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INVOICE 2023-01-04

DATE 01/31/2023 **TERMS** Net 45

DUE DATE 03/17/2023

DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
OTA Access:OTA ACCESS Creative			
01/04/2023			
Added article to the <u>Updates</u> page on the website	0:30	98.00	49.00
01/11/2023			
Reviewed and corresponded with staff relating to request for changes to the Outer Loop map on the website	0:30	98.00	49.00
01/12/2023			
Made requested updates to the Outer Loop map on the website	5:00	98.00	490.00
01/13/2023			
Made requested updates to the Outer Loop map on the website	7:15	98.00	710.50
01/16/2023			
Removed work stop language from the Home and Updates pages on the website	1:00	98.00	98.00
01/24/2023			
After assessing an issue with drivingforwardok.com domain not forwarding to the copied pages on the ACCESS website, proceeded to find a solution and resolve the issue For the purposes of sharing the site with news media, purchase a .NET extension and redirected the domain to those Driving Forward pages Continued to work on resolving the issue	4:00	98.00	392.00
01/25/2023			
Made further attempts to resolve the issue with redirecting the drivingforwardok.com domain to the copied pages on the ACCESS website Fixed sections of pages that were copied	3:00	98.00	294.00
01/30/2023			
Made updates to the ACCESS website	1:00	98.00	98.00
01/31/2023			
Created modified version of the outer loop map from the website to include in press packet Resolved issues on some of the Driving Forward pages added to the ACCESS website and implemented address forwarding for the drivingforwardok.com domain	5:45	98.00	563.50
SUBTOTAL - OTA Access:OTA ACCESS Creative			2,744.00

DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
OTA Access:OTA ACCESS PR			
01/03/2023			
Social listening	2:00	98.00	196.00
01/04/2023			
Website updates	1:00	98.00	98.00
01/05/2023			
Social listening	1:00	98.00	98.00
01/09/2023			
Social listening	2:30	98.00	245.00
01/11/2023			
Website updates	0:45	98.00	73.50
Contact Norman ED for event info and forward to client	0:30	98.00	49.00
01/12/2023			
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Social listening	0:30	98.00	49.00
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Social listening	2:00	98.00	196.00
01/18/2023			
Coordinating meeting on strategy	0:30	98.00	49.00
01/20/2023			
Meeting and planning on upcoming events	2:15	98.00	220.50
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Checking on web updates	0:45	98.00	73.50
Social listening	2:00	98.00	196.00
01/24/2023			
Website issue	1:15	98.00	122.50
01/27/2023			
Working on deliverables	1:15	98.00	122.50
01/30/2023			
Checking in with Lara on press kit needs	1:00	98.00	98.00
Call with Lara to discuss press kit			
Social listening	1:45	98.00	171.50
Client meeting	2:00	98.00	196.00
01/31/2023			
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Prep for press conference	2:00	98.00	196.00
Developing press kit	1:30	98.00	147.00
SUBTOTAL - OTA Access:OTA ACCESS PR			2,768.50

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DATE 12/30/2022 **TERMS** Net 15

DUE DATE 01/14/2023

DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
OTA Access			
12/30/2022			
PR services for December 2022. Detailed description of services follows:			
SUBTOTAL - OTA Access			
OTA Access:OTA ACCESS Creative			
12/07/2022			
Gathered record of all renewing charges for client products and services	1:15	98.00	122.50
SUBTOTAL - OTA Access:OTA ACCESS Creative			122.50
OTA Access:OTA ACCESS PR			
12/01/2022			
Morning call	0:45	98.00	73.50
Media tracking			
Following legal proceeding results			
12/02/2022			
Review social media	1:00	98.00	98.00
12/05/2022			
Social listening	1:45	98.00	171.50
Video project research	1:00	98.00	98.00
Media tracking			
12/06/2022			
Video project meeting	0:30	98.00	49.00
Social media listening	0:30	98.00	49.00
Dec. 6 Board Mtg - NO CHARGE	1:00	0.00	0.00
12/07/2022			
Website content	0:30	98.00	49.00
12/08/2022			
Social media listening	0:45	98.00	73.50

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12/12/2022			
Social listening	2:00	98.00	196.00
12/13/2022			
Internal meeting on deliverables	0:30	98.00	49.00
12/14/2022			
Pull analytics for FAQ page, compile, and send report and recommendations	1:00	98.00	98.00
12/19/2022			
Social listening	2:00	98.00	196.00
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Sent: 6/20/2022 4:58:14 PM
To: glove@[REDACTED]; Dana Weber [dweber@[REDACTED].m]; toddcone@[REDACTED].m; jtitsworth7@[REDACTED]; John Jones [jjones@[REDACTED].t]; will.dcbass@[REDACTED].m; elair [elair@[REDACTED].g]; Carly Atchison [carly.atchison@gov.ok.gov]; Kate Vesper [kate.vesper@gov.ok.gov]
CC: Tim Gatz - Pikepass [tgatz@pikepass.com]; Joe Echelle [jechelle@pikepass.com]
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.

Earned Media

6/19 KOCO 5 news at 10:02 p.m., H.E. Bailey Goes Cashless <https://bit.ly/39BoyNL>

Viewership: 35,941

Ad Value: \$15,936.12

6/20 The Journal Record Print, Turnpike Authority authorizes bonds to fund Access Oklahoma plans (Below)

6/19 Yahoo News, 'David vs Goliath' Fight against OTA defined <https://yhoo.it/3O97uNU>

6/20 KOCO 5 news at 6:52 a.m, H.E. Bailey Goes Cashless <https://bit.ly/3tQYaWX>

Viewership: 13,985

Ad Value: \$1,224.10

Thank you,
Jessica

Jessica Brown, M.J. | Director

Strategic Communications Division | Oklahoma Transportation Cabinet

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Kathy Young

15h · 🌐

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





  177

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Write a public comment...



Joyce Thomas
Fantastic News!

Don't give up!, Keep the GOOD fight!

STOP STITT!
STOP OTA!

Like Reply Share 12h

 7



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

Like Reply Share 12h

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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??

Like Reply Share 12h

 3



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

Like Reply Share 12h

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LaNell Montgomery
I really can't read this paper. So, I hope it's some good news.

Like Reply Share 12h





Julie Bratt Luna
LaNell Montgomery same

Like Reply Share 11h



LaNell Montgomery

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Gary Nonya

Wow! 🍷🍷🍷🍷

Like Reply Share 16h



Billi Jean Wietelman

Jessie You are AWESOME! ❤️💕❤️

Like Reply Share 11h



Jessie Newell

Billi Jean Wietelman this has nothing to do with me.

Like Reply Share 1h



Billi Jean Wietelman

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

Like Reply Share 1h



VM Young

Front page too!! 🍷

Like Reply Share 16h

Write a comment...



Dave Moore shared a link. ► **NO MORE TURNPIKES, Oklahoma!**

21h · 🌐

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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.

https://www.normantranscript.com/.../article_05b3d04a...



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'David vs Goliath' Fight against OTA defined

Residents who filed a lawsuit against the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority know they have a to...

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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



Danna Fowble

9h · 🌐

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This was a post on the Norman Sale page.

AT&T Wi-Fi

10:39 PM
Groups

12%



If you are considering a house in Norman,
Moore, S.OKC, Noble, or Purcell.

Go to accessoklahoma.com first! Scroll
down & enter the address you are looking at.
You may have to zoom in or out depending
on the property.

Realtors & homeowners are NOT required to
disclose the turnpike to potential buyers. It is
your responsibility to know where the house
is in relation to the proposed turnpike. Keep
in mind that it may move 1 mile east/west or
north/south.

8:54

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accessoklahoma.com

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Pam McIntosh

21h · 🌐

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

👍❤️ 29

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Write a public comment...

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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?

Like Reply Share 21h



Pam McIntosh Author

Jane Cox Martin I would say so. 🗨️

Like Reply Share 21h Edited



Write a public reply...

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Pam Groom

its about time!! 🗨️

Like Reply Share 20h



Kelly Farris Wilson

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

Like Reply Share 21h



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Kelly Farris Wilson <https://okconservatives.org>



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👍❤️ 2



Dave Moore

A Jaye Watson Crayton Do they support anyone other than Joel

Like Reply Share 2 in



Dave Moore

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

Like Reply Share 19h



A Jaye Watson Crayton

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.

Like Reply Share 19h Edited



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.....
<https://who.is/>



WHO.IS

WHOIS Search, Domain Name, Website, and IP Tools - Who.is

Like Reply Share 18h



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

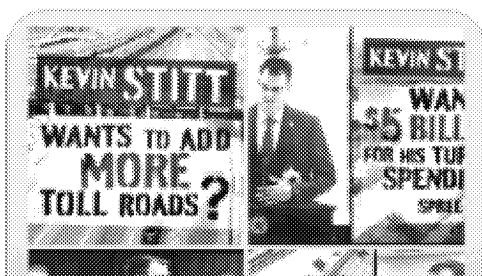
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Kelly Farris Wilson

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Tonda Shelton

WooHoo!!!



Like Reply Share 21h



Pam McIntosh shared a post. ▶ **Norman - Ward 5**

June 18 at 2:10 PM · 🌐

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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!**

June 18 at 11:21 AM · 🌐

<https://www.change.org/.../oklahomans-stop-oklahoma-s...>



CHANGE.ORG

Sign the Petition

STOP Oklahoma's ACCESS Turnpike Development



12

1 Comment 4 Shares



Paula Dodson

38m · 🌐

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Shared on Lacie Lowry's page....

Share everywhere you can.

Save our Homes, Go Away OTA!

9:12 ↗



Lacie Lowry ✓

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24m · 🌐



Paula Dodson

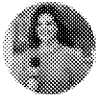
Be prepared Oklahoma, Our Governor and The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority have more Turnpikes coming. Will your home be next to be taken by a turnpike.
NO MORE TURNPIKES, Oklahoma!



4m Like Reply



Paula Dodson



Lacie Lowry

1h · 🌐



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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55 Comments 67 Shares

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Turnpike Authority authorizes bonds to fund Access Oklahoma plan

The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority says a last-minute special meeting held to move forward with a contested turnpike extension saved it months of delays. Opponents of the turnpike extension say the unusual tactic was evidence of the agency's determination to force through an expensive, unwanted project. The OTA held a special meeting this month, 24 hours after posting notice the meeting would occur, to continue its work on a contested turnpike extension to run through parts of Norman and south Oklahoma City. During the June 9 special meeting, the OTA authorized revenue bonds to fund its Access Oklahoma plan, which includes the contested south extension.

Message

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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."

Earned Media

6/22 KFOR, 'PIKE OFF OTA' sets up crane across from Toby Keith's home. <https://bit.ly/3bjJBEX>

6/23 KFOR at 5:04 a.m., 'PIKE OFF OTA' sets up crane across from Toby Keith's home. [Link](#)
Viewership: 7,367
Ad Value: \$247.90

6/23 KFOR at 4 a.m., 'PIKE OFF OTA' sets up crane across from Toby Keith's home. [Link](#)
Viewership: 4,377
Ad Value: \$120.27

6/22 KFOR at 12:45 a.m., 'PIKE OFF OTA' sets up crane across from Toby Keith's home. [Link](#)
Viewership: 1,884
Ad Value: \$101.11

6/22 KFOR at 10:06 p.m., 'PIKE OFF OTA' sets up crane across from Toby Keith's home. [Link](#)
Viewership: 38,553
Ad Value: \$3,698.61

6/23 Norman Transcript, Letter to the Editor: ACCESS Oklahoma doesn't make sense. (attached)

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Dave Moore

10h · 🌐

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Well, there you go!



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John Frasure

Right On I Love this! 😎👍

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Sadee Bone

That's my girl!! 🙌

Like Danku Chaaa Oh



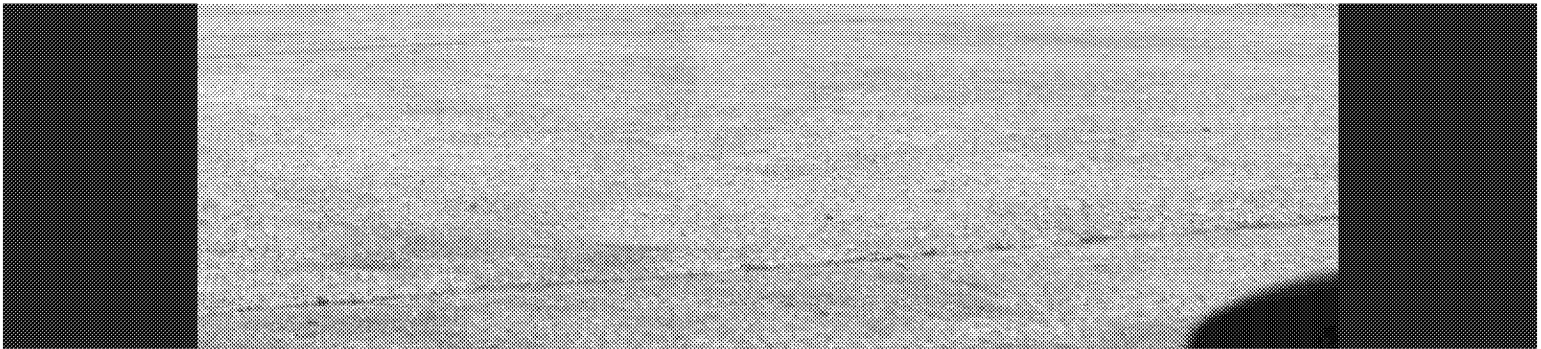
Kim Stewart Woods shared a post. ► **NO MORE TURNPIKES, Oklahoma!**

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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

17h · 🌐

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!

Like Reply Share 10h



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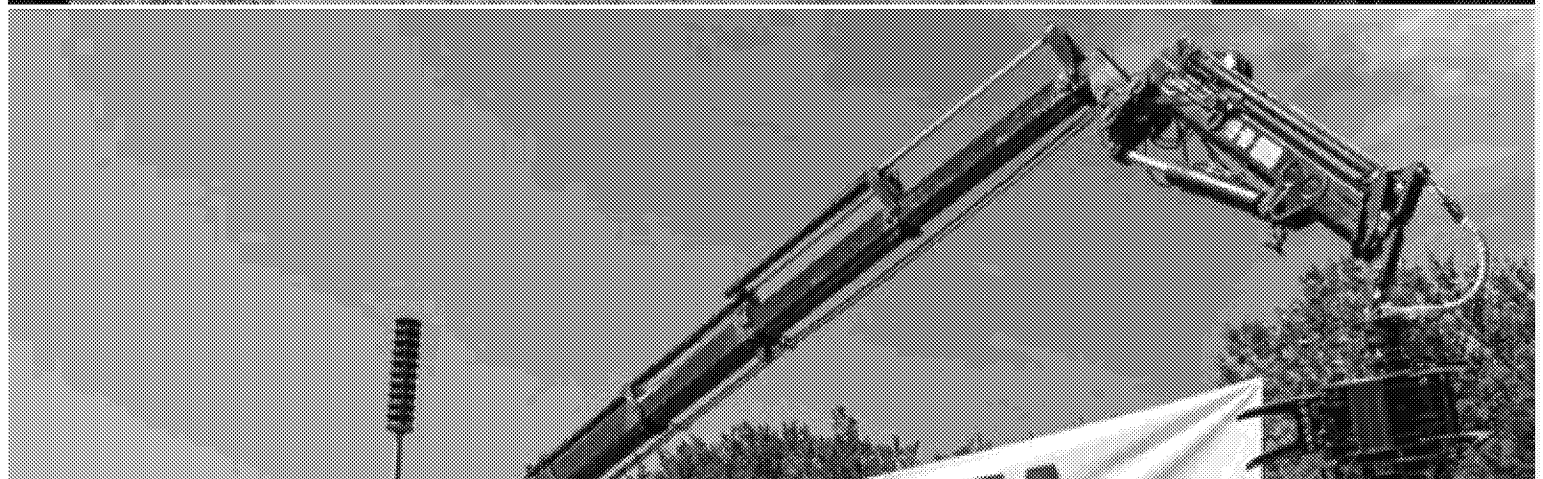
This week's Newsletter is out! Read it here: <https://mailchi.mp/.../important-weekly-update-june-21-2022>

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.

