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- Regulatory news from state Capitol and Congress
- TRUST events and news
- Innovative topics on transportation funding

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OKLAHOMA ELECTS

NEW GOVERNOR, SECONDARY OFFICIALS, LEGISLATORS

AFTER ONE OF THE BUSIEST ELECTION CYCLES IN RECENT MEMORY, the names on dozens of state Capitol offices will be different as of January 14, 2019 when inaugural activities occur in Oklahoma City. Oklahoma's new chief executive officer is Republican Governor-elect Kevin Stitt who defeated Democrat Drew Edmondson and Libertarian Chris Powell in the November 6 general election and will succeed Republican Governor Mary Fallin who could not seek a third term due to term limits. For the first time since Oklahoma voters instituted term limits for secondary statewide officer holders, several offices will be held by new officials including Republican Matt Pinnell who will succeed Lt. Governor Todd Lamb. Lt. Governor-elect Pinnell defeated former Democrat state Representative and Senator Anastasia Pittman. Republican incumbent Attorney General Mike Hunter defeated Democrat Mark Myles to earn his first elected term after being appointed to the post by Governor Fallin in 2017 following the resignation of former Attorney General Scott Pruitt. Republican incumbent State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister was reelected to a final term by defeating Democrat John Cox and Independent Larry Huff. Hofmeister also defeated Cox in 2014. The new Auditor and Inspector is



Left: Governor-elect Kevin Stitt **Right:** Lt. Governor-elect Matt Pinnell

Republican Cindy Byrd who defeated Libertarian John Yeutter. No Democrat and/or Independent filed for the office. She succeeds Gary Jones. Former Republican state Representative Leslie Osborn is the new Labor Commissioner after defeating Democrat Fred Dorrell and Independent Brandt Dismukes. She succeeds Republican Commissioner Melissa Houston who did not seek election to a full term after being appointed by Governor Fallin to the position in 2015 following the death of former Commissioner Mark Costello. Republican incumbent Corporation Commissioner Bob Anthony was reelected to a final six-year term by defeating Democrat Ashley McCray.

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Transportation Innovation Forum Features Gubernatorial Candidates

THE ANNUAL TRUST TRANSPORTATION INNOVATION FORUM WAS HELD OCTOBER 18 AT THE OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER

and featured 'transportation chats' with Oklahoma's two major party gubernatorial nominees. Republican nominee Kevin Stitt and Democrat nominee Drew Edmondson discussed a variety of topics regarding the state of Oklahoma's transportation infrastructure, both physically and financially. The candidates outlined their vision for future transportation priorities if elected and both expressed their support to invest in and modernize Oklahoma's transportation infrastructure system despite recent budget deficits. The audience of nearly 175 consisted of TRUST members, transportation advocates and stakeholders, legislators, elected officials and special guests. The event included presentation of the 2018 TRUST Guardian of Transportation award to former Speaker of the House Chris Bengtson. Bengtson joins former ODOT and OTA director and Secretary of Transportation Gary Ridley, former Governor George Nigh, former state Rep. Mark Liotta, TRUST co-founder and former OTC Chairman Tom Love, U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe and Corporation Commissioner and former Speaker of the House Todd Hiett as a recipient of the prestigious award. ■



Republican gubernatorial nominee Kevin Stitt participates in a 'transportation chat' with TRUST co-chairman and former Governor Frank Keating.



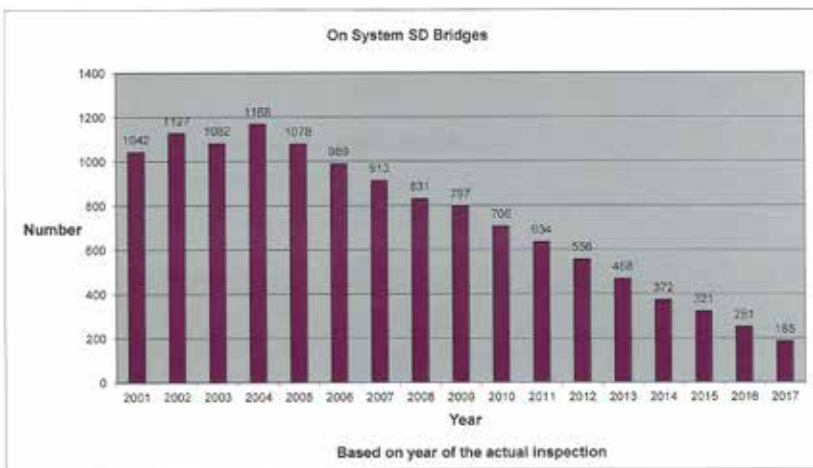
TRUST Guardian of Transportation recipient Chris Bengtson with TRUST president Neal McCaleb and TRUST board member Ken Wert.



