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THE SECOND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

Transportation Investment Paying Dividends

WITH THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

just a few months away, the state Senate and House convened the second session of the 54th Oklahoma Legislature on February 3rd. Governor Mary Fallin presented the final State of the State address of her first term, a speech which included calls for a quarter point reduction in the personal income tax, targeted spending cuts within state agencies, a bond issue to make exterior and interior repairs to the nearly 100-year-old state Capitol, pension system reform, legislation to install safe rooms in public schools and a funding increase for common education. The governor's executive budget also continues to support transportation as a core priority of state government and protects the state's eight-year highway and bridge construction plan and the Bridge Improvement and Turnpike Modernization Plan. The Bridge and Turnpike Modernization Plan, approved by the legislature and signed into law by Governor Fallin in 2012, will reduce the number of structurally-deficient bridges on the state system to less than 1% by 2019. The plan also included expanding capacity on certain segments of the Creek and Kilpatrick turnpikes - projects that were completed in 2013. While the final FY-2015 budget

will be determined late in the legislative session, lawmakers always face the challenge of protecting core government services - transportation, education, human services, public safety - while continuing to enact reforms that streamline government and provide better and more efficient service to taxpayers.

Over the past four years, Oklahoma's economy has continued to gain strength when compared to other states. With an extremely low (54%) unemployment rate, continued growth in the energy sector and strong investment in the state's transportation infrastructure system, Oklahoma's future is bright. In addition, the Constitutional "Rainy Day" fund has been replenished to over \$525 million after being drawn down to under \$5 during the aftermath of the recession.

On the federal front, the United States Congress extended funding to the Highway Trust Fund through September 2014 with passage of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) in July of 2012, however a long-term funding reauthorization of surface transportation programs will be needed upon the expiration of MAP-21. Long-term federal funding is a standard priority of the TRUST legislative agenda. Oklahoma Senator Jim Inhofe (R-Tulsa), a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, and Second District Representative Markwayne Mullin (R-Westville), a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, are doing a great job protecting Oklahoma's transportation interests in Washington, D.C. A long-term reauthorization will allow ODOT's ongoing eight-year highway and bridge construction plan to continue uninterrupted while reducing bureaucracy and ensuring long-term funding to plan future projects. TRUST will

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

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continue to work with Senator Inhofe and Congressman Mullin to ensure Oklahoma receives its fair share of federal highway dollars.

As our 2014 legislative agenda states, TRUST will continue to advance many of the same goals we have outlined over the past four years, both at the state and federal level. Each legislative session does, however, have its own, unique personality. That is why TRUST is at the Capitol each and every day to act accordingly to ensure transportation is always at the forefront of the debate.

Since 2006 state leaders and the legislature have made tremendous progress to establish transportation as a core governmental priority, and that investment is being seen across Oklahoma in the form of new and refurbished highways and bridges on both the state and county highway systems. Simply stated, Oklahoma's transportation infrastructure system is in a much better place than it was just a few short years ago, however there is still much to accomplish. TRUST has played an impactful role in advocating the need for Oklahoma to have the most modern and safe highway and bridge infrastructure system possible. With your continued support, TRUST will continue to emphasize protection of ODOT's eight-year highway and bridge construction plan, the Bridge Improvement and Turnpike Modernization Plan and allocation of a greater percentage of road user fees, such as motor vehicle taxes, to highway and bridge construction, repair and maintenance. Thank you for your support and remember our momentum and progress is a direct result of your investment in TRUST. ■

2014 Oklahoma Legislative Agenda



From addressing highway and bridge needs across both the state and county highway systems to construction of new ports of entry to protect our highways, roads and bridges from overweight freight, Oklahoma is moving in the right direction within the transportation arena, however we cannot lose sight of the future."

Kell Kelly, TRUST co-chairman

STATE

Protect ODOT eight-year highway and bridge construction plan - TRUST's top priority is to ensure that state funding remains at a level where no planned projects are cut from the current eight-year highway and bridge construction plan. Protecting the eight-year plan equates to an annual increase of \$59.7 million new dollars each year until the total increase in the Rebuilding Oklahoma Access and Driver Safety (ROADS) Fund equals \$575 million. TRUST supports long-term transportation investments with continued increases to the ROADS Fund.

Support Bridge & Turnpike Modernization Plan - In an effort to continue to improve state and county structurally deficient bridges, TRUST supports annual state appropriations to complete the Bridge Improvement & Turnpike Modernization Plan to bring the number of currently known structurally deficient bridges to less than one percent.

