

SUPPRESSING DISSENT IN OKLAHOMA; STATE-SPONSORED POLITICAL SPYING

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

JONES PR is a public relations company based in Oklahoma City that has been hired to do work for many political campaigns. This document will examine Jones PR being hired by the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, a state agency tasked with building and maintaining turnpike highways, to conduct political surveillance against opponents of OTA's plans to construct toll roads in Oklahoma.

This political spying was clearly done to suppress dissent and discourage protests against OTA's plans. Sponsored and paid for by the OTA, regular reports on the surveillance were also supplied to Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt and his Staff.

This sort of behavior is not new for the OTA and Jones PR. The reader may wish to examine what happened in November 2022 when it was revealed that the OTA hired Jones PR to purchase and hoard website domain names that could possibly be used by those who did not favor OTA's toll road plans. [See the story by NPR affiliate State Impact HERE.](#)

The saga of the people of Oklahoma versus the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority is as deep as it is wide, going back through decades of Oklahoma history and involving numerous state-based and national players. The spectre of Oklahoma's government trolling the Internet to gather personally identifiable information for use against citizens is relatively new, however, and deserves national attention. Otherwise, who will be next?

Information used to build this report comes from documents obtained using the Oklahoma Open Records Act, as well as legal depositions and court documents. It ends with a discussion of the legalities and ethics involved.

FILE STUDIED: Social listening with Jones PR invoices.pdf

What follows are summaries of email messages obtained through Oklahoma Open Records Act requests, covering 53 days, from June 20 through August 11, 2022. They were received from Deputy General Counsel Grayson P. Walker, through the office of Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt.

The messages describe results of the political spying campaign sponsored by the OTA. The perpetrators call their spying, "Social Listening." The messages are between Jessica Brown and "the usual list:" OTA board members and Governor Stitt's office. Occasionally, as noted, other recipients are added. Numerous names,

photographs and communications of Oklahoma citizens are included. Screenshots of social media posts are abundant. Numerous reports, comments and observations regarding citizen's activities are included. **321 separate incidents of personally identifiable information compromise are present.** Also present are the dollar amounts paid to Jones PR for their work (\$2,058.00).

THE "ATTACHMENTS"

Possibly the most damning items in the body of evidence are the "attachments." As you will see below, most all of the emails have "attachments" that accompany them. The attachments are screen shots of FaceBook posts. Some of the posts stand on their own, with no replies. A vast number of the attachments, however, have many, many replies from individuals wishing to express their opinions and thoughts. Each "attachment" screen shot of a FaceBook post contains the name and profile photograph or identifier of the poster, as well as the names and photographs of those citizens who replied. A large number of the personally identifiable information (PII) violations and compromises are found in the "attachments."

NOTE: Whenever you read "JB," it refers to Jessica Brown, Director of Strategic Communications serving the Oklahoma Transportation Commission (OTC), the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA).

In all of the OTA communications shown below, the Pike Off OTA group (a 501(c)(4) non-profit) and members of the No More Turnpikes FaceBook group are always referred to as "the opposition."

Whenever you read, "the usual list," that refers to the typical email list JB would message, which was:

- **Gene Love. Then Chairman of the OTA. Still listed as a Board member, but no longer Chairman.**
glove@xxxxxxxxx glove@milleniumsolutionsgroup.com or millsolgroup.com
Bio at
https://cdn2.hubspot.net/hubfs/2246025/National%20Board%20Bios/Love_Gene_Bio_%202016.pdf?t=1505504751733
- **Dana Weber. OTA Board member. Modernization Committee Chair.**
Chair of the Board and CEO of Webco Industries. dweber@webcotube.com
Webco code of ethics written by Dana Weber
https://www.webcotube.com/wp-content/uploads/Webco_Conduct_Ethics_Policy.pdf
- **Todd A. Cone. OTA Board member and Secretary/Treasurer. Litigation Committee Chair.**
Attorney at Cone Law in Nowata, OK. Adjunct professor at Oklahoma Wesleyan University, and currently serves as Nowata Municipal Judge. toddcone@xxxxxxxxm
- **John Titsworth. OTA Board member and Audit/Budget Committee Chair.**
Retired Financial Advisor. Former President of Triad Transport, Inc and former owner of Kelworth Trucking. jtitsworth7@yahoo.com
- **John Jones. OTA Board member. Current Chairman.**
Managing partner at Hawthorne Resources, Oklahoma City. Oil and Gas Exploration.
jjones@xxxxxxxxet
- **Will Berry. OTA Board member. Vice-Chairman.**
President of D.C. Bass Construction, who is also a member of the Oklahoma Association of General Contractors (OAGC). will.dcbass@gmail.com
- **Eric Lair. Attorney. General Counsel for OTA.**

EGL Law office in Tulsa; elair@xxxxxxxxxg elair@egllawoffice.com

- **Carly Atchison. Communications Director Executive Office of Kevin Stitt.**
carly.atchison@gov.ok.gov; Resigned 5-1-23. Now campaign spokesperson for Ron DeSantis.
- **Kate Vesper. Gov. Stitt Press Secretary.** kate.vesper@gov.ok.gov
- **Tim Gatz - Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation + Executive Director of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority.**
Bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from Oklahoma State University; registered professional landscape architect. tgatz@pikepass.com
- **Joe Echelle. Deputy Director of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority.**
Engineer, draftsman, surveyor. Long time ODOT employee. jechelle@pikepass.com

BEGIN STUDY

6-20-22

Page 9 Jessica Brown email to the usual list

SUBJECT: 6/19-6/20 Earned media & social listening report

ATTACHMENTS: Kathy Young - Front page of The Norman Transcript.png; Kathy Young - Front page of The Norman Transcript comments.png; Kathy Young - Front page of The Norman Transcript comments 2.png; Dave Moore - Stan Ward article.png; Dave Moore - Stan Ward article cont. 2.png; Dave Moore - Stan Ward article cont.png; Danna Fowble -Realtors & homeowners.png; Pam McIntoch - c4 ad.png; Pam McIntoch - c4 ad comments.png; Pam McIntoch - c4; ad comments 2.png; Change.org petition.png; Paula Dodson - Comments on Lacie Lowry's post.png; Lacie Lowry - Cashless tolling.png; 6_20 TJR OTA Bonds to fund turnpike.png

Social Listening

Note: Screenshots of all posts are attached to this email

- Kathy Young shared yesterday's Norman Transcript paper. The opposition is happy that their cause is gaining attention.
- Dave Moore shared the 'David vs Goliath' Norman Transcript article.
- Dana Fowble shared a post from the Norman sale page warning future Norman, Noble, Purcell or S.OKC residents to check the ACCESS page first to make sure they're not in the path of the turnpike.
- Pam McIntosh posted that she saw the Oklahoma Conservative Patriots Alliance ad against Gov. Stitt. The same c4 organization is running an ad supporting gubernatorial candidate Joel Kintsel. See both ads here.
- The petition to stop the turnpike expansion is circulating again. Dave Moore shared the link to the No More Turnpikes group and Pam McIntosh reshared it to the Ward 5 group. The petition now has 3,298 signatures.
- Lacie Lowry from News 9 posted about the H.E.B starting cashless tolling tomorrow. Paula Dodson commented warning people more turnpikes are coming and that OTA will be taking people's homes. She also encouraged the opposition to comment and share everywhere they can.

NOTE: all messages are signed by Jessica Brown, M.J. Director Strategic Communications Division
Oklahoma Transportation Cabinet Oklahoma.gov Oklahoma.gov/ODOT, using PUBLIC FUNDS.

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JB email to the usual list

SUBJECT: 6/22 - 6/23 Earned Media & Social Listening report

ATTACHMENTS: Dave Moore - KFOR news clip.png; Kim Woods - Banner picture.png; Kim Woods - Joel Kintsel's comment.png; Ali Lisenbery - Banner picture and news clip.png; Ali Lisenbery - Banner news clip ward 5 .png; John Frasure - Banner news clip.png; IMPORTANT Weekly Update • - June 21, 2022.pdf; Mike Slate - Joel Kintsel brochure.png; Cindi Barnard - Repost of the Joel Kintsel flyer.png; 6_23 Norman Transcript Letter to the Editor ACCESS Oklahoma doesn't make sense 2.png; 6_23 Norman Transcript Letter to the Editor ACCESS Oklahoma doesn't make sense 1.png

Social Listening

Note: Screenshots of all posts are attached to this email

- The opposition is sharing pictures and news clips of the 30-foot banner that was placed near a Gov.Stitt fundraiser last night.
- Dave Moore shared the TV news clip of the banner.
- Kim Stewart Woods posted a photo of the banner. Governor-candidate Joel Kintsel commented praising Pike Off OTA.
- Ali Lisenbery posted a picture and a news clip of the banner on the No More Turnpikes group and the Ward 5 group.
- John Fraser posted the TV clip on the Ward 5 group.
- The weekly newsletter came out yesterday. Below are some highlights.
 - Randy's Monday update, where he talks about the Bond Oversight Committee meeting on June 23 and the monthly OTA meeting on July 28, was included.
 - A picture of the 30-foot banner.
 - Two articles - one by Amy Cerato about what to know before voting and one about how to spread the word about OTA's "corruption."
 - The rooftop of the week is Randy Carter's family.
- Mike Slate received a Joel Kintsel flyer in the mail, and the opposition is commenting on his post regarding their support for Joel. Cindi Barnard reposted Mike's post to the Ward 5 group.
- The Lost Ogle published an article regarding Rarchar Tortorello's reasoning for being in D.C. He is there to participate in a documentary on "Civil Rights Violations."

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SUBJECT: 6/23 Earned Media & Social listening report

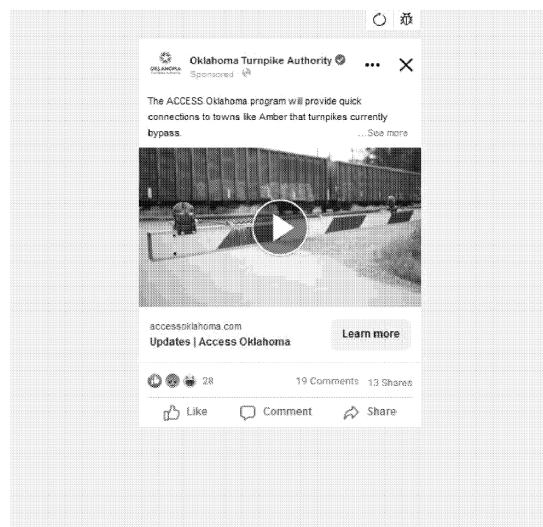
ATTACHMENTS: Surveyors post comments.png; Surveyors around the Choctaw area.png; Surveyors post comments.png; EpicOTA comments.png; EpicOTA comments 2.png; EpicOTA comments 3.png; Corson Hirschfeld - EpicOTA Peter Regan.png; David Posey - Rail transportation.png; Statute comments.png; Statute comments 2.png; Statute comments 3.png; Statute comments 4.png; Dave Moore - Spreading the word.png; Deanna Atkinson - Kickapoo extension.png; Kickapoo extension comments.png; Kickapoo extension comments 2.png

Social Listening

Note: Screenshots of all posts are attached to this email

- The opposition is noticing surveyors in the area of 96th and Bethel near Choctaw. Charity Bussell mentioned telling them that they're not welcome on their mom's property.
- Casey Hirschfeld posted about Peter Regan serving on the Epic Board in 2010. He also served on the Oklahoma Transportation Commission from 2009-2018, which overlaps with his time at Epic. The opposition hopes another investigation takes place.
- The opposition is excited about the commuter rail from Edmond to Norman. They are very hopeful that it goes through and will give OTA reason to walk away from the ACCESS project.
- Jen Wilson had questions about the Oklahoma State Statute 69-1705 and garnered lots of comments regarding the turnpikes.
- Dave Moore posted a screenshot of his comment in one of ODOT's Facebook posts and said he likes the idea of posting to other "concerned" Facebook groups and spreading the word.
- Deanna Atkinson posted that she had environmental attorneys tell her the proposed southern extension of the Kickapoo is an attempt to divert Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) traffic away from the OKC metro to meet air quality emission standards.
- on page 65, the message notes that a particular OTA FaceBook ad has been pulled because of "negative pushback"

Facebook Advertisement for ACCESS Oklahoma program



Note: These ads have been paused going forward due to increasing negative pushback.

Page 66: Public comments collected by the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority) through the ACCESS Oklahoma hotline & email. This one lists a caller who wants to remain anonymous but shows his phone number. Great!!

Monday 6/13	1	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	Pam Cheyne (405) 413-6400 Before you build another Turnpike, you should fix the ones currently in use. Down by Lawton and headed to Broken Bow the right lanes are so rough you think you have flat tires. Take care of what you have before you ruin these peoples lives.
Tuesday 6/14	0	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
			Stan 405-310-2775 wants to remain confidential, as it is dangerous to support the OTA, however he is concerned for the OTA this morning. He claims that a oil drilling rig is actively setting up a drilling rig right in the middle of our path. concerned that it is an effort to stop us and the new turnpike and he wants the rig gone. He feels maybe they want money from OTA as well. Very concerned and very nice and polite.			
Wednesday 6/15	1	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
Thursday 6/16	0	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
Friday 6/17	1	1 complaint about HF Bailey being under construction	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
Weekly Total	3					
Monday 6/20	0	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
Tuesday 6/21	0	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
		Second customer works for environmental division US Fish and Wildlife and had a complaint	First customer a complaint. Unknown male caller referred to Access hotline. He was looking for information regarding the expansion.		No Data to Report	No Data to Report
Wednesday 6/22	2		Customer is asking about WHERE locations are going to be as far as plate pays go in the Norman area because he's renovating his house and just wants to know if it'll be in his line of area so he knows whether to build or not... Provided ACCESS OK hotline number.		No Data to Report	No Data to Report
Thursday 6/23	1	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
Friday 6/24	0	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
Weekly Total	3					
Monday 6/27	1	1. Caller concerned about kickapoo extension in Norman	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
Tuesday 6/28	0	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
Wednesday 6/29	0	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
Thursday 6/30	0	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
Friday 7/1	0	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
Weekly Total	1					
Tuesday 7/5	0	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
Wednesday 7/6	0	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
Thursday 7/7	0	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report

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JB to the usual list

SUBJECT: 7 /11-7 /12 Earned Media & Social Listening report

ATTACHMENTS: Dave Moore - News 9.png; Dave Moore - Fox 25.png; Dave Moore - KOCO.png; Dave Moore - KFOR.png; Dave Moore - KOCO article.png; Dave Moore - the Oklahoman article.png; Dave Moore p- the Oklahoman cont.2.png; Dave Moore - The Oklahoman cont.png; Paula NiBride - News 9.png; Kristy Salisbury - News 9.png; Kelly Farris Wilson's comment.png; Linda Barry - Pike Off OTA repost.png; Debbie Saltzman - Dave Moore kicked out of meeting.png; Darla Le Blanc - Video of protestors.png; Kara MP - Letters to James Grimsley.png; Turnpike Summit.png; Ashley Nicole - Tree sits.png; Savine Echonova - Sec. Gatz pay raise.png; Sheryl Hoggatt – OTA abandoned section of highway for sale comments.png; Sheryl Hoggatt - OTA abandoned section of highway for sale.png; Sheryl Hoggatt - OTA abandoned section of highway for sale cont.png; Rarchar Tortorello - Ward 5 poll.png; Ethan Guenther's comment.png; Dawn Goldsmith – Survey traffic counters.png; 7 12 Oklahoman OTC approves turnpike plans 1_3.png; 7 12 Oklahoman OTC approves turnpike plans 2_3.png; 7 12 Oklahoman OTC approves turnpike plans 3_3.png; 7 12 Journal Record State Senate scrutinize OTA 1_3.png; 7 12 Norman Transcript Commission approves turnpikes 2_3.png; 7 12 Journal Record State Senate scrutinize OTA 3_3.png; 7 12 Journal Record State Senate scrutinize OTA 2_3.png; 7 12 Norman Transcript Commission approves turnpikes 1_3.png; 7 12 Norman Transcript Commission approves turnpikes 3_3.png

Social Listening

Note: Screenshots of all posts are attached to this email

- OTC Meeting
- The opposition is sharing news articles about the meeting yesterday.
- Dave Moore reshared all of the news outlet's stories about the approved turnpike routes.
 - <https://bit.ly/31Ebzb5>

- <https://bit.ly/3cbUQjr>
- <https://bit.ly/3yZKjk6>
- <https://bit.ly/3yZG7Rx>
- <https://bit.ly/3nWgtGR>
- <https://bit.ly/3auNC9J>
- Kristy Shriner Salisbury and Paula Ni Bride also reshared the News 9 article and asked if there was still a chance to fight the turnpikes.
- Kelly Farris Wilson commented to not give up the fight. She has attorneys who can help fight for the property owners in the path.
- Linda Barry reshared a Pike Off OT A post of The Norman Transcript's article about James Grimsley agreeing with the opposition.
- Dave Moore was kicked out of the meeting yesterday. Debbie Saltzman said it's on video and a violation of the open records act.
- Darla Le Blanc posted a video of the protestors outside of ODOT's offices.
- Dean Williams commented that she needs to know when they should be looking for a new house or she'll be left out on the street and she has no idea what OTA is going to offer them.
- Kara MP encouraged the opposition to write James Grimsley a letter thanking him for voting against the new proposed turnpike routes.

Other

- The opposition is holding a Turnpike Summit on July 21 at 6 p.m. to go over environmental, legal, and legislative updates.
- Ashley Nicole suggested the opposition do tree sits in protest of the turnpike.
- Savine Echonova posted that it's a conflict of interest having Sec. Gatz be the head of ODOT, and head of OTA, along with a Dec. 2021 Southwest Ledger News article about the Secretary's pay raise.
- Sheryl Hoggatt posted an article from 2014 about OTA placing an abandoned highway for sale that garnered a few comments.
- Rarchar Tortorella posted a poll on the Ward 5 Facebook page asking about what projects the council should discuss during their retreat on July 22-23. The turnpikes are top on the list.
- Dawn Goldsmith posted a picture of survey/traffic counters by 149th and Choctaw Rd.
- Ethan Guenther suggests the criminal activity of taking it.

