



Reason to Celebrate: Kelley Avenue a through street as Broadway Extension Interchange dedicated

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Motorists driving Kelley Avenue now have a straight shot between Edmond and north Oklahoma City thanks to the recently completed Broadway Extension at Memorial Road and Kelley Avenue interchange project. A dedication ceremony noting the completion of the project, which realigned the Kelley Avenue interchange, widened Broadway Extension and reconstructed and built new ramps and frontage roads, was held this afternoon near the interchange.

The ceremony included comments from Lt. Gov. Jari Askins, Secretary of Transportation and Oklahoma Department of Transportation Director Gary Ridley, District Four Transportation Commissioner Jackie Cooper, Edmond Mayor Patrice Douglas, Area Representative Ken Miller, Edmond Chamber of Commerce Chairperson Jan Moran and Federal Highway Administrator for Oklahoma Gary Corino. Also in attendance were Oklahoma County District 3 Commissioner Ray Vaughn in addition to civic and business leaders and transportation officials.

“Edmond’s incredible popularity during the past fifteen years strained the limits of the traffic infrastructure on the Broadway Extension. ODOT has now engineered and constructed a corridor which will allow for greater access to homes and businesses and further open the door to economic development in one of Oklahoma’s most vibrant communities,” Lt. Gov. Askins said.

Another noticeable feature of the project is the inclusion of Oklahoma-themed aesthetics including Osage shields and painted Native American and Western designs on the Broadway Extension bridges over Memorial Road and Kelley Avenue.

“The completion of this major interchange project highlights great partnerships, dedicated designers, top-tier construction and innovative public art, each of which has played a significant role in the success of this project,” Sec./ODOT Dir. Ridley said.

The interchange reconstruction will also minimize traffic tie-ups and increase the carrying capacity of the Broadway Extension corridor. Accommodating more than 65,000 vehicles per day, this section of Broadway Extension is a main thoroughfare connecting Edmond and Oklahoma City.

“We recognize and appreciate the significant investment by ODOT in one of Edmond’s major corridors,” Mayor Douglas said. “It is partnerships like this, between state and local government, that move Edmond forward. As a city, we want to continue building these partnerships and look forward to further road collaborations in the near future.”

The \$30 million project, which began in July 2008, was awarded to Allen Contracting and Muskogee Bridge Company and completed nearly two months ahead of schedule.

Features of the project include the addition of a dedicated off-ramp from northbound Broadway Extension to northbound Kelley Avenue and the realignment of Kelley Avenue into a continuous street. The project also included dedicated southbound Broadway Extension ramps to Kelley Avenue and an additional dedicated ramp from southbound Broadway Extension to Kelley Avenue.

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Dignitaries cut a ribbon at the Broadway Extension at Memorial Rd. and Kelley Ave. interchange dedication October 6. The ribbon being cut through depicts the construction of the new Kelley Avenue which opened following the event. Accommodating more than 65,000 vehicles per day, this section of Broadway Extension is a main thoroughfare connecting Edmond and Oklahoma City. Pictured left to right are Oklahoma County Commissioner Ray Vaughn, Former Secretary of Transportation and Edmond Civic Leader Neal McCaleb, Federal Highway Administrator Gary Corino, Edmond Mayor Patrice Douglas, Federal Highway Administration Manager Robert Rodriguez, Lt. Gov. Jari Askins, District 4 Transportation Commissioner Jackie Cooper, ODOT Division Four Engineer Casey Shell, Edmond Chamber of Commerce Chairperson Jan Moran, Manhattan Road and Bridge Project Manager Rich Horrocks, Allen Contracting President Jeff Allen, Representative Ken Miller, Transportation Secretary/ODOT Director Gary Ridley and ODOT Director of Operation Gary Evans.



Lt. Gov. Askins' car followed by a row of other dignitaries cars drive through a picture of the Broadway Extension at Memorial Rd. and Kelley Ave. interchange, signifying the opening of Kelley Ave. to traffic following a dedication ceremony October 6. The project realigned Kelley Avenue into a continuous street, widened Broadway Extension and included the addition of a dedicated off-ramp from northbound Broadway Extension to northbound Kelley Avenue.