Motor vehicle fees redirected to transportation - A core principle of TRUST is all transportation-derived revenues should be used strictly for transportation. Current law continues to gradually reduce over a three-year period the amount of motor vehicle collections currently going to the General Revenue Fund from 29.84 percent to 24.84 percent and direct five percent balance to the County Improvements for Roads and Bridges (CIRB) Fund. TRUST supports returning the

remaining allocation of motor vehicle fees from general revenue to transportation and we encourage the appropriate allocation of motor vehicle fees to state highways, county roads and municipal streets. TRUST will continue to support this concept as a matter of sound public policy.

Renovation of Ports of Entry (Weigh Stations) - TRUST supports methods to complete the construction of the new ports of entry in order to protect highway and bridge quality from overweight freight traveling across the state. Doing so will result in increased revenues from fines and fees due to increased monitoring of overweight commercial traffic. TRUST also supports returning the one-cent transportation user fee from the Petroleum Storage Tank Indemnity Fund to transportation needs to pay for the ports of entry. This allows for no revenue impact or increased taxes while utilizing transportation fees to support transportation needs.

Innovative funding for transportation - TRUST supports innovative and alternative transportation funding that is revenue adequate for the intended purpose and user equitable as part of a comprehensive approach to increase overall transportation funding.

FEDERAL

Support timely reauthorization of federal surface transportation programs - TRUST supports efforts to permanently and adequately fund the Highway Trust Fund, and efforts to permanently reverse Oklahoma's status as a donor state by ensuring Oklahoma receives the full share of its federal motor fuel fees.

Support Indian Reservation Roads Program - Each year tribal transportation partnerships across the state contribute close to \$60 million annually to highway and bridge construction. TRUST supports the current apportionment formula of IRR federal funds and supports expansion of the IRR program and tribal partnerships.



TRUST co-chairman Kell Kelly and State Treasurer Ken Miller visit during TRUST Transportation Day at the Capitol.

U.S. Senate Special Election Headlines Crowded General Election Ballot

THE NOVEMBER 2014 general election ballot might be the most crowded in state history due to the governor's seat and eight statewide secondary offices up for election as well as all 101 state house seats and 24 of 48 state senate seats. In addition, both U.S. Senate seats will be decided, one of which a special election to fill the remaining two years of Senator Tom Coburn's (R-Muskogee) term. Senator Coburn announced in January he will resign from the Senate at the end of the current Congress, two years before his current six year term expires. Senator Jim Inhofe (R-Tulsa), who holds Oklahoma's other Senate seat, is seeking a fourth six year term. Oklahoma's five seats in the U.S. House of Representatives will also be on the ballot with most of the focus on the Fifth District seat being vacated by Congressman James Lankford (R-Oklahoma City) who is seeking to succeed Senator Coburn as is state representative and former House Speaker T.W. Shannon (R-Lawton). Statewide office holders up for re-election to four year terms include Governor Mary Fallin, Lt. Governor Todd Lamb, Attorney General Scott Pruitt, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Janet Barresi, State Treasurer Ken Miller, Insurance Commissioner John Doak, Labor Commissioner Mark Costello and State Auditor and Inspector Gary Jones. The Corporation Commission seat, held by Commissioner Patrice Douglas, will also be on the ballot. Douglas has announced she will not seek re-election and will instead run for the Fifth District congressional post.

In the state House of Representatives, Rep. Jeff Hickman (R-Fairview) succeeded Shannon as House Speaker February 10th following Shannon's February 4th resignation to focus on his U.S. Senate campaign. Hickman leads the 101-member body where Republicans hold a 72-29 majority. Rep. Charlie Joyner (R-Midwest City) is serving his second year as chairman of the House Transporta-



*Congressman James Lankford,
GOP U.S. Senate candidate*



*State Representative T.W. Shannon,
GOP U.S. Senate candidate*



Governor Mary Fallin

tion Committee while Rep. Mike Sanders (R-Kingfisher) chairs the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation.

House Transportation Committee members include: John Bennett (vice-chairman), Josh Cockroft, Larry Glenn, Katie Henke, Steve Kouplen, James Lockhart, Charles McCall, Jerry McPeak, Jason Murphey, Terry O'Donnell, Eric Proctor, Marty Quinn, Todd Russ, Earl Sears and Mike Turner.

In the state Senate, President Pro Tempore Brian Bingman (R-Sapulpa), re-elected by his Senate colleagues as Pro Tempore in 2012, oversees a Senate body controlled 36-12 by the GOP. Senator Gary Stanislawski (R-Tulsa) serves as chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee and Senator Bryce Marlatt (R-Woodward) serves as chairman of the Appropriations Committee on General Government and Transportation.