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SUBJECT: 7 /12 Earned Media & Social listening report

ATTACHMENTS: Deanna Atkinson - Joy Hofmeister hometown tour.png; Deanna Atkinson - Joy Hofmeister hometown tour cont.png; Dave Moore - Mayor Heikkila.png; Debbie Cox - Emailing Gov.Stitt.png; Casey Hirschfeld - Bond Buyer article.png; Casey Hirschfeld - Bond Buyer article cont.png; Casey Hirschfeld - Bond Buyer article comments.png; Deanna Atkinson - Journal Record article.png; Deanna Atkinson - Journal Record article cont.png; Deanna Atkinson - Journal Record article comments.png; Tanner Naeher - Family affected by turnpike.png

Social Listening

Note: Screenshots of all posts are attached to this email

- Deanna Atkinson promoted the Joy Hofmeister hometown campaign again and encouraged the opposition to attend.
- Dave Moore found what Mp Boland Elroy was talking about regarding the new Norman Mayor's stands with the turnpikes.
- In a KOCO news report, the reporter said the words "hopes to find more solutions to help residents live with the proposed turnpike," but Mayor Heikkila never said those words. In fact, the newscast shows Amy Cerato meeting with the Mayor while she's showing him her transportation dissertation.
- Debbie Cox encouraged the opposition to write to the Governor every day.
- Casey Hirschfeld posted an article from The Bond Buyer about the Oklahoma Turnpike bonds. Hirschfeld suspects that OTA is getting desperate for money.
- Deanna Atkinson reshared yesterday's Journal Record article, which garnered lots of engagement.
- Stop the toll OK's website is accumulating the stories of the families who are affected by the turnpike. So far, there are six articles and five videos of families sharing their stories; Tanner Naeher recently shared his.

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JB to the usual list

SUBJECT: OTA weekly binder

Attachments: 7.10 to 7.16 binder.pdf

Public comments collected by the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority through the ACCESS Oklahoma hotline & email

Mentions reports from **Team Nandi**, **Team Nikeeta**, **Team DB** and **Team Jennifer**

Date	Daily Count	Team Nandi	Team Nikeeta	Team DB	Team Jennifer
Tuesday 7/5	0	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
Wednesday 7/6	0	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
Thursday 7/7	0	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
		1. Customer called stating home is in path of kickapoo expansion and wanted to know who to contact for buy out option.			
Friday 7/8	1		No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
Weekly Total	1				
		John from Gateway Land Surveyors called representing a land owner that would be effected by the new TP going in around Norman. Landowner has 200 plus acres and they were wanting land boundaries. He was directed to call the Access OK phone number			
Monday 7/11	1		No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
		Customer just called asking about the letter she received about widening the turnpike by her house gave her access Oklahoma number			
Tuesday 7/12	1		No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
		Her name was Shannon it was a call back and she said she was told that the turnpike would run through her dads cemetery. I gave her the 1 844 562-2237 number			
Wednesday 7/13	1		No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
Thursday 7/14	0	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report

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SUBJECT: 7/23-7/26 Earned Media & Social Listening report

ATTACHMENTS: Casey Hirschfeld - OTA Agenda findings.png; Randy live.png; Surveyors on Indian Hills.png; Surveyors on Indian Hills 2.0.png; Dave Moore - OTA studies.png; Jane Boren - OU Daily article.png; List of stakeholders.png; Lawsuit update.png

Social Listening

Note: Screenshots of all posts are attached to this email

Today's Meeting

- Casey Hirschfeld read through the OTA agenda for today's meeting and shared her findings with the opposition.
- Randy was live yesterday and encouraged the opposition to attend the meeting today and the bond oversight meeting on Thursday.

Misc.

- The opposition noticed surveyors out on Indian Hills and notified the others.
- Dave Moore shared a video explaining how the OTA engineering studies are "garbage." The video features clips from Mr. Bowman at the Moore public meeting.
- The opposition is disappointed in the new Norman Mayor.
- Jane Boren shared an OU Daily article. Jane mentions Mayor Heikkila not using fighting words regarding the turnpike.
- Shannon Ozment Martin asked if anyone has a list of the shareholders in the OTA. She wants to know how many state lawmakers are making money.
- Caroline Shacklett asked for an update on the OTA/PikeOff lawsuits.

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FROM Jessica Brown [jessicabrown1967@yahoo.com] to Kate Vesper [kate.vesper@gov.ok.gov]
SUBJECT: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: info

ATTACHMENTS: OTA - Legislative Statutes with details - Oklahoma Turnpike routes authorized in state statute.docx; Background information on turnpikes, state statutes.

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JB to cforman@oklahoman.com

Carmen Forman Capitol reporter - The Oklahoman 405-921-9084 @CarmenMForman

CC: Kate Vesper [kate.vesper@gov.ok.gov]

SUBJECT: RE: Quick follow up question

Information about toll roads and OK statutes

Carmen asks Jessica, "Does the OTA believe House Bill 1259 signed into law by Gov. Bellman gives the Turnpike Authority the authorization to build both the East-West Connector and the South Extension? I just want to make sure that authorization applies to both. JB replies YES.

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SUBJECT: 7/28-7/29 Earned Media & Social listening reports

ATTACHMENTS: KFOR Randy A Carter.png; OTA history!.png; KFOR Article.png; Oil Site!.png; Dave Moore Post.png; 729 Attorneys accuse OTA of avoiding disclosure - The Norman Transcript.pdf

Social Listening

Note: Screenshots of all posts are attached to this email

- Pike Off OTA on KFOR Flash Point this Sunday

Misc.

- The opposition is sharing Randy A Carter's post about him and Amy Cerato being on Flash Point this Sunday to talk about their position on the turnpike. **Post is also gaining traction on other Facebook groups.**
- Valerie Newton shared the KFOR article about OTA looking at properties in the proposed path.
- Commenters want to know how many houses will be affected.
- Opposition is suspicious of construction by Indian Hills Road and 48th Ave N E and are worried that it is the start of the turnpike.
- Casey Hirschfeld shared some OTA financial history.
- Dave Moore commented with an article about Albert Kelly and said that the previous Chairman was "banned from banking for life for shady dealings."
- Dave Moore shared the article from the Norman Transcript discussing OTA attorneys.

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SUBJECT: 8/6-8/7 Earned Media & Social Listening report

Attachments: Receivingletters.png; landowners Rights Info Mtg.png; KRMG Article.png; GeneralComplaint.png; Florida article.png; Plan Norman post.png; Plan Norman comments 1.png; Plan Norman comments 2.png; Plan Norman comments 3.png; lake Thunderbird article.png; Surveyors visiting houses.png; 8_7 Norman Transcript The future of Lake Thunderbird 1_2.png; 8_7 Norman Transcript The future of Lake Thunderbird 2_2.png

Social Listening

Note: Screenshots of all posts are attached to this email

- Landowner Rights and Info Meeting
- The opposition shared an invite to the ACCESS Oklahoma Landowner Rights and Info Meeting.

Shared Media

- The opposition shared the KRMG article over the new Tulsa turnpike.

Misc.

- The opposition posted a general complaint, which is getting traction with the comments.

- The opposition is continuing to receive their letters.

Social Listening

Note: Screenshots of all posts are attached to this email

- Casey Hirschfeld posted an article about Florida stopping a turnpike extension while encouraging the opposition not to give up.
- Dave Moore posted a picture of "Plan Norman." The opposition is worried their farmland and rural areas will be eventually destroyed.
- Dave Moore reshared The Norman Transcript's article about the future of Lake Thunderbird.
- The opposition is wondering when surveyors will be visiting their houses.

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SUBJECT: 8/9 -8/10 Earned Media & Social Listening report

ATTACHMENTS: Bond Oversight - Rubber stamp.png; Bond Oversight - Rubber stamp cont.png; City Council Meeting video.png; Bond Oversight - video.png; Garage sale hand outs.png; Joy Hofmeister's tweet.png; Pike off on TikTok.png; The Oklahoman article from 89.png; Road repair work.png; 8_10 Oklahoman Turnpike expansion takes step down road 1_2.png; 8_10 Oklahoman Turnpike expansion takes step down road 2_2.pdf; 8_10 Tulsa World Toll road expansion plan progresses.png; 8_10 Norman Transcript Restrictions on OTAs bond sale 1_2.png; 8_10 Norman Transcript Restrictions on OTAs bond sale 2_2.pdf

Social Listening

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Bond Oversight Council Meeting

- There are mixed opinions about the meeting's outcome.
- There's chatter about the bond oversight committee rubber stamping the process.
- Dave Moore shared the meeting recording with positive encouragement about the bonds' conditions.

City Council Meeting

- Dave Moore and Amy Cerate spoke at the City Council Meeting and asked for the city to sue OTA.

Garage Sale

- Kelly Wilson shared flyers with the opposition and encouraged those participating in the garage sale to print and hand them out to the shoppers to spread awareness.

Misc.

- A tweet from Joy Hofmeister was shared, gaining a lot of engagement.
- Pike Off OTA is now on TikTok. <https://www.tiktok.com/@pikeoffota>
- Yesterday's Oklahoman article was posted and garnered a lot of traction.
- John Frasure posted two pictures claiming OTA surveyors did a poor road repair job after finding the road center pin.

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SUBJECT: 8/9-8/11 Earned Media & Social Listening report

ATTACHMENTS: News & Brews.png; WildCare Oklahoma.png; Front page of The Norman Transcript.png; Amy Cerato's message.png; ODOT's surplus property bid.png

Social Listening

Note: Screenshots of all posts are attached to this email

News & Brews

- The public event hosted by KGOU radio will be at Yellow Dog Coffee in Norman at 6 p.m. today.
- WildCare Oklahoma promoted this event on their Facebook page as well.
- There will also be a law firm hosting a meeting at a Norman hotel at 7 p.m. to discuss eminent domain.

Misc.

- VM Young shared the front page of The Norman Transcript yesterday and it's gaining lots of traction.
- Kelly Ferris Wilson reposted the Pike Off OTA video with Amy Cerato's speech from the Cleveland County Meeting and encouraged the opposition to spread her message.
- Linda Barry reshared ODOT's August surplus property bid opening to the Ward 5 FB group.

SUMMARY

321 separate incidents of personally identifiable information compromise are present.

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Select quotes from The Electronic Frontier Foundation, "Tea Party, Taxes and Why the Original Patriots Would've Revolted Against the Surveillance State."

<https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2014/04/tea-party-taxes-and-why-patriots-wouldve-revolted-against-surveillance-state>

"Mass surveillance is a symptom of uncontrolled government overreach. While every single person has cause to be alarmed by surveillance, those who criticize government policies have particular reason to be concerned. Those who have new, or not yet popular ideas... are often targets of overreaching surveillance. It's not a partisan issue; it's a constitutional issue. Threats to privacy... are also threats to freedom of speech, religion and association."

Select quotes from The Electronic Frontier Foundation, "DEEP DIVE: CBP's Social Media Surveillance Poses Risks to Free Speech and Privacy Rights"

<https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2019/08/deep-dive-cbps-social-media-surveillance-poses-risks-free-speech-and-privacy>

"CBP (Customs & Border Patrol) came under scrutiny for engaging in surveillance of activists, journalists, attorneys, and others at the U.S.-Mexico border, with evidence suggesting that their social media profiles had been reviewed by the government. CBP's social media surveillance poses a risk to the free expression rights of social media users. [CBP claims] CBP is only monitoring public social media posts, and thus '[i]ndividuals retain the right and ability to refrain from making information public or, in most cases, to remove previously

posted information from their respective social media accounts.' While social media users retain control of their privacy settings, CBP's policy chills free speech by causing people to self-censor—including curbing their public expression on the Internet... This chilling effect is exacerbated by the fact that CBP does not notify users when their PII (Personally Identifiable Information) is collected."

"The Privacy Act, a federal law that establishes rules about what type of information the government can collect and keep about U.S. persons. In particular, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(7), the prohibition against federal agencies maintaining records 'describing how any individual exercises rights guaranteed by the First Amendment.' ... this prohibition is followed by an exception... that information about First Amendment activity may be collected if it is 'pertinent to and within the scope of an authorized law enforcement activity.'

From One Trust Data Guidance, <https://www.dataguidance.com/notes/oklahoma-sectoral-privacy-overview>

The Oklahoma Personal Privacy Protection Act ('the Privacy Protection Act') came into effect on 1 November 2020 (Section 2 of the Privacy Protection Act). The Privacy Protection Act provides that a public agency cannot require any individual to provide personal affiliation information or compel the release of personal affiliation information. Public agencies also cannot release, publicize or otherwise publicly disclose any personal affiliation information in the possession of the public agency, or request or require a current or prospective contractor or grantee with the public agency to provide the public agency with a list of entities organized pursuant to Section 501(c) of the United States Internal Revenue Code ('the Revenue Code') to which it has provided financial or nonfinancial support. Personal affiliation information is defined as 'any list, record, register, registry, roll, roster or other compilation of data of any kind that directly or indirectly identifies a person as a member, supporter, or volunteer of, or donor of financial or nonfinancial support to, any entity organized pursuant to Section 501(c)' of the Revenue Code (Section 1(B)(1) of the Privacy Protection Act).

Select quotes from The Brennan Center for Justice, "Social Media Surveillance by the U.S. Government"
<https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/social-media-surveillance-us-government>

"Because social media can reveal a wealth of personal information — including about political and religious views, personal and professional connections, and health and sexuality — its use by the government is rife with risks for freedom of speech, assembly, and faith... These risks are far from theoretical: many agencies have a track record of using these programs to target minority communities and social movements. Government monitoring of social media can work to people's detriment in at least four ways: (1) wrongly implicating an individual or group in criminal behavior based on their activity on social media; (2) misinterpreting the meaning of social media activity, sometimes with severe consequences; (3) suppressing people's willingness to talk or connect openly online; and (4) invading individuals' privacy."

"People are highly likely to censor themselves when they think they are being watched by the government, and this undermines everything from political speech to creativity to other forms of self-expression. A person's social media presence — their posts, comments, photos, likes, group memberships, and so on — can collectively reveal their ethnicity, political views, religious practices, gender identity, sexual orientation, personality traits, and vices. Further, social media can reveal more about a person than they intend. Platforms' privacy settings frequently change and can be difficult to navigate, and even when individuals keep information private it can be disclosed through the activity or identity of their connections on social media."

"While all Americans may be harmed by untrammelled social media monitoring, people from historically marginalized communities and those who protest government policies typically bear the brunt of suspicionless surveillance. Social media monitoring is no different."

"Social media monitoring may violate the First or Fourteenth Amendments. It is well established that public posts receive constitutional protection: as the investigations guide of the Federal Bureau of Investigation recognizes, "[o]nline information, even if publicly available, may still be protected by the First Amendment. Surveillance is clearly unconstitutional when a person is specifically targeted for the exercise of constitutional rights protected by the First Amendment (speech, expression, association, religious practice) or on the basis of a characteristic protected by the Fourteenth Amendment (including race, ethnicity, and religion). Social media monitoring may also violate the First Amendment when it burdens constitutionally protected activity and does not contribute to a legitimate government objective."

"The Privacy Act limits the collection, storage, and sharing of personally identifiable information about U.S. citizens and permanent residents (green card holders), including social media data. It also bars, under most circumstances, maintaining records that describe the exercise of a person's First Amendment rights. However, the statute contains an exception for such records "within the scope of an authorized law enforcement activity." Its coverage is limited to databases from which personal information can be retrieved by an individual identifier like a name, social security address, or phone number."

"Additionally, federal agencies' collection of social media handles must be authorized by law and, in some cases, be subject to public notice and comment and justified by a reasoned explanation that accounts for contrary evidence."

"Outsourcing surveillance to private industry obscures how monitoring is being carried out; limited information is available about relationships between the federal government and social media surveillance contractors, and the contractors, unlike the government, are not subject to freedom of information laws. Outsourcing also weakens safeguards because private vendors may not be subject to the same legal or institutional constraints as public agencies."

OTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

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This is becoming a movement! Very awesome! I bet it becomes a movie one day....



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Twyla Smith

I like happy endings! Let's make it one!! ***

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LaNell Montgomery

My stomach knots up when I think of what they are planning on doing to change forever the playground of my childhood! Why can't they leave things alone instead of destroying the land??

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Have this printed to the Shawnee News-Star, please! It affects us, too.

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Gary Nonya

Wow! 🥳🥳🥳👍

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Jessie You are AWESOME! ❤️💕❤️

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Jessie Newell

Billi Jean Wietelman this has nothing to do with me.

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Jessie Newell you are helping with the movement by sharing stories!

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VM Young

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'David vs Goliath' Fight against OTA defined

By Mindy Ragan Wood | Transcript Staff Writer

June 19, 2022

Residents who filed a lawsuit against the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority know they have a tough fight on their hands, but gathered to steel their resolve at a meeting with their attorney Friday night.

Attorney Stan Ward invited all 150 of his plaintiffs in the lawsuit to his hilltop ranch in Noble, where a turnpike threatens to forever change the picturesque landscape if OTA builds its southern extension between Oklahoma City and Purcell through east Norman.

The lawsuit alleges the turnpike authority violated the state's Open Meeting Act in January and February agendas, which did not sufficiently inform the public of the OTA's \$5 billion ACCESS plan to expand the state's toll road system.

OTA officials have said that the agency has been more transparent than ever with the announcement of a long range, 15-year plan first mentioned in December rather than the typical five-year forecasts for plans in the past.

Ward contends the OTA acted "willfully" to violate transparency laws which he said will mean the agency will have to start the approval process all over again.

Ward has successfully litigated such violations before, which he noted as he addressed the crowd of nearly 100 people on his front lawn.

The City of Norman lost a lawsuit in 2021 against the local Fraternal Order of Police after Ward proved city council did not sufficiently inform the public of its decision on police funding.

If the court rules in residents' favor, Ward said the punishment carries a fine and possible jail time. He likened the fight between the might of the OTA's privilege of eminent domain against property owners' rights to the cliché "You can't fight city hall."

"Can we do something about it? Can you fight city hall and win?" he asked the crowd. "Well, David was able to defeat Goliath. It's not impossible. Extraordinarily difficult, but not impossible."

A resident asked Ward if the court rules in their favor, how long will it take for the OTA to do what the city council did and simply revote on the matter with a clearly stated agenda?

"Is there anything preventing the OTA from doing something similar?" Mark Wagner asked.