And of course, SHARE with your friends and neighbors! ❤️





Ali Lisenbery shared a post. ▶ Norman - Ward 5

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Ali Lisenbery

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

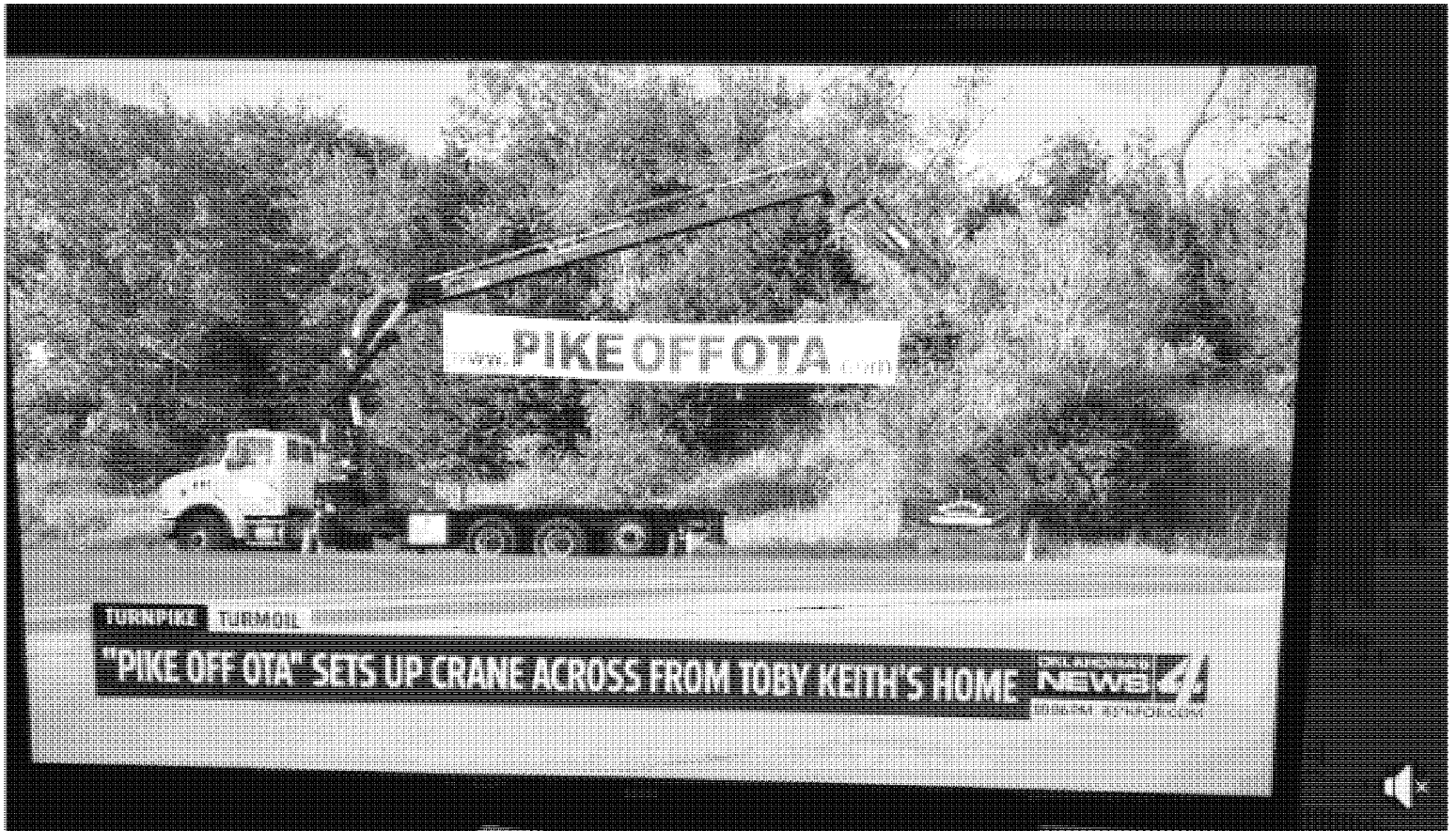


John Frasure shared a post. ▶ Norman - Ward 5

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Good information



Dave Moore

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Weekly Update

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TWO Very Important Articles! 

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Randy's Monday Update



Check Out Our New *30 FOOT* Banner, conveniently hung across the street from a
Stilt fundraiser from 4-8pm today! 🤗

Huge thanks to [Statewide TLC Tree, Landscape, & Crane](#) for donating the crane
service, and [Mappes Trucking \(Gravel, Dirt, Sand\)](#) for providing the space for us!



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.

I want to contribute to STOPPING OTA monthly!

I'd like to just make a one-time donation.

● TWO Articles Worth Reading ●

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

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

election board offices from 8:00 AM-6:00 PM Thursday, June 23 and Friday, June 24 and 8:00 AM-2:00 PM Saturday, June 25.

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.

If you live in Cleveland County, please be aware that Cleveland County has recently changed their precinct maps and polling locations. Do you know where your voting location is? Click [HERE](#).

Do you live in Cleveland County and want to know what your primary ballot looks like and who you will vote for? Click [HERE](#).

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.

[1] H. Refai, N. Bitar, J. Schettler and O. Al Kalaa, "THE STUDY OF VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION EQUIPMENT WITH SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVE ACCURACY IN OKLAHOMA", Implementation of Research for Transportation Excellence, Oklahoma

[2] M. O. Al Kalaa, S. Rajab, H. Refai and D. Johnson, "Vehicle Classification Accuracy of AVC and WIM Sites in Oklahoma," in Conference: 2014 IEEE Intelligent Vehicles Symposium (IV), June 2014.

[3] R. Ellis, "Oklahoma Turnpike Authority has history of inflated projections," THE OKLAHOMAN, May 2nd, 2016, accessed 6/17/2022

[4] TITLE 785. OKLAHOMA WATER RESOURCES BOARD; CHAPTER 55.
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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
valued at \$25! 🎁🎁🎁

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.



THEY'RE HERE! Car Flags Now Available! ►

Buy Merch, Save Homes 🏠 : <https://www.pikeoffota.com/merchandise>

"Rooftop" of the Week: Randy Carter & Family



By [Jessie Newell](#)

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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Got this in the mail today. I'm sure others did too. Thoughts?



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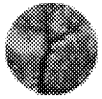
James Skip Wilkinson

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.

Like Reply Share 1h





Cindi Barnard shared a post. ▶ Norman - Ward 5

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Mike Slate

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Got this in the mail today. I'm sure others did too. Thoughts?

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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

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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.

Earned Media

6/23 KFOR News 4 at 12:03 p.m., "Pike Off OTA" sets up crane across from Toby Keith's home. [Link](#)

Viewership: 26,490

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Thank you,
Jessica

Jessica Brown, M.J. | Director

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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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Write a comment...



Charity Bussell is with Retha Colston and Mellisa Blevins. ▶ NO MORE TURNPIKES, Oklahoma!

22h · 🌐

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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

There was a team at 108th & Bethel this morning as well...

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Shelly Logan

There was a team at 108th & Bethel this morning as well...

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John Frasure

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

Like Reply Share 17h



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 ...

Like Reply Share 20h Edited



Glenn Payette

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

Like Reply Share 13h



Dave Moore

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

Like Reply Share 22h



Tina Bellis

Dave Moore I'm on it!

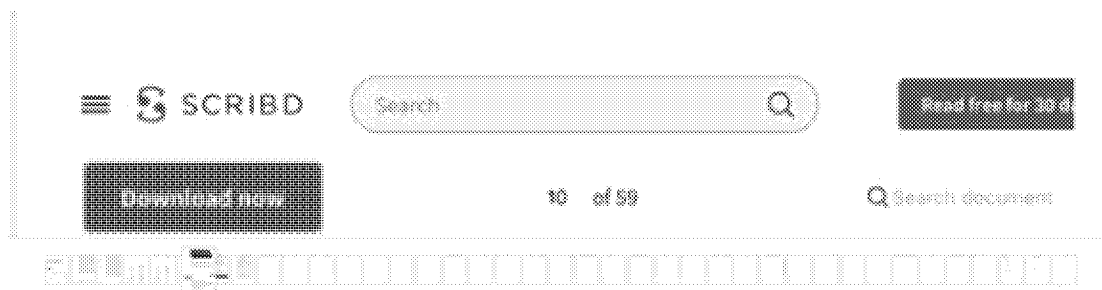
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Gary Nonya

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

Like Reply Share 14h



Dawn Goldsmith

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.

Like Reply Share 2h



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?

Like Reply Share 9h



Corson Hirschfeld Legacy

Tina Bellis I will post the list later today.

Like Reply Share 2h



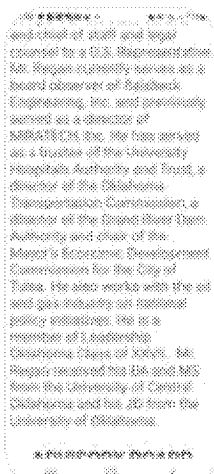
Kimberly Enloe



Like Reply Share 13h



Kimberly Enloe





VM Young



Like Reply Share 14h



Jessie Newell

Interesting...I had a horrible experience working for them.

Like Reply Share 14h



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.

Like Reply Share 14h



Jessie Newell

Corson Hirschfeld Legacy I read it. There's so much more, but this was a good day.

Like Reply Share 14h



Joyce Thomas

Well done!

Like Reply Share 13h



Whitney Mullica

Pray to God there is ...  3

Like Reply Share 14h



John Martin Sr

Just wow! 

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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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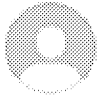
FORMATION OF COMMUNITY STRATEGIES, INC.

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, 29 West Plaza, 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

11h · 🌐



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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VM Young

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.

Like Reply Share 11h



Joyce Thomas
VM Young

That's a fact

Like Reply Share 10h



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Dee Ann Henry Francis
AMEN!!!!



Like Reply Share 11h



Patricia Renae Burress

Keep making the greedy bastards show their hand. Well done.

Like Reply Share 19m

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TJ Arnold

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? 😊

Like Reply Share 18h



Quentin D Lobb

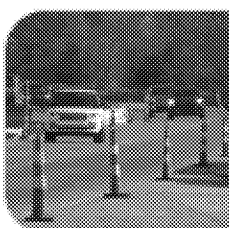
Dawn Goldsmith we may all eventually be paying to drive on what was formerly known as Indian Hills 😊

Like Reply Share 1h



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

Like Reply Share 17h Edited





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.

Like Reply Share 17h



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.

Like Reply Share 14h



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. ...

...

(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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Fran-os RD

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

Like Reply Share 12h



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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Mary for Senate Campaign... See more

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 Joy Hofmeister

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.

Like Reply Share 3h



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

Like Reply Share 14h



Penny Griffin
 Patricia Renae Burress do you mean the Kickapoo?

Like Reply Share 11h



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

Like Reply Share 22m



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.

Like Reply Share 14m



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.



Dave Moore

18h · 🌐

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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** 

2h · 🌐

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

#OklahomaTransportation #DriveSafely #MovingForward



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



21h · 🌐

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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A Jaye Watson Crayton

This is a hydrogen report. I hope you can see this.

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VM Young

You have to request access to see the information.

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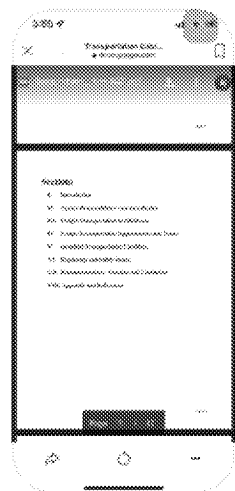
VM Young it's dated November 2021 and no mention about Norman expansion. I have it in pdf. What's your email and I'll send it to you.

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A Jaye Watson Crayton

VM Young this is the content page.



Like Reply Share 20h

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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. 😊❤️

Like Reply Share 17h



VM Young

What is ICE?

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Deanna Atkinson Author

VM Young internal combustion engines...

Like Reply Share 20h



VM Young

Thanks. Google was no very helpful.

Like Reply Share 20h



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](#)

Like Reply Share 20h Edited



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. 😊

Like Reply Share 20h



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.

Like Reply Share 20h

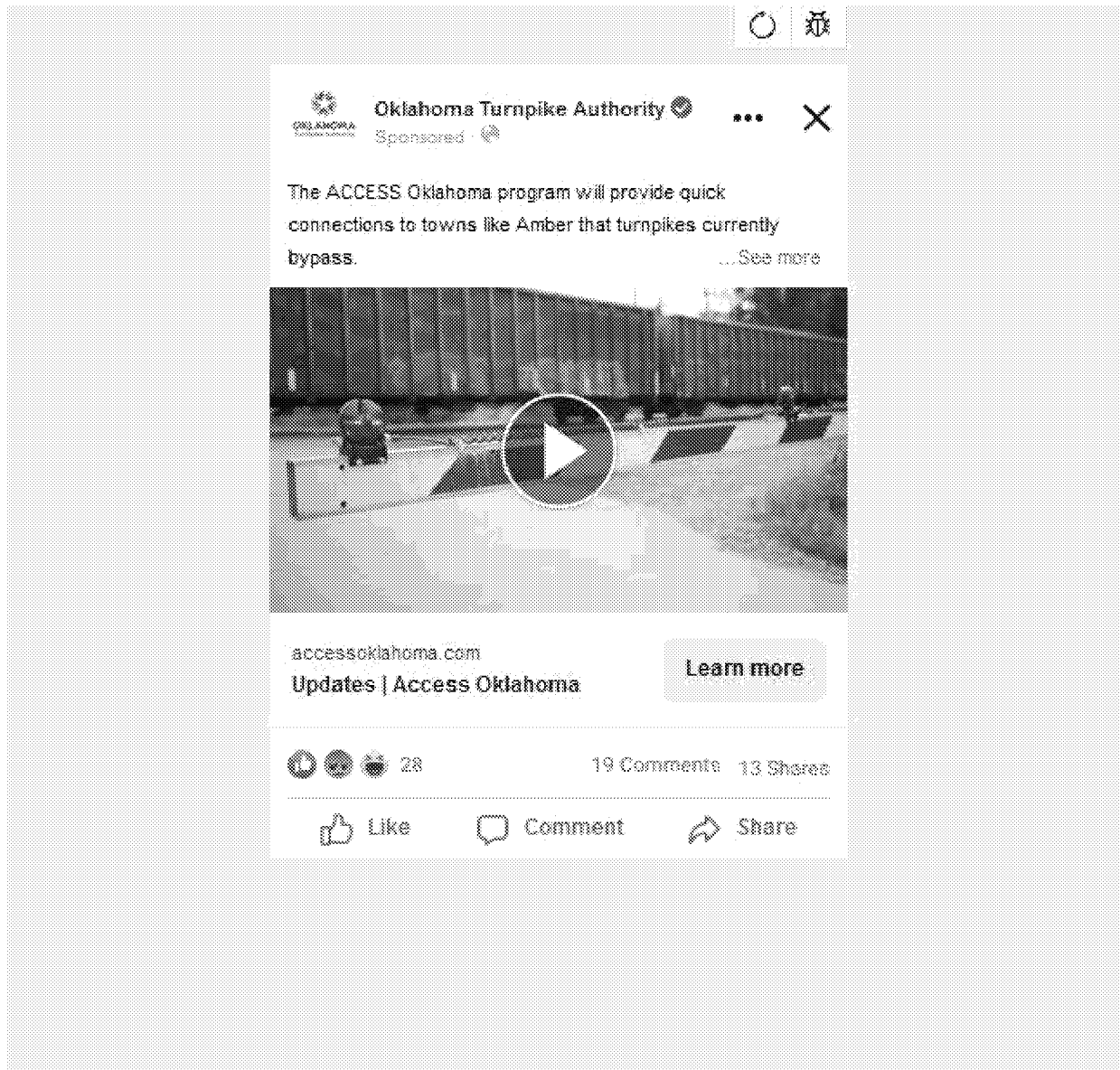


Deanna Atkinson Author

VM Young agreed!

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Facebook Advertisement for ACCESS Oklahoma program



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

						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.
Monday 6/13	1	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	No Data to Report	
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
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
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
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.						
Thursday 6/23	1	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
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

Message

From: Jessica Brown [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=6CFDDD84EE914B919AE04071753AC8F2-JESSICA BRO]
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CC: Tim Gatz - Pikepass [tgatz@pikepass.com]; Joe Echelle [jechelle@pikepass.com]
Subject: 7/11-7/12 Earned Media & Social Listening report
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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/3IEbzb5>
 - <https://bit.ly/3cbUQjr>
 - <https://bit.ly/3yZKjk6>
 - <https://bit.ly/3yZG7Rx>
 - <https://bit.ly/3nWqtGR>
 - <https://bit.ly/3auNC9J>
 - Kristy Shriner Salisbury and Paula NiBride 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 OTA 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 Tortorello 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.

Earned Media

7/11 News 6, New Routes For Turnpikes Could Be Up For Final Vote Monday. <https://bit.ly/3P5dvvG>

7/12 The Oklahoman, OTC approves turnpike plans. (attached)

7/12 The Oklahoman, Oklahoma turnpike expansion plan approved by transportation panel despite concerns. <https://bit.ly/3yyKly6>

7/12 Journal Record, State House, Senate to scrutinize OTA. (attached)

7/12 Norman Transcript Commission approves turnpikes. (attached)

7/12 KFOR News 4 at 6:55 a.m., Three proposed turnpike routes approved. [Link](#)
Viewership: 16,473
Ad Value: \$1,467.36

7/12 Good Day Oklahoma at 8:17 a.m., Oklahoma Transportation Commission approved 3 routes. [Link](#)
Viewership: 10,221
Ad Value: \$440.64

7/12 Rise and Shine Oklahoma at 8:04 a.m., Turnpike expansion routes get green light. [Link](#)
Viewership: 7,597
Ad Value: \$1,073.52

7/12 Good Day Oklahoma at 8:04 a.m., Oklahoma Transportation Commission approves routes. [Link](#)
Viewership: 7,590
Ad Value: \$1,236.96

7/12 Good Day Oklahoma at 7:16 a.m., Oklahoma Transportation Commission approves routes. [Link](#)
Viewership: 7,590
Ad Value: \$309.24

7/12 Good Day Oklahoma at 6:03 a.m., Oklahoma Transportation Commission approves routes. [Link](#)
Viewership: 5,157
Ad Value: \$930.24

7/12 News 9 at 6:32 a.m., ODOT on turnpikes. [Link](#)

Viewership: 29,688
Ad Value: \$2,310.48

7/12 News 9 at 5:35 a.m., ODOT on turnpikes. [Link](#)
Viewership: 23,104
Ad Value: \$1,887.84

7/12 Good Day Oklahoma at 5:05 a.m., Transportation Commission approves turnpike routes. [Link](#)
Viewership: 2,041
Ad Value: \$609.12

7/12 KFOR News 4 at 5:10 a.m., Three proposed turnpike routes approved. [Link](#)
Viewership: 10,750
Ad Value: \$530.64

7/12 KFOR News 4 at 12:48 a.m., Three proposed turnpike routes approved. [Link](#)
Viewership: 3,533
Ad Value: \$187.50

7/11 KFOR News 4 at 10:10 p.m., Three proposed turnpike routes approved. [Link](#)
Viewership: 37,570
Ad Value: \$4,015.65

7/11 Fox 25 Late Edition at 10:06 p.m., Transportation Commission approves 3 routes for ACCESS Oklahoma. [Link](#)
Viewership: 9,066
Ad Value: \$2,517.50

7/11 KFOR News 4 at 9:07 p.m., Turmoil over the proposed turnpike plan continues. [Link](#)
Viewership: 4,193
Local Publicity Value: \$297.35

7/11 KOCO 5 News at 6:26 p.m., Turnpike routes approved. [Link](#)
Viewership: 31,358
Ad Value: \$1,806.42

7/11 KFOR News 4 at 6:04 p.m., Turnpike expansion routes get green light. [Link](#)
Viewership: 44,287
Ad Value: \$4,421.76

7/11 News 9 at 5:05 p.m., Turnpike routes approved. [Link](#)
Viewership: 63,530
Ad Value: \$2,164.05

7/11 KOCO at 5:00 p.m., Turnpike routes approved. [Link](#)
Viewership: 32,996
Ad Value: \$6,267.80

7/11 KFOR News 4 at 4:04 p.m., Turnpike expansion routes get green light. [Link](#)
Viewership: 30,571
Ad Value: \$2,471.00

7/11 News 9 at 4:01 p.m., OTA approves 3 routes. [Link](#)

Viewership: 36,131

Ad Value: \$3,495.80

7/11 KFOR News 4 at 12:01 p.m., Protesters gather at OK Transportation building. [Link](#)

Viewership: 5,174

Ad Value: \$384.46

7/11 News 9 at 12:04 p.m., Meeting pushback. [Link](#)

Viewership: 42,887

Local Publicity Value: \$2,755.50

7/12 Good Morning Oklahoma at 6:05 a.m., Oklahoma Transportation Commission approving 3 proposed routes. [Link](#)

Viewership: 8,326

Local Publicity Value: \$1,216.47

7/12 News on 6 Morning Update at 5:33 a.m., State department of transportation approves 3 routes. [Link](#)

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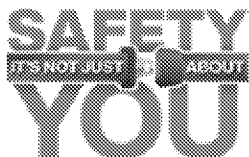
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July 12, 2022

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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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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!