Senate Transportation Committee members include: Kyle Loveless (vice-chairman), Don Barrington, Randy Bass, Cliff Branan, Corey Brooks, Bryce Marlatt, Al McAffrey, Dan Newberry, Susan Padack, Wayne Shaw, Ralph Shortey and Rob Standridge. ■

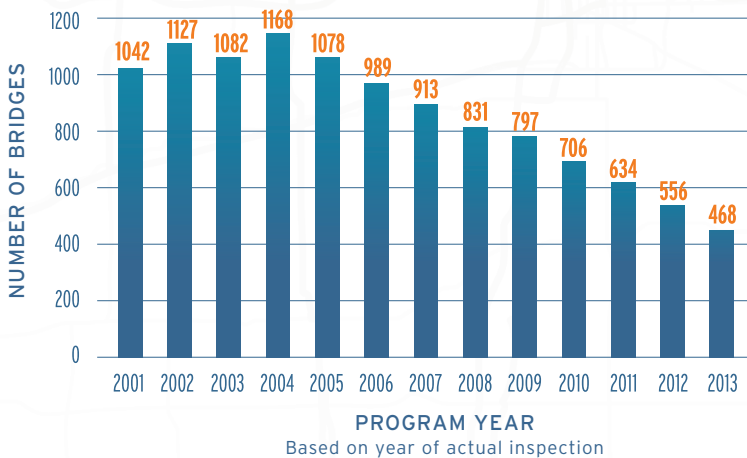
TRUST TRANSPORTATION DAY

On March 5th, Governor Fallin, Lt. Governor Lamb, President Pro-Tempore Bingman, Speaker Hickman, Sen. Stanislawski, Sen. Marlatt, Rep. Joyner, Rep. Sanders, Secretary of State Chris Benge, Secretary of Transportation Gary Ridley, ODOT Director Mike Patterson and Oklahoma Turnpike Authority Director Tim Stewart were among the speakers during TRUST Transportation Day at the Capitol who collectively voiced their support for continued investment in Oklahoma's transportation infrastructure. Over 100 TRUST members and transportation advocates attended the annual event and filled the Capitol visiting with legislators. Thank you to our sponsors and everyone who attended this important occasion.

Progress Made To Address Structurally Deficient, Aging Bridges

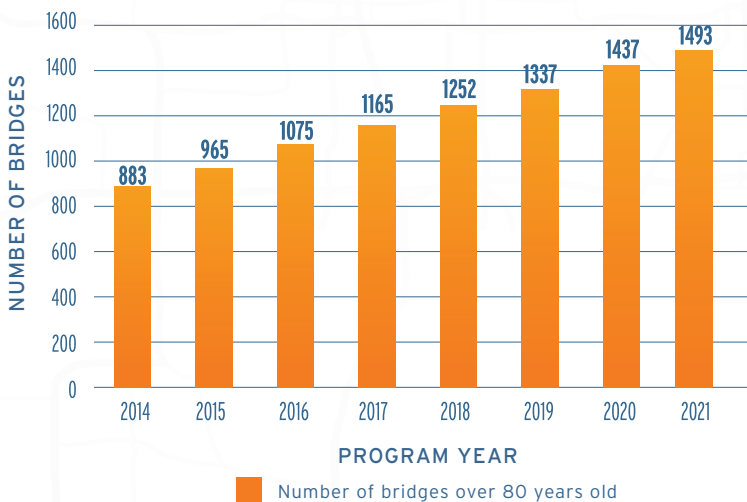
ON-SYSTEM STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT BRIDGES

As a result of the legislature and Governor Fallin's commitment, structurally deficient bridges on the state highway system are expected to drop to zero by the end of the decade.



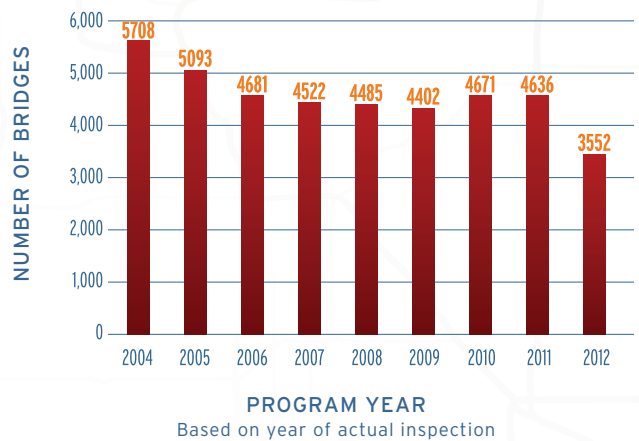
BRIDGE AGING

While improvements are occurring, Oklahoma highway system bridge and pavement challenges are readily recognized and are a direct result of years of deferred maintenance due to lack of state funding. Since 2006, the legislature has changed course and has made transportation infrastructure a funding priority.



