(04), \$2,351.28, -0.03% Underrun
- h) Kiowa County - SH-9 - SSR-238B(035)(054)(079)SR / 29638(04), \$11,550.00, 0.22%
- i) Oklahoma County - City Street - TAP-255D(510) AG / 33269(04), \$6,000.00, 0.41%
- j) Osage County - US-60 - SBR-257N(087)SB / 33936(04), \$4,585.04, 0.30%
- k) Tulsa County - US-169 - SSP-272F(306)SS / 31944(08), \$15,000.00, 0.95%
- l) Tulsa County - US-75 - SBR-014N(117)SB / SAP-014N(121)ES / 33802(04), \$17,600.00, 0.69%
- m) Woodward County - US-183 - SBR-017N(259)SB / 32108(04), \$27,604.88, 1.60%

Total of Change Orders: \$168,011.76

71. Change Orders with Cumulative Total Greater than \$75,000.00

- a) Adair County - US-59 - NHPP-201N(052)PM / 34352(04), \$213,220.00, 9.08%
- b) Blaine County - ROMAN NOSE ST. PK. - STP-106E(125)EH / TAP-206E(058)(059)TP / 28830(04), #7, \$22,996.66, 1.37%
- c) Blaine County - ROMAN NOSE ST. PK. - STP-106E(125)EH / TAP-206E(058)(059)TP / 28830(04), #8, \$1,220.47, -0.07% Underrun
- d) Bryan County - SH-78 - STP-207C(105)PM / 24088(04), \$199,823.62, 2.04%
- e) Caddo County - SH-9 - STP-108B(166)PM / 24094(04), \$496,604.00, 2.37%
- f) Caddo County - County Road - STP-208B(097)CI / 33680(04), \$17,208.37, 2.06%
- g) Cleveland County - City Street - TAP-214E(102)AG / 33271(04), \$18,120.36, 1.78%
- h) Coal County - County Road - STP-215D(031)CI / 30665(04), \$2,222.50, -0.22% Underrun
- i) Dewey County - US-270 - NHPP-017N(258)PM / 17671(41), \$337,480.10, 1.59%
- j) Harmon County - SH-30 - STP-229C(017)PM / 31825(04), \$113,767.04, 5.87%
- k) Harper County - US-183 - STP-130C(149)PM / 24224(04), \$3,485.16, 0.05%
- l) Leflore County - SH-112 - SSR-240B(083)SR / 33382(04), \$6,010.78, 0.47%
- m) McClain County - SH-76 - STP-244C(074)PM / 23264(07), \$910,908.31, 10.17%
- n) McCurtain County - SH-3 - NHPP-245N(006)PM / 24409(04), #3, \$78,328.61, 0.40%
- o) McCurtain County - SH-3 - NHPP-245N(006)PM / 24409(04), #4, \$35,000.00, 0.18%
- p) McIntosh County - I-40 - NHPP-4000-(066)PM / 27958(04), \$367,064.31, 2.33%
- q) Osage County - US-60 - NHPP-257N(085)PM / 24233(04), \$85,740.16, 0.29%
- r) Osage County - US-60 - SBR-257N(087)SB / 33936(04), \$80,449.38, 5.19%
- s) Ottawa County - SH-125 - STP-258B(079)PM / 29689(04), \$292,308.34, 4.59%
- t) Payne County - SH-33 - NHPP-260N(055)(054)PM / 28983(04), \$304,056.46, 1.60%
- u) Pittsburg County - US-69 - NHPP-261N(084)PM / 14999(09), \$16,380.00, 0.05%
- v) Seminole County - US-270 - STP-167B(122)PM / 21006(07), \$226,930.39, 1.92%
- w) Tulsa County - SH-20 - STP-172B(360)SS / 24346(04), #11, \$411,318.28, 2.66%
- x) Tulsa County - SH-20 - STP-172B(360)SS / 24346(04), #12, \$94,208.82, 0.61%
- y) Washington County - Co. Rd. - STP-274B(026)CI / 27821(04), \$522.20, 0.01%
- z) Woodward County - US-183 / US-270 - NHPP-017N(206)(256)PM / 17457(54), #9, \$183,353.10, 0.87%
- aa) Woodward County - US-183 / US-270 - NHPP-017N(206)(256)PM / 17457(54), #10, \$450,000.00, 2.14%
- bb) Woodward County - SH-34 - STP-277B(049)PM / 29449(04), \$1,650.00, 0.04%