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

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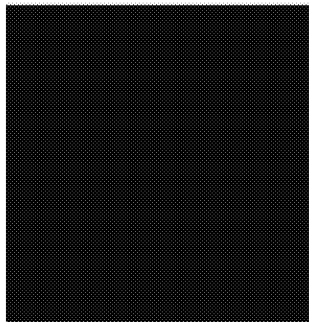


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If you would like to call or write Mr. Grimsley to say thanks his number is 405-514-7365 and address is P.O. Box 421, Calera, OK 74730. – Transportation Commissioner James Grimsley (district 2) spoke at the ODOT/OTA meeting today (7/11/22) and reminded 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

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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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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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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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Dave Moore Yes, this is that portion.

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Typical of eminent domain scams. They take the land usually more than they need then hold on to till the value has been driven up exponentially and then they sell it. They used eminent domain for a Wal-Mart in Alabama before I moved they took an entire farm but used 5 acres or so and Wal-Mart ended up selling the rest at a very good profit. It's not the first place it was done and certainly not the last. But nobody cares until it's their home or their land. That's the problem.

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They assume, falsely, that most people want to trade farm, pastureland and wildlife for cement. It destroys the natural beauty everywhere it goes.

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These people need to go!!

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Almost posted an angry face, but don't want to make FB think I'm angry with the group or whatever their stupid algorithm does with angry faces.



Sheryl Hoggatt

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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.

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Good morning Ward 5!

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



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My husband thinks it may be a traffic counter

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Pawn shop material

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Dawn Goldsmith

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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 ???



OTC approves turnpike plans

New routes advance
despite concerns

Steve Lackmeyer

The Oklahoman

USA TODAY NETWORK

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State House, Senate to scrutinize OTA

BY JANICE FRANCIS SMITH
The Journal Record

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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,

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Norman and several counties south of Oklahoma City that would be impacted by the turnpike plan.

Dr. Amy Cerato, a civil engineer at the University of Oklahoma, delivered a written analysis of traffic patterns, route alternatives and upcoming projects that she said would relieve congestion on Interstate 35.

She argued the state ignored past transportation studies, exaggerated measurements and isn't adhering to the Law of Induced Demand with the turnpike plan.

District 2 Commissioner James L. Grimsley cast the lone "no" vote in the 7-3 decision to approve the proposed toll money at the meeting.

He sided with Cerato, whom he said is qualified enough to testify as an expert witness in a court of law.

"Her opinion and comments resonate with me very much because it matches my own observations," Grimsley said. "I don't think it's a tenable future where we build highways with really no limits on that, because we're running \$20-\$40 million a mile. That's not sustainable, and then we have to have around and maintain those."

At the top of Grimsley's concerns were residents, whose private property rights "weighed more" than any other issue.

"The most important thing is, as a member of this commission, we represent the public," Grimsley said. "We do not represent ODOT. We represent and protect the interest of the public, and one of the strong values I brought with me is property rights. I do believe in the

sanctity of private property rights, and I also believe that something like eminent domain should be exceedingly difficult for the government. It is not something we should speed up."

OTA spokeswoman Brenda Perry said the vote was necessary because those routes will intersect with some state highway systems.

It was a routine decision that left residents who attended the meeting in tears.

"At least one person had the courage to actually take the time to understand the situation and learn something, become educated and speak up," Linda Barry said on the choked back tears. "It's painful that there's so much control in a hand, but of appointed people that make decisions that are obviously not qualified. They're so stupid about it."

Barry added that she and her husband will likely lose a portion of their property, which she fears will mean the property value will plummet. Barry worries the market value will drop.

"We're never going to be able to sell our house," Barry said. "We're stuck there forever. Everything we worked our whole lives for. It would be different if it was justified ... fair compensation doesn't mean, take my property I've worked for 30 years, spent my life paying off so we can have that safety net. Now I can't sell it for what it was worth. I promise you, the value is not going to go up."

Linda Henshous said she opposes the turnpike plan because it would take property from friends of hers and it would change the nature of lands that are home to wildlife.

"Nature means a lot to me," she said. "It's a violation of civil rights, as far as I'm concerned. The idea that some of our own people can come in and take away our homes from

our families? It's not a junk land."

Cerato's argument

Cerato argued in a packet delivered to the commission last week that state transportation officials have ignored a 2000 report on U.S. Highway 66.

She stated that more trucks use the highway to avoid I-35 from Texas through Durant to save 70 miles.

"The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1990 specifically authorized the highway be upgraded and made a part of the interstate highway system," Cerato wrote. "In 1996, the Oklahoma Transportation Authority (formerly and currently the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority) spent \$195K on a preliminary study of the highway to determine if a parallel tollway, upgrading the existing highway as a state-supported road or building toll lanes alongside the existing state highway fit would be the most feasible."

Cerato alleged an upcoming federal highway project, "Ports to Plains Corridor," would divert truck traffic and span from Mexico-Laredo, Texas, and Lubbock through the Oklahoma panhandle to Canada.

"We do not need turnpikes to displace hundreds of Oklahomans when the Federal Government is funding the expansion of an existing corridor that will better serve traffic needs," Cerato wrote.

ODOT Chief Engineer Brian Taylor told the commission the federal project will be decades down the road before it's built and that the distance from Oklahoma City — 250 miles west — will not significantly impact traffic on I-35.

The Transcript requested a copy of the report on U.S. 66 following the commission meeting, but Trans-

portation Secretary Tim Gutz told The Transcript he could not speak in the report.

"I've looked at a lot of reports. I don't know that I could speak to any issue in that," he said.

Gutz said while studies on the loop system go back to the 1960s, the most recent report to support the east Norman toll road, or Outer Loop, is from 2006.

During a press conference, Gutz said he witnessed the Ports to Plains project, and numerous others such as improvements to U.S. 66, emerging rapid bus transit and further commuter rail to solve the traffic congestion problems in the state. Freight traffic is increasing on I-35 and other highways across the state, he said.

"I think there is no [one] magic bullet that's going to solve the traffic problems we're going to experience going forward," Gutz said. "I think it is in any 'all of the above' approach."

Cerato also took aim at

traffic models ODOT and OTA have used to justify the toll road in her report. She provided graphs and a detailed model that challenged the agencies' assumptions as "significantly exaggerated."

District 3 Commissioner Robert Peterson asked Taylor about Cerato's traffic analysis, which claimed transportation engineers "way over estimated" congestion.

Taylor told the commission he had complete confidence in the presentation he made last month.

"That data that we use is public data, off an open and transparent system that the public uses," Taylor said. "It's our most accurate information."

He said calculations were done according to the Highway Capacity Manual, "the authority on all matters capacity related."

Gutz later told a room full of reporters of his confidence in his staff's ability to make decisions based on traffic projections that are

"unfathomable."

"I'll tell you that they've considered all the things that I think are necessary and again, I've got confidence in the recommendations that they're bringing forward in light of all the different studies," he said.

Cerato also argued transportation engineers have failed to adhere to the Law of Induced Demand and the practice of managing congestion rather than building additional highway systems. The theory is widely accepted and used to increase congestion controls like toll lanes added to or built on existing highway systems to direct congested lanes.

High occupancy toll lanes are installed and drivers digitally tolled a higher or lower rate depending on congestion.

Taylor said the solution is toll roads.

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CORRECTION

Single-family residence construction has risen in Norman over the years, but developers are deterred from building due to construction fees. This was misstated in an article on A1 in the Sunday edition.

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OKC has big stake in franchise businesses



This Sonic Drive-In in Oklahoma City is one of more than 3,500 franchise locations the Oklahoma City-based company has in 46 states. AP PHOTO/SCOTT DODD

BY KATHRYN MCNUTT
The Journal Record

Franchise opportunities are available in Oklahoma for auto painting and transmission shops, soul food and sushi restaurants, janitorial and early childhood services, and fitness studios, just to name a few.

Roughly 3% of U.S. businesses with employees are franchises, according to a new LeadingFree analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data. Among the top 50 metro areas with at least 529 franchises, Oklahoma City ranks 11th for the highest share at 7.4%.

Topping the list is El Paso, Texas, where 11.2% of businesses are franchises. That's more than double the national average. Texas and the southeastern U.S. dominate the top 10, while East Coast and West Coast cities make up a good portion at the bottom. San Diego and New York City have the lowest rates of

franchise ownership at 3.2% each.

Hospitality is the dominant industry, with 19.7% of accommodation and food-service businesses being partially or wholly owned as franchises, the report shows.

Hotels and restaurants with a long, proven track record are recognized as having a high rate of return. Accommodation and food service was one of the top five industries that contributed to gross domestic product growth in 2007, the report points out.

Rounding out the top five industries are educational services, 12.4%; computer and enterprise management, 11.3%; arts, entertainment and recreation, 8.5%; and retail trade, 8.4%.

"One of the advantages of buying a franchise is that the name, track record and reputation of the

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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. COURTESY/OKTAPPE OF OTA

State House, Senate to scrutinize OTA

BY JANICE FRANCIS-SMITH
The Journal Record

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 will hold 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. Darmy Sterling, R-Tucuman, is heading up an interim study reviewing the current procedures and design of the OTA.

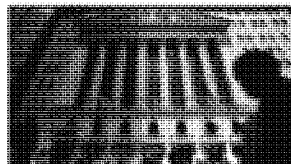
The study will examine "the current process of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, including, acquisition of property in the proposed paths of the turnpikes, the criteria used in determining the projected future routes, financial procedures, selection process of the OTA Board Members, etc."

State Sen. Bob Stansdridge, 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,

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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.

At the start of the legislative session in February, OTA and Gov. Kevin Stitt an-

nounced a new \$5 billion, 15-year, long-range plan for OTA. The South Extension is included in upcoming projects for the ACCESS Oklahoma program.

Members of Pike Oil 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-Nowman, 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.

Senate'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 Michael Bergstrom. H-Adair Bergstrom's study is entitled, "Oklahoma Turnpike Authority: What it is and what it is not."

Commission approves turnpikes



Max Bryan / The Oklahoman

Oklahoma Transportation commissioners are seen before a meeting Monday to vote on the state's proposed turnpike expansion at the Oklahoma Department of Transportation headquarters.

Lone dissenter sides with Cerato

By Mindy Ragon Wood
Times Staff Writer

The Oklahoma Transportation Commission voted to approve the state Turnpike Authority's plan to expand toll roads Monday, save for one commissioner who dissented based on a road engineer's analysis.

CETA plans to construct two toll roads in Norman: one in the Lake Eucha district Watershed from Interstate 40 to Percell and another to run along Indian Hills Road to connect to I-40.

The authority's engineers and those on staff at the Oklahoma Department of Transportation have said growing population and heavy truck traffic mean that increasing the number of toll roads is imperative for public safety on highways and interstates.

The commission voted Monday, despite the fact that the Elmer J. Owens commission seat had not been permanently filled.

The seat, left open by U.S. Senator and Sen. Tim Sheehy, according to



Max Bryan / The Oklahoman

Debbie Shickler, of Norman, holds a protest sign ahead of an Oklahoma Transportation Commission meeting Monday at a state Department of Transportation meeting.

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Commission approves turnpikes



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Oklahoma Transportation Commission may soon approve a meeting, Monday, to vote on the state's proposed turnpike expansion in the Oklahoma Department of Transportation headquarters.

Lone dissenter sides with Cerrato

By Mandy Kagan-Wood
Transcript Staff Writer

The Oklahoma Transportation Commission voted to approve the state Turnpike Authority's plan to expand toll roads Monday, with one dissenter.

For one commissioner who dissented based on a civil engineer's analysis.

OTA plans to construct four toll roads in Norman and one in the Lake Mead National Watershed. The roads are to be built and operated by toll along Indian Hills Road to connect to I-40.

The authority's engineers and those on staff at the Oklahoma Department of Transportation have said tolling roads will increase revenue to fund highway and transit.

The commission voted Monday, despite the fact that the state's 11 commissioners are split 10-1 on the issue.

The vote, held open by U.S. Senator Tommy Tuberville, was 10-1.

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Clemency hearings set for six death row inmates

By Derrick Jones
Oklahoma State Journalist

OKLAHOMA ... The Oklahoma Board of Pardons and Parole Board announced Monday that it has scheduled clemency hearings for six death row inmates later this week.

The scheduling comes after the U.S. District Court of Criminal Appeals set aside the state's death row inmates on the first of a three-phase schedule starting through 2025.

The board set dates for death row inmates James C. Cunningham, Richard

Glenn, Benjamin Lee, Richard Fairchild, John Thomas, and Scott Starnes.

Oklahoma law requires clemency hearings for death row inmates to be scheduled 11 calendar days before the scheduled execution date.

The first clemency hearing will be held July 28 for Cunningham, who was set to be executed Aug. 25.

Cunningham was convicted and sentenced to death in the March 1997 killing of Alan Hale.

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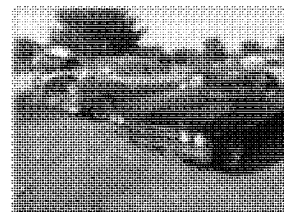


Photo: Facebook

Two classic cars are shown at a previous Car Club car show. The show will return July 23 to Andrews Hall.

Car club to host show benefiting Food & Shelter

By Jeff Elkins
Transcript Staff Writer

Norman residents can help a local nonprofit pay for new homes for the homeless by attending the car show.

The Norman Car Club will host a car show on Saturday, July 23, at Andrews Hall, 211 W. Grove St.

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enter their car, which is now being shown at the car show.

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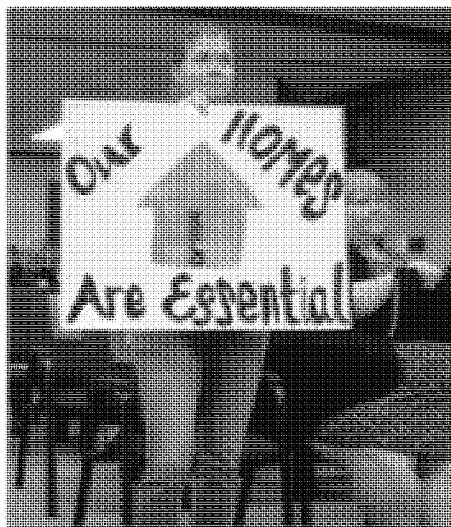


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Oklahoma Department of Transportation, built a poster sign ahead of an Oklahoma Transportation Commission meeting, Monday, to state Department of Transportation meeting.

Discrimination poses challenges for both tenants, homeowners

By Karen Lawrence
Oklahoma State Journalist

FAIRHOUSING ... Many Oklahomans face challenges when leasing homes or entering into home agreements, and the situation doesn't seem to be improving anytime soon.

Home ownership of the population rose by 10 percent in 2021, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. But the increase in home ownership is not reflected in the housing market.

experienced two-year rent increases. This analysis suggests that rent increases are not universal.

For Oklahoma, Chaudhury found that of 807,103 rental occupied households, 1.36 percent were occupied by members of the racial and ethnic groups.

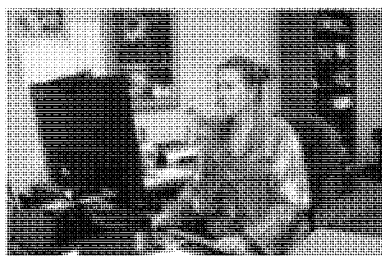
While Chaudhury said that it is difficult to see how white households, since there is relatively little research on the housing of white households, he concluded that

housing issues for these groups are complex.

"The study shows that there are complex issues with housing for people of color," said Chaudhury. "There is a need for more research on housing issues for people of color."

The Fair Housing Act gives people the right to live in their homes without being discriminated against on the basis of race, color, or ethnicity.

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Oklahoma Legal Aid Services provides free legal services to eligible people. Staff attorney Lori Elkins works about 100 hours a week.

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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.