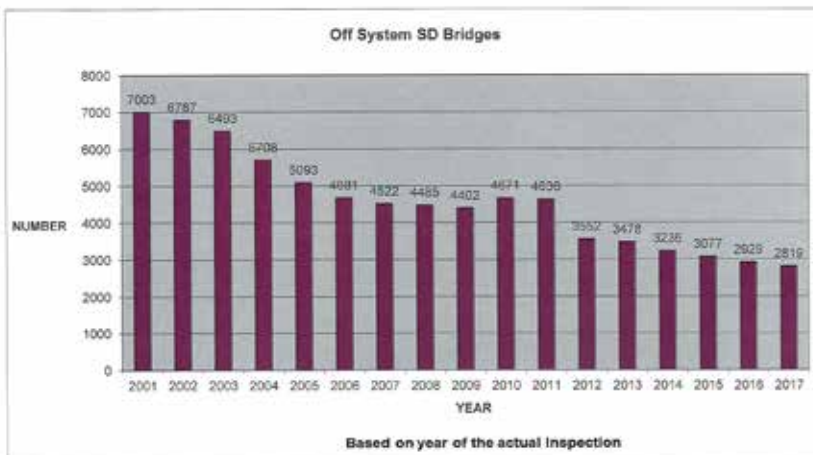
Democrat gubernatorial nominee Drew Edmondson makes a point while TRUST co-chairman and former Governor Frank Keating listens.

STATE, COUNTIES CONTINUE STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT BRIDGE PROGRESS

STATE 'ON SYSTEM' STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT BRIDGES



COUNTY 'OFF SYSTEM' STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT BRIDGES



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Former Republican state Representative Glen Mulready is the new Insurance Commissioner after defeating Democrat Kimberly Fobbs. He succeeds John Doak. Finally, former Republican state Representative Randy McDaniel succeeds Ken Miller as state Treasurer after defeating Independent Charles de Coune. No Democrat filed for the office.

On the congressional front, the new U.S. Representative for District 1 is Republican Kevin Hern who defeated Democrat Tim Gilpin in the general election. Representative-elect Hern succeeds former Republican Rep. Jim Bridenstine who resigned to accept President Donald Trump's nomination as NASA administrator. Incumbent Republican Representatives Markwayne Mullin (CD 2), Frank Lucas (CD 3) and Tom Cole (CD 4) easily won reelection, however incumbent Representative Steve Russell (CD 5) was upset by Democrat Kendra Horn. Horn becomes the first Democrat to hold the seat in over 40 years and will be the only Democrat in Oklahoma's delegation when Congress next convenes. Neither of Oklahoma's Republican U.S. Senators, Jim Inhofe and James Lankford, were up for reelection this year.

At the state Capitol, dozens of new faces will be seated for the first regular session of the 57th Oklahoma Legislature which convenes February 4. After a 2016 general election that resulted in over 40 new legislative members, this year's freshman class totals over 50. Republicans maintain control of the Senate (39-9) and House (76-25).

The new Senate President Pro-Tempore is Senator Greg Treat (SD 47) who succeeds term limited former Senator Mike Schulz. Senator Treat previously served as Majority Floor Leader. The new Majority Floor Leader is Senator Kim David (SD 18) who previously served as Appropriations Committee chair; a post now held by Senator Roger Thompson (SD 8). Senator Kay Floyd (SD 46) will serve as Minority Leader. One GOP Senate incumbent (Ervin Yen, SD 40) was defeated in the primary. No incumbents of either party were defeated in the primary runoff or general election. New GOP senators winning open seats are David Bullard (SD 6), Bill Coleman (SD 10), Chuck Hall (SD 20), Darrell Weaver (SD 24), John Michael Montgomery (SD 32), John Haste (SD 36), Brent Howard (SD 38) and Brenda Stanley (SD 42). Democrats capturing open seats are Mary Boren (SD 16), Julia Kirt (SD 30), Carrie Hicks (SD 40) and George Young (SD 48). Montgomery and Young previously served in the House.

