

While I appreciate the link referenced by Paul Johnson (http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2003-04%20INT/SB/SB350%20INT.PDF) indicates that portions of the Creek Turnpike were designated as “Liberty Memorial Parkway,” the reality of the situation is that this was clearly intended to be an ancillary name and not the primary name used for navigation, which remains “Creek Turnpike.”

It should first be noted that the “Liberty Memorial Parkway” name is incorrect as he references the initial draft of the bill. The final passed bill signed by the governor acknowledges “Liberty Parkway” as the correct honorary name. (http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2003-04%20ENR/SB/SB350%20ENR.PDF). The history of the legislation can be found here. <http://www.oklegislature.gov/BillInfo.aspx?Bill=SB350&Session=0300>

Moreover, it is clear from further action by the State of Oklahoma that this name was intended to be a tertiary, honorary name and is not the primary name of the roadway, which remains “Creek Turnpike”.

There are at least three arguments to be made to support this:

- 1) The Oklahoma Department of Transportation and Oklahoma Transportation Commission have continued to consider this route segment as “Creek Turnpike,” as demonstrated when they applied the SH-364 designation to the corridor on March 10, 2014 (which occurred AFTER the “Liberty Parkway” designation during the 2003 legislative session). If this is construed by OSM to imply that the SH-364 designation does not apply to the “Liberty Parkway,” OSM should remove all reference to SH-364 along the “Liberty Parkway” corridor (which would run contrary to all posted signage): http://www.okladot.state.ok.us/tcomm/minutes14/tc_minutes-20140310.pdf
- 2) The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority considers this to be the Creek Turnpike on its website in its forward-facing features for general users. <https://www.pikepass.com/toll/TollCalculator.aspx>
- 3) Additionally, local signage clearly demonstrates that the vast majority of signage is for the “Creek Turnpike.” This has been confirmed by me in my travels through the Tulsa area as recently as 2017 and is further corroborated by Tulsa residents with whom I am familiar. A single sign is indeed posted for the “Liberty Parkway,” but this runs counter to the dozens of signs in place along the corridor for “Creek Turnpike,” including those on overhead gantries such as the one linked here: <http://www.corcohighways.org/highways/ok/51/64tomuskogee/9.jpg> including (but not limited to) these signs taken by another Tulsa resident approaching the segment of the Creek Turnpike designated as the “Liberty Parkway” following the designation of SH-364. <https://www.flickr.com/photos/watuzi/16988535704/in/dateposted-public/>
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/watuzi/17423227638/in/dateposted-public/>
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/watuzi/16988517634/in/dateposted-public/>

There is no evidence to suggest that “Creek Turnpike” is not the primary name for this roadway, and it is clear that “Liberty Parkway” serves as a tertiary, honorary designation for this roadway. Given OSM’s “On the Ground Rule” it is clear that Creek Turnpike is the appropriate name.