Earned Media

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7/12 The Bond Buyer, Financing team set, approval sought for Oklahoma Turnpike bonds <https://bit.ly/3nXM2ix>

7/12 The Claremore Daily Progress, Transportation commission approves turnpike plans <https://bit.ly/3cbfkxd>

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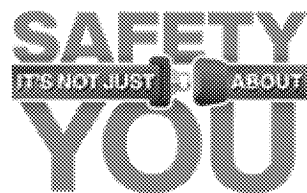
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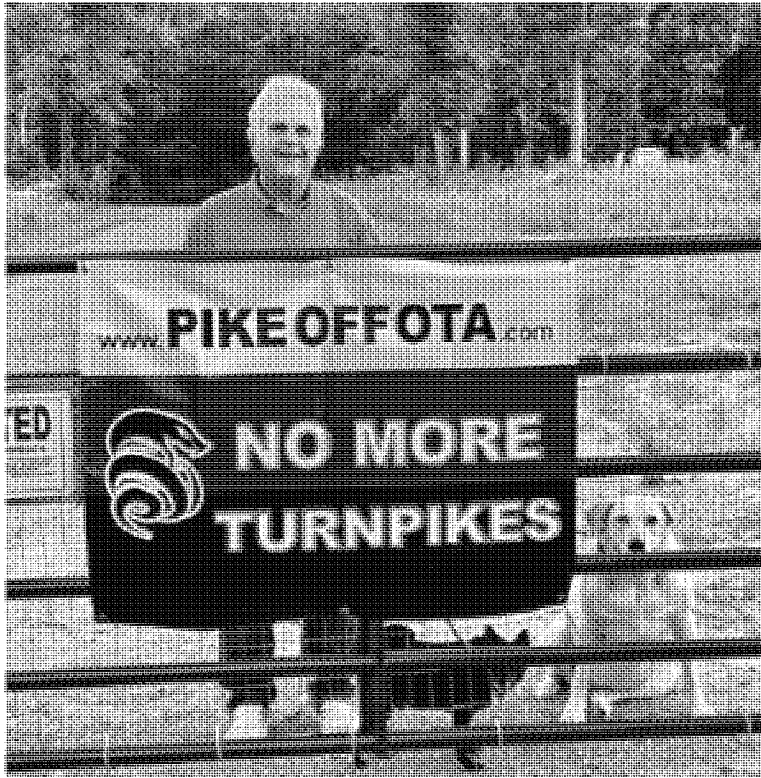




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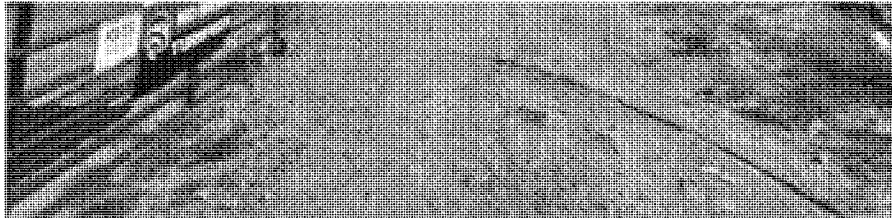
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Saturday, July 16th, Joy Hofmeister will be meeting with Norman residents in their homes along the proposed turnpike's path. That evening, you're invited to visit with Joy at our farm in Newalla (19440 SE 104th. 74857). Randy Carter will provide a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



PIKE OFF OTA

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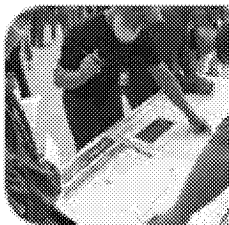


Dave Moore Author

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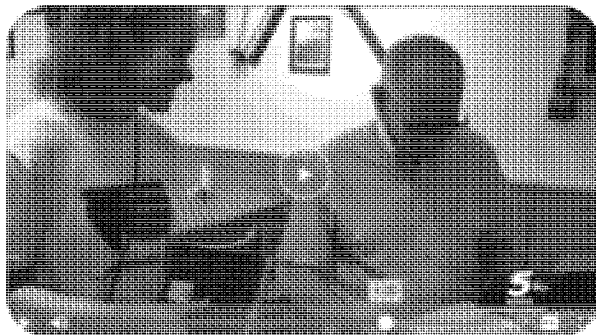
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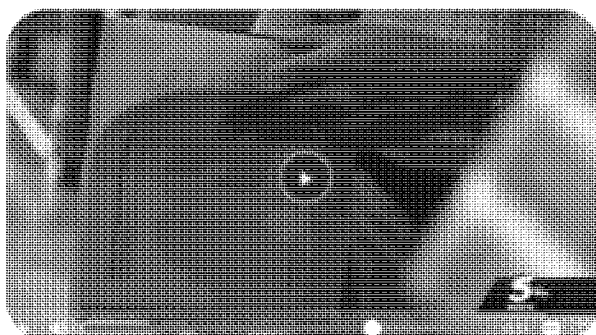
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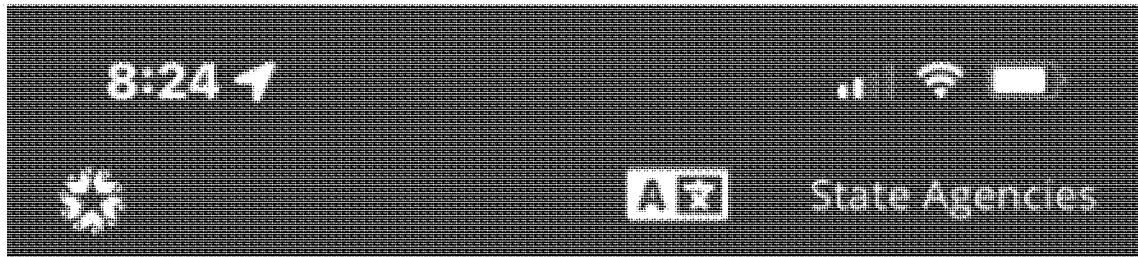
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So this just came out today in Bond Buyer. Not sure what it means.

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 mybe another widening or maintenance project. There are a number of reasons I wi 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.

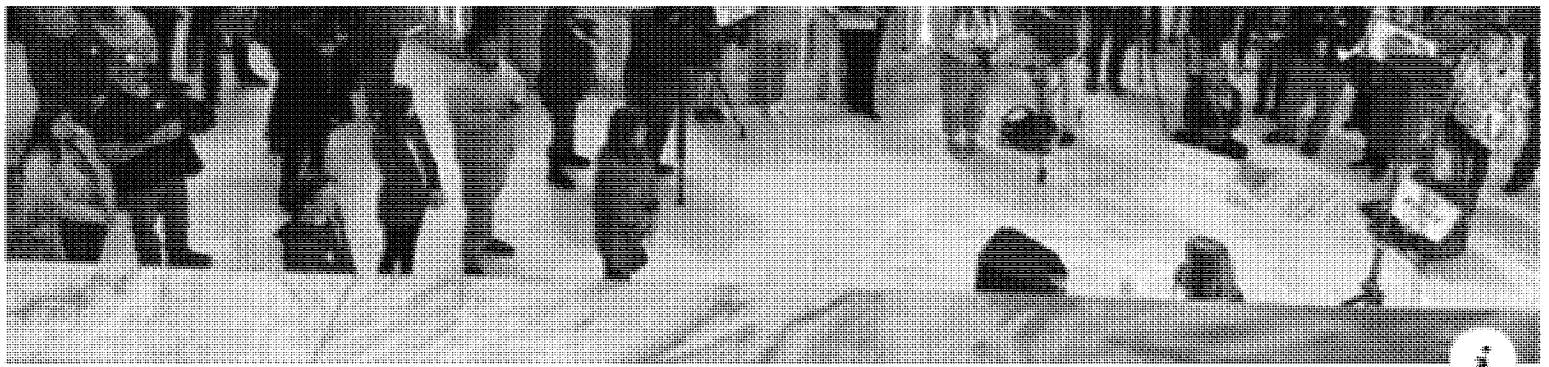
Standridge's Senate Bill 1610 stalled in a conference committee during the last weeks of session and did not make it into law. The measure would have required the OTA to provide a detailed report on a planned turnpike extension through eastern Norman. SB 1610 would have allowed the Legislature to "modify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

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July 11 at 3:15 PM · 🌐

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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To: glove@██████████; Dana Weber [dweber@██████████m]; jtitsworth7@██████████; John Jones [jjones@██████████t]; toddcone@██████████n; Berry, Will L [will.dcbass@██████████]; elair@██████████; Carly Atchison [carly.atchison@gov.ok.gov]; Kate Vesper [kate.vesper@gov.ok.gov]
CC: Tim Gatz - Pikepass [tgatz@pikepass.com]; Joe Echelle [jechelle@pikepass.com]
Subject: OTA weekly binder
Attachments: 7.10 to 7.16 binder.pdf

Thank you,
Jessica

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

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 though 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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CC: Gatz, Tim [tgatz@pikepass.com]; Echelle, Joe [jechelle@pikepass.com]
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.

Earned Media

7/24 Fox 25 Online, Here is what you can expect from the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority's July meeting. <https://bit.ly/3S1xWvq>

7/23 OU Daily, Norman City Council outlines goals for upcoming year during 2-day retreat. <https://bit.ly/3z16Dsg>

7/26 KQCW News on 6 at 8:10 a.m., OTA board to meet today. [Link](#)
Viewership: 15,482
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7/26 KQCW News on 6 at 7:06 a.m., OTA board to meet today. [Link](#)
Viewership: 15,482
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7/26 KOKH Good Day Oklahoma at 7:16 a.m., OTA holding monthly board meeting. [Link](#)
Viewership: 8,265
Ad Value: \$426.96

7/26 KAUT Rise and Shine at 7:07 a.m., Expanding cashless tolling. [Link](#)
Viewership: 6,479
Ad Value: \$529.20

7/26 KOKH Good Day Oklahoma at 7:04 a.m., OTA holding monthly board meeting. [Link](#)
Viewership: 8,265
Ad Value: \$1,280.88

7/26 KFOR News 4 at 6:56 a.m., Expanding cashless tolling. [Link](#)
Viewership: 12,698
Ad Value: \$1,759.32

7/26 KWTU News 9 at 6:45 a.m., OTA meeting today. [Link](#)
Viewership: 36,728
Local Publicity Value: \$4,101.84

7/26 KQCW News on 6 at 6:15 a.m., OTA board to meet today. [Link](#)
Viewership: 26,449
Ad Value: \$1,076.86

7/26 KFOR News 4 at 6:04 a.m., OTA voting to expand "cashless tolling" across Oklahoma. [Link](#)
Viewership: 12,698
Ad Value: \$1,759.32

7/26 KTUL News 8 at 6:05 a.m., OTA monthly board meeting. [Link](#)
Viewership: 5,140
Ad Value: \$174.57

7/26 KOKH Good Day Oklahoma at 6:03 a.m., Turnpike authority meeting. [Link](#)
Viewership: 6,693
Ad Value: \$954.72

7/26 KFOR News 4 at 5:42 a.m., OTA voting to expand "cashless tolling" across Oklahoma. [Link](#)
Viewership: 18,408
Ad Value: \$2,192.40

7/26 KWTU News 9 at 5:36 a.m., OTA meeting today. [Link](#)
Viewership: 33,134
Ad Value: \$3,691.44

7/26 KFOR News 4 at 5:33 a.m., Turnpike Authority to consider contracts for access Oklahoma projects. [Link](#)
Viewership: 18,408
Ad Value: \$730.80

7/26 KOTV News on 6 at 5:05 a.m., OTA board meeting today. [Link](#)

Viewership: 10,857
Ad Value: \$328.21

7/26 KWTW News 9 at 4:37 a.m., OTA meeting today. [Link](#)
Viewership: 10,184
Ad Value: \$444.60

7/26 KFOR News 4 at 4:36 a.m., Turnpike Authority to consider contracts for access Oklahoma projects. [Link](#)
Viewership: 1,604
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7/26 KOTV News on 6 at 4:34 a.m., OTA board meeting today. [Link](#)
Viewership: 8,247
Local Publicity Value: \$350.75

7/25 KFOR News 4 at 9:07 p.m., Turnpike Authority to consider contracts for access Oklahoma projects. [Link](#)
Viewership: 2,625
Ad Value: \$666.90

7/25 KFOR News 4 at 6:34 p.m., Turnpike Authority to consider contracts for access Oklahoma projects. [Link](#)
Viewership: 22,044
Ad Value: \$2,559.48

7/25 KFOR News 4 at 5:05 p.m., Turnpike Authority to consider contracts for access Oklahoma projects. [Link](#)
Viewership: 21,226
Ad Value: \$2,322.60

Thank you,
Jessica

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Corson Hirschfeld Legacy

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I did a quick read through of the OTA agenda for tomorrow's meeting, which includes a mid year financial report. Found some interesting nuggets.

Nugget #1: They have already spent over \$150,000 on public relations this year (and everyone still hates them). Think of the cost savings if they just tried not being jerks.

Nugget #2: They are increasing tolls on the Chickasaw like they did on the Bailey, again without actually saying so. There is a chart with "plate pay" rates that just happen to be higher than the previous rates.

Nugget #3: This one gives me some joy. They had to pay \$40000 in legal fees and \$35000 in bank fees to Wells Fargo for terminating the Line of Credit last month. Too bad, so sad.

EXHIBIT A

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Law Turnpike
Pay Rates

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Proposed Plate Pay Rates					
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ie Plaza	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.70	\$ 3.35	\$ 5.45	

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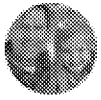
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CHICKASAW TURNPIKE

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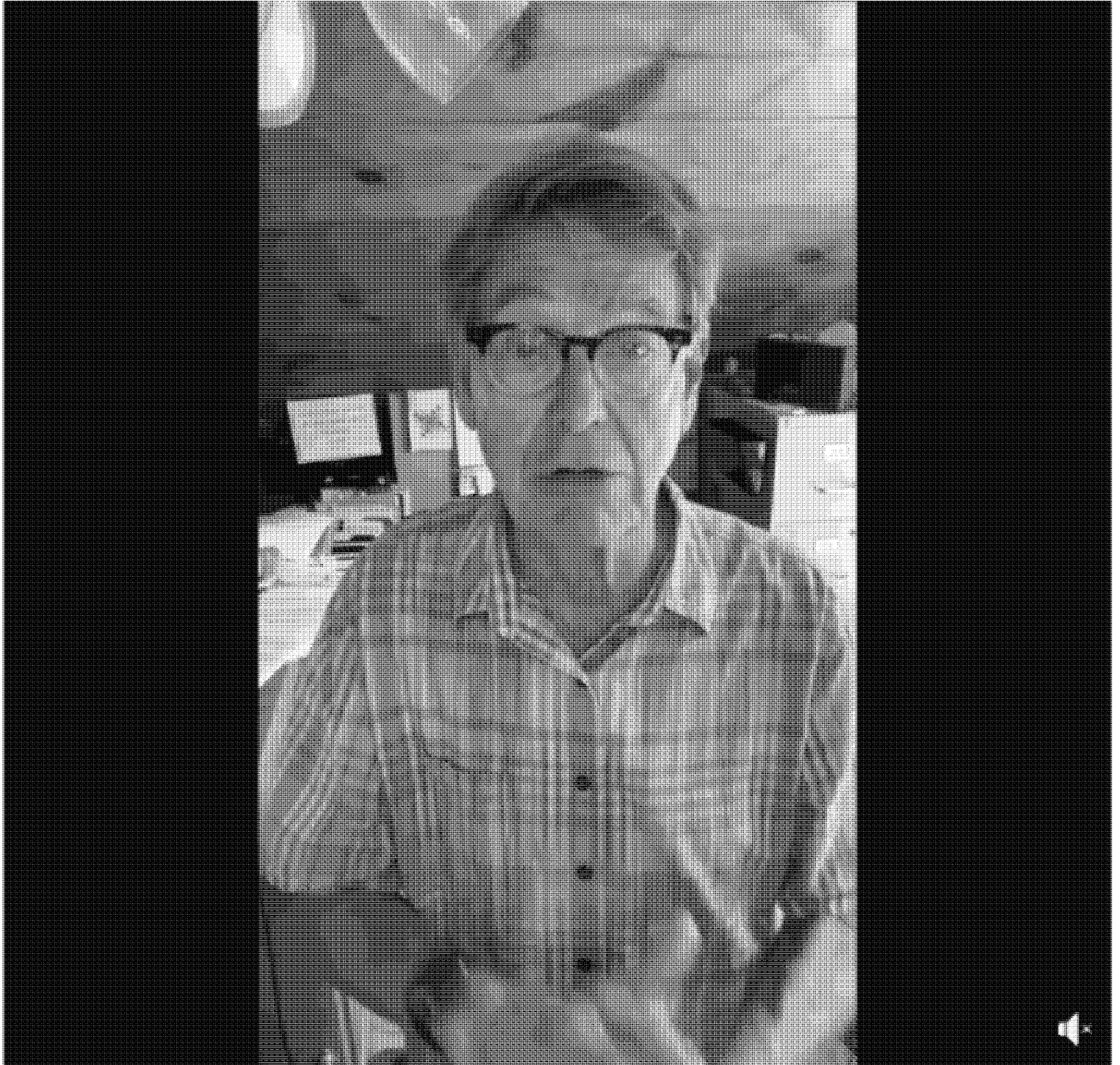
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Randy A Carter was live.

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Shannon Ozment Martin

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Carroll 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 riads that will neverbe 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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Norman City Council outlines goals for upcoming year during 2-day retreat

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

A Jaye Watson Crayton the cases were sent to Ardmore for Judge assignment, however the cases will still be heard in Cleveland county. An emergency motion was filed by Stan last week in the open meeting violation matter.

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A Jaye Watson Crayton
Teresa Elam ok good.

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A Jaye Watson Crayton

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From: Jessica Brown [jessicabrown1967@yahoo.com]
Sent: 7/27/2022 6:27:34 PM
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

For background info on turnpikes.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Jessica Brown <JLBrown@odot.org>
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Yellow = Turnpike or exit fully/partially built
Blue = Turnpike not built/equivalent ODOT route

Oklahoma Turnpike routes authorized in state statute Title 69-1705

(Statute “e”) To construct, maintain, repair and operate turnpike projects and highways, with their access and connecting roads, at such locations and on such routes as it shall determine to be feasible and economically sound; provided, that until specifically authorized by the Legislature, the Authority shall be authorized to construct and operate toll turnpikes only at the following locations:

- (1) The Turner Turnpike between Oklahoma City and Tulsa. **Turner Turnpike/I-44**
- (2) The Southwestern (H.E. Bailey) Turnpike between Oklahoma City and Wichita Falls, Texas. **H.E. Bailey Turnpike/I-44**
- (3) The Northeastern (Will Rogers) Turnpike between Tulsa and Joplin, Missouri. **Will Rogers Turnpike/I-44**
- (4) The Eastern (Indian Nation) Turnpike between Tulsa and Paris, Texas, including all or any part thereof between McAlester and the Red River south of Hugo. **Indian Nation Turnpike/SH-375**
- (5) The Cimarron Turnpike between Tulsa and Interstate Highway 35 north of Perry, including a connection to Stillwater. **Cimarron Turnpike/US-412, including Stillwater Spur/SH-312**
- (6) The Muskogee Turnpike between Broken Arrow and Interstate Highway 40 west of Webbers Falls. **Muskogee Turnpike/SH-351**
- (7) All or any part of an extension of the Muskogee Turnpike, beginning at a point on Interstate Highway 40 near the present south terminus of the Muskogee Turnpike, and extending in a southeasterly direction on an alignment near Stigler, Poteau and Heavener to the vicinity of the Arkansas State Line to furnish access to Hot Springs, Texarkana, Shreveport and New Orleans. **Unbuilt – US-59 parallels most of corridor (section is not feasible)**
- (8) A tollgate on the Turner Turnpike in the vicinity of Luther, Oklahoma (**Hogback Road Exit, mm 146**), and in the vicinity of the intersection of State Highway 33 and Turner Turnpike in Creek County (**remodel of the Kellyville Exit**), Oklahoma, or in the vicinity of the intersection of State Highway 33 and Turner Turnpike or U.S. Highway 66

in Creek County (**New interchange where 66 crosses the Turner Turnpike between Bristow and Kellyville exits**), Oklahoma, from any monies available to the Authority.

