

Media Advisory Jan. 4, 2013

## January Transportation Commission Meeting

The Oklahoma Transportation Commission will hold its monthly meeting at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7 in the R.A. Ward Transportation Building, 200 N.E. 21<sup>st</sup> St. in Oklahoma City. Items to be addressed at the meeting include:

- During his report to the commission, Oklahoma Department of Transportation Director Gary Ridley will ask Director of Operations Casey Shell to provide a report on ODOT's efforts to treat and clear highways following the snowstorm on Christmas Day that affected parts of the state.
- The American Concrete Pavement Association will recognize ODOT and several construction and engineering companies for their work on four award-winning Oklahoma highway projects including the I-40 Crosstown in Oklahoma City, I-35 north of Marietta in Love County, US-64 and I-40 near Webbers Falls in Muskogee County and the Port of Entry weigh and inspection station on I-35 in Kay County.
- The Association of Oklahoma General Contractors will present the 2012 Pharaoh Award to ODOT for innovative and quality construction work on the I-40/Morgan Rd. bridge and interchange in Canadian County that opened in May 2012. This \$34 million project included construction of the state's first Single Point Urban Interchange.
- Commissioners will be asked to consider ODOT's Eight-year State-owned Rail Construction and Maintenance Work Plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2013-2020, which includes railroad track and bridge improvements to allow rail operators to move products through the state easier.
- The commission is also expected to vote on a partnership to share the cost of a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project to replace the SH-151 bridge over the Lake Keystone Dam in Tulsa County.

The meeting agenda can be viewed at www.okladot.state.ok.us by clicking the Public Meeting link. The commission, an eight-member panel appointed by the governor to oversee the state's transportation development, awards project contracts for road and bridge construction on a monthly basis. The meeting is open to the public. If you have any questions about Monday's meeting, call the ODOT Media and Public Relations office at 405-521-6000. Next month's Oklahoma Transportation Commission meeting is currently scheduled for Feb. 4 at 11 a.m.

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