

# OKLAHOMA

2011-2012 OFFICIAL STATE MAP

## 1910s



**Teens** - Four years after statehood, Oklahoma's Legislature takes initial steps toward addressing transportation needs in June 1911 with "An Act Establishing a State Department of Highways," followed by Gov. Cruce appointing Sidney Suggs as the first State Highway Commissioner.



## 1920s



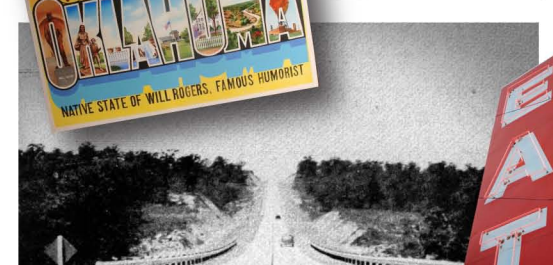
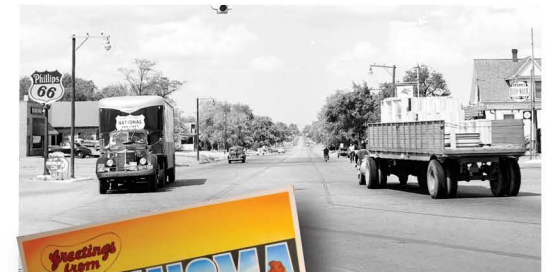
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A glimpse at Oklahoma's tag history from 1915 to the present. Can you find the 3 sets of duplicate tags?



**1930s** - Get your kicks on US- 66! Also known as Route 66 or the Mother Road, it was paved statewide by 1933, followed by a tidal wave of travelers washing onto the popular tourist route linking Chicago to Los Angeles. Flying high during this time was Oklahoma's Wiley Post, aviation inventor and first aviator to fly solo around the world.

**1920s** - Americans are on the move! Travel becomes easier and autos more affordable with the mass production of Ford's Model T. The U.S. highway numbering system is born and Oklahoma produces its first road map. Also, Oklahoma-based Braniff Airlines offers its first commercial flight between Oklahoma City and Tulsa in 1928.



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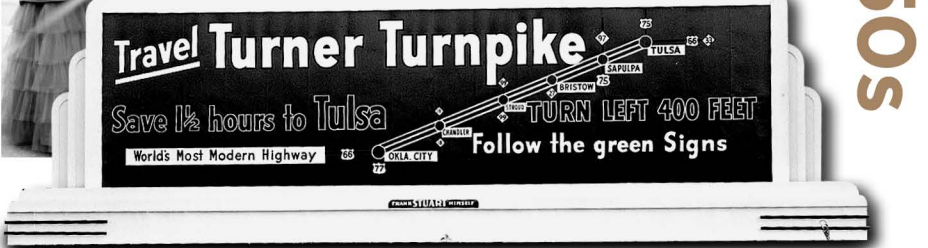
## 1940s



**1940s** - During WW II, road building projects were temporarily halted in support of rebuilding military roads such as US-75 in Tulsa and US-64 near Muskogee. Midwest Air Depot, now Tinker Air Force Base, is established near Oklahoma City in 1944. Also, during this time naval facilities and significant lakes and dams were being constructed, including Texoma, Canton and Grand Lake O' the Cherokees giving travelers a new destination.



## 1950s



**1950s** - A buck forty was the cost to travel quickly between the state's two largest cities. Oklahoma's turnpike system began in May 1953 with the 88-mile Turner Turnpike connecting OKC and Tulsa and named for Gov. Roy J. Turner. With new roads, the car culture of the 50s was spurred on by more prosperous times and allowed families to travel farther.



