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KELLYVILLE SIDE GATE CONSTRUCTION TO START ON TURNER TURNPIKE

(KELLYVILLE, Okla.) -- The Oklahoma Transportation Authority (OTA) will begin construction on the fifth of 11 renovated side gates at Kellyville on Turner Turnpike in December. The new side gates will feature free-flowing PIKEPASS lanes, updated toll collector booths, aesthetically pleasing canopies that provide a “welcome gate” to the community, and faster, more efficient service.

“This project is badly needed,” said Rep. Mike Tyler, D-Sapulpa. “One morning when I went by there, the traffic was backed up all the way to the SH 33/66 intersection with people waiting to toss coins into the basket because there’s no PIKEPASS lane at that gate.”

Tyler, chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, said Rep. Todd Hiatt, R-Kellyville, and Sen. Ted Fisher, D-Sapulpa, also were instrumental in securing the turnpike gate improvements.

“We are very pleased to provide better service to our customers who access Turner Turnpike at the Kellyville gate,” said Holly Lowe, OTA Acting Director and Chief Financial Officer.

The construction will be ongoing for about 10 months. However, upon completion, the new gate will provide motorists with access to new coin collection equipment and non-stop PIKEPASS lanes, Lowe added.

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Electronic PIKEPASS readers prevent PIKEPASS customers from having to stop at the tollbooth. PIKEPASS users receive a discount off the cash toll price, as well as frequent-user discounts.

“ We feel certain that our PIKEPASS customers are ready and waiting for the PIKEPASS lanes to open. Now they will experience non-stop travel,” Lowe said.

PIKEPASS lanes will be located on the outside of the canopy structure. PIKEPASS devices may be ordered by calling 1-800-PIKEPAS, or accessing the web site at www.pikepass.com.

Work has already begun on a new side gate at the Miami exit on Will Rogers Turnpike and at the Chandler exit on Turner Turnpike. The sixth gate is in the final stage of design work and will be located at Claremore. Locations of other gates in the project will be announced soon.

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