Total of Change Orders: \$4,963,491.48

ACTION: Dyson moved and Shannon seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
 MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
 AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge, Junk and Peterson
 NAYES: None
 ABSENT: None

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE COMPTROLLER DIVISION

72. Proposed Bid Openings – Mr. Hackney, Project Funding Manager

- a) Final June, 2023 Proposed Bid Opening
- b) Tentative July, 2023 Proposed Bid Opening
- c) Tentative August, 2023 Proposed Bid Opening

ACTION: Coburn moved and Freymiller seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
 MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
 AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge, Junk and Peterson
 NAYES: None
 ABSENT: None

ITEMS PRESENTED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION – Ms. Williams

73. Amendment to April 3, 2023 Transportation Alternative Projects (TAP) Award

On April 3, 2023, the Commission approved Agenda Item 59, awarding 62 Transportation Alternative projects in the amount of \$52,183,324.00. This item is to correct the previously submitted list by including a project for the City of Woodward, District 6 and Town of Spiro, District 2, which were inadvertently omitted from the Commission approved list. The list of 63 projects requests an award amount of \$52,798,220.

Population Category	Number of Awarded Projects	Amount of Federal Funds Awarded
0-5K	24	\$14,757,112
Design for 0-5K		\$2,000,000
5K-50K	32	\$28,465,690
50K-200K	7	\$7,575,419
Total	63	\$52,798,220

ACTION: Alexander moved and Dyson seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
 MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
 AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge, Junk and Peterson
 NAYES: None
 ABSENT: None

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS – Mr. Davis

74. Assignment of certain Contracts for Highway Construction

ACTION: Coburn moved and Alexander seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
 MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
 AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge, Junk and Peterson
 NAYES: None
 ABSENT: None

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE ENGINEER – Mr. Delce

75. Awards

- a) March 9, 2023 – Regular Bid Opening
- b) April 13, 2023 – Regular Bid Opening
- c) April 20, 2023 – Regular Bid Opening

ACTION: Shannon moved and Freymiller seconded that the Item be approved as presented.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge, Junk and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

ITEM PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR – Mr. Gatz

62. Director's Report

Secretary Gatz started by talking about the Interstate 35 corridor between the Oklahoma City Metropolitan area and the Red River.

Recently, we had a particularly disheartening collision down in a construction work zone at Wynnewood. And that collision spurred some conversation between Commissioner Shannon and myself about the I-35 corridor. The focus of that conversation was on the fact that it's extremely challenging to improve the I-35 corridor now and put anything under construction, along with the existing conditions we see out there and what their future conditions are going to develop into. The conversation led to discussion about who we have working in the corridor right now. Our design teams along with several consulting engineers are looking at the Interstate 35 corridor. They're assessing conditions, developing plans. We've got several ongoing and planned projects in the area. Commissioner Shannon recommended that we may want to form a review committee that would take a look at the I-35 corridor overall and bring back a little bit more of a succinct report in summary on what we're doing in the corridor, what's planned, probably even more importantly, what we're not doing in the corridor because of maybe resource deficiencies, but what needs to be done.

That conversation led us to a thought that Commissioner Shannon could chair that committee. Also, I've asked Commissioner LaForge in District VII to participate in that activity, along with Commissioner Junk in his at large role to participate in that committee. The committee would be supported by Chief Engineer Brian Taylor and the resources that he has available to him. And this effort, we could probably put together and wrap up within about 90 days. We will have an organizational meeting, which will be informational for the Commission. It's certainly an opportunity to hear Commissioner Shannon's concerns.