On the House side, Speaker of the House Charles McCall (HD 22) returns for his third session upon reelection by the GOP caucus and full House. Four Republican incumbents, Greg Babinec (HD 33), Steve Vaughan (HD 37), Scott McEachin (HD 67) and Chuck Strohm (HD 69) were defeated during the primary election. Vaughan served as chairman of the House Transportation Committee in 2017 and 2018. Six GOP incumbents, Travis Dunlap (HD 10), George Faught (HD 14), Bobby Cleveland (HD 20), Jeff Coody (HD

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63), Mike Ritze (HD 80) and Tess Teague (HD 101), were defeated during the primary runoff. No GOP incumbents were defeated in the general election, and no Democrat incumbents were defeated in the primary or primary runoff, however three, Donnie Condit (HD 18), Steve Kouplun (HD 24) and Karen Gaddis (HD 75), were defeated in the general election. Kouplun was Minority Leader. Also, Democrat Rep. Claudia Griffith (HD 45) passed away unexpectedly this summer while in the process of campaigning for the open SD 16 seat. TRUST extends condolences to her family. She was well respected on both sides of the aisle and will be missed at the state Capitol.

New GOP representatives winning open seats or who defeated incumbents are: Jim Olsen (HD 2), Lundy Kiger (HD 3), Rusty Cornwell (HD 6), Judd Strom (HD 10), Darrell Fincher (HD 11), Chris Sneed (HD 14), Randy Randleman (HD 15), Jim Grego (HD 17), David Smith (HD 18), Sherrie Conley (HD 20), Logan Phillips (HD 24), Ronny Johns (HD 25), Danny Sterling (HD 27), Garry Mize (HD 31), John Talley (HD 33), Ty Burns (HD 35), Ken Luttrell (HD 37), Denise Hader (HD 41), Cynthia Roe (HD 42), Jay Steagall (HD 43), Brian Hill (HD 47), Tammy Townley (HD 48), Kenton Patzkowsky (HD 61), Daniel Poe (HD 62), Trey Caldwell (HD 63), Toni Hasenbeck (HD 65), Jeff Boatman (HD 67), Lonnie Sims (HD 68), Sheila Dills (HD 69), Mark Vancuren (HD 74), T.J. Marti (HD 75), Stan May (HD 80), Nicole Miller (HD 82), David Hardin (HD 86), Dean Davis (HD 98), Marilyn Stark (HD 100) and Robert Manger (HD 101). Democrats winning open seats are: Trish Ranson (HD 34), Merleyn Bell (HD 45), Denise Brewer (HD 71), John Waldron (HD 77), Melissa Provenzano (HD 79), Chelsey Branham (HD 83), Andy Fugate (HD 94), Kelly Albright (HD 95) and Ajay Pittman (HD 99). ■

2018 TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION ANALYSIS

AFTER A CONTENTIOUS AND BUDGET DEFICIT IMPACTED 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, AND TWO SUBSEQUENT SPECIAL SESSIONS THAT STRETCHED INTO 2018,

the legislature is expected to return to a pattern of fiscal normalcy in 2019 due to an expected surplus for the first time in several years. In recapping the 2018 session (s) the most telling legislation to impact transportation was undoubtedly HB 1010xx, the general appropriation measure passed and signed by Governor Mary Fallin in March. The primary purpose of the legislation was to provide an across-the-board salary increase to Oklahoma teachers along with additional funding for textbooks and support personnel. The bill contained a three-cent per gallon excise tax increase on gasoline and a six-cent increase on diesel with the new revenue allocated to aforementioned education items in FY19 and the ROADS fund beginning in FY20. Also, in FY20, current transportation revenue funded by income tax collections will return to the General



TRUST Guardian of Transportation recipient Chris Bengé addresses the audience at the TRUST Transportation Innovation Forum.

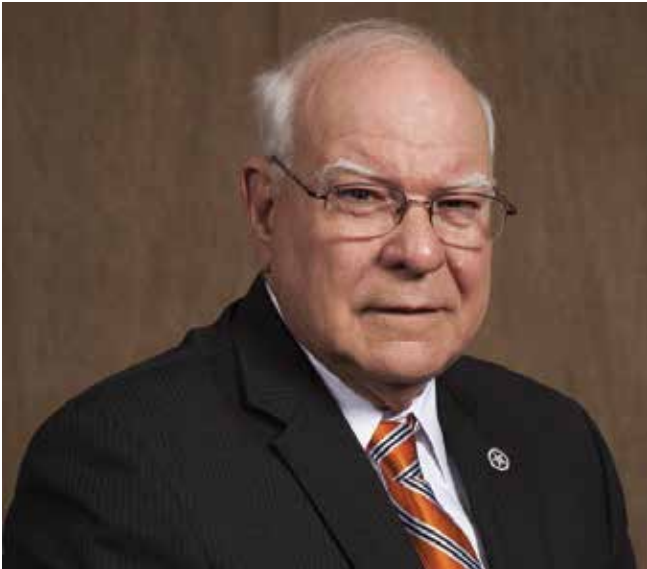


TRUST member Jim Sullins, TRUST board member Jim Rodriguez and Secretary of Transportation and ODOT director Mike Patterson engage in a discussion at the TRUST Transportation Innovation Forum.