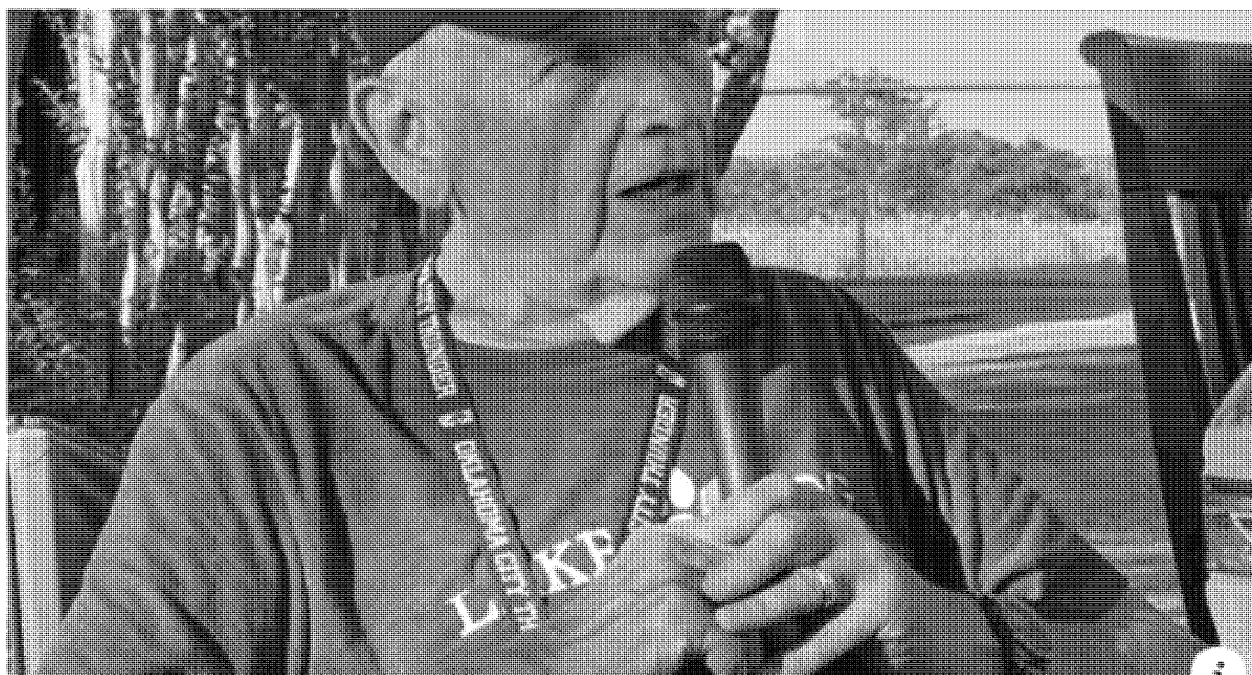
"It had a lawyer looking across the desk," he recalled. "He said, 'You've got a great case. How much justice can you afford?' So, the affordability of justice is always the issue. It shouldn't be an issue here because we're not going to let it be an issue. We're going to take this as far as it has to go. I'm committed."

When asked what residents could do to help, Ward didn't ask for money.

"Make yourself visible," he said. "Put up signs, get bumper stickers on your vehicles and if people ask where you stand, you give them an earful."

Mindy Wood covers City Hall news and notable court cases for The Transcript. Reach her at mwood@normantranscript.com or 405-416-4420.

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"Is there anything preventing the OTA from doing something similar?" Mark Wagner asked.

"The answer to that is probably not, but I'd like for a bunch of them to vote from a jail cell," Ward said. "If that's what they intend to do, that's exactly where they ought to do it. Now, we all know nobody's going to go to jail for a misdemeanor by an important public official, but spending \$5 billion dollars?"

Ward did not elaborate on whether the amount of money in question would sway a prosecutor to file charges or court's decision to levy a fine or jail time.

GOAL OF THE LAWSUIT

While Ward did not invest hope in prosecutorial results favorable to the cause, he did inform the crowd that a lawsuit may provide answers to questions that remain unknown through the discovery process and through deposition "of key players."

"I'm hopeful that when we litigate this case we're going to find out a lot more about the facts, who the players were, how long our city of Norman officials knew about this, how long these other public officials knew about this and kept us in the dark," he said. "For one, I not being a mushroom, I don't like being kept in the dark and covered with B.S. and that's exactly what we have suffered with this entire project to date."

OTHER MEASURES

As the lawsuit makes its way through the courts, Ward mentioned plans to begin an initiative petition to curtail the state's use of eminent domain.

He warned that it was a difficult undertaking.

"They're costly, they're time consuming, and there's a lot of litigation that usually involves itself in those kinds of efforts," he said.

His discussion did not include a date to begin circulating a petition, but Ward said, "you're getting into the season when it's the best time. Football season, state fair of Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Where you get big crowds, you're going to get the most signatures. If you can get Walmart and big box stores to let you put booths up, you've got another leg up."

COST, HURDLES

Ward did not pronounce an estimated cost for his work on the lawsuit or upcoming petition drive, but he assured everyone not to worry about it.

He referred to a cartoon he saw while a young lawyer in the New Yorker magazine between an attorney and a client who deliberated a case.

"It had a lawyer looking across the desk," he recalled. "He said, 'You've got a great case. How much justice can you afford?' So, the affordability of justice is always the issue. It shouldn't be

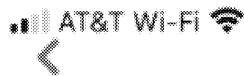


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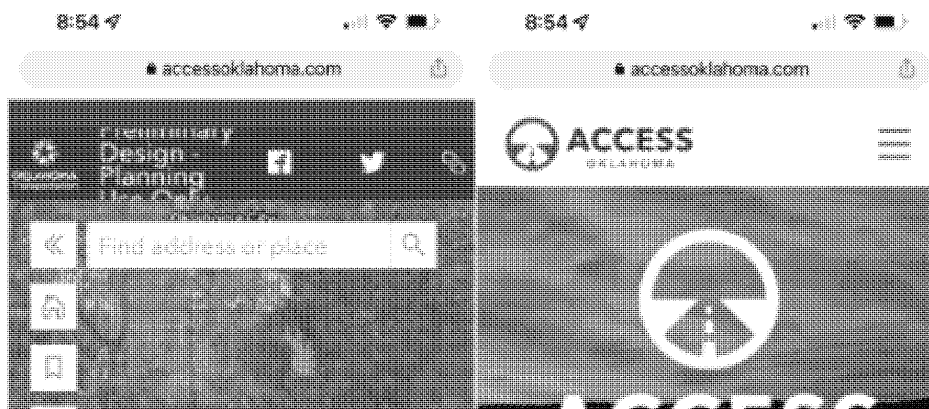
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Moore, S.OKC, Noble, or Purcell.

Go to accessoklahoma.com first! Scroll
down & enter the address you are looking at.
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Pam McIntosh

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Just saw a great ad against Stitt focused on him wanting to spend \$5 billion on more tollways!

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Jane Cox Martin

None of those in office running for reelection will discuss this topic during this campaign season, are they all on the take?

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Pam McIntosh Author

Jane Cox Martin I would say so. 📌

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Pam Groom

its about time!! 📌

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A Jaye Watson Crayton posted a link to the video, it was awesome! 📌

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Dave Moore

A Jaye Watson Crayton Do they support anyone other than Joel Kintsel?

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Dave Moore I tried to call them and the number just rang and no voice mail. I'll try again later. The building looks generic on google earth. The address used to be a variety care clinic, according to google. 😊 and the phone number is a Noble number.

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Dave Moore

A Jaye Watson Crayton If you do what's called a "whois" search for any website, it will show you who's in charge, etc. For this website, all the information is hidden. A common practice, but not good form for a political site. Makes it look like you are hiding something. Hmmm.....
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A Jaye Watson Crayton

Dave Moore Yes agreed. They did give us the phone number. The name of the group. I'll check it out

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Kelly Farris Wilson

Great commercial and hope all following No More Turnpikes, PikeOffOTA, Ward 5 and thousands across the state see it and wake up.





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Tonda Shelton

WooHoo!!!



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Ward 5 neighbors - please sign this petition to stop ACCESS and their planned Tollnado through our Ward! Share to get others to sign asap!
Don't stand by while 600 neighbors and their families lose their homes and properties for an unwanted, unneeded turnpike!



Dave Moore ▶ **NO MORE TURNPIKES, Oklahoma!**

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Sign the Petition

STOP Oklahoma's ACCESS Turnpike Development



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Share everywhere you can.

Save our Homes, Go Away OTA!

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Lacie Lowry 🔒



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Paula Dodson

Be prepared Oklahoma, Our Governor and The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority have more Turnpikes coming. Will your home be next to be taken by a turnpike. NO MORE TURNPIKES, Oklahoma!



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Lacie Lowry ✓

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MORE CASHLESS TOLLS: Starting tomorrow, the H.E. Bailey Turnpike from Oklahoma City to Lawton will be completely cashless. Drivers will not need to stop and pay tolls. Instead, their PikePass or license plate will be scanned and a bill will be sent to the car owner.



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Sadee Bone

That's my girl!! 🙌

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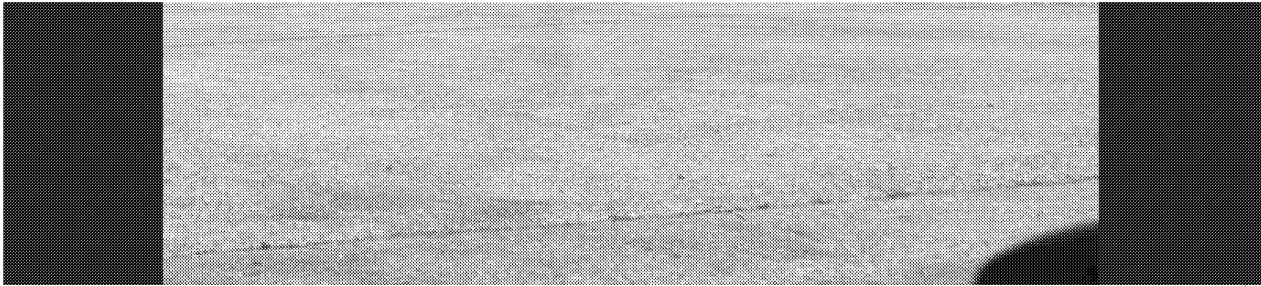
Kim Stewart Woods shared a post. ▶ **NO MORE TURNPIKES, Oklahoma!**

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We regularly use Indian Hills Rd twice a week to get to Blanchard to take care of the horse. We drive it from Anderson Rd to I 35. It's such a beautiful road with lovely trees and homes and obviously well loved property. Pretty much every. single. home. has pike off ota signs or inventive homemade signs. Yesterday we saw really good ones with a hand painted skunk with the words 'OTA STINKS' - my current favorite 🐻🐻🐻🐻🐻 I'm so proud of this group that has formed to SAVE OUR HOMES and peaceful way of life ❤️ We are fighting like the dickens to not only save our homes but to STOP OTA from building toll roads all over our state. We won't give up. We are focused and determined. Thank you Pike Off OTA fighters ❤️





Randi Reed

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At NE 36th and E Franklin Rd

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Dana Smith

I feel the same! I drive Indian Hills everyday during the school year and I love seeing all the signs! We are definitely not a silent group! Our message is being heard!

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Joel Kintsel for Governor · Follow

Well done PIKE OFF OTA!! As Governor, I will immediately direct a halt of the OTA project in CC, a financial audit and an outside, 3rd-party analysis to determine financial sustainability, traffic loads, route, etc. We must have transparency & openness in OK government NOT cronyism & backroom deals.

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Ali Lisenbery

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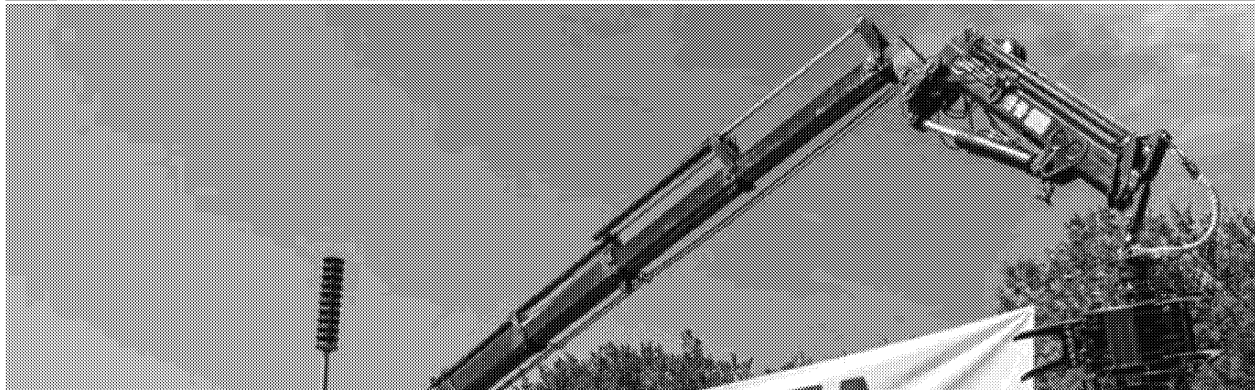
This week's Newsletter is out! Read it here: <https://mailchi.mp/.../important-weekly-update-june-21-2022>

Sneak Peak: Check out our NEW 30 foot banner, currently hung in route to the Stitt fundraiser happening tonight! 📺 <https://kfor.com/.../pike-off-ota-sets-up-crane-across...>

Huge thanks to Statewide TLC Tree, Landscape, & Crane for donating the crane service, and Mappes Trucking for providing the space to park it!!! 🙏

If you didn't get the newsletter in your inbox, make sure you're subscribed here: <https://pikeoffota.us14.list-manage.com/subscribe....> We use this service to send weekly updates, as well as important and urgent notifications when needed.

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This week's Newsletter is out! Read it here: <https://mailchi.mp/.../important-weekly->



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 A screenshot of a web form titled 'Help Stop OTA'. It includes a 'DONATE' button, a 'SELECT YOUR PREFERRED AMOUNT TO DONATE' section with radio buttons for \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, and \$200, and a 'MAKE A ONE-TIME DONATION' section with a radio button for 'ONE-TIME DONATION'. There is also a 'DONOR NAME' field and a 'DONATE' button at the bottom.

Oklahoma's 2022 legislative session ended Friday, May 27th. Our efforts will be shifting focus from the Capitol to our legal strategy and public outreach. **Please consider making a monthly contribution or a one time donation to help us STOP the OTA.** Every little bit helps. Even a small donation, if made by enough people, will make a huge impact.

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What You Need to Know Before Heading to The Polls...

Written By: Dr. Amy Cerato, Ph.D., P.E.

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Sample ballots for the 2022 Oklahoma Primary Election are available at county election board offices during regular business hours or on demand from the OK Voter Portal found [HERE](#). All Oklahomans registered to vote can type in their name and birthdate and find their current affiliation, polling location, sample ballots, voting history and voting districts, among other information.

[We need all registered voters to research the candidates and come out and VOTE.](#)

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Please know how the candidates stand on issues important to you. Please look at their background and how they have acted in the past to attempt to predict how they may act in the future. Please look at how long they have been in public office and how many different tax-payer funded jobs they have held – and STOP career politicians.

This is a much bigger election than simply choosing local representation. This crucial Primary Election will decide many state and national offices that will impact all of Oklahomans. Unfortunately, we have too many professional politicians and bureaucrats running and we have candidates running that have voted against transparency and accountability in government.

For example, can you find the candidate on the Republican Primary ballot that voted against bringing HCR 1021 to the Senate Floor? Hint: This person was a Senator and is now running for Corporation Commissioner. This person obviously didn't want the OTA to be audited, and yet they want your vote to be the person in charge of regulatory control on Fuel, Oil, Gas, Public Utilities and Transportation Industries? Vote for those who will put the best interests of Oklahoma Citizens first; not those that who have been in public office for decades and who continue to protect big government and special interests.

Do you want to know how these candidates feel about turnpikes and infrastructure in our state? We've made it easy for you! Please check out the PIKE OFF OTA's voter guide [HERE](#).

June 28, 2022.

Grooming the Public, the OTA Playbook

Written By: Whitney Mullica

Rhetoric shapes our alliances with others. Powerful people control narrative to create cooperation with their envisionment of reality. The more benign and common sense a narrative may seem, the easier it is for powerful people to keep others cooperating with the status quo.

The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority may portray themselves as benevolent, but they do so from a place of power. When dealing with OTA, truth is not enough. OTA has repeatedly led and persuaded Oklahomans to believe facts are contentions of perspective.

The OTA misleads the people to believe there is public input. They claim to rely on traffic models, ensure the need for progress, and promise federal and state regulations are followed, while promoting the new Plate Pay system.

The truth is there is no public input with the OTA. The community meetings they hold do not give citizens the opportunity to be heard. In fact, to speak at an OTA Board Meeting, you sign up a week in advance.

The traffic models are consistently wrong due to a variety of errors, such as axle-spacing overlap between different classes that result in consistently inaccurate numbers by misclassification and outright false negatives in AVC sites, and WIM sites have been found to be completely inaccurate due to miscalibrations and thus unusable in studies [1,2]. Whether the mistakes are legitimate or due to intentional negligence, the end-result is a pattern of multi-billion dollar projects constructed on false pretenses. Average toll revenues were less than 63% of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority's projections on recent projects. For example, the Kilpatrick was projected to bring in almost \$46 million in toll revenue during its first 5 years yet only managed \$13.1 million, less than 29% of its projection equating to a whopping \$33 million dollar difference [3].

Most people don't know the people who build turnpikes, and develop properties, are heavily contributing to politicians who give them power to do so. Visit the state's ethics commission [website](#) and look for yourself.

mechanisms against the OTA. They avoid water permits through memorandums of agreement between ODOT, OTA, and OWRB, ignore guidelines on flooding (so long as economic losses are at stake, not human life), and get slapped on the wrist anytime they are cited for polluting water sources. [4]

The seemingly benevolent "plate pay" is requiring the removal of toll booths and installation of plate scanning technology, both of those things cost money and strengthen the power of the OTA.

Corruption may seem like mere speculation by folks threatened to lose their homes. The OTA softens the situation with fake sincerity and references to future needs. By reframing rhetoric to make it appear unimportant to the average person, Oklahomans are led to believe this is someone else's problem, which is simply not true. The roads can be paid off and the tolls removed.

The OTA consistently distances from powerless citizens by discussing the needs of the future, rather than acknowledging that in fact there is no real public input, the traffic models are consistently wrong, the stakeholders who will financially benefit from new turnpikes are heavily influencing politicians, there is no real enforcement of federal and state regulations, and plate pay is one more way to spend the public's money and make the powerful rich.

Oklahoma Christians seem to be experiencing amnesia. Humans are divine ordained stewards of the earth. Polluting water, disrupting wildlife, and paving the way into the future is not how to be a good steward. The OTA is in a position of power, so whatever they decide is viewed by the public as benevolent. When in fact, the OTA actions are powered by greed and malevolence.

Despite what Tim Gatz and the OTA may say, and hope Oklahomans will believe, the truth is transportation problems in Oklahoma will not be solved by the same corporatist behavior that created them.

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LAST WEEK TO ENTER OUR CONTEST! 🍀🍀🍀

Grab some posterboard and a marker, and help us spread the news!