(9) Add on the Will Rogers Turnpike a northbound automatic tollgate onto State Highway 28 and a southbound on-ramp from State Highway 28. **Will Rogers Turnpike/I-44 mm 269 (Adair interchange)**

(10) A turnpike or any part or parts thereof beginning in the vicinity of Duncan extending east to the vicinity of the City of Davis, and extending in a northeasterly direction, by way of the vicinity of the City of Ada, to a connection in the vicinity of Henryetta or in the vicinity of the intersection of State Highway 48 and Interstate 40; and a turnpike or any part or parts thereof from the vicinity of Snyder extending north to the vicinity of Woodward. **Chickasaw Turnpike/SH-7/US-377; US-183**

(11) A turnpike or any part or parts thereof beginning at a point in the vicinity of Ponca City, or at a point on the Kansas-Oklahoma state boundary line east of the Arkansas River and west of the point where Oklahoma State Highway No. 18 intersects said state boundary line, and extending in a southeasterly direction to a connection with the Tulsa Urban Expressway System in the general area of the Port of Catoosa. **Unbuilt (ODOT already has a low volume highway in this area)** Not a Feasible Turnpike.

(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. **I-235/I-40/I-44** Not a feasible turnpike.

(13) A turnpike (The Industrial Parkway) or any part or parts thereof beginning at a point on the Oklahoma-Kansas state boundary line between the point where U.S. Highway 66 intersects the boundary line and the northeast corner of Oklahoma and ending by means of a connection or connections with Shreveport, Louisiana, and Houston, Texas, in southeastern Oklahoma and at no point to exceed thirty (30) miles west of the Missouri or Arkansas border. **US-59/US-259** Not a feasible Turnpike

(14) A turnpike or any part or parts thereof beginning in the vicinity of Velma or County Line to a point intersecting with Interstate 35 in the area south of Davis. **SH-7** Not a feasible Turnpike

(15) A turnpike or any part or parts thereof beginning in the vicinity of Watonga and extending south and/or east to the vicinity of north and/or west Oklahoma City. **SH-3/US-81 OR US-270/I-40** Not a feasible Turnpike

(16) A tollgate on the Will Rogers Turnpike near the intersection of State Highway 137 and the Will Rogers Turnpike, located south of Quapaw. **Unbuilt interchange, which would be onto county road**

(17) A tollgate on the Muskogee Turnpike in the vicinity of Porter (**Porter Interchange, mm 19**), Oklahoma, a tollgate on the Will Rogers Turnpike in the vicinity of Adair (**Adair interchange, mm 269**), Oklahoma, a tollgate on the Turner Turnpike in the vicinity of Luther, Oklahoma (**Hogback Road Interchange, mm 146**), and a tollgate on the H.E. Bailey Turnpike at Elgin, Oklahoma (**Elgin Interchange, mm 53**), from any monies available to the Authority. **Muskogee Turnpike/SH-351 mm 19; Will Rogers Turnpike/I-44 mm 269; Turner Turnpike/I-44 mm 146; H.E. Bailey Turnpike/I-44 mm 53**

(18) A tollgate on the Turner Turnpike in the vicinity of Wellston, Oklahoma, from any monies available to the Authority. **Turner Turnpike/I-44 mm 158 (Wellston Interchange)**

(19) A tollgate on the Muskogee Turnpike in the vicinity of Brushy Mountain, Oklahoma, and in the vicinity of Elm Grove, Oklahoma, from any monies available to the Authority. **Unbuilt Not a feasible at this time.**

(20) All or any part of an Oklahoma City Outer Loop expressway system beginning in the vicinity of I-35 and the Turner Turnpike and extending west into Canadian County and then south to I-40 (**John Kilpatrick Turnpike, built in 1992 and 2001**); and then south and east to I-35 in the vicinity of Moore and Norman (**John Kilpatrick Turnpike, extended to SH-152/Airport Rd.**); and then extending east and north to I-40 east of Tinker Field; and then extending north to the Turner Turnpike (**Kickapoo Turnpike**) to complete the Outer Loop. **(southeastern section of loop unbuilt)**

(21) All or any part of the Tulsa south bypass expressway system beginning in the vicinity of the Turner Turnpike near Sapulpa and extending south and east to U.S. 75 in the vicinity of 96th Street to 121st Street; and then east across the Arkansas River to a connection with the Mingo Valley Expressway; and then south and/or east to a point on the Tulsa-Wagoner County Line near 131st street south in the city of Broken Arrow. **Creek Turnpike**

(22) A new turnpike or any part thereof from near the west gate of the Will Rogers Turnpike south to the west end of south Tulsa Turnpike at the Tulsa-Wagoner County Line. **Creek Turnpike**

(23) A new turnpike or any parts thereof from the vicinity of the connection between State Highway 33 and U.S. 69 easterly to the Arkansas State Line. **Cherokee Turnpike/US-412**

(24) A four-lane extension of the Muskogee Turnpike from Interstate Highway 40 west of Webbers Falls to the Poteau vicinity. **US-59 Not a feasible Turnpike**

(25) A new turnpike or any part or parts thereof beginning at a point in the vicinity of northwest Tulsa, and extending in a northwesterly direction, by means of a connection or connections with the cities of Pawhuska and Newkirk, to a point intersecting in the

vicinity of US Highway No. 77 and the Kansas State Line. **Unbuilt (ODOT has some highways that serve this area)** Not a feasible Turnpike

(26) A full access interchange on the Indian Nation Turnpike south of Interstate 40, in the vicinity of Henryetta, Oklahoma, and in the vicinity of the proposed theme park, museum or an industrial facility which qualifies for the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act, from any monies available to the Authority. **Unbuilt interchange** Not a feasible interchange

(27) A new turnpike beginning at a point directly west of the Arkansas line and four-laning Highway 70 from that point to the farthest western reach of Highway 70 creating a southern route through Oklahoma. **US-70** Not a feasible Turnpike

(28) A new turnpike and bridge or any parts thereof from a point in the vicinity of the city of Mustang southerly across the South Canadian River to the H.E. Bailey Turnpike in the vicinity of the city of Tuttle; and then easterly across the South Canadian River to a point in the vicinity of the city of Norman. **HE Bailey Spur/SH-9 and SH-4**

(29) A new turnpike or any parts thereof beginning at a point in the vicinity of the city of Altus and extending in a northwesterly direction to a point in the vicinity of the city of Sayre. **US-283** Not a feasible Turnpike

(30) A new turnpike or any parts thereof beginning at a point in the vicinity of the city of Enid and extending in a westerly direction to a point in the vicinity of the city of Woodward. **US-412**

(31) An on- and off-ramp or any parts thereof at Fletcher, Oklahoma, in the vicinity of the Interstate 44 and State Highway 277 intersection. Any existing on- or off-ramp or any parts thereof in the vicinity of Fletcher, Oklahoma, shall not be removed and shall be maintained pursuant to Section 1701 et seq. of this title. **Unbuilt interchange**

(32) A new bridge crossing the Arkansas River between South Delaware Avenue and Memorial Drive in Tulsa County. This project shall commence upon a determination by the Oklahoma Transportation Authority that such bridge shall be self-sufficient at some point over a thirty-year time period from the toll charges associated with the bridge project. **Unbuilt bridge** Not a feasible Turnpike bridge

(33) An exit ramp or any parts thereof from the eastbound lane of the Turner Turnpike at 96th Street in Tulsa. **(Partial Interchange at West 96th Street South, West Hilton Road, and Ridgeview Street)**

(34) An on- and off-ramp or any parts thereof on the Cimarron Turnpike in the vicinity of the northside of the Glencoe, Oklahoma, municipal limits. **Unbuilt interchange**

(35) A new turnpike or any parts thereof beginning at Interstate 44 at or near its intersection with 49th West Avenue, past State Highway 64/**412 (Gilcrease**

Expressway, currently under construction), turning northeasterly, crossing 41st West Avenue, and continuing eastward to the L.L. Tisdale Expressway in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

All access roads, interchanges, or lead roads connecting such turnpikes with existing highways must be built by funds furnished by the Authority. Any new interchanges Refer to section 'e'.

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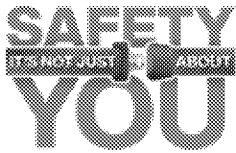
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Best,
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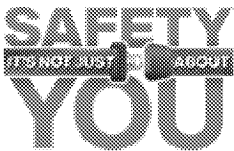
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Social Listening

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Pike Off OTA on KFOR Flash Point this Sunday

- 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.

Misc.

- 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.

Earned Media

7/28 Good Day Oklahoma at 8:32 a.m., Cashless Tolling <https://bit.ly/3ScjQYj>

Viewership: 11,081

Ad Value: \$573.84

7/28 KOCO 5 News at 9:07 a.m., PlatePay conversions <https://bit.ly/3cIWvwV>

Viewership: 8,402

Ad Value: \$450.73

7/28 KFOR News 4 at 12:07 p.m., OTA starting property surveys & cashless tolling <https://bit.ly/3zFZX4B>

Viewership: 2,105

Ad Value: \$78.83

7/28 KOCO 5 News at 6:09 p.m., PlatePay conversions <https://bit.ly/3oWIkZn>

Viewership: 40,607

Ad Value: \$1,798.44

7/28 KFOR News Youtube, OTA wants to look at properties in path of planned turnpike <https://bit.ly/3zDVEqr>

7/28 Public Radio Tulsa, Cashless tolling planned for all Oklahoma turnpikes by 2024 <https://bit.ly/3PleWAs>

7/28 The Bond Buyer, Oklahoma Turnpike extension opponents lay out case against bonds <https://bit.ly/3blrVcl>

7/29 The Norman Transcript Online, Attorneys accuse OTA of dodging discovery in lawsuits <https://bit.ly/3PYij5W>

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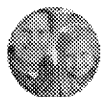
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Randy A Carter

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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.

[#ProQuest document link](#)

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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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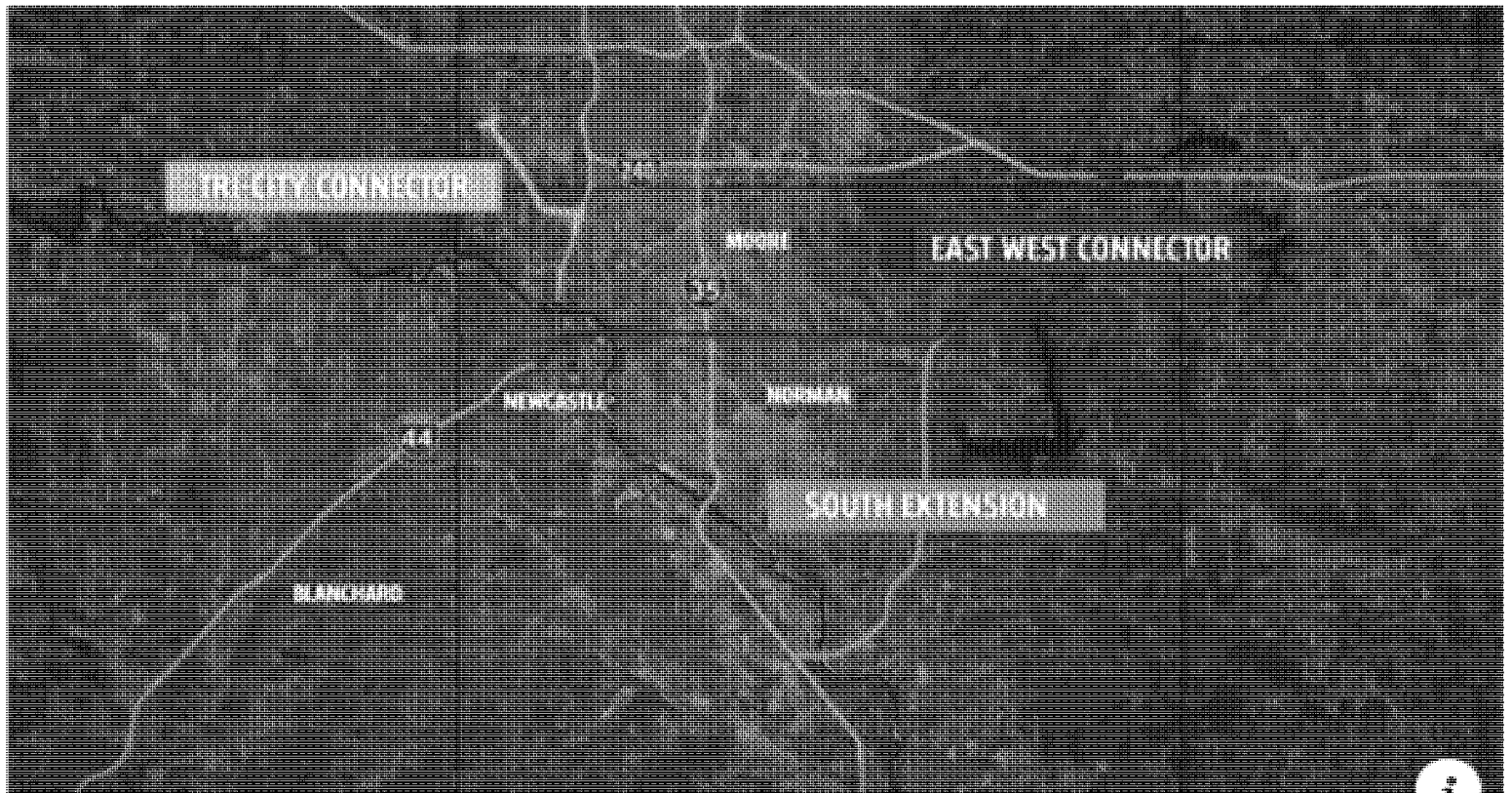


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Trudy Conners

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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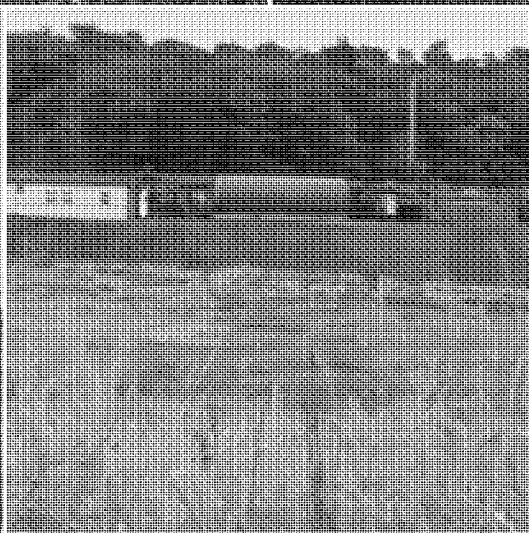
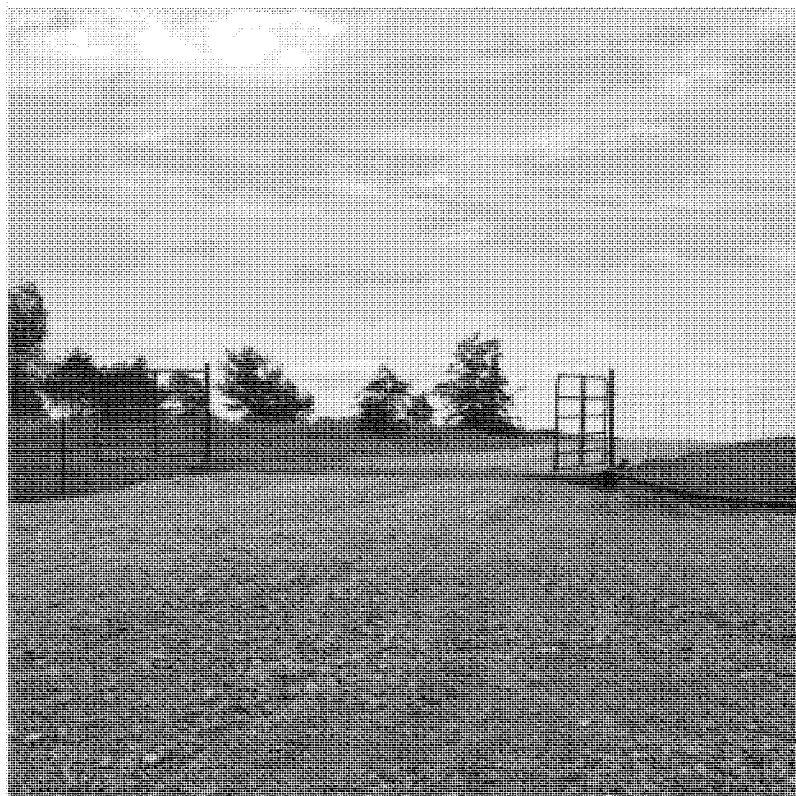


LaShawna Harbeston

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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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Dave Moore shared a link.