Revenue fund. When this occurs (beginning July 1, 2019), HB 1010xx will become even more important to TRUST as it will allocate all future motor vehicle fees presently diverted to General Revenue to the ROADS fund. When combined with new revenues generated from the fuel tax increase (went into effect July 1, 2018) to the ROADS fund, the financial condition of Oklahoma's transportation system becomes much brighter. The annual ROADS fund cap will remain at \$575 million with the fund expected to reach its cap by FY21. Hopefully, the ramifications of HB 1010xx will allow the ROADS fund to continue to advance the ongoing ODOT Eight-Year Highway and Bridge Construction Plan well into the future.

While the 2018 legislative session (s) provided a financial lift, ODOT and counties across Oklahoma continue to make progress in reducing the number of structurally deficient bridges (see Page 3) in all 77 counties. As of the end of 2017, just 185 of the nearly 6,800 bridges on the state highway system were classified as structurally deficient, down from a high of 1,168 in 2004. All of the remaining bridges are scheduled to be replaced or rehabilitated within the next two years providing ODOT with the opportunity to focus on asset preservation, resurfacing, shoulder additions and widening, safety barriers and other critical projects moving forward. On the county system, 2,819 structurally-deficient bridges remained at the end of 2017, down from a high of 7,003 in 2001. ■

Ridley Joins TRUST Board



TRUST IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT GARY RIDLEY, FORMER OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND DIRECTOR OF THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND OKLAHOMA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY, HAS JOINED ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Ridley was appointed Secretary of Transportation by Democrat Governor Brad Henry in 2009 and retained by Republican Governor-Elect Mary Fallin in 2010. He served in the position until retiring in June 2017. He retired from ODOT in 2013 after 44 years of service in a variety of positions, including as director from August 2001-March 2013. He also retired as OTA director in March 2013 after serving as director since November 2009.

TRUST president Neal McCaleb, also a former Secretary of Transportation and ODOT/OTA director, said Ridley's decades of experience and knowledge of the transportation industry will be extremely beneficial to TRUST's mission moving forward.

"The members of TRUST and our board of directors are ecstatic to have Gary Ridley join our team as we continue to advocate for all transportation-generated revenues be used strictly for transportation purposes and not diverted to other areas of state government," McCaleb said. "During his time at ODOT and OTA, as well as Secretary of Transportation, Gary was a level-headed voice of knowledge and experience, and played a key role in helping legislators of both parties understand the core importance that a modern and safe surface transportation system plays to Oklahoma's economy and quality of life. He will be a tremendous asset to the TRUST team."

Ridley commented, "I am honored to join the TRUST board of directors and the fine Oklahoma businesses, trade organizations and individuals that compose its membership. Since its inception in 2005, the TRUST mission has been straight forward; return transportation-generated revenues to transportation maintenance and construction, and they have been effective to the point of being one of the most highly respected advocacy organizations in Oklahoma. I hope, through my experience, that I can supplement their advocacy efforts in an ongoing effort to place transportation as a core function of state government." ■



A capacity crowd attends the 2018 TRUST Transportation Innovation Forum at the Oklahoma History Center.



TRUST co-chair Kell Kelly and board members Gary Ridley and Jim Duit celebrate the expansion of the Turner Turnpike's western eight miles with Gov. Mary Fallin, Secretary of Transportation Mike Patterson and OTA Director Tim Gatz.



House Majority Leader Mike Sanders, TRUST executive director Jami Longacre and The State Chamber's Karma Robinson at the TRUST Transportation Innovation Forum.

Why Join TRUST?

Be part of the voice for transportation advocacy that works with members of the state legislature to implement solutions. Without your membership to TRUST, we risk losing the valuable momentum we have gained over the past ten years. At the state Capitol, we must have a constant and growing voice for transportation and urge you to join us in this vital cause.

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TRUST, *Transportation Revenues Used Strictly for Transportation*, is an advocacy group dedicated to restoring Oklahoma's transportation infrastructure. We are committed to creating a culture within Oklahoma government that values and adequately funds transportation as a core priority.

Principles of TRUST

- Use all state transportation-related taxes and fees strictly for transportation
- Protect and grow dedicated funds for Oklahoma's transportation system
- Educate policy makers and the public on the importance of investing in highways and bridges
- Support leaders who are committed to transportation as a core priority of state government
- Use high-quality, lasting materials in building and maintaining highways and bridges
- Advocate efficiency and accountability within the state legislature and Oklahoma Department of Transportation

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UPDATE YOUR MEMBER PROFILE ONLINE

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- Transportation Day at the Capitol - March 13, 2019
- Senate/House Transportation Committee Reception - Spring 2019

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