Share your homemade yard/sidewalk signs in the comments

HERE!

*If you don't have facebook, you can alternatively submit photos to admin@pikeoffota.com, which will be
shared on your behalf.*

TWO PRIZES TO BE GIVEN AWAY:

Kids sign (12 & Under) with the most likes will win a summer fun basket
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Adult sign with the most likes will win a \$25 gift card! 💎💎💎

Share this post and invite your friends to vote!

Sign made by Kathy P, shared by Clare Boggs.



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"Rooftop" of the Week: Randy Carter & Family



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Every American has the dream of paying their mortgage off! Imagine finally making that dream come true, only to find out that the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority will be running a turnpike through your home.

Meet the Carter Family...

In 1979 I bought a little piece of unimproved land way out in the country on East Lindsey and even though it's in Norman City Limits it's a little piece of country heaven. Now the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority is proposing to condemn, destroy and demolish my family's way of life.

On this little corner we've built two homes. The first home, in which we raised five kids (who are all fine, upstanding citizens), we built ourselves. We dug every footing, poured all the concrete, drove every nail, wired every wire, and plumbed every pipe ourselves. And it's still standing! Two of my kids were born right here on the property. We laughed, we cried, and we prospered on this little hunk of dirt and now the OTA wants to bulldoze our heritage.

The second home, which we occupy with our 6th child, is next door to the first and even though we didn't do all the construction work ourselves we did serve as general contractors for its construction, doing much of the work ourselves. To say we are attached might be redundant. I now have regular recurring nightmares of a backhoe claw crashing through the roof as we sleep.

The truly sad thing is that if indeed the OTA destroys our homes, I'll have to clean out all the crap I've collected over the years myself instead of my kids getting to do it after I'm gone. That just deprives them of many trips to the dump.

Seriously though this is an extremely sad predicament to be in and causes us much consternation and sadness... just so travelers can save 10 minutes while driving around the OKC metro all the while paying extra for the ride. It just doesn't seem right.

See more families and read their stories at [Stop The Toll OK](#).

****SHARE YOUR STORY! If you would like to be featured as our "Rooftop" of the Week, please email photos and a bit about your home/family to admin@pikeoffota.com.*

Urgent Needs

Pike Off OTA, Inc. is seeking volunteers to help with **coordinating fundraisers, graphic design, and social media** (specifically TikTok).

If you know of anyone with these qualifications, please have them email us at admin@pikeoffota.com!

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Mike Slate

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James Skip Wilkinson

Doesn't sound like he is saying he's against the OTA or he will stop the turnpike. It sounds like he will pause it so a study can be done to determine whether it's needed or not.

The statement gives him a way to let the turnpike happen.

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Cindi Barnard shared a post. ▶ Norman - Ward 5

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Mike Slate

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ACCESS Oklahoma doesn't make sense

As a Norman resident for 29 years who followed the now-Norman 2025 plan by purchasing 10 acres to build our forever home: the time, talent, sweat equity, dollars, solid structural and building materials invested to build it to last a lifetime with modernizations seem discounted with the recent Access Oklahoma turnpike announcement.

Not located in the path of the southern extension, 1,000 of my footsteps from my property line is too close. The Norman 2025 plan doesn't call for commercial development in this area, so if my home were ever to be "for sale," the only way to regain my investment is an updated plan identifying commercial development.

As a 10-year, small, homebased and 35-year successful businesswoman, I've traveled the Oklahoma highways, roads and toll roads, putting more than the yearly allowed mileage on vehicle(s).

The Access Oklahoma announcement caught all of us by surprise, making me more keenly aware as I travel and hear media soundbites from our transportation agencies:

- A trip to Lewisville Texas required travel to/from I-35 south and north. Texas turnpikes appear to lead to places that aren't serviced by non-toll roads, with highways including HOV lanes to help eliminate congestion, a novel idea for I-35.

Businesses that bought frontage on I-35, I-240 and HWY 9 knew they were at risk of expansion working with various agencies to keep their business alive. Why do we have to disrupt so many family investments and homesteads with new alignments in east and north Norman when viable alternatives like I-240, newly widened HWY 102 and HWY 9 exist? Where is the justification?

- Outside of Texas, south of Norman and back, I encountered zero standstill traffic during prime time. Recent communications from Secretary of Transportation, Director of the Oklahoma Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) and Director of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA) Tim Gatz — all three positions appointed by the governor — presented traffic projections for the I-35 corridor from I-40 in Oklahoma City south to Purcell.

There were no mentions of traffic statistics over the next 30 years north. Graphics show worsening congestion along that corridor each year, yet no data nor calculations or assumptions were provided to back up such a bleak

outlook. This outlook is being pushed as justification for 57 miles of new turnpikes through the Garber-Wellington Aquifer and Lake Thunderbird watershed, destroying more homes per mile than any other turnpike ever built in our state.

In reviewing the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) website and the 1994 ODOT/OTA Norman turnpike feasibility study, it completely botched 2020 traffic projections.

- Repair of existing ODOT infrastructure-maintained roads is a huge and bigger issue than adding toll roads. Much could be improved using federal infrastructure dollars to update interchanges, particularly on-ramps and merge lanes, to help traffic move safer and smoother.

Respecting the office of the governor, as a 35-year veteran of organizational management, state agencies that have no transparency/ accountability to anyone but a governor are a bureaucratic process hampering Oklahoma citizen's input and voice. Praying for all involved and impacted.

DANNA FOWBLE Norman

LOCAL COLUMN

NPS Board's behavior at hearing should prompt serious reflection

Norman Public Schools' behavior at last Friday's hearing was an embarrassment not for Richard Cavett, whose job was on the line, but for NPS' five-member board.

There are plenty of entry points I could use to talk about the Cavett hearing Friday, but I want to focus on the behavior of the five board members who did not deliver personal or defensive attacks against witnesses.

Dr. O'Hara used some of his time on the day to re-litigate a political campaign in which he and a witness ran against each other last year, insinuating that the witness had been connected with him on some campaign issues in 2021.

The district also said there was no immediate threat to the case or hand Friday, or even to the witness' livelihood as a person. Chad Vice seemed to take great satisfaction in pressing the same witness about her competency, advocacy and how she chose to go about it.

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O'Hara, Sisson and Vice should take a moment to reflect on why they're on the dais in the first place. It is to discuss and discuss matters to defend the district and themselves when they feel personally hurt? Is it to get in petty strikes at a witness in a serious hearing?

These five board members take themselves to a relatively powerful position: they have the authority to determine a person's employment and place a very serious strike on their record by terminating a staffer. My criticism of these five board members is not based solely on the final votes they cast Friday — they voted against firing Cavett and NPS' board voted for Mr. Cavett, that the district takes these issues seriously. Your colleagues have not convinced me.

It is true that NPS would not properly communicate with parents and teachers. This shows me that the district is perhaps not listening to or absorbing what its community says. And actually, the board's snuffing of the concept that NPS would ever bury or cover up a major issue without proper communication was immediately proven foolish by both sides in the hearing Friday. When it was revealed that Norman High administration pointed out Cavett, assistant superintendent took pictures of all of it (and before police see it) (a lateral cover up). The district also said there was no immediate threat to the case or hand Friday, or even to the witness' livelihood as a person.

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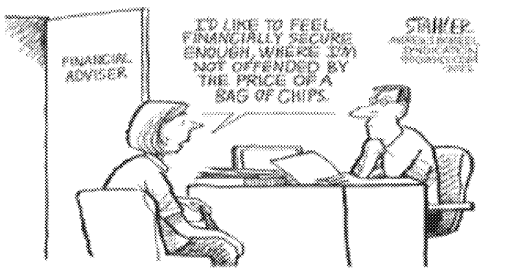
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FDA is taking a historic step to reduce smoking deaths. It's overdue.

The Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday made a decision of no importance, concerning not a pandemic illness but the country's leading cause of preventable death, smoking. It is crucial the White House stand up for what would be the FDA's most assertive smoking policy ever — one that will inevitably meet severe resistance.

The agency is preparing a rule that would mandate that tobacco companies dramatically cut the amount of nicotine in cigarettes sold in the United States, reducing their deadly products minimally or not at all. This move has long been anticipated. Congress in 2009 gave the FDA broad powers to regulate tobacco products. The agency started exploring this power in 2017, and it should have used its authority fully before now. It must move quickly. About half a million Americans a year die

of smoking-related illness, or say further risk would mean more unnecessary suffering and death. The idea is to make cigarettes unattractive to people addicted to nicotine and to encourage them to get their fix in less dangerous ways — or simply to quit. While highly addictive, nicotine does not damage people's bodies the way other chemicals in cigarette smoke do. If smokers could not extract large amounts of nicotine from cigarettes, they would turn to vaping or smoking cessation products such as nicotine gum or patches. Some questions remain about vaping's effects on health, but there is little serious doubt that it is a far less deadly alternative for chronic cigarette smokers. Meanwhile, anything that gets substantial numbers of people to quit tobacco entirely should be encouraged.

Critics object that smokers would simply smoke a lot more cigarettes or inhale more deeply. But an FDA study published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* rebutted that concern, estimating that the smoking rate would plummet from 13.8% to 1.4% by 2050. Some of this would come from product switching, some from people quitting, and some from people not starting at all. By the end of the century, the number of new smokers would be reduced by 33.1 million, 45 million tobacco-related deaths would be averted, and 134.4 million life years would be gained.

Such an aggressive regulation might also create a black market for full-nicotine cigarettes, leading some to compare the policy to alcohol prohibition in the early 20th century. This is nonsense. Alternative nicotine delivery vehicles are pervasive. The FDA is not proposing to ban all nicotine products, just to

discourage use of the deadliest. A massive, clandestine black market would have to form to get a substantial dent in the huge shifts in behavior the FDA predicts. It would be of such a size and scope that federal authorities would hardly be able to disrupt it. To be sure, the FDA will have to write its regulations carefully so that smokers do not, worse on average, turn to other dangerous combustible tobacco products, such as cigars and pipe tobacco. Another danger is that smokers might add nicotine liquids to their cigarettes manually. But the greatest risk is that nicotine from industry and its ideological allies will derail the long mission.

It is time to move. The agency should proceed with all possible speed, and the White House should stand by the rule as it works its way through finalization.

— The Washington Post

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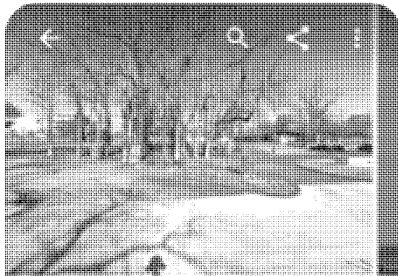
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Gary Nonya

Nice offices. I wonder how a big, fat juicy turdpike would look right over the top of it. 🤔



Smith Roberts Baldischwiler

Land surveying office in Norman,
Oklahoma

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Glenn Payette

Don't let government steal your land

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So these guys have been out the last few days,"surveying"for a long period of time 96th and Bethel yesterday and are on Choctaw road today! White trucks with SRB on them (look them up) I told them yesterday they was not welcome on my moms property 😞 She is a widow of a little over a year and this is absolute BS!!! My parents poured their hearts into this property of 45 years . Just to be stolen for some pos road! I will fight for her and everyone else involved!!! So Anyways just wanted to give a heads up for those in the path of the tollnado. PIKEOFFOTA

Exodus 22:22-24-26-27 The Message (MSG)

"Don't mistreat widows or orphans. If you do and they cry out to me, you can be sure I'll take them most seriously; I'll show my anger and come raging among you with the sword, and your wives will end up widows and your children orphans. "If you lend money to my people, to any of the down-and-out among you, don't come down hard on them and gouge them with interest. "If you take your neighbor's coat as security, give it back before nightfall; it may be your neighbor's only covering— what else does the person have to sleep in? And if I hear the neighbor crying out



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Mellisa Blevins

Good for you **Charity**. Stand strong!

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Shelly Logan

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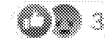
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John Frasure

I've seen them bright green shirts standing in the middle of the road blocking an intersection.

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Shelly Logan

John Frasure that's what they were doing this morning...

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John Frasure

Shelly Logan I'm going to highlight the OSHA regs they are ignoring like No Hardhats, No Safety glasses, No Flagman warning traffic, No work zone signs, No IDs, Unmarked truck, No Safety cones around truck. You can tell they are State Employees by the ... [See more](#)

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Fran-os RD

Sorta thinking ... they can't come on property (out of right of way) without permission. There is not court or legislative backing for this ... yet ...

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Glenn Payette

Might need to start looking at lawyers this not going to end well

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Dave Moore

Let's get some video of folks walking up to them, asking questions, etc. Keep it polite! These things need exposure

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Tina Bellis

Dave Moore I'm on it!

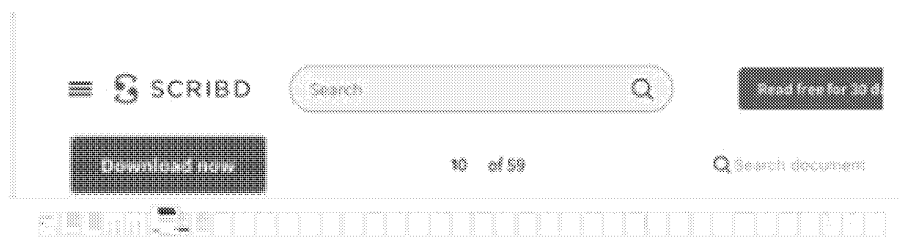
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Dawn Goldsmith

I thought Stitt had something to do with them getting money from the state last year. I could be wrong about the money, but I thought I heard of something.

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Corson Hirschfeld Legacy

Dawn Goldsmith they did get public money. And used it for all kinds of dodgy things.

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Corson Hirschfeld Legacy

So here's yet another corruption that Shitt has had his hands in. But, I can already hear him saying, he had nothing to do with it and didn't know anything about it.

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Jane Cox Martin

Epic/Swadley's fraud/crimes are the same against the people of Oklahoma, just the criminals names and state offices are different. Vote out stitt, he's a crook.

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David Posey

It took ten years of investigation to get this indictment. If this crap is going on at OTA I hope it doesn't take 10 years.

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Tina Bellis

I would love to see that guest list! How can we find out who they are?

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Corson Hirschfeld Legacy

Tina Bellis I will post the list later today.

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Kimberly Enloe








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Kimberly Enloe






 **VM Young**
   
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 **Jessie Newell**
Interesting...I had a horrible experience working for them. 
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 **Corson Hirschfeld Legacy**
Jessie Newell I think you can read the full indictment at the non doc web site. It is really something. Just gross behavior by a criminal organization. I'm sorry you had to work for them. 
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 **Jessie Newell**
Corson Hirschfeld Legacy I read it. There's so much more, but this was a good day. 
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 **Joyce Thomas**
Well done!
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 **Whitney Mullica**
Pray to God there is ...  3
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 **John Martin Sr**
Just wow! 
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Corson Hirschfeld Legacy

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So those of you following the Epic Charter School scandals might be interested to know there is a thread that connects Epic with OTA.

Peter Regan served on the Epic Board in 2010. I highlighted his name in the indictment screen shot below. He also served on the Oklahoma Transportation Commission from 2009-2018, which overlaps with his time at Epic.

Regan attended the big February 22 OTA Board meeting when the Access Oklahoma project was launched. The guest list included about 100 people from all of the industries that would benefit from new turnpikes: engineering firms, construction, bankers..etc.

Regan seems to be connected with a private equity firm in Tulsa called Omega Capital. It's unclear what their interest in the turnpikes might be—private equity can be pretty opaque.

Regan was not named in the Epic indictments other than as a member of the Board. But Epic and OTA sure seem like kindred spirits. Secretly hoping another investigation might take place.

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FORMATION OF COMMUNITY STRATEGIES, INC.

1. Community Strategies, Inc. dba: Epic One-on-One Charter School (Epic) was founded in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in 2010 by CHANEY and HARRIS. Community Strategies Inc. is the nonprofit entity that consisted of a board of directors who governed Epic One-On-One Charter School and Epic Blended Charter School.



Epic Charter Schools, 10000 N. Lincoln, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

2. Community Strategies was formed from a former company named Oklahoma Consumer Education Foundation, that HARRIS had control over. HARRIS initiated a name change through the Oklahoma Secretary of State in March 2009. The initial board members for Community Strategies were HARRIS, ELIZABETH VAN ACKER (HARRIS' wife), and CHRIS CARD.
3. During a telephonic board meeting on May 24, 2010, HARRIS, VAN ACKER, and CARD resigned from the board and ROBERT STEM, PETER REGAN, DOUG SCOTT, and TRAVIS BURKETT were installed to serve as members of the board.



David Posey

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Regional Transportation Authority has applied for federal grant, \$100 Million, for rail transportation from Norman through OKC to Edmond. Looks like serious effort to relieve traffic on I-35.

The Left Hand Authority doesn't know what the Right Hand Authority is doing.

Another reason OTA needs to abandon the ACCESS Oklahoma plan.



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They are going to fight tooth and nail to keep the money because they have overestimated traffic on the toll roads and they need to pay their bills. This is all about the money.

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Joyce Thomas
VM Young

That's a fact

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Dee Ann Henry Francis
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Patricia Renae Burress

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Existing highways cannot be overtaken by OTA. They must build their own roads. They can build another layer or raised road over, but they cannot pull portions of existing roads into a toll system. The free roads must remain free. ODOT could negle... [See more](#)

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Dawn Goldsmith

TJ Arnold

Wait, are they not pulling portions of existing roads into a toll system with us? 🤔

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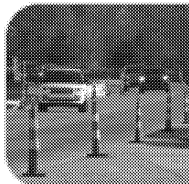
Dawn Goldsmith we may all eventually be paying to drive on what was formerly known as Indian Hills 🤔

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Scott Bill Fleschute

TJ Arnold Do some research on this one. I haven't done an indepth research but it is my understanding that the OTA did take an existing road section and in the end it will become a toll road. According to what I have read, there isn't another decent alternative road for people to use. Like I said, I haven't done indepth research in to it. If someone has the time, there has been a lot of news and posting about the road. <https://ktul.com/.../berryhill-prepares-to-fight-to-...>



KTUL.COM

Berryhill prepares to fight Oklahoma Turnpike Authority over toll

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Jen Wilson Author

Scott Bill Fleschute that was my understanding as well but I too could be confused. I thought it was supposed to be free but because they couldn't secure funding they gave it to OTA who can always "find" the money in exchange for it becoming a toll road.

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Scott Bill Fleschute

Jen Wilson It is a big expense for low income Berryhill residents and small businesses who have commented about the one section that they thought was going to be free.

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Patricia Renae Burress

Scott Bill Fleschute it was free until OTA took over the project from ODOT and made it a toll from my understanding.

