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3 HOUSE BILL 3757

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority;  
8 amending 69 O.S. 2021, Section 1705, as amended by  
9 Section 572, Chapter 486, O.S.L. 2025 (69 O.S. Supp.  
10 2025, Section 1705), which relates to Oklahoma  
11 Turnpike Authority powers and duties; stating  
12 applicability; making determination of certain date  
13 of legislative authorization; making certain  
requirements of Oklahoma Turnpike Authority for  
turnpike projects; requiring certain projects lapse  
if deadline is not met; stating no impairment to  
certain contracts or revenues; requiring certain  
report be filed; defining term; and providing an  
effective date.

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

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2021, Section 1705, as  
19 amended by Section 572, Chapter 486, O.S.L. 2025 (69 O.S. Supp.  
20 2025, Section 1705), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 1705. The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority is hereby  
22 authorized and empowered:

23 (a) To adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and  
24 conduct of its business.

(b) To adopt an official seal and alter the same at pleasure.

(c) To maintain an office at such place or places within the  
e as it may designate.

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

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

(1) The Turner Turnpike between Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

(2) The Southwestern (H.E. Bailey) Turnpike between Oklahoma and Wichita Falls, Texas.

3 (4) The Eastern (Indian Nation) Turnpike between Tulsa and  
4 Paris, Texas, including all or any part thereof between McAlester  
5 and the Red River south of Hugo.

(5) The Cimarron Turnpike between Tulsa and Interstate Highway 35 north of Perry, including a connection to Stillwater.

8 (6) The Muskogee Turnpike between Broken Arrow and Interstate  
9 Highway 40 west of Webbers Falls.

10 (7) All or any part of an extension of the Muskogee Turnpike,  
11 beginning at a point on Interstate Highway 40 near the present south  
12 terminus of the Muskogee Turnpike, and extending in a southeasterly  
13 direction on an alignment near Stigler, Poteau and Heavener to the  
14 vicinity of the Arkansas State Line to furnish access to Hot  
15 Springs, Texarkana, Shreveport and New Orleans.

16 (8) A tollgate on the Turner Turnpike in the vicinity of  
17 Luther, Oklahoma, and in the vicinity of the intersection of State  
18 Highway 33 and Turner Turnpike in Creek County, Oklahoma, or in the  
19 vicinity of the intersection of State Highway 33 and Turner Turnpike  
20 or U.S. Highway 66 in Creek County, Oklahoma, from any monies  
21 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.

(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.

(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.

(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.

(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,

1 Texas, in southeastern Oklahoma and at no point to exceed thirty  
2 (30) miles west of the Missouri or Arkansas border.

3 (14) A turnpike or any part or parts thereof beginning in the  
4 vicinity of Velma or County Line to a point intersecting with  
5 Interstate 35 in the area south of Davis.

6 (15) A turnpike or any part or parts thereof beginning in the  
7 vicinity of Watonga and extending south and/or east to the vicinity  
8 of north and/or west Oklahoma City.

9 (16) A tollgate on the Will Rogers Turnpike near the  
10 intersection of State Highway 137 and the Will Rogers Turnpike,  
11 located south of Quapaw.

12 (17) A tollgate on the Muskogee Turnpike in the vicinity of  
13 Porter, Oklahoma, a tollgate on the Will Rogers Turnpike in the  
14 vicinity of Adair, Oklahoma, a tollgate on the Turner Turnpike in  
15 the vicinity of Luther, Oklahoma, and a tollgate on the H.E. Bailey  
16 Turnpike at Elgin, Oklahoma, from any monies available to the  
17 Authority.

18 (18) A tollgate on the Turner Turnpike in the vicinity of  
19 Wellston, Oklahoma, from any monies available to the Authority.

20 (19) A tollgate on the Muskogee Turnpike in the vicinity of  
21 Brushy Mountain, Oklahoma, and in the vicinity of Elm Grove,  
22 Oklahoma, from any monies available to the Authority.

