

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

3 SENATE BILL 1379

By: Matthews

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to railroads; directing the  
8 Department of Transportation to enter into certain  
9 agreements with certain municipalities for light rail  
10 passenger service; allowing the Department to receive  
11 and expend certain funds; allowing the Department to  
12 enter into certain contracts and agreements;  
13 providing for codification; and providing an  
14 effective date.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 335 of Title 66, unless there is  
18 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 The Department of Transportation is hereby authorized and  
20 empowered to:

21 1. Enter into agreements with the municipality of Tulsa to  
22 acquire, construct, reconstruct, repair, replace, and maintain  
23 railroad rights-of-way for the purpose of establishing light rail  
24 passenger routes within the municipality of Tulsa. Such routes  
shall connect the Tulsa International Airport with the downtown

1 Tulsa inner dispersal loop with additional routes to be added  
2 subject to the availability of funds;

3 2. Enter into public-private partnership agreements with the  
4 owners of operating railroads for the acquisition and/or use of  
5 railroad rights-of-way and trackage for establishing light rail  
6 passenger routes within the municipality of Tulsa on such terms,  
7 conditions, rates or rentals as the Department may consider to be in  
8 the best interests of the state;

9 3. Receive, accept and expend funds from any federal agency, or  
10 from private sources, for light rail passenger rail planning and for  
11 administration of light rail assistance projects, and for, or in aid  
12 of the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, replacement,  
13 repair, and maintenance of light rail rights-of-way and trackage  
14 within the municipality of Tulsa;

15 4. Make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary  
16 or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of  
17 its powers under this act, and to employ light rail planning and  
18 management consultants, consulting engineers, attorneys,  
19 accountants, construction and financial consultants,  
20 superintendents, managers, and such other employees and agents as  
21 may be necessary in its judgment, and to fix their compensation;  
22 provided, that all such expenses shall be payable solely from funds  
23 made available under and pursuant to the provisions of this act; and

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1           5. Do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the  
2 powers expressly granted in this act.

3           SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.  
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