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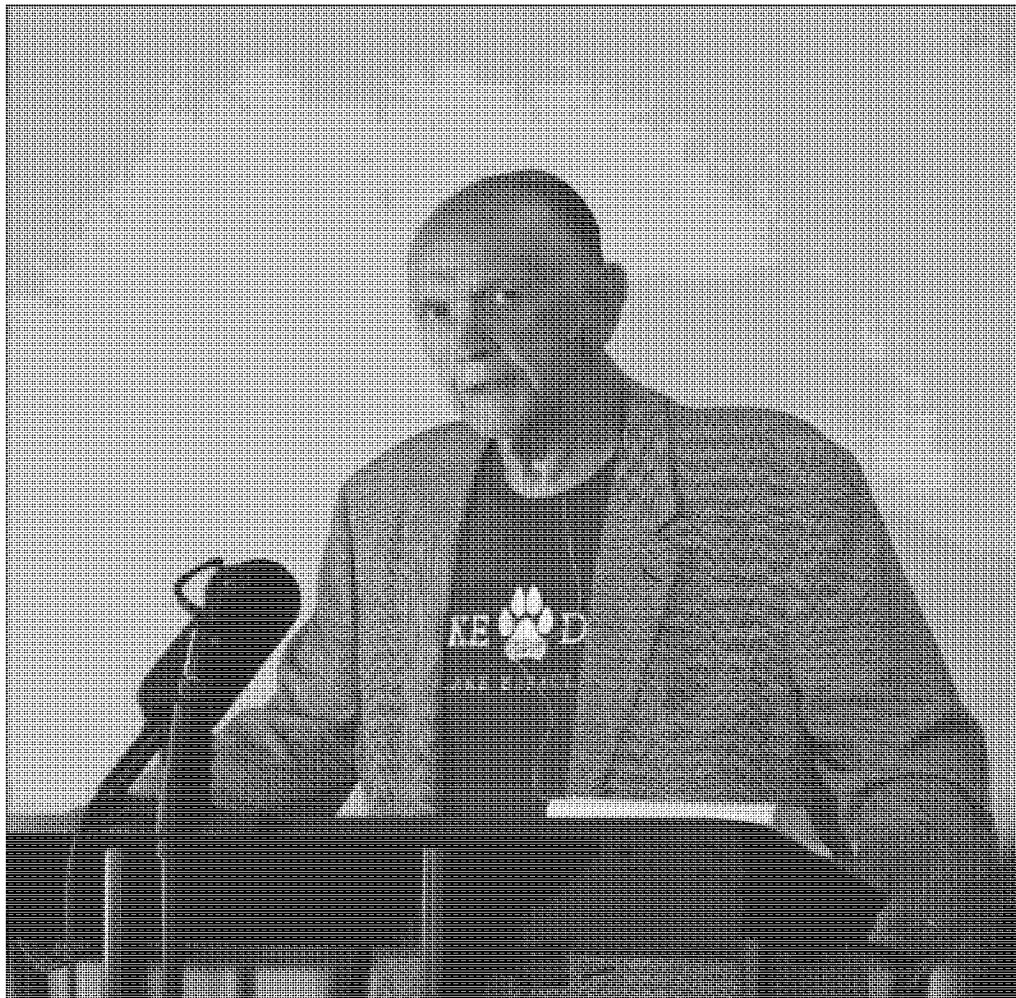


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Attorneys accuse OTA of dodging discovery in lawsuits

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Dodging discovery?



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Attorney Stan Ward speaks July 21 during a Pike Off OTA meeting at The Mercury.

Attorneys accuse OTA of avoiding disclosure

By Mindy Ragan Wood
Transcript Staff Writer

Two attorneys who have each filed a lawsuit against the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority have accused the agency of trying to avoid the discovery process in court.

OTA unveiled a map of several projects Feb. 22, which included a toll road in east Norman in the Lake Thunderbird watershed and another along Indian Hills Road. The 15-year, \$5 billion ACCESS plan will also connect State Highway 152 south to Interstate 44 and from Newcastle east to Interstate 35.

Rob Norman, attorney for opposition organization Pike

Off OTA, filed a lawsuit that accused the OTA of acting outside statutory authority to build a turnpike in east Norman because it is not mentioned in a 1987 bill authorizing other projects. It also alleged OTA has failed to follow proper bond procedure because the agency should have issued bonds for two other projects authorized in 1987 in the 1989 bond package.

Attorney Stan Ward filed a second lawsuit on behalf of more than 100 residents, who accused the OTA and its board of trustees of violating the Open Meeting Act after its meeting agendas failed to sufficiently inform the pub-

lic, in particular the residents who would be impacted by the proposed route. Ward argued in the lawsuit petition that this violation occurred during the Jan. 25 and Feb. 22 meetings.

A judge has not yet been assigned to the case, but court records indicate it has been referred to a judiciary outside Cleveland County. No hearings have been set.

Wrong venue

Both Ward and Norman accused OTA of citing old Oklahoma venue laws that were found to be unconstitutional decades ago as a ruse to avoid

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the discovery process. In its motion to dismiss, OTA claimed that the state supreme court, not district court, is the proper venue according to state law.

OTA argued that the state supreme court has total jurisdiction "on the question of the OTA's authority under applicable law to issue bonds and construct turnpike projects," its motion to dismiss reads.

Ward has said that his lawsuit would uncover "who knew what when" as the discovery process begins through the courts via records that will have to be disclosed.

"With their unfounded motion, today [OTA] asks this court to slam the courthouse doors shut on Plaintiffs, thereby denying them their most fundamental Constitutional right," Ward wrote in his response. "[OTA] files their Motion to Dismiss as a strategic maneuver, before Plaintiffs have been afforded any opportunity to engage in any discovery, a right which is recognized as the cornerstone of the foundation of notice pleading."

Norman agreed with

Ward in his own response to the court.

"Plaintiffs submit that the OTA does not ever want to answer the Plaintiff's Discovery Requests, or to fully and fairly have the facts and issues developed in this case," Norman alleged.

Norman noted that OTA's request for dismissal was unwarranted because the district court has "unlimited original jurisdiction" according to the current state constitution.

In his response to the court, Norman noted the difference between citing the state's constitution versus laws passed by the legislature.

"The case upon which the OTA principally relies was a case decided in 1950, seventeen years prior to the Constitutional overhaul of the Oklahoma Judiciary," Norman stated.

The Turnpike Enabling Act of 1947 granted the high court exclusive original jurisdiction "to hear an OTA application for approval of turnpike bonds," Norman wrote. "In the late 1960s however, the people of Oklahoma amended the Oklahoma Constitution to significantly overhaul the Oklahoma Judiciary."

Those amendments meant that the constitution "completely removed the

power of the legislature to chip away at the original jurisdiction of Oklahoma district courts."

Norman also argued that the constitution does not allow for legislation alone "to take away original jurisdiction of district courts, and to give exclusive original jurisdiction to the Oklahoma Supreme Court," he wrote.

"Here the OTA is asking for special dispensation and a short cut version of justice," Norman stated in his response.

His argument to the court also pointed out that not even an emergency to be heard by the high court could apply to OTA.

"There is no judicially grounded deadline of any kind for the OTA to seek and get approval of any bonds for the three Cleveland County turnpikes," he wrote. "OTA has repeatedly emphasized that ACCESS Oklahoma is a long term, fifteen-year project."

A lawsuit full of unanswered questions and claims must be heard in district court, Norman alleged.

"There are a multitude of unanswered questions and undeveloped facts that warrant full and fair litigation and discovery," Norman noted.

The issues include potential consequences of the OTA issuing and selling bonds to investors before completing environmental due diligence "and impact studies," the feasibility of the proposed routes, and if the OTA will destroy an unprecedented number of homes.

Ward stated in his response that the high court could not hear claims under the state's Open Meeting Act because the case does not involve bond procedure or authorization of the project according to state law.

"Plaintiffs in this case are not challenging the validity of bonds in any way, shape, or form," he wrote. "Plaintiffs' claims for relief under the OMA cannot be fully and fairly resolved in a Supreme Court bond approval proceeding."

OTA has said that it stands by the validity of its motion to dismiss.

"Our intentions to seek validation are not to avoid discovery, but an attempt to answer the issues raised about our legal authorization to undertake these projects," said OTA spokeswoman Brenda Perry.

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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.

Earned Media

No earned media today.

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- 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.

Earned Media

8/7 The Norman Transcript, The future of Lake Thunderbird. <https://bit.ly/3p0u7cx>

8/7 Norman Transcript Print, The future of Lake Thunderbird. (attached)

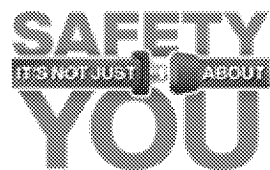
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I got the dreaded letter today!
Postman said he has delivered over 30 today... 🙄

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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.

Like Reply Share 13m



Ronnie Leigh

What letter is that

Like Reply Share 19h

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Robin Strader

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Well, this is very interesting!



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ACCESS Oklahoma Landowner Rights & Info Meeting

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

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

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Ritchie Rock & Atwood Attorneys at Law

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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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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.

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Dave Moore

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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 provided to date include:

- Options for growth in both north and east Norman
- East Norman growth largely held to areas west of 40th except for in south Norman where low density residential and no growth is permitted out to 60th Ave.
- Additional development and growth is limited around watershed initiatives to protect the Little River, Rock Creek and Cave Hills Creek.
- Rural development in East Norman (generally east of 49th and area around Lake Thunderbird remains unchanged)
- Community Center area is reduced with Water Quality Protection Zone (WQPZ) and
- Ten Mile Flats preserved.

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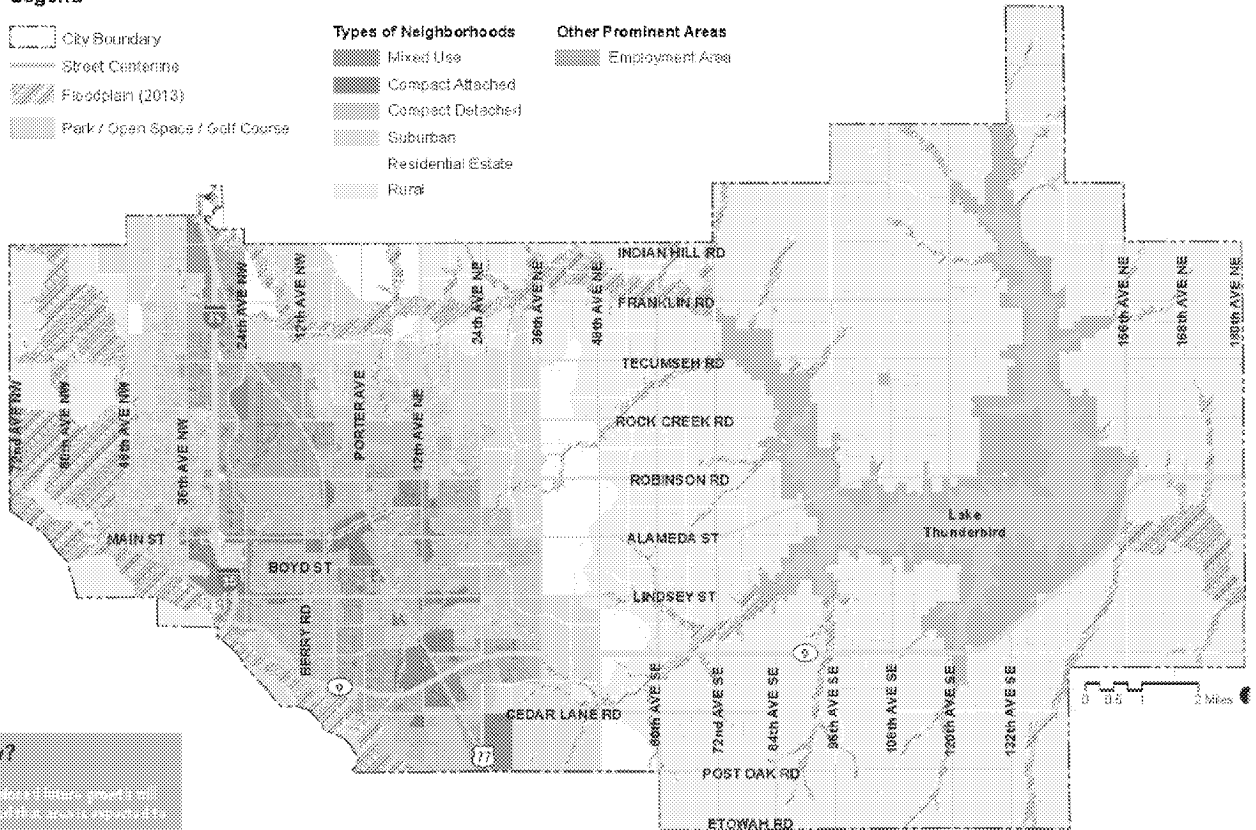
- City Boundary
- Street Centerline
- Floodplain (2013)
- Park / Open Space / Golf Course

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 expected future growth will be focused and where types of neighborhoods that are encouraged by the plan.

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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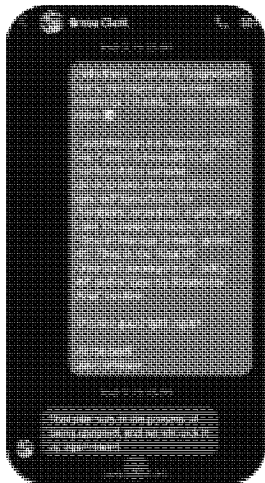


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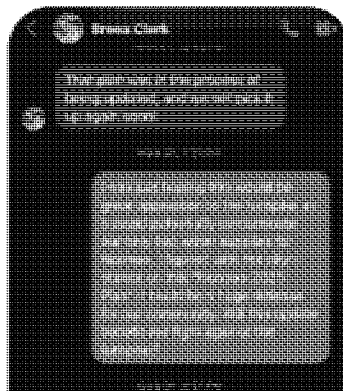
I reached out to the Mayor in March and this what I got about Norman 2025.



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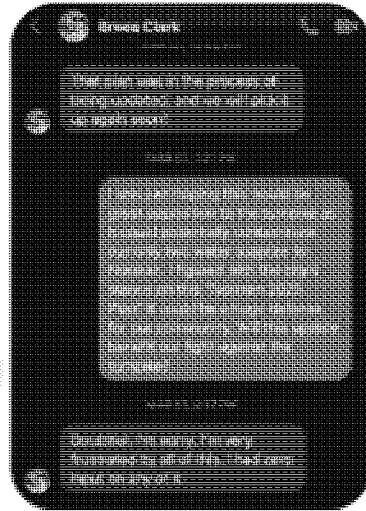


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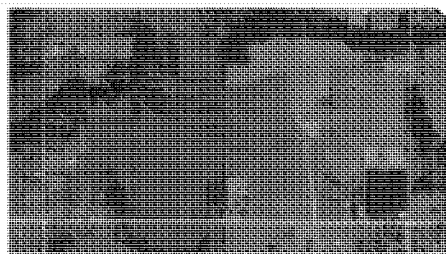
Josh Hutchinson

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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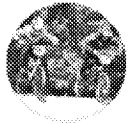


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Has the Ota came out and checked anyone's property yet?



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The future of Lake Thunderbird



Mike Bryan / The Transcript

Craig Russell of Norman wades in the water Friday as he takes a break from fishing at Lake Thunderbird just south of the Alameda Drive bridge.

Studies, pilot programs to reveal conditions, prevention strategies

By **Mindy Ragan Wood**
Lead Staff Writer

As the City of Norman braces for the possibility of a turnpike in the Lake Thunderbird Watershed, some questions remain about the lake's future and the toll a turnpike could take on stormwater runoff in a major metro drinking water source.

A convergence of prevention measures and emerging studies on the condition and preservation of the impaired lake have some clean water advocates optimistic and others concerned about its future use

and lifespan.

The Transcript interviewed nearly a dozen stakeholders on the issue, including the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District (COMCD), Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ), the City of Norman's stormwater and utility directors and the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA).

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) owns the lake and contracts with COMCD to manage the resource. Norman uses the lake as its primary drinking

water source, while Midwest City and Del City also rely on it in part.

Current conditions

Pollutants in the lake from stormwater runoff include phosphorus from fertilizer, nitrogen and chlorophyll-a, which are carried into the lake from Oklahoma City, Moore and Norman, water quality reports indicate.

Sediment, the soil carried into the watershed and lake, accumulates in the lake and

Reactions to Pope's apology for Indigenous boarding schools in Canada

By **Sara Sorrento**
Oklahoma State

Officials and local residents have taken note of the Pope's recent apology for the Catholic Church's role in Canada's Indigenous residential school system.

Some view the culpa as a good first step, but others believe the church should do more.

As reported in the Associated Press last week, Pope Francis met with Indigenous community members and boarding school survivors in Montreal, near Edmonton, Canada, on July 25, to issue his formal apology.

"I humbly beg forgiveness for the evil committed by so many Christians against the Indigenous peoples," Francis said.

His words have been met with varied reactions. On July 27, National Indian Health Board Chairman William Smith released a statement on the visit.

"The National Indian Health Board recognizes the important step taken by Pope Francis in issuing a formal apology for the Catholic Church's role in the implementation of Canada's Indian residential school system — a system patterned after the Indian mission and boarding schools created by the Indian Boarding School Policy of the United States," said Smith. "As a public health organization, NIIHB has stressed the legacy of unresolved historical and intergenerational trauma as foundational to the many health disparities and negative health outcomes experienced by American Indians and Alaska Natives today."

Smith cited the adoption of the Boarding School Healing Resolution by NIIHB back in February, which recalls the "devastating history and use of the Doctrine of Discovery and Manifest Destiny as political and religious justification for genocidal policies against American Indians and Alaska Natives."

"The resulting U.S. Indian Boarding School Policy produced an alliance between the U.S. government and both Catholic, Protestant, and other Christian and religious denominations and institutions whose sole and contracted purpose was to

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impacts water supply over time. Clay and silt sediment create turbidity, or "cloudiness" of the lake.

These factors are the reason DEQ designated the lake as its impaired water supply, but that does mean the useful life of the lake is near its end, some experts say. The lake was created in 1967, and is predicted to last 100 years.

According to COMCD General Manager Kyle Arthur and DEQ's Water Quality Division Director Shellie Chard, the lake appears to be in relatively good condition for its age.

"It doesn't mean you're not going to see a lake out here in 50 years," Arthur said. "Yes, we're in the second 50 years, but we've got time."

Arthur added that some indicators are positive: the sedimentation rate is a "teeny bit lower" than predicted. "That's good," he said.

Chard said there is a spectrum of cautions issued for impaired lakes.