23 (20) All or any part of an Oklahoma City Outer Loop expressway  
24 system beginning in the vicinity of I-35 and the Turner Turnpike and

1 extending west into Canadian County and then south to I-40; and then  
2 south and east to I-35 in the vicinity of Moore and Norman; and then  
3 extending east and north to I-40 east of Tinker Field; and then  
4 extending north to the Turner Turnpike to complete the Outer Loop.

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

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

15 (23) A new turnpike or any parts thereof from the vicinity of  
16 the connection between State Highway 33 and U.S. 69 easterly to the  
17 Arkansas State Line.

18 (24) A four-lane extension of the Muskogee Turnpike from  
19 Interstate Highway 40 west of Webbers Falls to the Poteau vicinity.

20 (25) A new turnpike or any part or parts thereof beginning at a  
21 point in the vicinity of northwest Tulsa, and extending in a  
22 northwesterly direction, by means of a connection or connections  
23 with the cities of Pawhuska and Newkirk, to a point intersecting in  
24 the vicinity of U.S. Highway No. 77 and the Kansas State Line.

1 (26) A full access interchange on the Indian Nation Turnpike  
2 south of Interstate 40, in the vicinity of Henryetta, Oklahoma, and  
3 in the vicinity of the proposed theme park, museum or an industrial  
4 facility which qualifies for the Oklahoma Quality Jobs Program Act,  
5 from any monies available to the Authority.

(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.

10 (28) A new turnpike and bridge or any parts thereof from a  
11 point in the vicinity of the city of Mustang southerly across the  
12 South Canadian River to the H.E. Bailey Turnpike in the vicinity of  
13 the city of Tuttle; and then easterly across the South Canadian  
14 River to a point in the vicinity of the city of Norman.

15 (29) A new turnpike or any parts thereof beginning at a point  
16 in the vicinity of the city of Altus and extending in a  
17 northwesterly direction to a point in the vicinity of the city of  
18 Savre.

19 (30) A new turnpike or any parts thereof beginning at a point  
20 in the vicinity of the city of Enid and extending in a westerly  
21 direction to a point in the vicinity of the city of Woodward.

22 (31) An on- and off-ramp or any parts thereof at Fletcher,  
23 Oklahoma, in the vicinity of the Interstate 44 and State Highway 277  
24 intersection. Any existing on- or off-ramp or any parts thereof in

1 the vicinity of Fletcher, Oklahoma, shall not be removed and shall  
2 be maintained pursuant to Section 1701 et seq. of this title.

3 (32) A new bridge crossing the Arkansas River between South  
4 Delaware Avenue and Memorial Drive in Tulsa County. This project  
5 shall commence upon a determination by the Oklahoma ~~Transportation~~  
6 Turnpike Authority that such bridge shall be self-sufficient at some  
7 point over a thirty-year time period from the toll charges  
8 associated with the bridge project.

9 (33) An exit ramp or any parts thereof from the eastbound lane  
10 of the Turner Turnpike at 96th Street in Tulsa.

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

14 (35) A new turnpike or any parts thereof beginning at  
15 Interstate 44 at or near its intersection with 49th West Avenue,  
16 past State Highway 64/412, turning northeasterly, crossing 41st West  
17 Avenue, and continuing eastward to the L.L. Tisdale Expressway in  
18 Tulsa, Oklahoma.

19 All access roads, interchanges, or lead roads connecting such  
20 turnpikes with existing highways must be built by funds furnished by  
21 the Authority.

22 The minimum and maximum wages for the construction of the roads,  
23 highways and projects provided for in Sections 1701 through 1734 of  
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1 this title shall be in accordance with the schedules of wages used  
2 or adopted by the Commission in construction of state highways.

3 The Authority is hereby authorized to enter into contracts or  
4 agreements with agencies and instrumentalities of other states or  
5 the national government for construction, maintenance and operation  
6 of interstate turnpikes or highways.

7 The Authority is hereby required to construct and install  
8 automatic tollgates on the Will Rogers Turnpike at State Highway No.  
9 28 near Adair.

10 (f) To issue turnpike revenue bonds of the Authority, payable  
11 solely from revenues, including the revenues accruing to the trust  
12 fund created by Sections 1701 through 1734 of this title, for the  
13 purpose of paying all or any part of the cost of any one or more  
14 turnpike projects. Provided that any bonds issued for the  
15 construction of the proposed turnpike referred to in subparagraphs  
16 (10), (20), (21) and (22) of paragraph (e) of this section shall be  
17 issued as one issue for all four of the proposed turnpikes and shall  
18 be financed, constructed and operated under one bond indenture.