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David Rainbow

TJ Arnold

Don't bet on it, government has been underhanded on far too many times in the past and present.

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Fran-os RD

SOOOOO ... has anyone gone and looked at this statute???

"§69-1705. Authority - Powers and duties. ...

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(d) To sue and be sued in contract, reverse condemnation, equity, mandamus and similar actions in its own name, plead and be impleaded; provided, that any and all actions at law or in equity against the Authority shall be brought in the county in which the principal office of the Authority shall be located, or in the county of the residence of the plaintiff, or the county where the cause of action arose. All privileges granted to the Authority and duties enjoined upon the Authority by the provisions of Sections 1701 through 1734 of this title may be enforced in a court of competent jurisdiction in an action in mandamus.



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and much more. I don't have time tonight to review this.

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To ... be ... sued ...

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Fran-os RD

And this on the OP ... "(12) All or any part of an Oklahoma City toll expressway system connecting the residential, industrial and State Capitol Complex in the north part of Oklahoma City with the residential, industrial and Will Rogers World Airport Complex in the south and southwest parts of Oklahoma City. ... "

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OTA simply has too much power. They have the legislative authorization to take over multiple existing interstates and highways and/or to execute eminent domain in such a densely populated area. This shouldn't even be allowable. Please (continue) to do everything in your power to limit their overreach.

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Patricia Renae Burress
 Is this referencing the Kilpatrick turnpike just recently built from Turner turnpike to airport road on northside Okc?

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Penny Griffin
 Patricia Renae Burress do you mean the Kickapoo?

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Patricia Renae Burress
 Penny Griffin nope, it just seems that the recently built toll road the Kilpatrick satisfies this statement. Runs from Turner to Airport road at Council. Providing the connector. All these maps keep me confused lol

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Jen Wilson Author
 Patricia Renae Burress I don't think that would qualify for this statute. It's not close enough to be the capitol to airport quick trip expressway. Plus, I think that route is already addressed specifically. I'll look again this afternoon.

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Dave Moore
 An astute observation. And, if I'm not mistake, existing roads CAN be turned into toll roads. Look at what just recently happened in Tulsa.

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Dave Moore

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I like KW's idea of posting to other "concerned" Facebook groups. Gotta get the word out!

 Oklahoma Department of Transportation

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ICYMI: Director Tim Gatz, Multi-Modal Division Manager Jared Schwennessen, and Commissioner James Grimsley presented at the Road Fest spinoff event, Technology Takes the Wheel®, yesterday June 22, in Tulsa.

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Deanna Atkinson ▶ **NO MORE TURNPIKES, Oklahoma!**



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I had some environmental attorneys tell me the proposed southern extension of the Kickapoo is an attempt to divert Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) traffic away from OKC metro to meet air quality emission standards. If so, that's disturbingly short sighted. Earlier this week, I attended a meeting on Electric Vehicles (EVs) and the federal program to develop that infrastructure in Oklahoma. It really feels like a lack of statewide coordination. I guess I shouldn't be surprised as this is the third legislative session "wrap up" I've attended where policymakers have said this was one of the most dysfunctional sessions ever. Although we have a super majority party in charge, it contains three internal factions. Of which, the Governor disagrees with them all. 🙄🙄🙄 In the meantime, whatever their true agenda is they're callously impacting our lives. So frustrating... Folks, we've all got to get out and VOTE!

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VM Young

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A Jaye Watson Crayton

VM Young it's dated November 2021 and no mention about Norman expansion. I have it in pdf. What's your email and I'll send it to you.

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A Jaye Watson Crayton

VM Young this is the content page.



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VM Young

That made my head hurt, after reading it. **A Jaye Watson Crayton** it looks they have a hazmat route west of I-35.

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A Jaye Watson Crayton

VM Young I'm sorry. 😊❤️

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VM Young

What is ICE?

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Deanna Atkinson Author

VM Young internal combustion engines...

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VM Young

Thanks. Google was no very helpful.

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Deanna Atkinson Author

VM Young 😊 if what they say is true about trying to get air quality numbers for internal combustion engines down, it doesn't make much sense when other state regulatory agencies are charged with implementing charging stations for EV's (electric vehicle... [See more](#)

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Jen Wilson

VM Young I'm glad you asked because the only ICE I knew of was law enforcement related and I was very confused. 🤔

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VM Young

Very short sighted. We have commuter trains and EV coming to the state. Traffic is being diverted around OKC with the new highway going through New Mexico.

Still tells me the toll road is about money.

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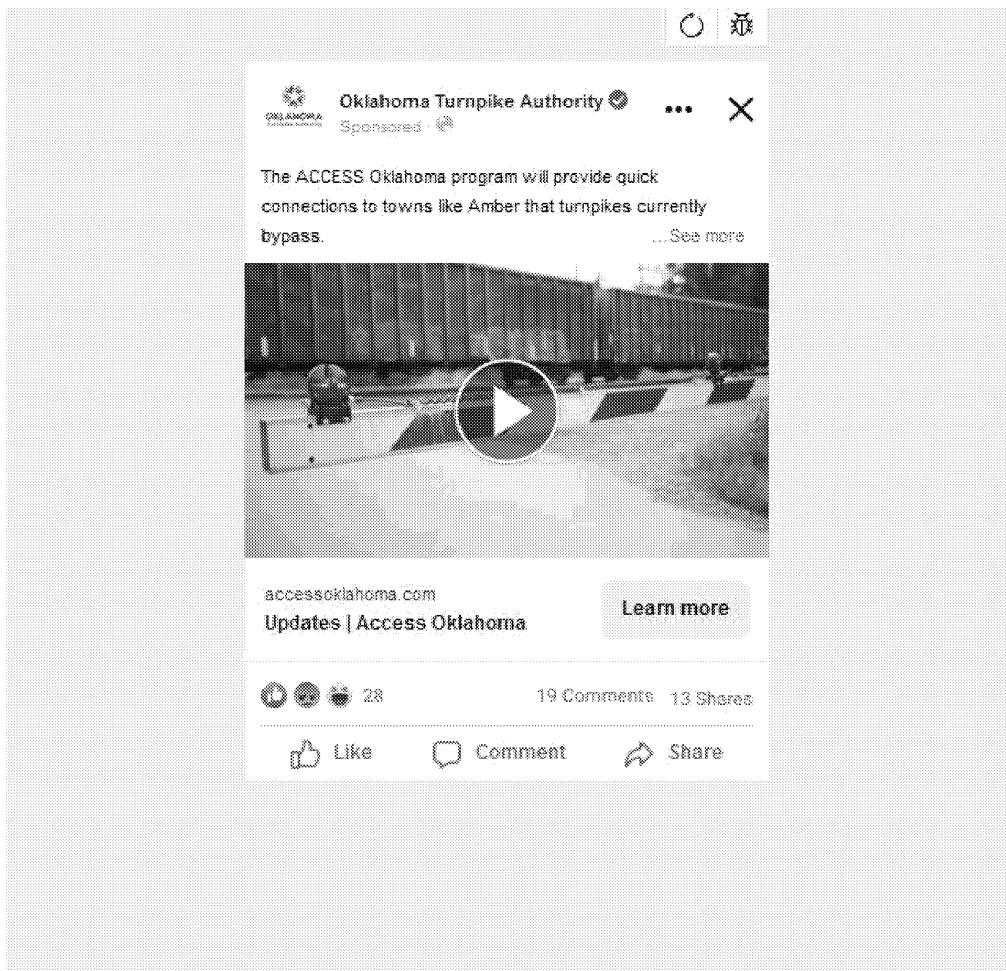


Deanna Atkinson Author

VM Young agreed!

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Note: These ads have been paused going forward due to increasing negative pushback.

Public comments collected by the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, through the ACCESS Oklahoma hotline & email

Monday 6/13	1	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	Pam Cheyne (405) 413-6400 Before you build another Turnpike, you should fix the ones currently in use. Down by Lawton and headed to Broken Bow the right lanes are so rough you think you have flat tires. Take care of what you have before you ruin these peoples lives.
Tuesday 6/14	0	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
			Stan 805-310-2775 wants to remain confidential, as it is dangerous to support the OTA, however he is concerned for the OTA this morning. He claims that a oil drilling rig is actively setting up a drilling rig right in the middle of our path, concerned that it is an effort to stop us and the new turnpike and he wants the rig gone. He feels maybe they want money from OTA as well. Very concerned and very nice and polite.		
Wednesday 6/15	1	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
Thursday 6/16	0	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
Friday 6/17	1	1 complaint about HE Bailey being under construction	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
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Tuesday 6/21	0	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
		First customer a complaint			
Wednesday 6/22	2	Second customer works for environmental division US Fish and Wildlife and had a complaint	Unknown male caller referred to Access hotline. He was looking for information regarding the expansion.	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
		Customer is asking about WHERE locations are going to be as far as plate pays go in the Norman area because he's renovating his house and just wants to know if it'll be in his line of area so he knows whether to build or not... Provided ACCESS OK hotline number.			
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Wednesday 6/29	0	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
Thursday 6/30	0	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report
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Oklahoma turnpike expansion plan approved by transportation panel despite concerns

📰 Steve Lackmeyer, The Oklahoman

Oklahoma Progress Now

July 12, 2022

Three proposed new turnpike routes were approved Monday by the Oklahoma Transportation Commission despite concerns by one member that the process is being rushed and the absence of a member representing threatened homeowners.

The turnpikes are part of Access Oklahoma, a \$5 billion, 15-year expansion of the state's turnpike network that opponents say will uproot hundreds of homes and businesses where new toll roads are proposed between south Oklahoma City and Norman.

PIKE OFF, a grassroots group battling the three turnpikes, unsuccessfully asked the commission to delay a vote until a new District 3 representative could be appointed by Oklahoma House Speaker Charles McCall.

John Estus, House spokesman, said the appointment, required after the seat was vacated by T.W. Shannon, is one of hundreds requiring McCall's attention.

"While this is a recent vacancy, it has been prioritized and will be filled very soon," Estus said. "Nobody has advised the speaker's office on why the vote on this matter occurred before the appointment was made."

Secretary of Transportation Tim Gatz said the routes approved Monday can still be adjusted based on talks with property owners and other considerations.

"While it's unfortunate that the District 3 commissioner is currently vacant, acknowledging district-based appointments, the commission collectively acts in the interest and oversight of transportation in Oklahoma," Gatz said. "It's timely and appropriate to consider the item as presented today."

The vote on Monday is part of a multi-step process the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority must follow before it can move forward without any further political or legal delays. The authority at its June meeting quickly and without comment sped up plans to seek approval and validation for the \$5 billion in bonds from the Council of Bond Oversight and the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

Gatz said the accelerated schedule was in response to a ruling by the Council of Bond Oversight that a \$200 million line of credit requested by the authority could not be used for any purpose related to construction of the turnpike routes being challenged in court by residents who face losing their homes.

Taylor also dismissed claims that teleworking is dampening traffic loads. He said the peak may be a bit lower, but it's also wider with traffic delays lasting longer than before the pandemic.

"You would think it would solve a lot of problems, and that's not the case," Taylor said.

James L. Grimsley, who represents southeast Oklahoma, was the only commission member to vote against the turnpike plans, saying the use of eminent domain should be "exceedingly difficult" and that more traffic engineering should be looked at before road expansions.

"I'm not a big fan of building new highways," Grimsley said. "I think it destroys ecosystems and divides and destroys communities."

Grimsley also questioned why the state ranks 14th in the country for highways and yet is ranked 28th in population.

"I don't think it's a tenable future where we continue to build highways because we're running to \$60 million a mile (for construction)," Grimsley said. "And then we have to maintain that."



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Lawsuits filed on behalf of homeowners allege plans for the south extension do not follow the corridors detailed in statutes from 1987, and that the bonds for toll roads listed in that legislation should have been issued in 1989.

Access Oklahoma was unveiled in February and includes funding for expansions and improvements along the Kickapoo, Turner, Will Rogers, Kilpatrick, H.E. Bailey turnpikes and the Gilcrease Expressway.

"The needs have been projected and the prescribed routes have been contemplated since the late '80s and early '90s," Gatz said. "Today ODOT and the Turnpike Authority engineers believe the construction of these turnpike routes over the course of the next 15 years is critical to manage traffic in the metro area of Oklahoma City, especially in the Interstate 44 and Interstate 35 corridors."

Monday was the first time transportation commission members discussed at length concerns presented by PIKE OFF. Commission member Robert Peterson, who represents northeast Oklahoma, asked Gatz and highway engineers to answer questions and concerns presented by PIKE OFF member Dr. Amy Cerato.

Brian Taylor, chief highway engineer, told Peterson he disagreed with Cerato's suggestion ongoing construction of a Ports to Plains highway from Mexico to Canada will relieve I-35 congestion. Taylor said the parallel corridor west of I-35 will mostly divert agricultural shipping.

"Ports to Plains is a route that is not a priority for Texas, but something they are working on," Taylor said. "They've been working on it for decades, and they are going to be working on it for decades."

Taylor also disagreed with Cerato's argument that the Access Oklahoma traffic projections for I-35 are "substantially wrong" and "way over-estimated congestion." Taylor said the forecasts are based on data available online and that they followed the highway capacity manual.

"The growth we used was 3%, which is well within the range of corridors are experiencing," Taylor said. "I find the information complete and compelling."

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Kelly Farris Wilson

Wanda Dollar we have excellent attorneys fighting for all of the property owners in the path, and everyone who comes after us! Don't give up, we will prevail!! There will be wins and losses along the way, this fight is far from over, but hang in there and keep your spirits up 😊

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Kelly Farris Wilson

This meeting isn't a final approval by a long shot, they still have several BIG hurdles ahead of them. Pike Off is holding a meeting on July 21st, we will present a lot of information and be there to answer your questions.



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James Grimsley has courage, we need more like him to step up!



PIKE OFF OTA

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We are thankful for one courageous commissioner who spoke up and voiced his concerns.

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Dean Williams

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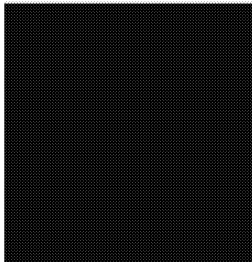


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If you would like to call or write Mr. Grimsley to say thanks his number is 405-514-7365 and address is P.O. Box 421, Calera, OK 74730. - Transportation Commissioner James Grimsley (district 2) spoke at the ODOT/OTA meeting today (7/11/22) and reminded his colleagues the Commission represents and serves the public, not ODOT/OTA. He reiterated and confirmed concerns raised by Dr. Cerato and Pikeoffota, stating more and more highways and turnpikes are not sustainable and are not the answer; rather, the lack of traffic engineering and forethought, particularly at on/off ramps, is the primary cause for traffic congestion, contributes to car accidents, and implementing real traffic engineering, not turnpikes, is the answer.



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Keith Brewster

I happen to know James via his work in aviation. Indeed, a great guy. He has connections with OU Research, Norman aviation, engineering and weather communities.

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Lance Maxwell

We definitely should be reaching out to thank those in support of our cause as frequently as we reach out to those against.

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David Posey

Common sense is available but the rest of the board can't see it when it's in the same room.

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Rebecca Marshall Rigsby shared an event.

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**Tree sits anyone? I know peeps who can
show you how 🤖**



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Ashley Nicole Author

I'm an Absentee Shawnee tribal member who has fought several oil & gas projects slated for the Tbird watershed. I'm also a climber & happy to share those skills.

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Savine Echonova shared a link.

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16h · 🌐



It's a total conflict of interest that Gatz is the Secretary of Transportation, head of ODOT, and head of OTA! Of course the ODOT was going to approve these f'ing turnpikes!



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State proposes pay hike for transportation chief

OKLAHOMA CITY – The \$55,000 raise proposed for State Transportation Secretary Tim Ga...

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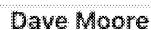
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Dave Moore Yes, this is that portion.



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Sheryl Hoggatt

12h · 🌐

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ABSOLUTELY NO ACCOUNTABILITY! ... It's bad enough that they take peoples land, then they leave it in a mess like this! This is how much respect OTA has for the land... and it doesn't look like the development on the south side of town resulted in the "possibilities" they were expecting!

(more pictures in the links below article)

Oklahoma Turnpike Authority to place abandoned section of highway for sale

April 25, 2014 at 9:19 pm CDT Fox 23 News

None — CATOOSA, Okla. - For more than a decade, the city of Catoosa has had to live with the remnants of an abandoned four-lane highway on its eastern city limits. FOX23 learned Friday what changes are in the works for the once busy section of road.

Hundreds of cars used to drive over the portion of the Old Will Rogers Turnpike in Catoosa before it was closed.

"There's no reason why we held onto it this long. It's just we've never received any interest in people wanting to develop that area. So we held onto it," said Jack Damrill with the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority.

The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority told FOX23 that it will try to sell off the entire stretch of four-lane highway next month. The turnpike authority tried to sell the highway as one long piece of land earlier this year, but was unsuccessful and had to take it off the market. Now it has a new strategy.

"We tried to sell it as a whole. We're going to break it up into three parcels this time. So people can either bid on one of the three parcels, or buy it as a whole," Damrill said.

OTA officials told FOX23 that with Catoosa seeing development on the south side of town in the area near the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, now is the time someone may feel is right to purchase the old highway.

FOX23 spoke with one Catoosa city councilor who said any new development will help the city.

"I think this is a great opportunity for the people of Catoosa. The possibilities are endless," said Councilor Thomas Sweet.

<https://www.fox23.com/.../oklahoma-turnpike.../109102836/>

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Rarchar S. Tortorello created a poll.

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Good morning Ward 5!

What project priorities should council discuss during our retreat on 22-23 July? I am looking forward to hearing additional suggestions and concerns.

I've already added our continued fight with OTA's turnpike (this also includes impacted areas and wildlife) and homelessness.

☐ **OTA/Turnpike** 55% >

☐ **Homelessness** 23% >

☐ Added by Joshua Adkisson
Diplomacy - Working WITH people you don't agree with. 8% >

☐ Added by David Sims
Public transportation including inner city rail 12% >

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A Jaye Watson Crayton

They don't have common courtesy to inform the city of their actions. Does it have a label or internet connector?

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A Jaye Watson Crayton

Surveyors of some kind? If surveyors have rights to go where they want, would they have permission to block street signage?

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Ethan Guenther

Take it



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Dawn Goldsmith Author

Ethan Guenther

Looks like this one goes into the ground

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A Jaye Watson Crayton

Ethan Guenther no! Lol.

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Amy Chambles

My husband thinks it may be a traffic counter

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Dave Moore

There should be a label with manufacturer identifiers, model numbers, etc. on the box at the bottom. Hop out of the car and See if you can get a picture. The odd loop at the top? An antenna of some sort, maybe.