Secretary Gatz states that he supports the effort wholeheartedly. There has been a tremendous amount of focus put on I-35. I think the challenges we have ahead of us, not just in the I-35 corridor necessarily, but on our interstate system with the traffic volumes that we're seeing develop and the construction needs that are out there. Secretary Gatz will talk about some of the construction activities that are going on across the state that the traveling public is going to need to be mindful of, not just in the I-35 corridor, but all across the state of Oklahoma. He assures the Commission that ODOT will be engaging in this effort. We will bring the summary results and the findings back to the Commission for your information. And certainly, again, wanted to give Commissioner Shannon the opportunity to talk with the Commission and me a little bit about what his desires are.

Commissioner Shannon thanked Secretary Gatz and stated that this is a major corridor for our state, and not only for commerce and but also for recreation. And, certainly, as we look at the numbers, we see there are a lot more fatalities and wrecks happening. And construction is a big part of that-- and contributor. Shannon states that there is going to come a reckoning where we're going to have to do a much more in-depth job of alerting the public of what the true needs are along our system, as already been said by the Secretary. I know that the team at ODOT, they've been waving the white flag for a long time about not just resources but just a mere focus. And, obviously, with a lot of the attention right now being on the Governor's failed turnpike issue, I think there's an opportunity now for us to really focus on this major corridor for our state that is, I think, moving forward going to yield results for generations if we do it right. So that's my pitch.

Commissioner Peterson thanked Commissioner Shannon for his comments. He also stated that the involvement of the other Commissioners, there is a situation there that will take a long time to address-- and is being addressed. But I appreciate your interest there.

Commissioner Grimsley stated that the State of Oklahoma has massive growth going on just south of the border. The Dallas Fort Worth population is bigger than the entire population of Oklahoma and Arkansas put together, and it's one of the fastest growing in the country. We are experiencing problems on 69, and, literally, every highway in my district that crosses the Red River is having problems right now. I think it's moving north. We can't ignore it.

Secretary Gatz agreed with the Commission and states that the I-35 corridor is not unique. It's always been identified as a trade corridor. It carries an increasing amount of traffic. And it is going to take all of the attention, focused resources, and a strategy. And the turnpike is trying to accomplish is just part of that; that reliever route as you get into the Metropolitan area. And, again, the progress that has to be made there is real; but that's not the limit of it; it's the entire corridor all the way to the Red River.

Secretary Gatz mentions the investment level that the state of Texas is making. District VII is completing a project down at the line that's just in advance of a \$100 plus million efforts to replace some bridges down there. But that's only part of a \$2 ½ billion dollars estimate that Texas has in their unified plan to do work to six and eight lanes on I-35 from the I-35 East-West split south of Denton all the way to the river. That's an indication of exactly what Commissioner Grimsley is recognizing. The growth level that they're experiencing down there is not going to stop at the Red River. It's going to come north. And we have to figure out ways to manage it. Secretary Gatz commended Commissioner Shannon for his request to focus on the corridor and thinks by this review, we can summarize that activity and talk about the needs down there and what we see developing in something that's a little bit more understandable.

Secretary Gatz discusses Motorcycle Safety. The Department of Transportation, Turnpike Authority and Department Public Safety always encourage motorists to follow standard safety protocols. This time of year, we are especially focused on motorcycles, to help everyone make it home safe and to make Oklahoma safe. Warmer temperatures are going to mean more motorcycle enthusiasts and vehicles on the road. Ultimately, safe driving and riding practices and cooperation from all road users will help reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on our state highways as we see those two-wheeled motorcyclists ramp up this spring. A great way for riders to get up to speed on motorcycle safety is through the Safe Riders course, that we work together with the Highway Patrol on. And it's a great course that addresses numerous safety techniques that help keep riders and other motorists safe on our highways. The Department has a really direct connection with that safety program through Sherry's Riddle's husband Clint Riddle, a motorcycle trooper that is engaged and involved with their team in teaching that course. It is something that we've been recognized for around the country because it's so good. We get many favorable comments about that motorcycle safety course. And anybody that's riding a motorcycle needs to go through that course if you can.. So, again, I'd encourage your participation in that. They do those courses regularly.