19 (g) To fix and revise from time to time tolls for the use of  
20 any turnpike projects.

21 Any common carrier having authority at the time of opening any  
22 turnpike project to operate upon a highway approximately paralleling  
23 the turnpike project shall be granted without further showing  
24 authority to operate over the turnpike project to all municipalities

1 which such carrier is serving at the time the turnpike project is  
2 opened to traffic. But nothing herein shall be construed as  
3 granting any new operation rights to any common carriers.

4 (h) To acquire, hold, and dispose of real and personal property  
5 in the exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties.

6 (i) To acquire in the name of the Authority by purchase or  
7 otherwise on such terms and conditions and in such manner as it may  
8 deem proper, or by exercise of the right of condemnation in manner  
9 hereinafter provided, such public or private lands, including public  
10 parks, playgrounds, or reservations, or parts thereof or rights  
11 therein, rights-of-way, property, rights, easements, and interests,  
12 as it may deem necessary for carrying out the provisions of Sections  
13 1701 through 1734 of this title; provided, that all public property  
14 damaged in carrying out the powers granted by Sections 1701 through  
15 1734 of this title shall be restored or repaired and placed in its  
16 original condition as nearly as practicable.

17 (j) To designate, except as is provided for herein, the  
18 location, and establish, limit and control such points of ingress to  
19 and egress from each turnpike project as may be necessary or  
20 desirable in the judgment of the Authority to insure the proper  
21 operation and maintenance of such project, and to prohibit entrance  
22 to such project from any point or points not so designated.

23 (k) To make and enter into all contracts and agreements  
24 necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the

1 execution of its powers, and to employ consulting engineers,  
2 attorneys, accountants, construction and financial experts,  
3 superintendents, managers, and such other employees and agents as  
4 may be necessary in its judgment, and to fix their compensation;  
5 provided, that all such expenses shall be payable solely from the  
6 proceeds of turnpike revenue bonds issued under the provisions of  
7 Sections 1701 through 1734 of this title or from revenues; provided,  
8 further, no attorney employed by the Authority, nor any member of  
9 any law firm of which the attorney may be connected, shall ever be  
10 paid any fee or compensation for any special or extraordinary  
11 services.

12 (1) To receive and accept from any federal agency grants for or  
13 in aid of the construction of any turnpike project, provided, the  
14 acceptance of such grants will not reduce the amount of federal aid  
15 for the construction, repair, or maintenance of farm-to-market roads  
16 and other highways and bridges in this state; and to receive and  
17 accept aid or contributions from any source of either money,  
18 property, labor, or other things of value, to be held, used, and  
19 applied only for the purposes for which such grants and  
20 contributions may be made.

21 (m) To adopt such rules, and to do any and all things necessary  
22 to comply with rules, regulations, or requirements of the Bureau of  
23 Public Roads, Multistate Economic Development Regional Commission,  
24 as defined in Sections 1151 through 1153, inclusive, of Title 74 of

1 the Oklahoma Statutes, Ozarka Region Commission or any other federal  
2 agency administering any law enacted by the Congress of the United  
3 States to aid or encourage the construction of highways.

4 (n) To do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the  
5 powers expressly granted in Sections 1701 through 1734 of this  
6 title. The design standards for all paving shall comply with the  
7 design standards of the American Association of State Highway and  
8 Transportation Officials as modified by the Oklahoma Department of  
9 Transportation. All contracts for construction work on turnpike  
10 projects shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, or bidders,  
11 after notice by publication in a newspaper published in the county  
12 where the work is to be done in two consecutive weekly issues of the  
13 newspaper. In all cases where more than eight (8) miles of  
14 construction is let at the same time and is not an advertisement for  
15 a surface-treatment-only project, such advertisement shall provide  
16 for bids on sections of the turnpike not to exceed eight (8) miles.  
17 If the project advertised is a surface-treatment-only project of  
18 more than twenty (20) miles of road, the advertisement shall provide  
19 for bids on sections of the road no longer than twenty (20) miles,  
20 as well as bids on the project as a whole. Subject to the following  
21 restrictions and limitations, the Authority shall, when contracting  
22 for construction work, divide such work into paving projects, bridge  
23 projects, including underpasses and overpasses, and earthmoving or  
24 miscellaneous projects, according to the type of work to be done.