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Dave Moore

Pawn shop material

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Dawn Goldsmith

14h · 🌐

Not sure what this is, but it showed up this afternoon. After the OTC meeting..... At 149th and Choctaw Rd./or also known as 120th and Stella. (on/off ramp to go in between 143-147 on Choctaw) Any ideas ???



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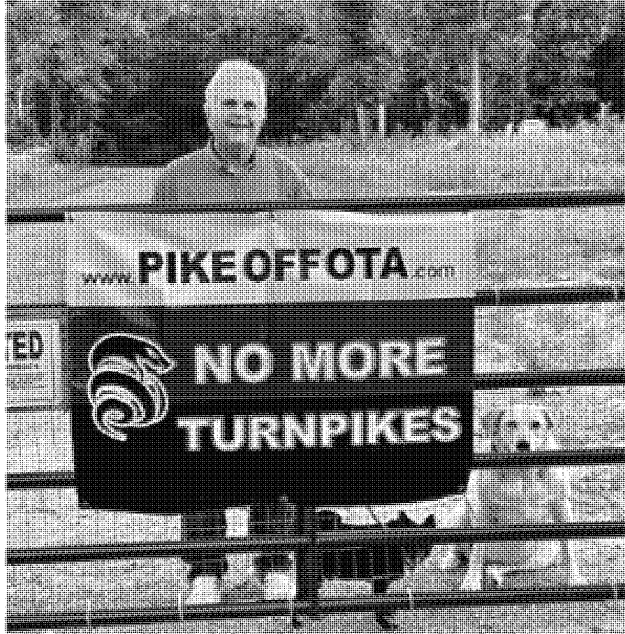
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Saturday, July 16th, Joy Hofmeister will be meeting with Norman residents in their homes along the proposed turnpike's path. That evening, you're invited to visit with Joy at our farm in Newalla (19440 SE 104th. 74857). Randy Carter will provide a PikeOffOTA update



PIKE OFF OTA

Atkinson Farm

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Dave Moore Author

OK, thanks to **Josh Hutchinson** for the video that actually has those words. But, those words didn't come from the Mayor's mouth, they came from the mouth of Alyse Jones, the Channel 5 reporter. Her interpretation and attempted summary of what he was saying. He DOES say something about fairy dust and magic wands, but it's cut off; can't really understand that part.

Interesting the video shows him standing in a coffee shop and talking to Amy Cerato and some other folks, and holding a document in his hand that reads "Critical Transportation Engineering...A detailed dissertation," written by Amy. Watch it for yourself. Seems inconclusive, at best...

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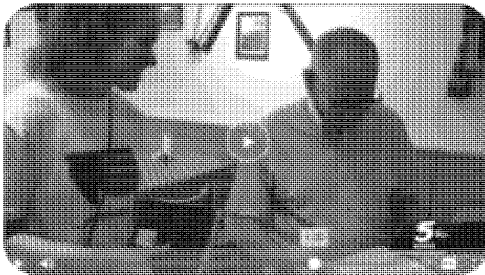
New Norman mayor steps into first official day in office



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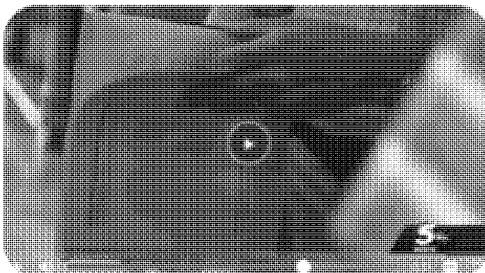
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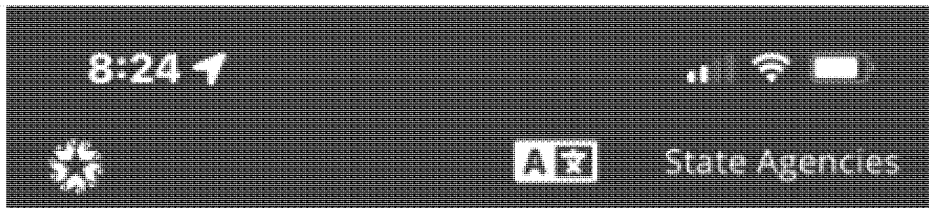


Debbie Cox

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Tell him what you think, I plan to every day !



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Corson Hirschfeld Legacy

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So this just came out today in Bond Buyer. Not sure what it means.

My spidey sense says OTA is getting more desperate for money but I could be wrong. If you remember, the June 9th emergency meeting involved a declaration that they would get [Dr. Evil voice] "ONE BILLION DOLLARS" for Access Oklahoma turnpike projects. Now they are down to \$450 million for new projects and are refinancing another \$50 million in existing debt. Can't make payments?

Note the July 28th meeting date for the Council on Bond Oversight.

Financing team set, approval sought for Oklahoma Turnpike bonds

By Karen Pierog

July 12, 2022, 3:18 p.m. EDT

The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority has assembled a financing team and is seeking approval from a state oversight council later this month for bonds to begin funding an expansion project that is the target of two lawsuits.

OTA has asked the Oklahoma Council of Bond Oversight to consider up to \$450 million of bonds for new capital projects and \$50 million of refunding bonds at its July 28 meeting, according to Alexandra Edwards, the state's deputy treasurer for debt management.

If approved, OTA would then head to the Oklahoma Supreme Court to request validation of initial debt for the \$5 billion, 15-year ACCESS (Advancing and Connecting Communities and Economies Safely Statewide) Oklahoma project.

In June, OTA's board approved a financing roadmap that authorized the issuance of about \$950 million of revenue bonds; launched a request for proposals for a financing team; and directed the agency to seek approval of the bonds from the oversight council and the high court.

If the debt gets all needed approvals, Wendy Smith, OTA's finance and revenue director, said the agency would sell late this year or in early 2023 about \$450 million of new bonds and \$50 million of refunding bonds to take out 2020 notes.

After launching an RFP in mid-June for the initial bond sale, the OTA selected Wells Fargo as senior manager and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company; Morgan Stanley; BOK Financial; and Raymond James as co-managers, according to Smith.

Hilltop Securities was tapped as financial advisor, Hawkins Delafield & Wood as bond counsel, and Kutak Rock as disclosure counsel.

Meanwhile, OTA has asked the Cleveland County Circuit Court to dismiss lawsuits filed in May by property owners and others opposed to the project, which plaintiffs claim will destroy or damage thousands of homes and properties.

One lawsuit claims OTA lacks legislative approval to build or finance through bond issues the

Southern Extension Turnpike, Outer-Loop: East-West Connector, and Outer-Loop Tri-City Connector.

In its motion to dismiss, OTA said "it is beyond dispute that the Oklahoma Supreme Court has exclusive original jurisdiction to resolve the discrete challenges made by the plaintiffs in this case to OTA's authority to construct a turnpike project."

The motion also said the lawsuit should have been filed in Oklahoma County, where OTA is headquartered.

OTA said claims in a second lawsuit, also filed in Cleveland County Court, that it "willingly violated" the Open Meeting Act to accelerate construction and advance financing for the Kickapoo Turnpike extension, were legally insufficient.

Gov. Kevin Stitt officially unveiled ACCESS Oklahoma in February, calling it "a bold investment in our future that provides needed corridor connections and expansions while making travel easier and leading to more economic development across the state."

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Elaine Dowling

I'm looking forward to reading the full terms of the bond issue. I expect it will be earmarked for widening the Turner and maybe another widening or maintenance project. There are a number of reasons I will be surprised if these are intended for new turnpike development, but I've been surprised before.

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Keith Brewster

I'm worried they're going to get just enough money to build half the east-west connector and the net result will be dumping traffic from I-44 onto I-35 while forcing those of us in NW Norman to either pay to get onto I-35 or deal with traffic congestion on Tecumseh Rd or SW19th in Moore.

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Corson Hirschfeld Legacy Author
Keith Brewster ugh.

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Janet Little Bradford

So do the lawsuits need to be filed in Oklahoma county as well?

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Tom Garrett

Oh but it's not political. Stitt and republican party are saints for okies. Vote them in again. SARCASM

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Shawntina Lawson

I say get a petition started to abolish the OTA and take that to the supreme court.

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Joyce Thomas

Shawntina Lawson

Statewide petition!



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Shawntina Lawson

Joyce Thomas Yes.



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Janette Ward

Shawntina Lawson I'll sign. Who is on the Supreme Court?

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Shawntina Lawson

Janette Ward I don't have a clue. It was just a thought. I don't even know how to get a petition started or filed but maybe someone could pick up on the ideal. I'm not in any of the proposed areas but I still think it's wrong.

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Warren Kiper

Shawntina Lawson the cost \$\$\$ is exorbitant, the physical legwork is a major hurdle.

Most petitions have the financial backing of companies that will benefit, for instance the legalization of pot, and then the fact of far reaching citizen support.

Also most petitions are actually carried by paid canvassing groups, which is \$\$\$

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Deanna Atkinson shared a link.

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State House, Senate to scrutinize Oklahoma Turnpike Authority

By: Janice Francis-Smith The Journal Record July 11, 2022

Lawmakers who faced tough questions from constituents last session over proposed new turnpikes are taking a closer look at the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority over the next few months. Both the Oklahoma House of Representatives and Senate have approved interim studies focused on the OTA.

The interim studies were approved just days before transportation officials approved new turnpike routes before a crowd of protesters at the Oklahoma Department of Transportation meeting on Monday.

Both lawmakers and their constituents are asking who and what can halt the OTA's plans, as the agency has continued to press forward with its turnpike expansion project despite protests, a lawsuit and a hold on funding for the project.

In the House, state Rep. Danny Sterling, R-Tecumseh, is heading up an interim study reviewing the current procedures and design of the OTA.

The study will examine "the current process of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, including, acquisition of property in the proposed paths of the turnpikes, the criteria used in determining the projected future routes, financial procedures, selection process of the OTA Board Members, etc."

State Sen. Rob Standridge, R-Norman, had gotten an earful from constituents last legislative session over the proposed turnpike extension. A group calling itself Pike Off OTA contends the proposed route for the South Extension would displace hundreds of homes and businesses, disrupt environmentally sensitive areas and create yet another toll road taxpayers have to pay an additional fee to use.

Ordinarily, road improvements would be handled by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation using traditional funding methods, including state appropriations and federal transportation dollars. But Tim Gatz, who as secretary of transportation heads both ODOT and OTA, claimed ODOT is struggling financially to maintain current roads, while OTA is able to use nontraditional funding methods to get construction projects completed.

Transportation officials contend that the proposed extension is necessary to alleviate increasing traffic along Interstate 35, which cannot be widened any further. Planning for the proposed route has been underway for decades, but only now have OTA officials begun the studies and land acquisition required to move the project forward.

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Members of Pike Off Oklahoma filed a lawsuit contesting the new turnpike plan, and the Oklahoma Council of Bond Oversight voted to prohibit the OTA from using a \$200 million line of credit for work on any of the three new turnpikes in dispute, which include the South Extension, the East West Connector, and the Tri-City Connector.

When its funding mechanism for the project was set aside by the Council on Bond Oversight, however, the OTA responded by redirecting its general revenues to continue with land acquisition for the project.

Residents and lawmakers alike began questioning if there is any way legally to stop the OTA from moving ahead with the project. State Sen. Mary Boren, D-Norman, requested an audit of the OTA to see how the agency was able to redirect funding in order to move ahead with the project in dispute.

Standridge's Senate Bill 1610 stalled in a conference committee during the last weeks of session and did not make it into law. The measure would have required the OTA to provide a detailed report on a planned turnpike extension through eastern Norman. SB 1610 would have allowed the Legislature to "modify the authorization for construction or location of the turnpike."

"My constituents affected by this proposed turnpike have hundreds of questions that remain unanswered regarding the turnpike's effect on their homes, neighborhoods, livelihoods, natural resources and way of life," Sterling said when introducing SB 1610. The bill would have required OTA to detail expected impacts on businesses, citizens and their properties along the route, if alternative routes were considered and if so, why this route was chosen.

Sterling's bill would have required the OTA to provide legislative leaders with the required studies at least one year prior to issuing bonds for construction.

In the Senate, another interim study dealing with the OTA was approved, to be headed by Senate Transportation Committee Chairman Micheal Bergstrom, R-Adair. Bergstrom's study is entitled, "Oklahoma Turnpike Authority: What it is and what it is not."





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Brenda Gayle Barozinski

Legislature needs to shut down the OTA. If the representative or senator don't then they need to resign or recall election on them. Republican or democrat

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David Posey

THANK YOU!!! Finally some reasonable people are stepping up in Oklahoma government.

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Elaine Dowling

Yet another win for this group. Every little bit counts, and these studies have the potential to make huge changes.

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Ray Fuchs

Elaine Dowling as someone has previously said Once you get a lawsuit going or a committed legislative 'study' investigative process going the 'Discovery Phase' can take you into the secret nefarious proceedings that could 'hang' the OTA. That's the stuff that can get the publics interest or possible 'turn their stomach' in disgust.

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Tanner Naeher shared a link.

July 11 at 3:15 PM · 🌐

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Well I decided to actually write down our story to share with others.

"She said yes, obviously. We made plans to get married the following March. Invites were sent, venue booked, dress was bought."

You can read it, and many others here!

<https://stopthetollok.com/naeher-family/>

Please if you are in the path of this turnpike, please reach out to me at stopthetollok@gmail.com or to Jessie Newell so that we can help share your stories.



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The Naeher Family – Stop the Toll OK

The Naeher FamilyBy Tanner Naeher My wife and I purchased our land in the spring of 2019. I know that doesn't seem that long ago, but in that short amount of time we have made a lot of memories on our acreage. ...



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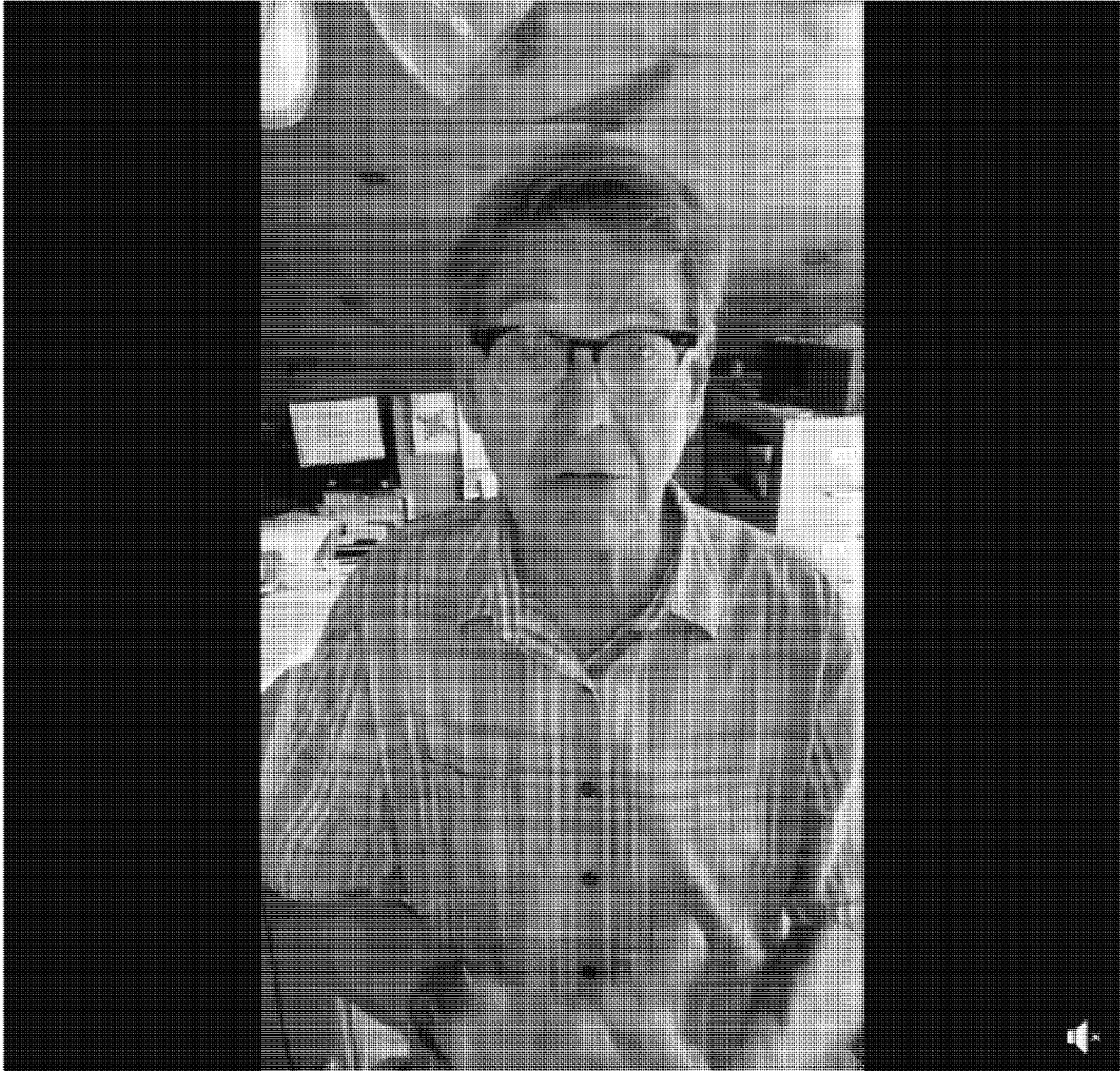
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Carol Soto

Yes I seen them front of my house

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Shannon Ozment Martin Author

I was driving when I saw them but I let them know how I felt 🙄

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Joshua Leach

Shannon Ozment Martin Did it make you feel any better?

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Shannon Ozment Martin Author

Joshua Leach yes, yes it did 😊

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Rarchar S. Tortorello

Shannon Ozment Martin Good for you! How did they respond?

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Shannon Ozment Martin Author

Rarchar S. Tortorello well...I just gave them a hand gesture and yes, they both saw it...stopped what they were doing and watched me drive by with my hand in the air... the look on their face... well, they looked mad.. that's all I say

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Heather Dunwreathe

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Surveyors on Indian Hills Rd.
East of Eastern/Norman side of the road...



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Dave Moore

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THE OKLAHOMA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY'S STUDIES ARE GARBAGE

How does the OTA plan \$5 billion, 6-lane highways? According to John Bowman: GOOGLE EARTH.

On April 21, 2022, at the City of Moore Town Hall meeting, I had the onerous task of interviewing John Bowman, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Poe & Associates, lead engineers for The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority's "ACCESS Oklahoma" toll road plans.