"If it were on the extreme end, we would be telling Norman and Midwest city and Del City, do not use this water for drinking," she said. "We are nowhere near that. Then we kind of have an area where we would say it is impaired to a point you should not be swimming in it, fishing from it, so we don't have that condition either. We have not stated that people should stay out of the lake, (issued) swimming advisories, fish consumption advisories for the lake. We don't have any of that happening."

Prevention

However, conditions also do not appear to be improving, Arthur said.

A 2021 annual report based on monthly monitoring indicated that levels of pollutants that place the lake at risk are not improving, and in some cases, are worsening.

"It seems like we're running in place," he said.

Chlorophyll-a increased last year and is three times "the sensitive water supply criterion," while progress on phosphorus levels stalled. Nitrogen has continued to increase in "past years," a presentation of the report in May from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to the COMCD board indicated.

Lance Phillips, program manager for Oklahoma Water Resources Board, said there's no net improvement in the conditions.

"I was talking to one of my lake staff who's doing the (lake) monitoring and he had been working on a trend report that basically kind of showed some parameters are getting better, some are getting worse," Phillips said.

As a preventative measure, DEQ identified through a study in 2010 the total maximum daily load of pollutants that should be allowed to enter the watershed and lake from Oklahoma City, Moore and Norman. Since 2015, cities have been required to implement best management practices to mitigate

pollutants from entering the watershed.

As part of those best management practices, Norman has implemented a fertilizer ordinance, requiring anyone who intends to use the phosphorus-rich chemical on their lawn to obtain a permit and perform a soil test. It also requires residents to refrain from blowing grass into roadways, which reach storm drains.

The Total Maximum Daily Load program requires cities to monitor stormwater runoff. Norman contracted with the Water Resources Board to conduct monthly monitoring.

Norman's Stormwater Program Specialist Michelle Chao said the ordinances are difficult to enforce due to low staff, but the department follows up on citizen complaints and has two inspectors who monitor construction sites.

"We'd like to do more, but we're really running on a shoestring budget," Chao said. "It takes a long time and a lot of effort to get people to change their behavior. So, it might just be that we haven't seen the results of those efforts yet."

Now a five year study Norman has undertaken will answer the question: is the maximum daily load monitoring and best management practices program working?

Chard said the first round of five-year data is expected to be published within 6-12 months. The monthly reports could indicate mixed results based on factors like increased development.

"These are different ways to look at it," she said. "We're not seeing a lot of improvement, or maybe we are seeing a lot of improvement, but we're having so much additional development that the (results) are staying in the same realm. I don't know the answer to that. That's kind of a very large body of water and it's going to take a lot to make a change to water quality."

In additional efforts, BOR and COMCD intend to study the future water supply yield. Arthur said the agency will study drought as far back as the 1700s and examine historic climate impact like lengthy drought periods to water supply.

Future impact, use

COMCD Board President Amanda Naim said the lake will need to increase its water supply by 2060, and all eyes are on the city's indirect potable reuse program. The city contracted with Garver Engineering for the pilot program.

The program means wastewater is treated and then discharged into the lake as a method to increase water supply.

"I think it's our future," Naim said. "I think the pilot was wildly successful and I think that it's something that Norman is going to have to do."

Utilities Director Chris Mattingly said a report on the results of the study will be available later this fall.

"The team showed that they can treat very low numbers (of pollutants)," he said. "That's using different amounts of electricity and power air chemicals. So,

they (Garver) will be doing a cost analysis of how low do we need to go and what will be that cost to compare to other forms of treated water."

Naim was concerned about how the city would pay for the program with the recent failure of the water rate increase election. As reported by The Transcript, voters declined to adopt the rate increase in April despite consistent adoption of increases in the last two decades. A study revealed a lack of trust in local government as a primary reason voters did not support the increase.

"I'm guessing the next step is how to pay for it, for the upgrades at the wastewater plants," Naim said. "To pay for those upgrades, it's going to take a vote of the people — people saying yes."

Mattingly said the city will make full use of grant applications to offset the costs. If successful, the impact of the indirect potable reuse program to extend the life of the lake could be worth the expense.

Early estimates indicated a reuse program could restore the water yield from 15,600 acre feet to 21,600 acre feet, he said. The yield dropped in 2013 for all three cities to 15,600 acre feet, Mattingly said.

A caveat to the lake's future yield and the program's impact could be changes to that maximum number following BOR and COMCD's yield study, which is underway.

Mattingly said the city received a matching grant from BOR for \$148,000 to also identify a tool that would

stop the city from wasting highly treated water if the lake is full and the city must release water from the dam.

"You wouldn't want to treat high quality water and put it in the lake when you're just letting it go over the dam," he said.

Future concerns

With the emergence of OTA's plans to construct a turnpike in east Norman in the lake's watershed, questions about the amount of stormwater runoff that will be allowed and the measures it may take to manage it longterm are unanswered.

Conversations with OTA officials, city staff, DEQ, BOR and COMCD have begun. Those officials all say OTA is willing to consider constructed wetlands. Wetlands are built with plant life that naturally filter out stormwater pollutants before they reach the lake.

OTA Deputy Director Joe Echelle said the agency wants to be a good neighbor.

"I think that the Lake Thunderbird area provides a unique opportunity for OTA, and the City of Norman and the state parks to work together," Echelle said. "We're a new neighbor to the neighborhood and we're interested in helping our neighbors."

OTA has constructed wetlands for other projects before. Echelle said if done "right," wetlands do not require maintenance outside of a removing beaver dam or other obstruction in the wetland.

However, Chard said a

"huge" constructed wetland near a North Texas Water Authority reservoir does take maintenance to operate.

"They do take more operation and maintenance than people expect, because the plants will reach maximum uptake rate and sediment may clog the normal flow of water through them," she said. "With some operation and maintenance, they can be very effective for a long time. It's not like operating and maintaining a mechanical treatment plant, but it's not just 'build it and walk away'."

It is not clear the size and scope of wetland that could be necessary for the OTA's plans. Echelle noted OTA is still very early in the process of determining the impacts and response that would be required for stormwater.

He was skeptical that a wetland the size of Texas' John Banker Wetlands — 2,000 acres — would be necessary.

"Most of the wetland and areas that we have are somewhere in the neighborhood of 60 to 80 acres or less," he said.

Next steps

Echelle stressed that OTA is still in the very early stages

of its 15-year long range plan, with the east Norman turnpike at the bottom of the list.

Chard said OTA has not requested any construction permits from DEQ for the Norman area, which it will need to proceed.

Naim, who stressed that COMCD has taken a neutral position on the proposed turnpike, reported that OTA met with COMCD, BOR and the state parks department in May.

"Bureau of Reclamation are the bosses here," Naim said. "A project this size has never come across BOR's desk, so they're learning as they go too. They laid out steps that OTA is going to have to do. They don't yet have permission to cross the BOR property. They're working on that."

Naim said BOR could deny OTA its request to cross into its territory, but if constructed, her chief concern would be ongoing monitoring during construction to ensure sediment and other pollutants do not enter the wetland.

OTA has said it will ensure proper controls are in place from the beginning to the end of the construction process. Chard said DEQ also inspects areas related to permits.

Robert Wayne Culbert
1941 - 2022

Robert Wayne Culbert, 81, was born on Wednesday, April 9, 1941 in Niagara Falls, NY, the second son of William Culbert of Rutherglen, Scotland and Rebecca Whitla Culbert of Newtownards, Ireland. He peacefully passed away at his home surrounded by his family on Wednesday, July 27, 2022.

Robert graduated from LaSalle Senior High School, Niagara Falls, NY. He attended the University of Michigan for a short time before joining the U.S. Air Force. He went through Tech School at Lowry AFB, Denver, CO. He was assigned to Vandenberg AFB, CA where he met his beautiful wife of 56 years, Patricia Ann Kinnernecht. She was an Air Force Nurse from New Hartford, NY. They were introduced by a mutual friend PJ Lew who fancied himself as a Chinese Match Maker.

Together Bob & Pat traversed the world together for the next 19 years completing the U.S. Air Force. They moved to Denver, CO shortly after being married.

He was an instructor at Lowry, AFB. Their first son, Richard was born at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital, Aurora, CO. After two years Bob cross trained into the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI). He specialized in Fraud investigations. His first assignment was back to Niagara Falls, NY. He was there for 18 months and their second son, Sean, was born there. They then moved to Clark AFB, Republic of the Philippines, for three years. From the Philippines they were assigned to Scott AFB, IL. They adopted their daughter Allison there and their son Stephen was born at Scott, AFB. They spent six years at Scott AFB before moving to RAF Lakenheath, England for three years. They moved from England to Tinker AFB, OK

During his Air Force career Bob attended several universities and night schools. 15 years after graduating from high school he finally received his Bachelor's Degree in Business and Economics from McKendree College, Lebanon, IL, in 1975.

Bob retired from the Air Force in 1985 as a Senior Master Sergeant. Bob then worked for the Oklahoma State Insurance Fund as Field Auditor for 17 years before finally retiring full time.

Bob loved to go on cruises with Pat & friends. They also went on several bus trips around the United States with friends they knew from Vandenberg AFB. He visited 39 countries and 49 of 50 states with Oregon remaining. Bob was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church, Moore, OK. He was active in the Knights of Columbus and was elected Faithful Navigator of Assembly 3070. He was also active in the American Legion Post 88 in Norman, OK as the Finance Officer.

Bob was preceded in death by parents William and Rebecca and stepmother Dorothy Culbert; brother Bruce Culbert and two children Sean Robert Culbert and Allison Marie Culbert who died in service to her country.

Bob is survived by his lovely wife Pat, two sons, Richard and his wife Kristi and their two children Cailin and Jake of Midland, TX and Stephen and his wife Amber and their two children Megan and Liam of Oklahoma City. He is also survived by his brother Dark Culbert and his wife Marjorie of Pompano, FL; sister Jean Croley and husband Ken of Mount Dora, FL and many nieces and nephews. Bob's memory will be forever be cherished by his loving family and all those whose lives he touched.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries continue from Page A3.

Leonard David Bernstein
1931 - 2022

Leonard David Bernstein was born in New York City on September 15, 1931, and passed away on July 28, 2022, at the age of 90. Leonard was a proud sailor in the U.S. Navy and received an Honorable Discharge. Leonard attended the University of

Oklahoma, where he eventually obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degree in History. Beginning in the 1960s, Leonard started and sold many successful businesses, including Thomson Sound on Campus Corner (where he was affectionately called Mr. Stereo) and Norman Laboratories (which made the finest stereo speakers on the market). Leonard also was a partner in other successful stereo stores in Oklahoma and Texas. In the 1990s, Leonard switched professions and became a very successful stock broker, which he did until July 1, 2022.

Leonard's traits included charisma, a quick wit, a great sense of humor, extreme intelligence, an avid reader of the classics and Greek history, a passionate interest in art, a sophisticated knowledge of classical music, a love for travel, a great athlete (he won many awards playing handball and then took up tennis), a great conversationalist, a mentor to many, a dancer to the community, and a family man.

Leonard was married to his first wife, Esther, for over 25 years and together they had three children (David, Benjamin and Anna). In 1983, Leonard married his second wife, Dianne, and accepted her two children (Kimberly and Jeff) as his own. Dianne and Leonard enjoyed almost 40 years of happiness together until his recent death. At the end of Leonard's long and exemplary life, he unfortunately struggled with mental health issues.

Leonard is survived by his wife, Dianne, his three children, David (and wife, Julie), Benjamin (and partner, SpiritSong), and Anna; his step-son, Jeff; his step-daughter, Kimberly (and husband, Steve); his grandson, Thomas (and fiancé, DJ); his step-grandson, Nick (and wife Taylor); and over 100 cousins.

A service to honor and celebrate Leonard's amazing life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you consider making a donation in Leonard's honor to either Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation for Diseases of Aging at OMRF.org or a facility of your choosing that deals with mental health issues.



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Social Listening

Note: Screenshots of all posts are attached to this email

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 Cerato 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.

Earned Media

8/9 Fox 25 Online, Oversight council conditionally approves OTA's bond request, stirring debate. <https://bit.ly/3JYRnI7>

8/9 KFOR News 4 Online, Council approves \$500-million in revenue bonds for Oklahoma turnpike expansion. <https://bit.ly/3BRKLCL>

8/9 KFOR News 4 Online, Oklahoma Turnpike Authority to ask for bond funds for proposed turnpike. <https://bit.ly/3QC0tWH>

8/9 The Bond Buyer, Oklahoma Turnpike bonds conditionally approved. <https://bit.ly/3QfeRVg>

8/9 OU Daily, Council of Bond Oversight approves \$500M bond for Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, considers ongoing lawsuits. <https://bit.ly/3BVMnM0>

8/9 The Norman Transcript, Oversight council places conditions on OTA's bond request. <https://bit.ly/3BTleYK>

8/9 The Norman Transcript, OTA asks for \$500 million: Council of Bond to hear OTA's request for revenue bond expenditure. <https://bit.ly/3BZuQCv>

8/9 Tulsa World, Oversight board conditionally approves \$500 million in bonds for turnpike expansion. <https://bit.ly/3CcIMKT>

8/9 Yahoo News, Oversight council places conditions on OTA's bond request. <https://yhoo.it/3vPewjZ>

8/10 The Oklahoman, On the road to turnpike expansion? Oklahoma board conditionally approves \$500M in bonding. <https://bit.ly/3JHSDZq>

8/10 The Oklahoman Print, Turnpike expansion takes step down road. (attached)

8/10 Tulsa World, Toll road expansion plan progresses. (attached)

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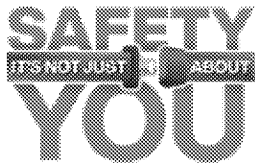
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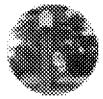
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Vince Dougherty

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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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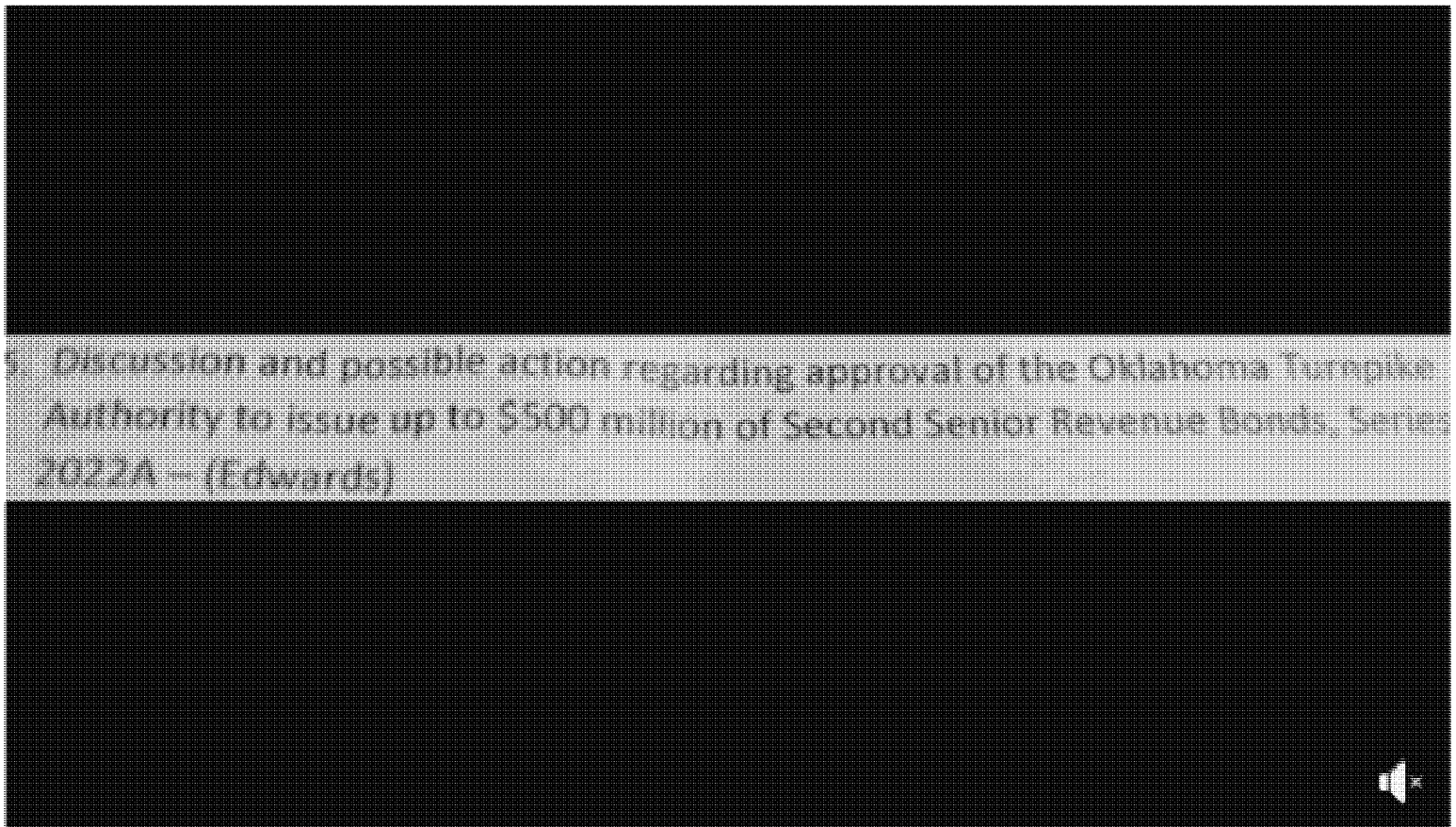


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Good news for us, today!!



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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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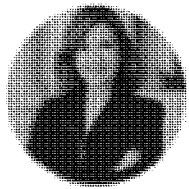


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Joy Hofmeister ✓ @j... · 1h ...