1    Each project shall be let under a separate contract or contracts and  
2    no contract or project shall include more than one of such types of  
3    construction work. Each contract for construction work shall  
4    contain a provision that ninety percent (90%) of all labor employed  
5    on the project shall be residents of Oklahoma. However, contracts  
6    for bridges may include earthwork and structures for the approaches  
7    thereto.

8                (o) It shall be unlawful for any member, officer or employee of  
9    the Authority to transact with the Authority, either directly or  
10   indirectly, any business for profit of such member, officer, or  
11   employee; and any person, firm, or corporation knowingly  
12   participating therein shall be equally liable for violation of this  
13   provision.

14               The term "business for profit" shall include, but not be limited  
15   to, the acceptance or payment of any fee, commission, gift, or  
16   consideration to such member, officer, or employee.

17               Violation of this provision shall constitute a Class D1 felony  
18   offense punishable by incarceration as provided for in subsections B  
19   through F of Section 20N of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or a  
20   fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and not more  
21   than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both such imprisonment  
22   and fine.

23               (p) In the event of a national emergency, the Authority,  
24   subject to any vested rights or claims, may enter into contracts

1 with the federal government or any authorized agency thereof to  
2 allow the federal government or agency thereof to use such turnpikes  
3 partly or exclusively during the existence of such emergency,  
4 provided, that the federal government agrees in such contract to  
5 pay, during the term of such contract, an amount sufficient, when  
6 added to any tolls collected, to meet all operating and maintenance  
7 expenses, interest payments, and the minimum sinking fund and  
8 reserve requirements of the trust agreement for the turnpike covered  
9 by the contract.

10 (q) All meetings of the Authority shall be open public  
11 meetings, and all records shall be public records, except when  
12 considering personnel or litigation.

13 (r) (1) This subsection applies to all locations authorized  
14 pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, including authorizations  
15 enacted before the effective date of this act. For any such prior  
16 authorization, the "date of legislative authorization" referenced in  
17 paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be deemed to be the effective  
18 date of this act.

19 (2) For each location authorized by the Legislature pursuant to  
20 subsection (e) of this section, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority  
21 shall:

22 (A) Commence construction within five (5) years after the  
23 date of legislative authorization; provided, however,  
24 that no construction may commence prior to the final

1                   completion of all applicable federal or state  
2                   environmental reviews, and

3                   (B) Place the project, or an operable segment thereof,  
4                   into service within ten (10) years after the date  
5                   identified in subdivision A of this paragraph.

6                   (3) If a deadline established by this subsection is not met,  
7                   the legislative authorization for that project or segment shall  
8                   automatically lapse and be of no further force or effect; provided,  
9                   nothing herein shall be construed to impair the obligation of  
10                   contracts or pledged revenues securing outstanding bonds pursuant to  
11                   Section 1709 of this title.

12                   (4) Within sixty (60) days after any lapse under this  
13                   subsection, the Authority shall file a report with the President Pro  
14                   Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate and the Speaker of the Oklahoma  
15                   House of Representatives describing project expenditures to date,  
16                   outstanding obligations, property acquired, and any recommendations  
17                   regarding reauthorization.

18                   (5) For the purposes of this subsection, "commence  
19                   construction" means issuance by the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority of a  
20                   notice to proceed under a construction contract for physical work  
21                   within the project footprint, including but not limited to,  
22                   clearing, grading, structures, paving, or utility relocations that  
23                   are part of the construction contract; the term does not include  
24                   planning, studies, environmental review, design, right-of-way

1 acquisition, surveying, or procurement activities. Nothing in this  
2 paragraph shall be construed to permit construction to commence  
3 prior to the final completion of all applicable federal or state  
4 environmental reviews.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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