I was looking for the answer to one simple question: Why did the OTA choose the 45-mile long, 1,200 foot wide path shown on the map found on the ACCESS Oklahoma website as the BEST location for a 6-lane toll road?

What studies were done that led them to believe those routes were the best routes for the project?



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JaNelle Rutledge

I am so encouraged by everything being done by those much more knowledgeable than I am. Thank you

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Donna Mccrory

Based on greed and a perpetual \$\$\$\$\$\$ source on toll roads that will never be paid for.



Jane Boren shared a link.

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"The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority has proposed a turnpike, part of the ACCESS Oklahoma project, to run along Lake Thunderbird in east Norman. Heikkila said that although he doesn't like it and wishes he could stop it, he expects the turnpike to be built. "

Doesn't sound much like fighting words!



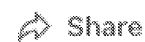
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Members of the Norman City Council met to set the upcoming year's goals and priorities, d...



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Shannon Ozment Martin

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Has anyone been able to get a list of the shareholders in the OTA? We have to find out how many state lawmakers are making money!



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Caroline Shacklett

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Is there a prospective timeline on the lawsuits being heard delaying the ongoing decisions for the upcoming projects?

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A Jaye Watson Crayton

Updated: Lawyers gave update Thursday meeting and doesn't sound like it's going to be anytime soon. Cases have been sent to Ardmore for judge assignment but will still be heard in Cleveland county. Then other issue, the OTA party has filed a motion to dismissed. Lawyers said Thursday they are prepping a response to keep discovery going because apparently, when OTA filed motion to dismiss, discovery stopped until the motion is heard. **An emergency motion was filed by Stan Ward last week in the open meeting violation matter. ** Lawyers said could take a long time if not years. Being heard within the same year is rare.

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Susan Whitehorse Johnson

A Jaye Watson Crayton It's a stall tactic. Do not let up with getting the word out to other Oklahoman's. It is not over. It might be time to plan for a tent at the OU football games. Think of how many will be driving on the roads. Time to delete OTA and just go with ODOT.

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Teresa Elam

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A Jaye Watson Crayton
Teresa Elam ok good.

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A Jaye Watson Crayton

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Randy A Carter

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Amy & me with KFOR's stellar news anchor, Kevin Ogle just after the taping of Amy's appearance on Flashpoint. Tune into KFOR this Sunday (7-31-22) @ 9:30 am to catch her knock it out if the park.



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Well here is a fun little story from the archives. In 1986 the OTA was quite happy to award an \$11.9 million contract to a company under indictment for 5 counts of mail fraud and one count of conspiracy. Also some bid-rigging.

"No problem at all!" They said.

Translation: "we're the OTA and we love ourselves some good partners in crime!"

TURNPIKE AUTHORITY AWARDS \$11.9 MILLION IN CONTRACTS

Driskill, Matt : Journal Record : Oklahoma City, Okla. [Oklahoma City, Okla.] 25 Mar 1986.

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ABSTRACT (ABSTRACT)

As part of that award, the authority awarded a \$3.9 million contract to an Enid company currently under a federal indictment for five counts of mail fraud and one count of conspiracy to violate the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, according to John Smolly, administrative director of the authority.

Cummins Construction Co., headed by Vernon P. Shockley, is currently under the indictment for "bid rigging," which was confirmed by Arlo Maxey, Cummins vice president of operations, and the U.S. District Court Clerk's office in Oklahoma City.

The remaining projects range from major resurfacing jobs to bridge redecking and "represent the authority's commitment to maintaining the turnpike system in the best possible manner," [Piersall] said.

FULL TEXT

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Maxey declined to comment further, referring all questions to Shockley who was reported to be out of town for the week.

Smolly said he knew few details of the indictment, saying his office had checked with the Oklahoma Attorney General's office which indicated that "we should go ahead with the contract because they're innocent until proven guilty."

The indictment, filed Feb. 20, presents no worries for the authority though, according to Chief Engineer and Manager E.D. Piersall.

→ "It should be no problem at all," Piersall said when asked how the indictment would affect the company's performance on the project.

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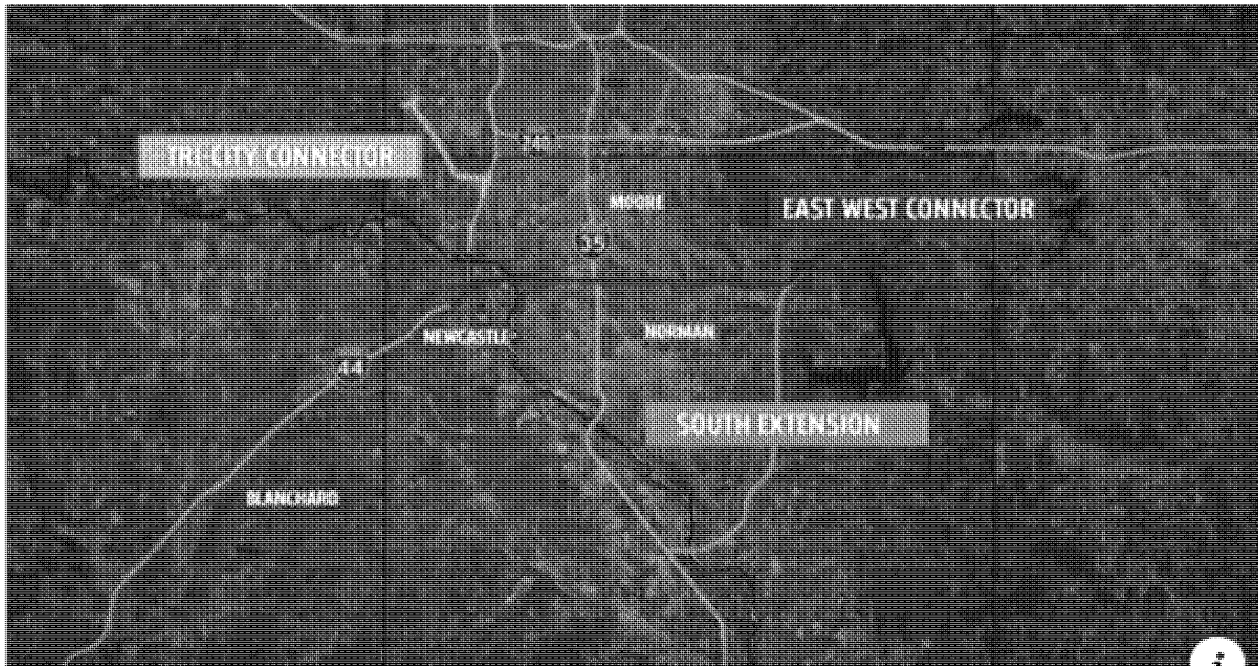


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Trudy Conners

Maybe they can finally answer the question, How many properties will be in the proposed path, since each property had to receive a letter?

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Glenn Payette

Watch y'all's backs don't let them have your land

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LaShawna Harbeston

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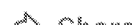
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The drive has been improved. Large chunky gravel. The platform is going in. Three trailer houses have been moved on this property. Is it really just for an oil rig? Isn't this where OTA wants to put an on/off ramp? Suspicious of all activity out here right now. Indian Hills Road and 48th Ave N E .



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Group expert in Historians · 30m · 🌐



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Attorneys accuse OTA of dodging discovery in lawsuits

Two attorneys who have each filed a lawsuit against the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority have ...



Heather Dunwreathe

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I got the dreaded letter today!
Postman said he has delivered over 30 today... 😞

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Seth Burdge

Don't stop fighting for your homes these tyrants must be stopped.

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Scott Bill Fleschute

I am not close the turnpike but if I was, they might not get along with the two llamas. They are extremely territorial and anyone with the OTA could use a big ole face full of spit.

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Ronnie Leigh

What letter is that

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➞ 🧑 Heather Dunwreathe replied · 6 Replies



Robin Strader

I would tell them access denied until all litigation is done.

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➞ 🧑 A Jaye Watson Crayton replied · 1 Reply

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Lisa Key Meyer shared a post.

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Well, this is very interesting!



FIRM EVENT

ACCESS Oklahoma Landowner Rights & Info Meeting

Hosted By

Rarchar
Tortorello & **RITCHIE
ROCK &
ATWOOD**
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

August 11, 2022
at 7:00 p.m.

Courtyard Marriott
770 Copperfield Dr
Norman, OK 73072

Submit your questions
as a post comment

No Affiliation with the
Oklahoma Turnpike Authority

Ritchie Rock & Atwood Attorneys at Law

22h · 🌐

Landowners affected by ACCESS Oklahoma are invited to join attorneys Kim Ritchie and Nick Atwood for an in-depth discussion about your property rights and the acquisition/eminent domain process, and the various types of compensation you as a landowner are entitled to. The Ritchie Rock & Atwood Law Firm has more than 40 years of combined experience in representing landowners in eminent domain cases and we look forward to answering your questions. The meeting will be opened by Rarchar Tortorello, and held on August 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott Norman. Please submit your questions in the comments section of this post so we can better address your concerns during the meeting.

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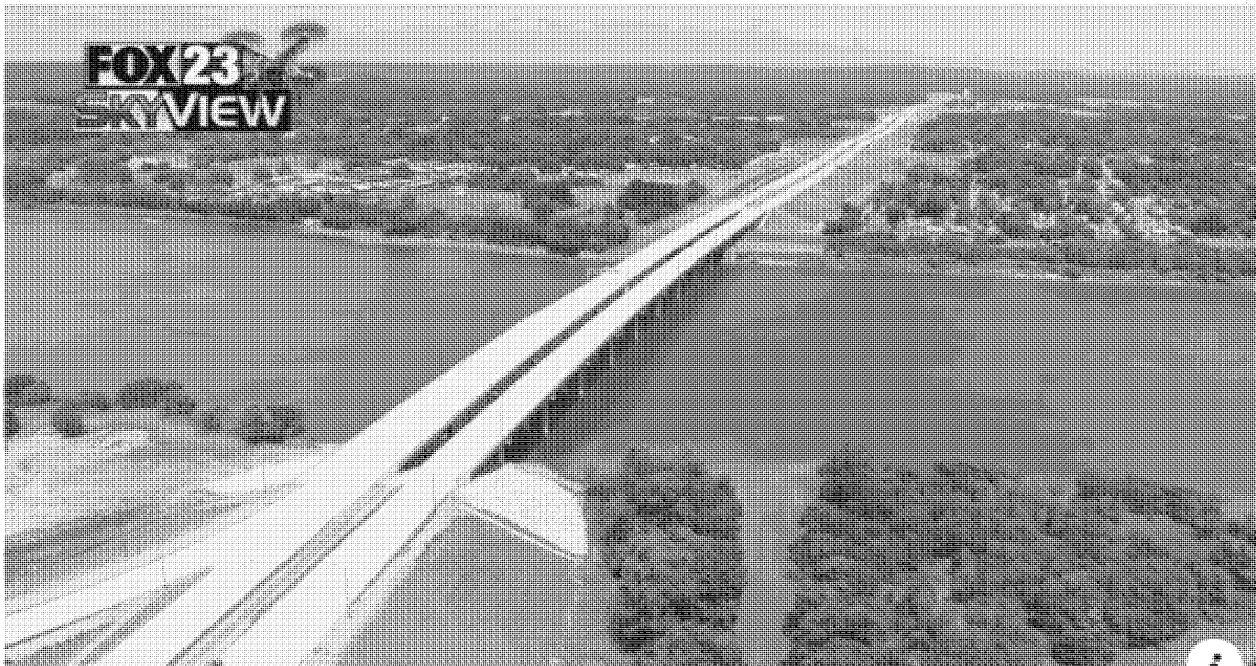
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After nearly two years of actual construction work, but more than half of a century of land acquisitions, a new turnpike in west Tulsa will open within the next month.



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New Tulsa turnpike nears completion after two years of construction



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Pam McIntosh

14h · 🌐

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So many homes and farms are on the 'chopping block' with Stitt and OTA and Poe and city engineers and developers with no justification for the need, the benefit, adding to the state's general fund, helping to promote renewable energy. Just same ol', same 'good ol' boy' cronyism and I'll scratch your back

if you scratch mine. They only care about money in their pockets and don't care at all about you, me and hundreds of others in their plans to build Tollnados across OK.

No to Stitt! No to OTA! Don't let anyone onto your properties. They haven't done any studies. They think they are better than the PEOPLE OF OKLAHOMA!



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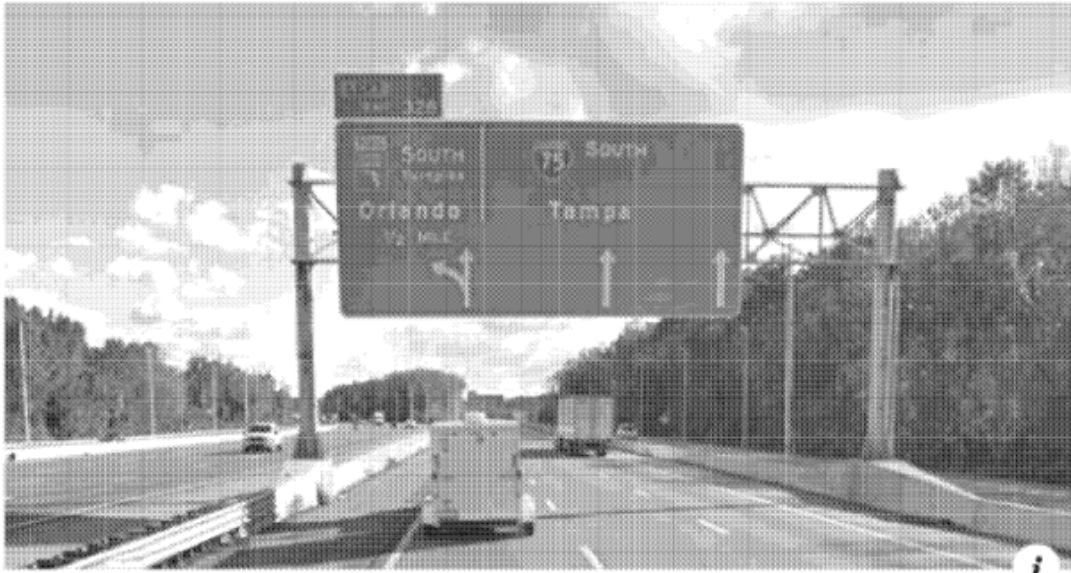


Corson Hirschfeld Legacy shared a link.

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It can be done! Don't give up!



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State officially kills Florida Turnpike extension, citing public opposition

The decision means state transportation planners will focus on expanding Interstate 75 nor...

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Dave Moore

21h · 🌐

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Anybody ever heard of "Plan Norman?" It was supposed to be the "update" to Norman 2025. As far as East Norman goes, it read virtually the same as Norman 2025. All the studies were done, the plan was finalized, and it was supposed to be adopted in 2018. What happened?

Preferred Growth Scenario

The plan for how the City will grow is referred to as the Preferred Growth Scenario for Norman. It was designed with input from the Community, Plan Norman Steering Committee, and City of Norman staff feedback. The following scenario provides direction for future housing, commercial development, and job growth. Key elements incorporated into the Preferred Growth Scenario based on feedback received to date include:

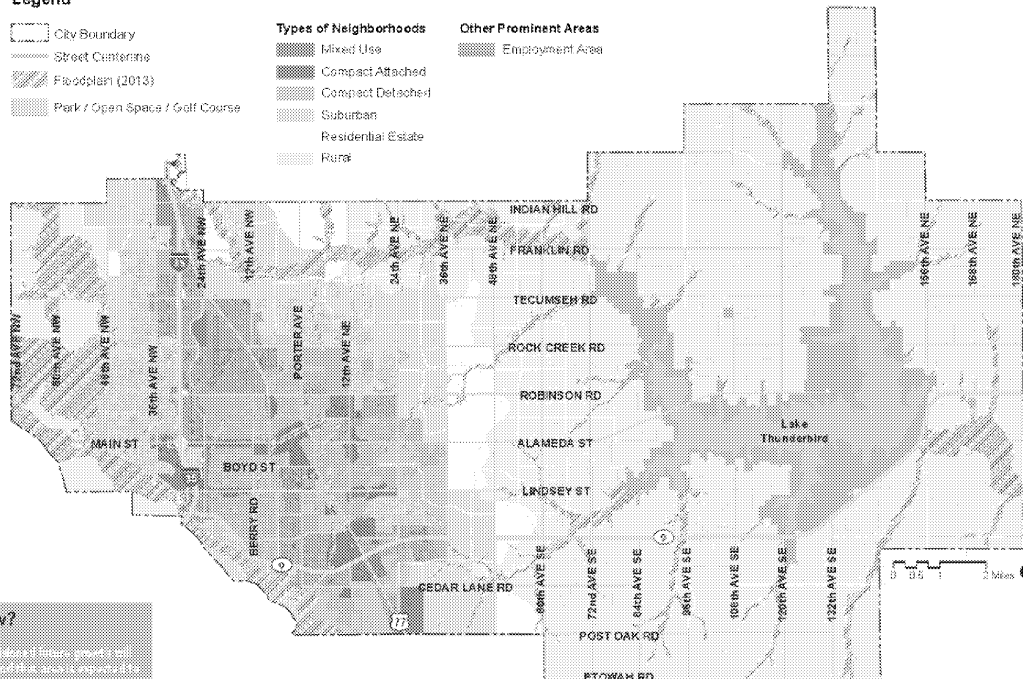
- Options for growth in both north and east Norman.
- East Norman growth largely held to areas west of 40th avenue for an east Norman where low density residential estate growth is permitted out to 60th Ave.
- Additional development and growth is limited around watershed boundaries to protect the Little River, Rock Creek and Oak River Creek.
- Retail development in East Norman (generally east of 40th and area around Lake Thunderbore) remains unchanged.
- Community Center area is realigned with Water Quality Protection Zone (WQPZ), and
- Ten Mile Plaza preserved.

Legend

- City Boundary
- Street Centerline
- Floodplain (2013)
- Park / Open Space / Golf Course

- Types of Neighborhoods**
- Mixed Use
 - Compact Attached
 - Compact Detached
 - Suburban
 - Residential Estate
 - Rural

- Other Prominent Areas**
- Employment Area



What does this map show?

This map highlights areas where it is envisioned future growth will be focused and what type of neighborhood or area is expected to develop.

Preferred Growth Scenario



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Kelly Farris Wilson

Yes, came across this a month or so ago. Notice all of those new roads planned down the half sections of the rural areas West of the lake. Remember when I said everything South of Indian Hills and West of the South Extension Pike route would become "inner city"...this is what I was referring to.