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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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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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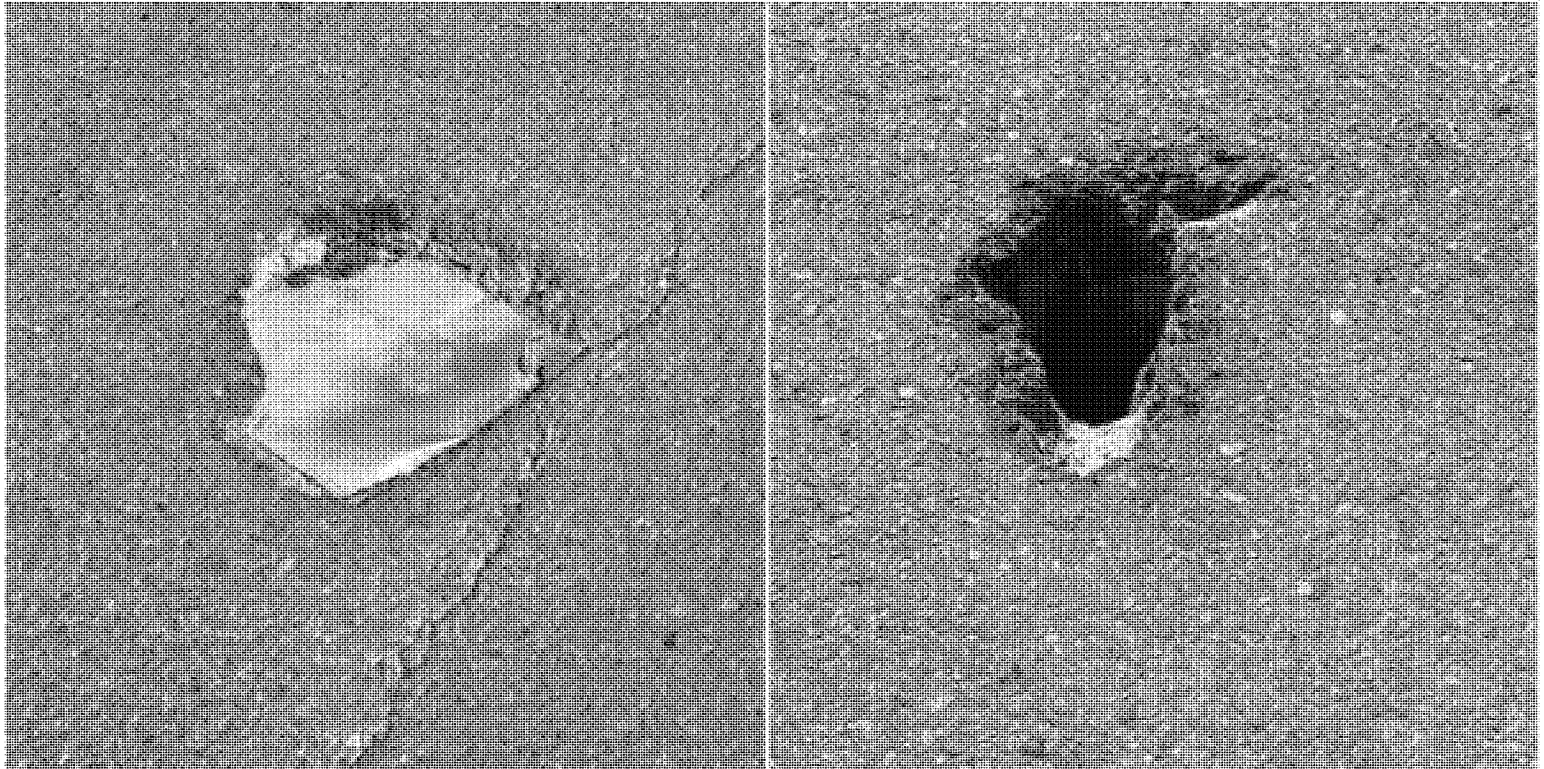


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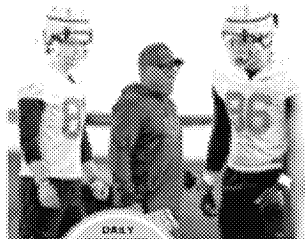


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Northwest Classen High School math teacher Teannia Norfar outside her school Dec. 6 in Oklahoma City. Norfar said she intends to remove culturally relevant statistics from her curriculum to avoid a potential violation of House Bill 1775. DOUG HOLE/THE OKLAHOMAN FILE

'WATERSHED MOMENT'

Oklahoma teachers on notice after vote on Tulsa, Mustang HB 1775 violations

Nuria Martinez-Koel The Oklahoman | USA TODAY NETWORK

All last school year, Aaron Baker kept a printed copy of House Bill 1775 within reach in his high school government classroom. • To avoid any violations, Baker, a teacher in the Putnam City school district, practically memorized the eight concepts the law bans from K-12 classrooms, including one race or sex is superior to another, an individual is inherently racist, and that people should feel discomfort on account of their race or sex.

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School board slams audit

Western Heights finances at issue

Nuria Martinez-Koel The Oklahoman | USA TODAY NETWORK

After months of delays and legal action from the state, the Western Heights Board of Education acknowledged an annual audit that uncovered deep financial issues in the southwest Oklahoma City school district, but a presentation of the report turned combative.

Brecken Arrow auditor Kerry John Patten walked out of a school board meeting Monday after the board's president and attorney disparaged his work.

Patten found 19 significant deficiencies in Western Heights Public Schools' finances from the 2020-21 school year and was unable to

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Turnpike expansion takes step down road

Conditional bond approval is granted

Carmen Forman The Oklahoman | USA TODAY NETWORK

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FBI search roils the political world

Probe into classified documents intensifies

Eric Tucker and Michael Balsamo ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The FBI's unprecedented search of former President Donald Trump's Florida residence ricocheted



Trump

across government, politics and a polarized country Tuesday along with questions as to why the Justice Department — notably cautious under Attorney General Merrick Garland — decided to take such a drastic step. Answers weren't quickly forthcoming.

Agents on Monday searched Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate, which is also a private club, as part of a federal investigation into whether the former president took classified records from the White House to his Florida residence, people familiar with the matter said. It marked a

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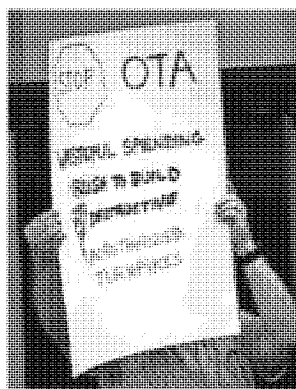
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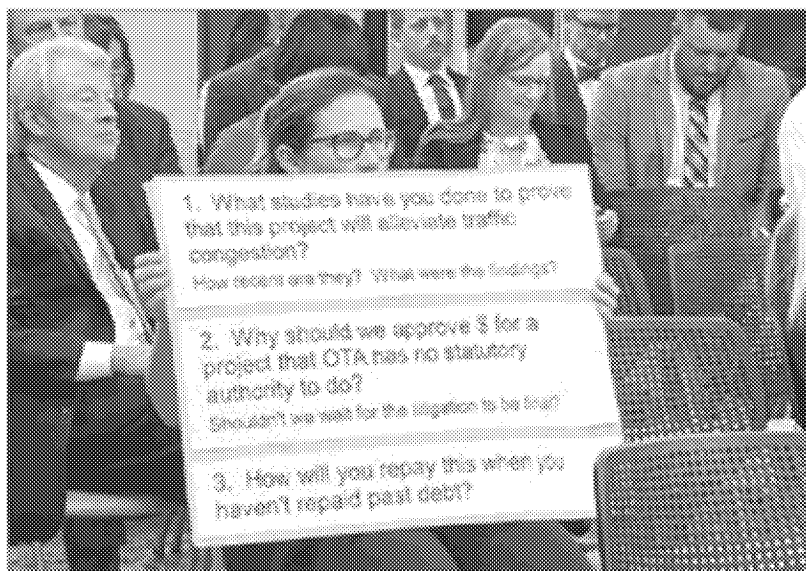
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By Mindy Ragan Wood
Transcript Staff Writer

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Council declines 'SRO' housing purchase

Affordable housing
debate heats up

By Mindy Ragan Wood
Transcript Staff Writer

The Norman City Council faced both sharp criticism and strong support for a \$6.4 million project to offer affordable housing in a vacant nursing home.

The council was asked to approve the purchase of 1210 W. Robinson St. for \$2.4 million and an additional \$4 million on a separate item to set aside the funds to rehabilitate it.

Both items related to the purchase of the facility failed with a vote of 4-3, with Ward 3 Kelly Lynn, Ward 5 Rancher Torterello and Mayor Larry Heikkila voting against. With Ward 6 Elizabeth Forman and Ward 8 Matt Peacock absent, the council needed a minimum of five votes of the remaining seven to adopt any agenda item, City Clerk Brenda Hall said.

The proposal

Since 2021, the council has planned to set aside \$4.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act money for affordable housing initiatives.

At its recent retreat, the council again agreed to pursue the possibility of purchasing property to offer affordable units to those on limited incomes and contract with an operator like the Norman Housing Authority (NHA).

City Attorney Kathryn Walker told the council the facility, if the council agreed to purchase it, would house up to 50 residents, with some in single occupancy units, others in bedroom units and some American Disabilities Act-accessible apartments. The renovation would take 16 months to complete.

City Manager Darrel Pyle said NHA had expressed interest in operating the facility, and it would be able to offer rental assistance vouchers for low income residents.

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State contractor verifying petitions for recreational marijuana initiative

By Paul Moines
Oklahoma Watch

Oklahoma is paying a company associated with a political polling firm \$300,000 per year to verify signatures for statewide ballot initiatives, leading some to question the fairness of the process by which Oklahomans can vote directly on state issues.

Western Petition Systems LLC is now in charge of verifying signatures for State Question 830, which

would legalize recreational marijuana for adult users 21 and older.

The company was founded by Bill Shapard, whose Shapard Research LLC runs Sonnet Poll.

Organizers for an adult-use cannabis state question, Yes on 830, turned in 138 boxes of signatures on July 5 to the secretary of state's office. That represented more

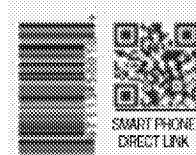
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Getting ready for new school year



Colin McDaniel, left, and Travis Chambers, right, help unload a car Tuesday during OKU move-in day. Students will continue to move into the dorms through Thursday.

Kyle Phillips
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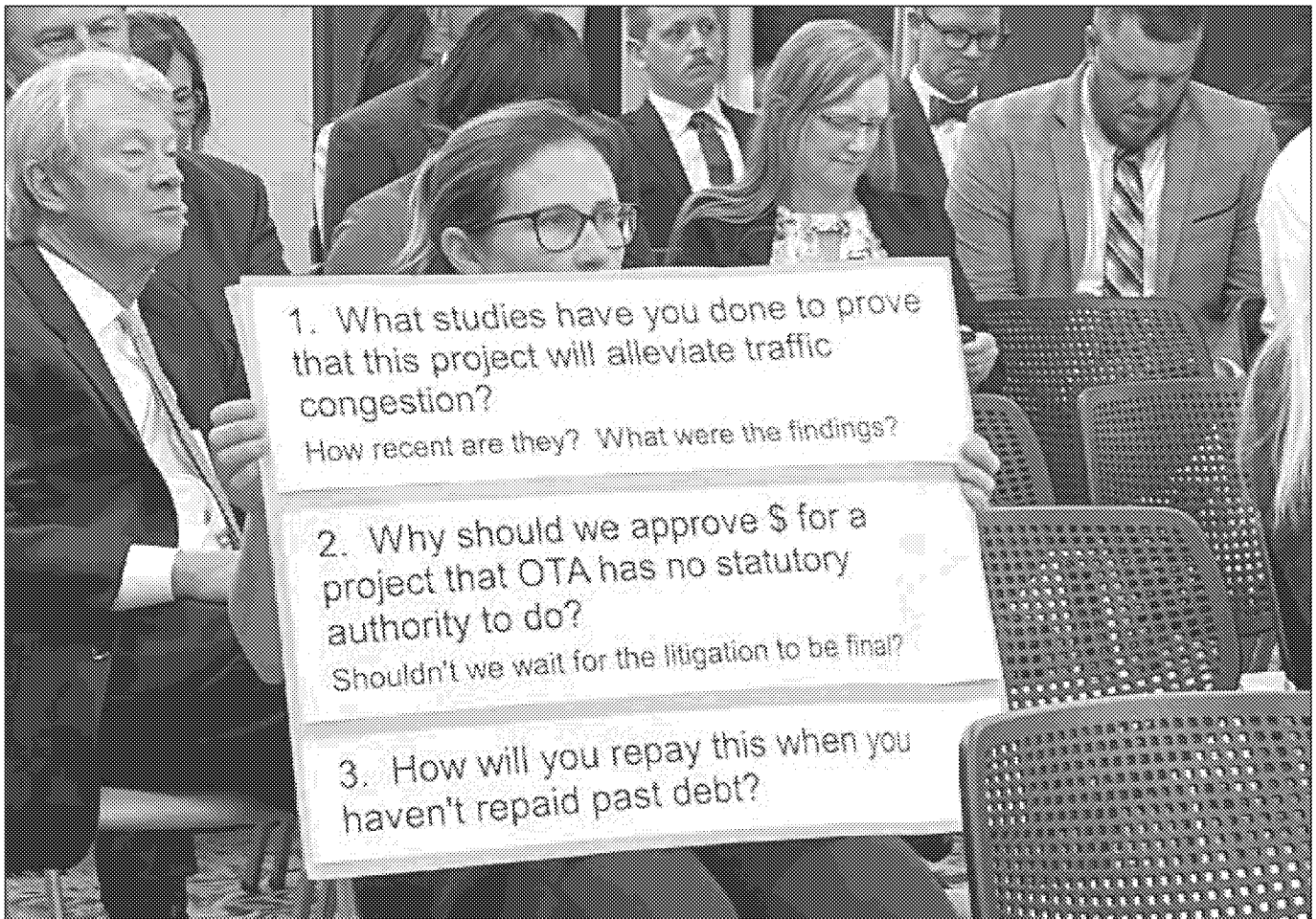
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— Edward Bulwer-Lytton, *Pelham: Or The Adventures of A Gentleman*, 1828

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not following proper bond procedure and claim the east Norman turnpike is not authorized according to state statute, which does not include a description of that project.

Council spokesman Tim Allen told The Transcript after Tuesday's meeting that "all conditions must be met" before the agency can issue bonds to start any turnpike projects. On May 4, the council gave approval to OTA to seek a \$200 million line of credit for

ACCESS with the condition it could not use any of the funds on projects in a lawsuit.

While the line of credit would have allowed OTA to start some turnpike projects, Tuesday's decision precludes the agency from selling bonds to start those projects.

"This is basically an all or nothing deal," Allen said. "There's not a way to carve that (litigated projects) out."

Both lawsuits were filed in May, but it was the Open Meeting Act lawsuit after the May 4 meeting that prohibited OTA from using any of the \$200 million line

of revolving credit. Stan Ward's nearly 200 clients claimed in their lawsuit that OTA violated the Open Meeting Act after the agency did not sufficiently inform the public on its January and February meeting agendas.

OTA found it could not use any of the funds from the line of credit following the filing of that open meeting lawsuit, a memo to the council reads.

"The mere allegations raised in this litigation contractually precluded the OTA from drawing on the \$200 million line of credit," it reads. "OTA had not

made any draws on the line of credit."

Instead, OTA's board rescinded the line of credit during its June meeting and voted to seek council approval to issue \$500 million in bonds pending the outcome of the Oklahoma Supreme Court's ruling.

OTA has argued in its motions to dismiss the lawsuits that the state's high court is the exclusive venue to hear disputes, according to state law.

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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.

Earned Media

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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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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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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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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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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:
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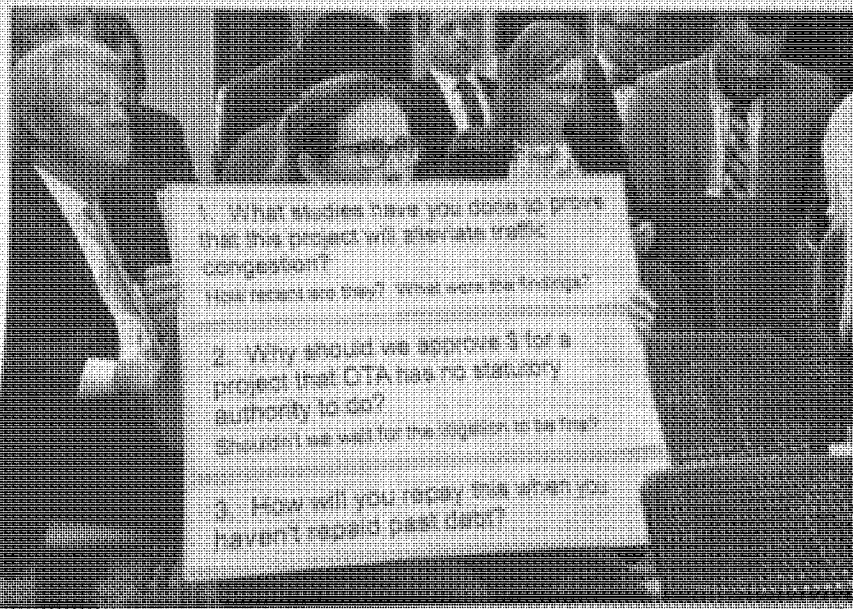
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Restrictions on OTA's bond sale



A woman holds a sign Tuesday in protest at Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, opposing the Council of Bond Investors.

Overnight council maps conditions on OTA's bond request

By Wendy Brown Wood
Norman Staff Writer

The Council of Bond Investors' approval for the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority to issue revenue bonds for new turnpike projects pending the outcome of two lawsuits.

The council's decision Tuesday that OTA will not be allowed to issue a \$200 million bond sale until two ongoing court cases are resolved is "disappointing" to some of the agency's supporters. The council also gave its approval only on the condition that the Oklahoma Supreme Court decides to validate those bonds.

An amount of \$200 million, or more than double the \$100 million OTA asked to construct two new toll roads in Norman and along the I-40 corridor and a roundabout in the Lake Thunderbolt Watershed, which is the subject of a lawsuit. People who filed the suit accused OTA of

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County SRO purchase

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By Wendy Brown
Norman Staff Writer

The Norman County Sheriff's Office is considering a \$5.4 million purchase of a new jail. The current purchase of 1 million and a half more is a separate bid for the renovation of the facility for Ward 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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