## 1960s



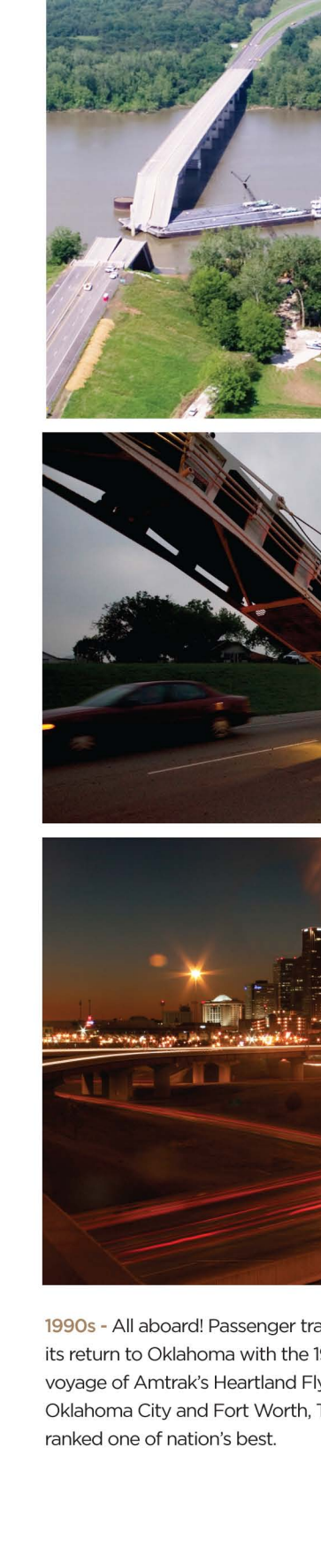
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**1970s** - Oklahoma's McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System was dedicated by President Nixon and opened to shipping traffic in 1971. This decade also marks the completion of Oklahoma's rural interstate highway system with the opening of I-40 near Erick. Oklahoma was one of the first states to complete its rural interstate system.



**1980s** - Progress bloomed on two fronts as Oklahoma focused its construction program on expansions and short links such as OKC's Centennial Expressway in 1989 and also became one of the first states in the nation to begin roadside beautification projects such as wildflower plantings, Adopt-A-Highway programs and an anti-litter campaign.



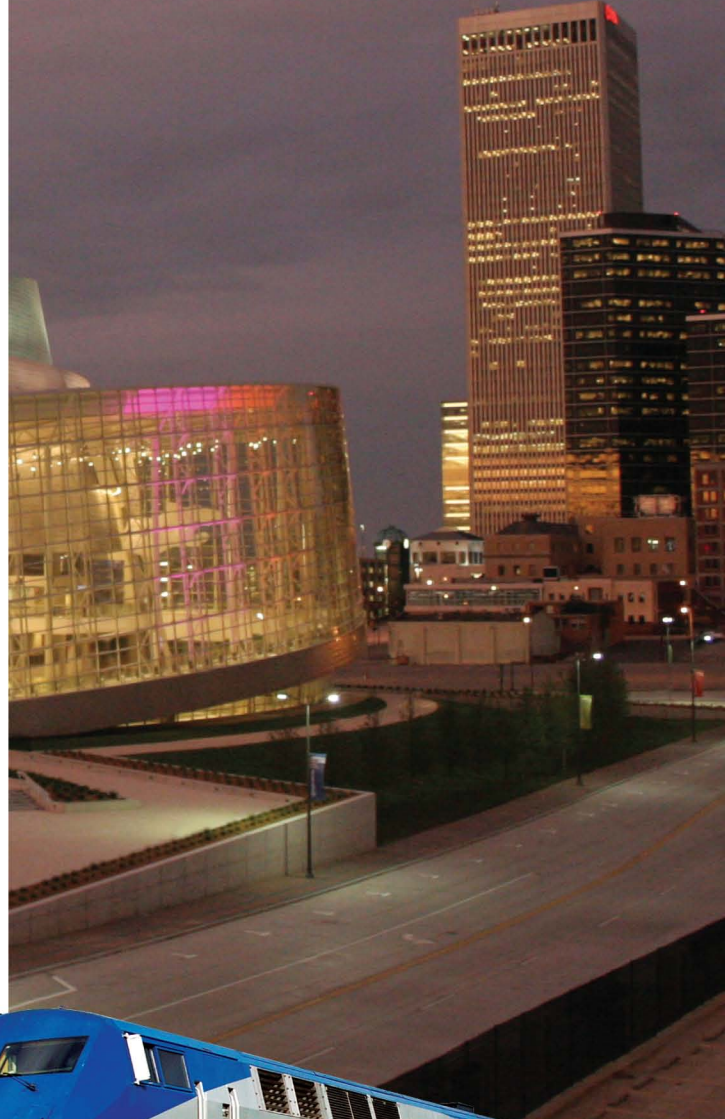
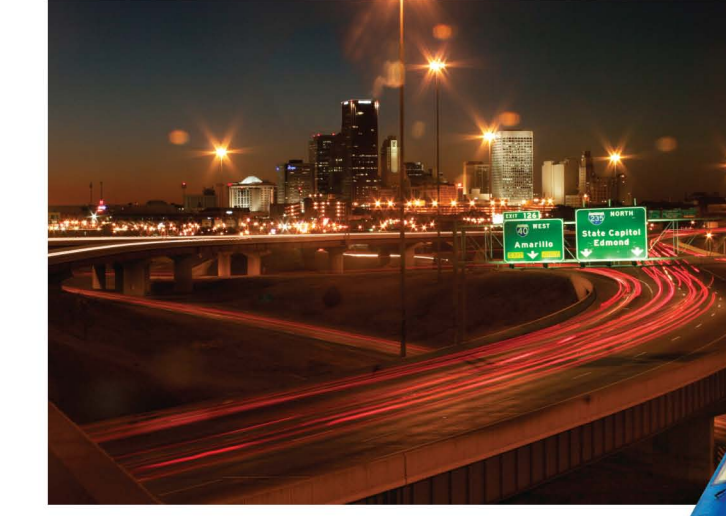
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**1990s** - All aboard! Passenger train service makes its return to Oklahoma with the 1999 inaugural voyage of Amtrak's Heartland Flyer between Oklahoma City and Fort Worth, Texas. The train is ranked one of nation's best.