OFF-SYSTEM STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT BRIDGES

Progress has been made in recent years on off-system (county) bridges across Oklahoma.



Graph reflects all ACOG/INCOG, all non-ACOG/INCOG & ACCO bridges from July 2013 FHWA report.



Recycled beams from the I-40 Crosstown Expressway are being used to refurbish over 350 county bridges across Oklahoma including this one in rural McClain County. (photo courtesy of Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma)

Why Join TRUST?

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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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Events Online

TRUST provides the opportunity to register for upcoming events online. In addition to TRUST events, meetings for other transportation and member organizations are posted. To review the latest transportation happenings in Oklahoma, visit the events page at www.restoreTRUST.org. To have your organizations' activities posted contact TRUST membership director Helra Han at helrahan@gmail.com.

Update Your Member Profile Online

In an ongoing effort to conserve operating funds, TRUST continually updates its mailing lists and contact database. If you wish to continue to receive TRUST mailings, emails and newsletters, or wish to add additional contacts within your organization, please visit www.restoreTRUST.org, click on the contribute page and select "update membership profile."

2014 Event & Member Programs

Thank you to all TRUST members who have renewed their 2014 TRUST membership. For members who have not renewed or prospective new members, our tiered membership levels offer multiple packages, branding opportunities and reduced admission to TRUST events. Members also have the flexibility to opt out of a membership package and sponsor or purchase admittance to individual events. New or renewed memberships can be registered online at www.restoreTRUST.org by clicking on the contribute page or by contacting TRUST membership director Helra Han at helrahan@gmail.com.

March 5, 2014: Transportation Day at the Capitol

Our annual Transportation Day at the Capitol was held March 5th beginning with lunch in the second floor rotunda for TRUST members, transportation officials and legislators followed by remarks from Governor Fallin, Lt. Governor Lamb and legislative leaders. TRUST members and guests then made office visits to their hometown legislators or transportation committee members. Transportation Day is always an important opportunity where transportation advocates join together to create a strong show of support for transportation funding and to emphasize our legislative agenda. Thank you to all TRUST members, sponsors and transportation advocates who attended this year's event.

Transportation Innovation Banquet

TRUST annually hosts the Transportation Innovation Banquet where over 200 TRUST members, legislators, state and county elected officials, state and county transportation officials and transportation advocates gather to discuss the current state of Oklahoma's and the nation's infrastructure. A keynote address is provided by a nationally known transportation insider and the annual TRUST Guardian of Transportation Award is presented to a deserving Oklahoman. In addition, members of Oklahoma's congressional delegation traditionally attend as well. You do not want to miss this outstanding opportunity to hear from and visit with Oklahoma's political and transportation leaders. Invitations and additional information will be forthcoming soon.

Transportation Innovation Banquet Table Host - \$1,250

Includes admission to reception and dinner seating for eight (8) and logo placement at

event. For TRUST members at the TRUSTee or Road Champion level, table host package is included. For TRUST members at the Advocate, Friend or Basic level, admission for one (1) is included. Additional admissions are \$175.

Senate/House Transportation Committee Dinners

TRUST will host its annual Senate and House Transportation Committee Dinners in the spring. The events begin with a reception for TRUST members and transportation industry advocates to interact with transportation committee members. Both events will include a seated dinner with remarks from state transportation officials and updates from legislative leaders on budget negotiations and transportation-related legislation. Invitations and additional information will be forthcoming soon.

Senate/House Transportation Committee Dinner Sponsorship - \$1,250 each event

Includes logo on all promotional materials, mailings, logo placement at event and admission for two (2) to the reception/dinner. For TRUST members at the TRUSTee or Road Champion level, sponsorship and admission to both dinners is included. For TRUST members at the Advocate or Friend level, admission for one (1) to both events is included. Additional admissions are \$100.

Transportation Forums

TRUST hosts periodic Transportation Forums which allow TRUST members to interact with congressional, state, county and municipal elected officials regarding transportation issues at their respective levels.



Governor Mary Fallin was a featured guest during TRUST Transportation Day at the Capitol.



Visiting during TRUST Transportation Day at the Capitol are Representative Ed Cannaday, Senator Ron Sharp and Derek Sparks, Government Relations Manager at the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber.

Transportation Forum Sponsorship - \$1,000

Includes logo on all promotional materials, mailings, logo placement at forum and admission for two (2). For TRUST members at the TRUSTee, Road Champion, Advocate or Friend level, sponsorship and admission is included. Additional admissions are \$50.

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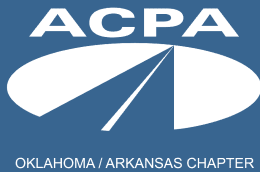
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