In recognition of Motorcycle Safety Awareness in the month of May, the Governor has provided us with a Proclamation that I'd take the opportunity to read. And whereas safety is the state's highest priority for highways, interstates, and turnpikes of the great State of Oklahoma, and whereas motorcycle fatalities in Oklahoma are trending upwards, with 76 fatalities occurring in 2021, 53 of which were not wearing helmets, accounting for nearly 70% of these fatalities, and whereas motorcyclists are 27 times more likely to die in a crash than other motorists, and 80% of all motorcycle crashes result in injury or death, and whereas it's the responsibility of all who put themselves behind the wheel to become aware of motorcyclists, regarding them with the same respect as any other vehicle traveling the highways of this state, and whereas motorcyclists should be active participants in their own safety, be visible, dress for safety, know your bike, reduce your speed, never drive distracted or under the influence, and whereas motorcycle riding is a popular form of transportation and recreation for more than 180,000 people across the state and millions across the nation, and whereas the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, and the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety encourage all motorists to follow standard safety protocol, especially around motorcyclists, and whereas all roadway users should unite in sharing the safe roadways of Oklahoma throughout the state.

Therefore, I, J Kevin Stitt, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim May 1 - May 31 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in the State of Oklahoma. We always want to take this opportunity in the month of May to remind the traveling public to be on the lookout for our 2-wheeled partners out there on the road.

A couple of things were approved this morning that I think it's worth drawing attention to. Wrong way countermeasures on I-35 to Oklahoma City, from Oklahoma City to the Texas line. This is the fourth phase of our pilot program that's installing wrong way detection systems along I-40 and I-35. \$4 ½ million in federal safety funds are going towards this initiative. That is an initiative that is involving raised pavement markers, wrong way signage, updated signing and striping, among other actions. This is part of our effort to focus on problematic interchange locations that we've identified and introduce new countermeasures to try to make absolutely sure that nobody makes the mistake of entering going the wrong direction on our interstate main lines from those interchange locations. This will not prevent every wrong-way accident. But it provides just a little bit higher level of attention at locations that need it. So, again, I commend our team and believe that this is a really good initiative.

Striping and rumble strip projects were also approved this morning. We had work in all eight districts that was consolidated in a single approval. That's an investment of \$7 million in federal safety funds and will cover nearly 350 miles. Always, this time of year, we try to get after our stripe. One of the biggest complaints I hear from folks that I encounter is that our stripe needs work. And those complaints typically materialize between February and May when we're coming out of a winter time where we've had to manage snow and ice. And snowplows are particularly hard on our striping. That effort will be joined by our field district engineers with some of their own operations and contracting efforts to refresh the stripe. We will have a lot of work going on out there related to striping.

Also want to recognize our county partners, especially in Circuit Engineering District VIII, and recognize them in their successful pursuit of a discretionary grant to the tune of \$11 and 1/2 million from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act that was part of the Bridge Improvement program dollars. That \$11 and 1/2 million will replace seven bridges in Oklahoma, benefiting economic growth, mobility, and accessibility. I think the focus there is these are CIRB projects, County Improvements for Roads and Bridges that are already in that program. But that state of readiness their recognition of that state of readiness, and then their pursuit of this grant opportunity, allows them, just as it does us, to move other projects forward faster. That's what discretionary funds are all about. Secretary Gatz recognized the County and congratulated them on their receipt of this. Circuit Engineering District VIII is in the North and Northwest section of the state. Commissioner Alexander, I know there are several counties up there in District VI, and also in District IV that will benefit from some of these dollars. So, congratulations to the Circuit Engineering District VIII for having the foresight to go after these dollars.

Commissioners, you may recall last year, last March to be exact, we asked you for approval to progress a request to AASHTO for a US bicycle route designation along Route 66. AASHTO approve that request in May of last year. The historic route is a mixture of Oklahoma roadways including state highways, also city streets, and County roads. Signs are going to be installed along city streets and County roads that will designate that bike route. Tuesday, May the 23rd at 9:00 AM, we will officially unveil the first Route 66 bicycle route sign in Tulsa. Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell and Mayor Bynum will join us for that event in Tulsa. And, again, that'll be the first Route 66 bike route sign that goes up, with a goal of signing that corridor appropriately as we progress towards the Centennial celebration in 2026. Secretary Gatz thanked the Commission for their support for the route designation. This is the start of us actually putting that designation onto the route and ceremoniously recognizing it in signage.