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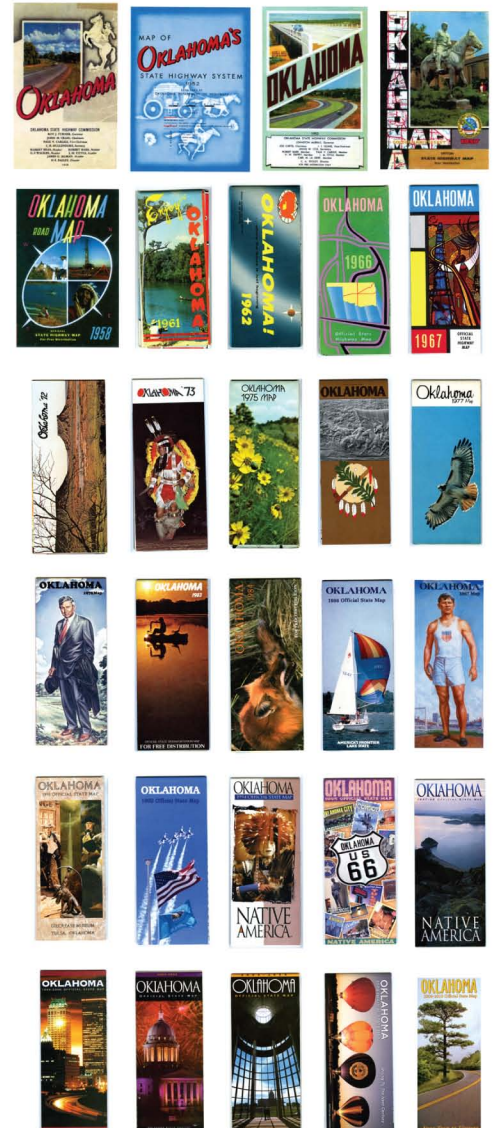
**2000s** - On May 26, 2002, a major I-40 bridge over the Arkansas River is brought down by runaway barges killing fourteen people. Oklahoma's most catastrophic highway incident gave way to the state's fastest reconstruction of a bridge - 47 days. This begins an era of emphasis on rebuilding the state's roads and bridges with a record number of bridges being improved. Additional funds also allow more focus on modernizing the system using state-of-the-art safety features.



## Destinations

## 2011

A look at where we've been and where you're going, below is an overview of the last 100 years of the Oklahoma map covers in all their glory.



**2010s** - With an eye toward the future, ODOT enters its next century focused on continuing modernization and safety enhancement of the state's roads and bridges, as well as emphasizing alternative modes of transportation, including rail and transit. Transit started from humble beginnings and now operates 19 projects in 72 counties, further illustrating the need for and success of mobility in Oklahoma.