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Pam McIntosh

Kelly Farris Wilson Exactly. CoN can't expand North (Moore), South (Noble) or West (McClain County) so they want to destroy green space and sprawl east and destroy rural, agricultural Ward 5. 🙄

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Kelly Farris Wilson

Pam McIntosh that's exactly right.

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Teresa Elam

They aren't making it public BECAUSE they will destroy our farms and replace them with "country estates". There is already a committee formed to commercialize the lake so it is a tourist attraction. The fill-in from core Norman to the lake will be 10 acre residential. Except for what has already been platted into 2.5-14 acre additions to "average" 10 acres per housing addition. So much for annexing to prohibit developing the watershed and aquifer recharge. Office of Ward 5 Councilman Rarchar S. Tortorello maybe you can fill us in on the lake development since you are on the committee.

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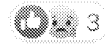


Stella Morgan Bledsoe

Teresa Elam There is tremendous pressure to make rural land available for the "Country estates". We live in an area that was very rural ten years ago. Now, the area is dotted with those country estates. Land prices have skyrocketed. I don't blame folks for wanting out of the urban areas and most of the homes are very nice. Our true rural lifestyle and agricultural activities are being destroyed. Glad we don't have much longer to witness it Ron Bledsoe

Bledsoe

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Teresa Elam

Stella Morgan Bledsoe when my family bought their place at 60th and Alameda - Alameda was Highway 9 and the eastern edge of "core" Norman was Classen.

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Dave Moore Author

Stella Morgan Bledsoe I believe the People of Norman, especially East Norman, can exert our own type of "tremendous pressure." It's not a done deal!

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John Whitson

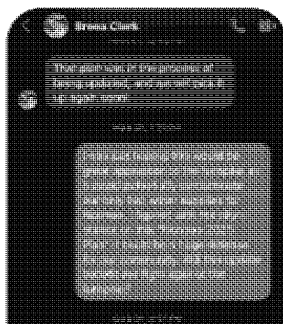
I reached out to the Mayor in March and this what I got about Norman 2025.




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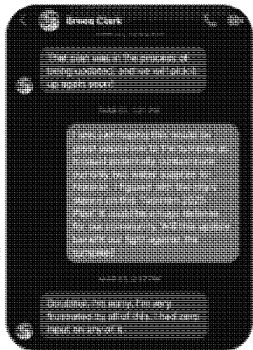


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John Whitson








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Josh Hutchinson

No idea. The last update I see on the official PlanNorman website is April 7, 2017. Five years with no updates is a long time for a plan that's already supposed to be in motion.

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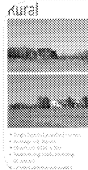





Dave Moore

Author

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Has the Ota came out and checked anyone's property yet?



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Vince Dougherty

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So am I correct in saying the bond oversight committee rubber stamped the process today? I watched the video but it was a little hard to understand.

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Elaine Dowling

I wasn't at the hearing. I had a court hearing that I couldn't move. However, my understanding is that they may not issue bonds until 1. The litigation is dismissed and 2. The Supremes (a/k/a the Supreme Court for the State of Oklahoma sitting in its statutory authority with exclusive, original jurisdiction to approve OTA bond offerings) have approved the bond offering. Taking the bond offering to the Supremes for approval is optional, and OTA doesn't always do it. We have it on good authority that they aren't foolish enough not to get the Supremes' blessing this time, and this just clinches that. BTW, the Supremes' blessing is important, because once they bless a bond issue, then the bond issue, itself, (not necessarily anything else associated with the project, but the bonds themselves) are basically untouchable as a matter of Oklahoma law. That is a big deal if there is ever a default, for instance. Regardless, we have understood that there was no way they were going to skip the Supremes' blessing (and they usually get it even when there isn't this level of resistance/defense), so this is not a BIG deal, but it is still a nice deal. The big deal out of this is that the litigation has to be resolved. Now, that can mean taking the time to fully litigate the issues in State court, then allow time for whichever side wants to appeal it to do so, then a possible remand, etc. That isn't likely. I anticipate that OTA is going to try to fast track an original jurisdiction proceeding in the Supreme Court (see item no. 2). This is not unexpected. **Robert Norman** and I have been talking about it for more than a month (maybe two). Is this a good thing? Is this a bad thing? This is an explanation of why the standard lawyer answer is always -- that depends. The cautious lawyer in me wants as much time as possible to develop the case in State court. The tactician in me sees advantages in a rushed Supreme presentation. I see value in standing up in front of the Supremes with a bond counsel decision that is less than enthusiastic. Ultimately, my response is that **Robert Norman** is expert at fully litigating complex issues. I am a bankruptcy lawyer. My forte is getting results for broke, desperate clients on a shoe string.

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A Jaye Watson Crayton

Elaine Dowling thank you and Mr Norman and God bless y'all.

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Twyla Smith

Elaine Dowling Yes. Thank you both for spearheading this portion of our fight. Without you, it would not be a Dead Deal!!

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Elaine Dowling

Twyla Smith Robert Norman gets the credit for dead deal!

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Robert Norman

Channel 4 News has a good story and video about it. It includes a recap of the Council's conditions, two of which are relevant to us:

- (v) resolution or dismissal of the following litigation in favor of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority: Case No. CV-2022-1692 (Pike Off OTA, Inc., et al v. Oklahoma Turnpike Authority) and Cleveland County Case No. CV-2022-1905 (Hirschfield et al. v. Oklahoma Turnpike Authority); and
- (vi) receipt of evidence of validation by the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

The decision is not a setback for us. We will continue to vigorously pursue full and fair litigation in opposition to these turnpikes, and to vindicate the legal rights of all citizens who are impacted.

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Dave Moore

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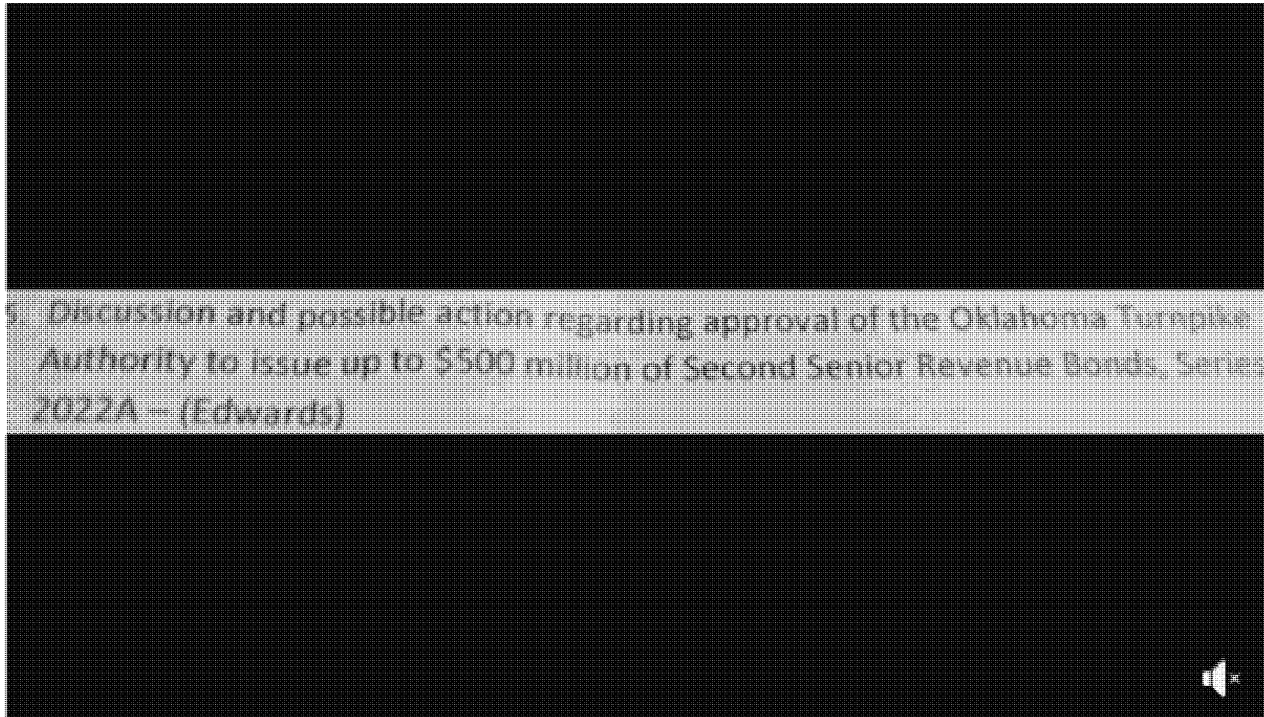


Dave Moore

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Good news for us, today!!



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Amy Cerato

How can the OTA ask for validation to the Supreme Court BEFORE the litigation is over? Their application to the Bond Council is so shady - and now we watch the books and see what happens.

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Dave Moore Author

Exactly. They will probably always ask amiss; that's what they do, and it's up to the watchdogs to make sure they don't get away with it!!

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Kelly Farris Wilson

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Are you holding a garage sale this weekend?

If so, please consider printing this flyer to hand out to your shoppers! (photos 1 and 2)

If your home is directly in the path, please print photo 3 and display it so shoppers will know your home may be lost to the pike! (photo 3)

Want a high resolution version? No problem! Send your request via email with the subject line **GARAGE SALE PRINT MATERIALS** to kwilson.pikeoffota@gmail.com

WHY THESE ROUTES ?

lative authorization. No sound engineering justified
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THESE ROUTES ARE A DISASTER IN TERMS OF

These routes impact five times more to any other turnpike in the state. These routes may displace over 600 families market that does not support their comparable home within the city. It disrupting turnpike proposal threaten families almost immediately after a traumatic two-year pandemic where families served as a safe haven for every facet of



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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDIES

irms have been hired with a 60%
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INJECTION OR AND I-35 CORRIDOR

outes through Cleveland County will
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many options available that will
safety and improve traffic flow, many
only been approved by ODOT and are
5 year construction plan. Improving
35 would be a great start.

REJECTED BY CITIZENS, CITY OF NORMAN & CLEVELAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The proposed Ota ACCESS routes are no
City of Norman or Cleveland County as a
unanimous city and county wide resolve
better routes already in existence. The O
a bad solution to an overstated traffic g
that doesn't want to divide its community

OTA/ODOT COST DISCREPANCIES

BY MICHAEL BLAIR PROCEED, PLE OFF OTA

I would like to highlight some discrepancies between the OTA and ODOT when it comes to costs of construction and maintenance.

CONSTRUCTION COST DISCREPANCY

First, according to the proposed Southwestern Turnpike Authority (STA) report, the STA estimated the cost of construction for the STA at \$1.1 billion. The STA estimated the cost of construction for the STA at \$1.1 billion. The STA estimated the cost of construction for the STA at \$1.1 billion.

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Anyways, according to ODOT data, the highway 3 widening project is costing it at a cost of \$1.1 billion per mile after adjusted expenditures, which would put the cost for OTA at \$1.1 billion per mile. The STA estimated the cost of construction for the STA at \$1.1 billion.

MAINTENANCE COST DISCREPANCY

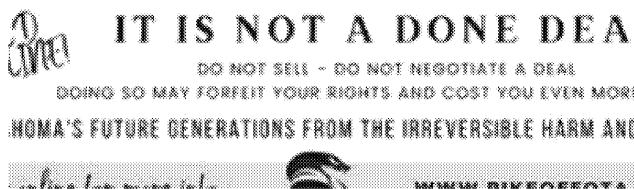
In his open letter, former Commissioner of the North Carolina Turnpike Authority Board of Directors, G. Carl Olson informed the cost to maintain North Carolina turnpikes to be \$1.1 billion annually. The STA estimated the cost of construction for the STA at \$1.1 billion.

So it does not do so with the STA would have to use this grandiose number. G. Carl Olson is in line with the 1970s design and construction. According to the North Carolina Turnpike Authority's 2022 budget, \$1.1 billion per mile is the cost to maintain the STA at \$1.1 billion.

This is the discrepancy that should be highlighted to the public when looking at the STA's responsibility, and they should be looking at the STA's responsibility, and they should be looking at the STA's responsibility, and they should be looking at the STA's responsibility.

BY MICHAEL BLAIR

Construction cost:
• ODOT: \$1.1 billion per centerline mile (new 4-lane interstate highway)
• STA: \$1.1 billion per centerline mile (new 4-lane toll road)





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Yes!!!

(Just saw this on Twitter from Joy Hofmeister)



Joy Hofmeister ✓ @j... · 1h ...

🏠 Governor candidate, OK

If we can't trust the governor with BBQ, can we trust him with \$5 billion in new toll roads that will destroy 600 homes and disrupt the way of life for thousands of Oklahomans?

#StopStitt and audit the OTA.

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Lisa Key Meyer

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Tammy Abersoll Bugher

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My interview is part of this article in the Oklahoman today. My thanks to Carmen Forman for a well-written article and a fair representation.



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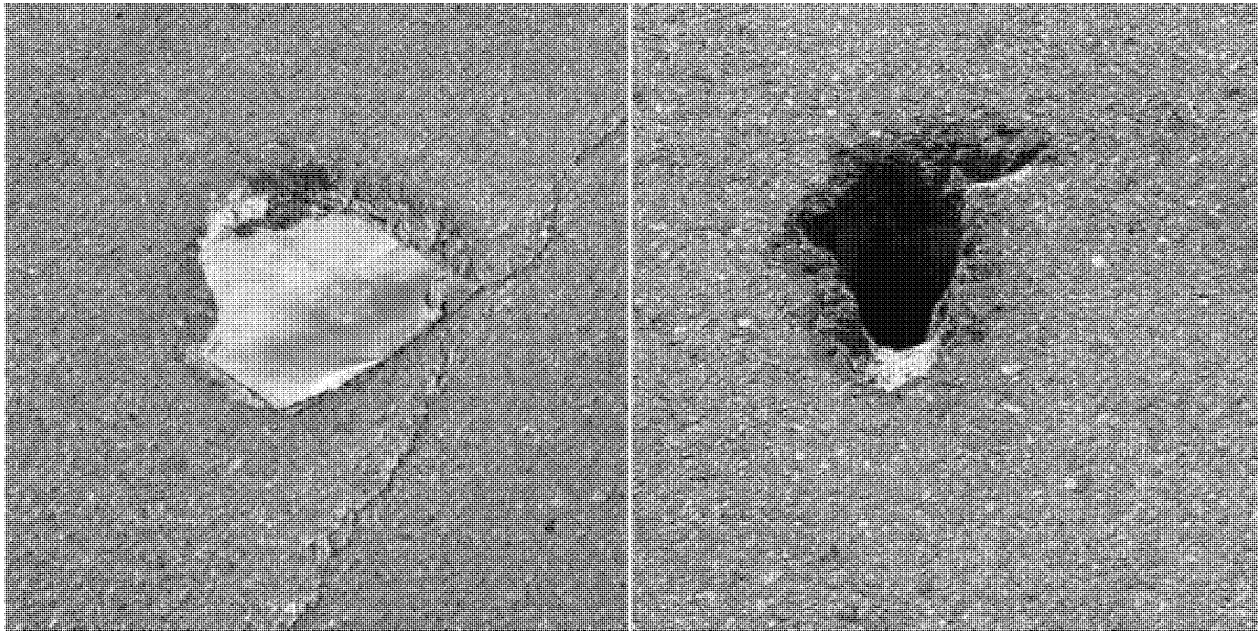


John Frasure shared a post.

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This was how turnpike surveyors left our road looking for center line pin.



John Frasure

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This is the road repair work done after Turnpike Surveyors found the road center pin! No wonder we have such bad roads in Oklahoma with people making potholes in new roads. This was a gravel road when we moved out here 25 years ago.

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Linda Barry

Report to the city of norman. We pay for this!

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Brooke Reed

14h · 🌐

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Tomorrow, August 11th, there's going to be a public event hosted by KGOU radio talking about the turnpikes. They will be at Yellow Dog Coffee in Norman at 6pm.

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Dean Williams

I thought there was going to be a meeting at 7:00 tomorrow night with the representative from OTA explain to us how they would go about buying our property and what we could expect to get out of her property is that not going to happen

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Brooke Reed Author

Dean Williams oh. I hadn't heard about that. Just heard about this on the radio on my way home this evening.

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Darla Le Blanc

Dean Williams A law firm (NOT associated with OTA) is hosting a meeting at a Norman hotel at 7pm to discuss eminent domain. Probably a forum to try to drive them up some clients, but should also have some useful information



I don't know much but wanted to verify the law firm meeting is not associated with OTA

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Gary Nonya

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WildCareOklahoma

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Want to learn more about the environmental impacts of the proposed toll road in Cleveland County? Join State Impact Oklahoma science and environment reporter Beth Wallis at Yellow Dog Coffee house tomorrow evening, August 11, at 6 p.m. She will be sharing what she's learned about the impact of these turnpike projects and other stories she's covering. Yellow Dog Coffee Company (222 S Porter Ave, Norman, OK 73071) will be hosting and have coffee and treats for purchase. Wear your favorite WildCare t-shirt if you attend!

Want to learn more about the turnpike issue generally? Read this article written by WildCareOklahoma Executive Director, Inger Giuffrida in OKC Pets Magazine:
<https://4legspublishing.com/.../OkcPets-Magazine-July.../16/>

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Kelly Farris Wilson shared a post.

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Please share Dr. Certato's message!



PIKE OFF OTA

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#stopthetoll #truthbetolled #turnpike #turdpik #norman #oklahoma #freewayfighters



Linda Barry shared a post.

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Makes me sick



Allis Catherine ► NO MORE TURNPIKES, Oklahoma!

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HOW does OTA have SO MANY properties for sale in Oklahoma?? Oh yeah I remember 🤔
ACCESS OKLAHOMA TURNPIKES!!! STOP EMINENT DOMAIN!!! MAKE ODOT AND OTA
ANSWER TO THE PEOPLE OR GET THEM OUT!!! THEY BEEN TAKEN HOMES AWAY FROM
OKLAHOMA FAMILIES FOR YEARS AND THEY HAVE ALL THESE PROPERTIES BECAUSE
OF EMINENT DOMAIN!! STOP THEM NOW! FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN WHO
MIGHT WANT TO STAY IN OKLAHOMA IN THEIR FAMILY HOME WHERE THEY RAISED IN!
PLEASE JOIN OUR FIGHT. #PIKEOFFOTA ❤️



📺 TODAY AT 1:30 PM

ODOT August Surplus Property Bid Opening

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Oklahoma Department of Transportation plans to go live.

Yesterday at 8:11 AM · 🌐

Pursuant to Title 69 Oklahoma Statutes (2021), Section 1001, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation offers the following property for sale by sealed bid to the