Secretary Gatz turns identifies a few up-and-coming projects that are going to prove to continue to be challenging to the traveling public. -work zones, staying with that work zone awareness theme from April. As we progress through the summer, I'll try to highlight a few projects that we know are going to be problematic. State Highway 33 is about to go under construction there at Langston. That's a widening project to bring the 33 corridor to 4 lanes between Langston and Logan County to just West of US-177 in Payne County. Work is expected to begin in late summer of 2023 and anticipated to be complete by fall of 2025. This phase will add four bridges and the earthwork to build the roadbed for two additional lanes. The two lanes will be completed in a second project that's scheduled for that 2025 time period. And the two projects combined will complete the widening of the corridor between Perkins and Guthrie, which provides a second four-lane alternative route to and from Stillwater. So that construction is something the traveling public will have to contend with and be mindful of.

I-40 resurfacing projects, we've got two of those west of Oklahoma City. Significant pavement improvement on I-40 in Canadian County. That is west of El Reno from I-40 Business to Maple Road. That's a \$24 million project that will impact traffic through the end of the calendar year 2023. Starting in July, I-40 will have a resurfacing project between Morgan Road and MacArthur Boulevard here in Oklahoma City. The high traffic volumes and the

types of traffic that we see there, both commuter and freight, will result in some significant delays and congestion. We'll ask the public to be mindful of that.

Another project that will begin to ramp up towards construction is I-40 at Douglas Boulevard. And that's the interchange near Tinker Air Force base in Midwest City. But that includes a widening of I-40 to six lanes extending East to Choctaw Road. This is a \$170 million project that started in April. It's going to be about two years to completion and as the contractor works his way through that project, it will continue to be disruptive.

Metropolitan area of Tulsa is no exception. We've got projects going on Highway 51 there, just a little bit South and East of the downtown area that is a challenging project. Also, work will continue around the I-44 and US-75 interchange as we go forward. I'd call particular attention to a ramp project that we have at US-169 and I-244 there in Tulsa.

So as the public travels around the State of Oklahoma, they'll encounter more than 160 construction work zones plus maintenance operations all across the state. We ask the public to join us in keeping our workers safe and keeping themselves safe by putting away distractions, paying attention to what's in front of you, observing the black and white posted speed limit. Commissioner Grimsley, in our discussions in subcommittee this morning, made a great point. The posted black and white speed limit signs in a construction zone are posted there, and that is the speed limit in that zone, whether workers are present or not. If workers are in the work zone and you receive a ticket in that work zone, the fines double. The posted speed limits apply to that work zone whether workers are present or not.

And, again, the traveling public, pay attention, slow down, buckle up. Always buckle your seatbelt. We still see our seatbelt utilization numbers not what they need to be. And we see fatalities occur almost every day where occupants of vehicles are not wearing their seatbelt. We really have to work on that as a state.

If you want to see our fatality numbers go down dramatically, if we could increase our seatbelt usage, especially in our rural areas, it will make a difference in our fatality numbers. So, again, that's something that we ask the traveling public to help us keep them safe by taking that one measure that they have full control over.

Secretary Gatz left the floor open for questions.

Commissioner Grimsley asked if there could be a meeting this summer to get a briefing on the state of the art of traffic counting in regards to the I-35 congestion problem. He states his assumption in that we've evolved beyond just traffic counts at a certain point. We can make more predictive estimates and measures.

Secretary Gatz stated that they will work with the Chief Engineer and the Traffic Engineering group to accomplish Grimsley's request.

Information Only: No Commission action required.

ITEM PRESENTED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

63. Adjournment Motion

ACTION: Shannon moved and Dyson seconded that the Meeting be adjourned.
MOTION: Carried by the following vote:
AYES: Coburn, Grimsley, Shannon, Freymiller, Dyson, Alexander, LaForge, Junk and Peterson
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting May 1, 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Peterson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Bob Peterson - Chairman

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David Dyson – Vice Chairman