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**NEW SIDE GATE OPENED ON WILL ROGERS TURNPIKE AT MIAMI**

**(MIAMI, Okla.)** The Oklahoma Transportation Authority (OTA) started work on the sixth of 11 renovated side gates at Claremore on Will Rogers Turnpike September 22, 2003.

The new side gate will feature two free-flowing PIKEPASS lanes, updated toll collector booth, aesthetically pleasing canopies that provide a “welcome gate” to communities, and faster, more efficient service.

“We are very pleased to provide better and faster service to our customers who access Will Rogers Turnpike through the Claremore gate,” said Tim Stewart, OTA Director of Planning and Operations.

“The Will Rogers opened in 1957 and many of its structures are nearly as old as the tumpike, “ he said. “It was time to update the gate and enhance it with our latest electronic toll collection equipment.”

The project will cost \$2.5 million and work has already begun on a new side gate at Kellyville on Turner Turnpike. Additional gates on Turner and Will Rogers Turnpikes are in the final stages of design work and will be announced soon.